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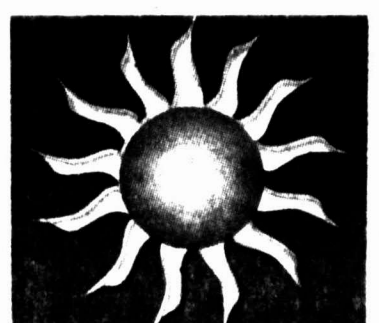
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**PAMPA** — Children young and old are invited to attend the children's summer production, "The Trial of Goldilocks," this Thurs., Fri., and Sat., July 29-31. Tickets are \$3.50 for children and adults. The show begins at 7 nightly in the ACT I theater at the Pampa Mall. (entrance is behind Homeland grocery store)

**PAMPA** — EyeCare Plus is offering free vision screenings for school-aged children. Please call 669-2824 for more information. By appointment only.

One ticket correctly matched all six numbers drawn Wednesday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, lottery officials said. The ticket, worth an estimated \$10 million, was sold in Midland.

The numbers drawn Wednesday night from a field of 50 were: 7-18-19-21-34-48. Saturday night's drawing will be worth an estimated \$4 million.

**SAN ANTONIO (AP)** — An elderly woman who spends one-third of her \$400 monthly income caring for stray dogs has been convicted of animal cruelty.

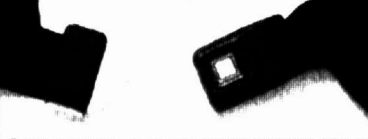
Six jurors in a Bexar County court-at-law found Andrea Martinez, 82, guilty of mistreating one of several dogs she kept at her home.

Ms. Martinez received two years' probation and will have to pay a \$1,000 fine if she fails to care adequately for her other dogs.

No deaths were reported to The Pampa News today.

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District Attorney John Mann addresses the jury while Judge Lee Waters, defense attorney Harold Comer and defendant Asmad Rashard Sessions listen.

## Jury returns drug verdict of not guilty

By JEFF WEST  
Staff Writer

After nearly two hours of deliberation, a seven-woman five-man jury found a Pampa man not guilty of delivery of a controlled substance.

The defense contended the person on an undercover video tape of the drug buy was not Asmad Rashard Sessions, 19, 1132 Prairie Drive.

During Tuesday's trial in Judge Lee Waters' 223rd District Court, defense attorney Harold Comer called Session's mother.

In her testimony, Marilyn Joyce Sessions, said the person on the tape did not look like her son.

"My son is a very dark black man. The man on the tape has much lighter skin," she said. She also testified under

Comer's questioning that she had never found drugs or large sums of money in her son's room. She said he did not have a job but occasionally mowed lawns.

District Attorney John Mann had previously introduced police testimony that the video, which was shot about 9:30 at night, looked lighter because of the infrared lights that were used. Officers contend the lights, which can't be seen by the naked eye, made everything lighter.

Three current or former police officers identified Sessions as the man on the tape. Among them was Neil Sandlin, a former Pampa officer, who made the undercover drug buy. He testified Sessions is the man on the tape.

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## County hit with higher policy costs

By JEFF WEST  
Staff Writer

The Gray County Commission has voted to pay higher premiums for prescription card insurance, at least until the current policy runs out in January.

Counties were given an option with the prescription cards. They can change to a 50-50 system whereby the insured pays half of all prescriptions or the county can keep a co-payment system like it now has but pay more for the card.

The new monthly payments will be a 30/30/30 plan where there will be a \$30 charge for the employee, \$30 for a spouse, and \$30 for a child or children. At the special meeting the commission voted to go with the 30/30/30 plan but apparently felt the extra \$90 a month would be too great a strain for some of employees.

Previously, the prescription card was included in the \$153 monthly family premium paid by employees. The \$15 per-prescription copay remains intact.

As a result of the change, the county will pay the extra premiums using the county's surplus funds for the rest of this year. That amounts to \$6,180 a month or \$30,900 for the extra premiums, according to County Treasurer Scott Hahn. The county surplus now exceeds a million dollars.

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## Possible witness to murder sought

Law enforcement officials are looking for your help in finding a possible witness to a murder in Canadian and a \$10,000 is available for information that leads to successful prosecution.

It was about noon on Sunday, June 6, when Imogene French, 77, was murdered while working as a clerk at the Oasis Truck Stop in Canadian. Money was also stolen from the store's cash register.

Hemphill County officials along with The Texas Rangers and FBI have interviewed quite a few witnesses, some of whom were interviewed under hypnosis. From those interviews officials are now looking for a Hispanic male approximately 5'6" tall, weighing about 155 pounds. He is estimated to be in his 30s with a small build, medium complexion with rough skin.

The man who is currently just being sought as a potential witness was driving an early 1980s faded red Kenworth described as very plain in fair condition. The cab had black script letters outlined in gold and in an arch on top of tractor.

The truck is further described as having wire mesh running boards and a walk-in sleeper and the air filter on the driver's side. The trailer had a split rear axle and polished aluminum wheels.

The bulletin goes on to say that officials do not believe the tractor/trailer to be a CR England rig or a part of a fleet operation. Anyone with information may contact the Hemphill County Sheriff's office at (806) 323-5326, Texas Ranger Sgt. Jay Foster at (806) 935-5908 or the FBI Special Agent Steven M. Vandiver at (806) 376-6395.

## Cabot plans no more layoffs at Pampa plant

By NANCY YOUNG  
Managing Editor

Cabot Corporation in Pampa will not lay off any additional employees, according to Pampa Cabot Facility General Manager Zouhair Issa who said the layoff of 16 employees two weeks ago will be all the local plant will make.

A major employer in the Pampa area for several decades, Cabot Corporation laid off 11 employees in the research and development department. Other departments and the number of employees affected were two in the Cabot Plant tech service and one Pampa plant employee. Two employees are also expected to take early retirement due to the employee cut.

According to an announcement Wednesday by the corporation, management's current plans

include an initial public offering of approximately 15 percent of the company's microelectronic materials business, the issuance of a targeted stock for the liquefied natural gas (LNG) business and the exploration of alternative ownership structures for the company's tantalum business (CPM).

The plan also calls for \$30-\$35 million of annual cost reductions to be derived from a continuous improvement program initiated across the company's core businesses.

Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Cabot Corporation Samuel Bodman said,

"Over the past several months our management team performed an intensive review of our business. Our review came about as part of a continuous improvement program, and was aimed at

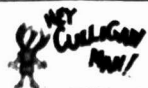
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(left) Greg Wariner, Trey Holt and Emily Elliott battle it out in court as the prosecuting and defense attorneys for Goldilocks in ACT I's children's production of "The Trial of Goldilocks." The show is playing Thurs., Fri., and Sat., July 29-31 at 7 p.m. nightly in the ACT I theater located in the Pampa Mall. The entrance is behind Homeland grocery store.

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# Daily Record

## Sheriff's Office

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

**Tuesday, July 28**  
Kevin Lynn Boyd, 35, 320 Ann, was arrested on charges of burglary of a habitation.  
William Clark Miller, 47, Lefors, was arrested on charges of no valid Texas drivers license, failure to change address and two warrants.

## Stocks

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

Wheat	2 17	Coca-Cola	61 1/8	dn 1/4
Milo	2 61	Columbia/HCA	22 7/16	dn 5/16
Corn	3 00	Enron	83 13/16	dn 3/16
Soybeans	3 30	Halliburton	46 1/2	up 1 1/16
		IRI	4 1/2	NC
		KSE	19 5/8	dn 5/16
		Kerr McGee	51	dn 3/4
		Limited	44 15/16	dn 1/2
		McDonald's	41 11/16	dn 5/16
		Mobil	101 1/2	dn 1 1/8
		New Atmos	25	NC
		OCI	36 1/16	dn 3/4
		Pennsey's	45 3/4	dn 1/16
		Phillips	51 5/16	up 3/8
		Pioneer Nat Res	11	dn 1/16
		SLB	60 1/2	up 7/16
		Tenneco	23 1/4	dn 5/8
		Tetaco	60 9/16	dn 3/16
		Ultramar	24 1/2	dn 1/16
		Wal-Mart	43 13/16	dn 1 1/4
		Williams	41 3/16	dn 5/16
		New York Gold	254 15	
		Silver	5 24	
		West Texas Crude	20 54	

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

Occidental	19 9/16	dn 1/16
Magellan	128 64	
Puritan	20 60	

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

Amoco	114 1/8	dn 3/8
Arco	89 7/16	dn 1/2
Cabot	23 13/16	up 1/4
Cabot O&G	17 9/16	dn 1/8
Chevron	91 1/2	dn 3/4

## Police report

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

**Tuesday, July 28**  
Burglary of a habitation was reported in the 1000 block of South Wells.  
Assault by threat was reported in the 1300 block of North Russell.  
Child abandonment was reported in the 400 block of North Cuyler.  
Burglary of a habitation was reported in the 900 block of East Scott.

## Ambulance

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

**Tuesday, July 28**  
11:19 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1900 block of first on a welfare check.  
**Wednesday, July 29**  
12:42 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1500 block of Frederic and transported one to Pampa Regional Medical Center.  
1:16 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the Baten Unit on a medical and transported one to PRMC.

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## COUNTY

The Commission was told about the premium increase at its last regular meeting. Commissioner Jim Greene, who represents Gray County in the West Texas Rural Counties Association, brought the news.

The problem with the self-funded pool, according to Greene, is that claims from some counties have exceeded revenue from premiums. Gray County's claims are below its payments, Greene said.

Some Gray County employees have complained because the fund's payments for medical services have been running 90-180 days or more behind. Employees have talked about getting phone calls from care providers who ask the workers to pay the

bills because the insurance company has not.

The county had its overall premium costs raised earlier this year. It also paid \$99,000 in advance, that would mostly be used as run-out funds if the county changes insurers.

Hahn said the fund has a stop-loss policy with Lloyds of London to cover excessive pay outs but that payment won't be due until June of next year when the policy expires.

Exasperated employees asked about changing the policy but County Judge Richard Peet said even with increased premiums the West Texas Rural Counties Association coverage is still much less than proposed rates from the last insurer, Blue Cross-Blue Shield. He said the premiums he personally pays now are less than what he was paying when he retired as a teacher several years ago.

# Heat wave continues, claims lives in nine states

With temperatures in the 90s and humidity levels making it feel as hot as 110 degrees, it was a lonely day to be a furrier in Omaha, Neb.

Business wasn't exactly booming at Heather Ray's Christian Nobel Furs, despite an air-conditioned store and furs for up to 75 percent off.

"I can't even give them away," she said.

Like much of the country, Omaha sweltered through another day of scorching temperatures Wednesday as a heat wave that has killed people in nine states rolled on with little relief forecast until the weekend.

The hot weather has been blamed for at least 65 deaths since July 19. Hardest hit have been Missouri, with 24 deaths, and Illinois, with 19.

Temperatures were in the 90s from the Plains to the East Coast again Wednesday, with the heat index — a measure of temperature and humidity — hitting triple digits in many areas.

In North Dakota, Sue Runyan was working on an expansion project at the Bismarck Civic Center Thursday morning.

"This has been the worst that I've seen it, this summer. Even without the heat, there's been the humidity. And the humidity will leave you drenched."

"Whew," said Antoine Dean, wiping beads of sweat from his brow as he worked at his food cart in downtown St. Louis. "Most days people want the snow cones, but today they're taking the big cups."

New Jersey Gov. Christie Whitman said she planned to issue a drought warning so that water can be transferred from wetter areas to drier ones.

In Bismarck, N.D., temperatures reached 100 degrees for the first time in eight years. The nation's high Wednesday was 111 in Pierre, S.D. Little Rock, Ark., had the highest heat index at 118 degrees.

A series of showers helped cool some parts of Missouri but much of the state topped 90 degrees for the 14th straight day.

In St. Louis, two men in their 80s were found dead Wednesday in their homes with air condition-

ers turned off and the windows closed.

"We see these same things over and over again. Air conditioning wasn't a part of their lives while they were growing up, and a lot of them feel they don't need it now," said Jacqueline Hutchinson, spokeswoman for Operation Weather Survival, which provides education and relief during extreme heat.

"If you talk to the elderly, they will tell you how they used to sleep out on the porch or with nothing but the windows open," she added. "But they can't do that any more."

Utility companies braced for more heavy demand as millions kept their air conditioners cranked up.

Mike Jones, a spokesman with the Omaha Public Power District, said the record for peak usage was broken three times over the last eight days.

In Nebraska, more than 3,000 cattle have died since the heat wave began July 18, according to a Farm Service Agency survey.

In Iowa, hundreds of fish have been killed in increasingly warm waters. State biologists say algae die in the water and release carbon dioxide, robbing the fish of oxygen. A million fish died in Maryland for the same reason a few days ago.

One man who expects to remain busy until the heat wave breaks is Rod Challburg, the manager of Snell Services in Sidney, Neb., which repairs air conditioners.

"We do about eight estimates a day, and when we get back, there's 12 more calls for estimates," Challburg said. "If there's any refrigeration technicians out there, tell them we're looking for good people. We just can't get caught up."

Heavy rain slammed into Southern California and Arizona on Wednesday, swamping streets and stranding drivers. In Ohio, high winds knocked down trees and caused scattered power outages. Lightning struck the Promised Land Baptist Church in Elyria Township, sparking a fire that caused \$225,500 in damage, fire officials said.

# GM asks judge to overturn jury's 4.9 billion damage award

LOS ANGELES (AP) — General Motors Corp. asked a judge to overturn an unprecedented \$4.9 billion product liability judgment for six people who were severely burned when their Chevrolet Malibu exploded in flames in a 1993 collision.

"If this award is not over the line, there is none. It cannot stand," the automaker said in legal papers filed Wednesday in Los Angeles Superior Court.

On July 9, a jury awarded Patricia Anderson, her four children and family friend Jo Tigner \$107 million in compensatory damages and \$4.8 billion in punitive damages for injuries they suffered during the 1993 Christmas Eve accident. They were badly burned when their car was rear-ended by a drunk driver and exploded.

GM contends that punitive damages should not have been allowed in the case. The judgment, according to GM, is some 200 times and nearly \$4.8 billion greater than the highest award in a federal case.

GM said in court papers that there was "no evidence, much less clear and convincing evidence" that the company put profits ahead of safety in designing the 1979 Chevrolet Malibu.

Attorneys for the plaintiffs argued in the trial that

**They also said a GM analysis showed the cost of settling lawsuits arising from crashes in which victims are fatally burned was less — \$2.40 a car — than the cost — \$8.59 a car — of fixing the problem.**

the gas tank was placed too close to the rear bumper and that better designs would have placed it over the axle or incorporated a shield. They also said a GM analysis showed the cost of settling lawsuits arising from crashes in which victims are fatally burned was less — \$2.40 a car — than the cost — \$8.59 a car — of fixing the problem.

In its motion to set aside the judgment, GM again argued that the placement of the tank behind the axle was safe and that placement of the tank over the axle could be dangerous.

According to the GM court papers, the Malibu's "excellent safety record," which the company said it was precluded from proving in court, and its "state-of-the-art testing" used in deciding on the fuel tank location shows GM's "conscious regard, not disregard, for safety."

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## JURY

After returning their verdict, some jurors told Mann the person on the tape did not look the defendant to them. They also questioned, as did the defense, why it took over a year from the time Sessions was indicted in November of 1997 and the time of his arrest in January of this year.

There was testimony an arrest can be delayed while an ongoing drug investigation is under way. Speaking about the verdict, Mann said, "I sure don't understand but I accept it. If the jury is convinced they did the right thing then that's the verdict they should have rendered."

"I'll keep prosecuting the drug dealers and let the juries do what they want," he said.

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## CABOT

improving the company's earnings performance and addressing shareholder value creation opportunities that we felt were available." He continued, "We remain committed to our dual strategy of cost and capacity management and new product and new business development. We believe that the initiatives announced today will produce an increase in shareholder value and will allow us to refocus managerial resources on our core businesses."

The company's management believes that an initial public offering of the microelectronic materials business will put that business in a position to be more competitive in its markets. An initial public offering of the microelectronic materials business would be made only by means of a prospectus.

Similarly, the company stated that a targeted stock tied to the performance of Cabot's LNG business will allow investors to more readily see the value of that business. Finally, Cabot's management will explore several possible ownership structures for its CPM business.

Bodman stated, "We have concluded that our CPM business operates in an industry where merger, consolidation or vertical integration opportunities will best enhance CPM's competi-

tiveness and value. Similarly, we have decided that our LNG operation should eventually be separated from Cabot Corporation to allow Cabot LNG to more readily pursue opportunities in its energy markets. The possible creation of a targeted stock would be a step toward that eventual separation."

Over the past several years Cabot's management has demonstrated a commitment to a share repurchase plan through the use of proceeds from the sale of non-core assets, according to a release. The release further states the company intends to use cash generated from the capital structure initiatives announced today in its continued commitment to the share repurchase program.

The company anticipates that, overall, the cost reduction initiative will eliminate approximately 250 positions throughout the company and will provide ongoing annual cost savings of \$30-\$35 million starting in fiscal 2000. Bodman said, "Our management plan represents definitive actions too help improve the company's earnings performance immediately and add substantially to the short-term and long-term value of the company."

Carbon black volumes increased four percent globally. It was driven by a 20 percent Asia Pacific volume improvement.

# Cabot Corp. releases third quarter operating results

by a gain on the sale of investments in equity securities. Third quarter 1998 net income was \$33.3 million (\$0.44 per share), and included a \$5.3 million (\$0.04 per share) gain from special items.

Carbon black volumes increased four percent globally which was driven by a 20 percent Asia Pacific volume improvement. Volumes increased in the CPM, plastics masterbatch, fumed silica and MMD businesses by nine percent, nine percent, three percent and 46 percent, respectively.

Cabot's Energy Group, consisting of the company's LNG business, reported a \$0.1 million operating loss, compared to a \$5.4 million operating loss in the same quarter last year.

A seasonal business the LNG historically reports operating losses in the third and fourth quarters, according to the release.

The beginning of shipments from the new Trinidad supply during the June quarter caused the company's LNG volumes to increase 158 percent compared with the same quarter last year, and allowed Cabot LNG to realize lower gas costs, said the release.

Lower year-to-year natural gas prices partially offset the earnings effects of the improved volumes and gas costs, according to the release. It further stated that most of Cabot LNG's earnings improvement in the third quarter came from the buyout of a customer's contract related to their closing of a small power plant.

Third quarter operating results were released by Cabot Corporation Wednesday. Operating profit before the special items for the 1999 third quarter reflected reduced earnings in the company's Specialty Chemicals Group. It was offset by improved results in the liquefied natural gas (LNG) business.

Within the Specialty Chemicals and Materials Group, there were improved year-to-year quarterly earnings in the microelectronic materials business and CPM business. However, overall earnings for the group reflected weaker operating conditions in the carbon black and fumed silica businesses.

Operating results in the LNG business contributed an incremental \$5.3 million to the company's year-to-year earnings comparison.

Cabot Corporation reported operating earnings, before certain special items, of \$62.1 million (\$0.40 per diluted common share) for its fiscal third quarter which ended June 30, 1999, compared with operating earnings, before special items, of \$58.6 million (\$0.40 per diluted common share) in the third quarter of 1998.

Net income for the quarter just ended was \$22.4 million (\$0.30 per diluted share) and included \$11.0 million (\$0.10 per diluted share) of special charges related to a cost reduction program partially offset

## Teenage stowaway to London

BOSTON (AP) — A 17-year-old who reportedly said he wanted to impress Israeli spies scaled security fences and stowed away on a flight to London.

The July 12 incident, first reported in today's Boston Globe, is under investigation by the airline, the Federal Aviation Administration and the Massachusetts Port Authority, port authority spokesman Jeremy Crockford said today.

Crockford would not offer details. According to the account in the Globe, Abraham Derman, of suburban Brookline, cut the razor wire on top of a perimeter fence surrounding Logan, walked across restricted areas and stowed aboard a British Airways Boeing 747.

Derman apparently climbed the exterior stairs of a jetway and boarded the plane. The exterior doors on jetways have combination locks, so either the lock wasn't working, it was bypassed, the door was propped open or someone let Derman into the plane.

Once aboard, Derman found an empty seat and remained for the duration of the flight to London.

## City Briefs

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  - 1116 DUNCAN-** Sale, Fri. 8-5, Sat. 8-? Exer. equip., household
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  - BOYD'S CHRISTMAS** In July Sale, on all past Christmas resin & ornament pieces at All Its Charm, 26th thru 31st.
  - CHANEY'S CAFE**, 716 W. Foster, Sun.-Fri. 11-2, Mon.-Fri. 5-8. Thur.- chicken spaghetti, ch. fr. steak, pork chops, bbq Polish.
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  - CRAFTS BY Ann Inventory** Reductions on craft supplies, 25% off on all hand crafted items. 823 W. Francis 10-6p.m. Fri. & Sat.
  - HIGHS** in the mid to upper 90s. Texas zones 14 15 19 20 — Tonight, mostly clear. Low in the lower 70s. South wind 5-10 mph. Friday, mostly sunny. High in the upper 90s. South to southwest wind 10-15 mph. 3 to 5 day forecast, Saturday through Monday, mostly clear. Lows 65 to 70. Highs in the upper 90s to around 102.
  - FOR SALE** 1997 Ford ext. cab, priced to sell, chrome wheels. 665-4505
  - MORE FOR Less Nails.** \$25 for set, \$10 for fills. 665-4531 or 663-8351 pager.
  - PIANO TUNING & Repair** Tuning only \$45. 665-2627
  - REMODELING GAR.** Sale, furn., lots of misc. 500 N. Nelson, Fri. 8:30 a.m.
  - SHOP FOR** back to school. Bargain tables available. Tralee Resale Shop 308 S. Cuyler.
  - SKATETOWN** CLOSED July. Parties as usual. 665-9544.
  - TROPICAL FISH** Sale, Buy 2=1 Free Thursday thru Saturday, Creature Comforts, 115 N. West.

## Weather focus

**PAMPA** — Mostly sunny today with a high near 100. Winds are from the south-southwest at 10-15 mph. Tonight, temperatures should be mostly clear in the lower 70s with winds from the south at 10-15 mph. Tomorrow, mostly sunny and continued hot. Temperatures should be in the

upper 90s with winds from the south-southwest at 10-15 mph. Yesterday's high was 97; last night's low was 74.

**PANHANDLE** — Tonight, mostly clear. Low 65 to 70. South wind 5-15 mph. Friday, mostly sunny. High 90 to 95. South to southwest wind 10-20 mph. 3 to 5 day forecast, Saturday through Monday, mostly clear. Lows 65 to 70.

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## Altrusa plans August style show



Modeling for the Altrusa Style Show to be held Aug. 14 at the M. K. Brown Auditorium will be Pat Johnson, Helen Mixon, Leona Willis and Louise Bailey. The women will be modeling for V. J.'s Fashions.

## Second annual Gun and Knife Show slated

AMARILLO — Since 1978, thousands of Texans all across the state have come to dozens of Texas Gun and Knife Shows to see the best in collectible guns, knives and accessories. The show is presented each year by the Texas Gun and Knife Association. This year's second Amarillo Gun & Knife Show will be held Aug. 7 and 8 at the Amarillo Civic Center.

Collectors and exhibitors from throughout the Amarillo area will be on hand to buy, sell and trade some of the most extraordinary guns, knives and accessories ever made. "These items you simply can't find every day," explains Don Hill, president of the association. "And even if you could, you certainly couldn't find them all together in one place at one time like this."

Hill expects a large number of exhibitors to be on hand at the upcoming show, and he himself will be available to visit with the public during the event.

As in every Texas Gun & Knife Show, guns and knives are just part of the picture. There will also be a great selection of outdoor sport items, wildlife art, historical artifacts, "Texana" items, and Native American and military memorabilia, and for the ladies, superior displays of excellently priced gold and silver jewelry.

The Amarillo Gun and Knife Show will take place from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday and from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday. The public is invited to come and buy, sell, trade, or just browse. People are welcome to bring their own guns for sale or trade. Children under 12 will get in free.

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## Tri-State Fair cake contest will award winners cash prizes

AMARILLO — The Softasilk Championship Cake Award has become a rich tradition at state and county fairs across America. Beautiful blue-ribbon cakes, made with the finest of ingredients and loving care, tempt thousands of fairgoers as they view the display cases. Colorful three-layer cakes, airy angel food cakes, decadent chocolate fudge cakes — the very best will be honored again at the Amarillo Tri-State Fair.

Award-winning cake bakers consistently say their secret to the multiple blue ribbons is fresh ingredients and a high-quality cake flour. For presentation points, winners offer a special hint — make sure your cake looks as perfect as it tastes!

The Softasilk Cake Contest will award prizes of \$100, \$50 and \$25. In addition to receiving a beautifully engraved momento, a championship rosette ribbon and an apron, the first place winner will be entered automatically into the national competition for a \$1,000 grand prize.

To enter your favorite cake in the 1999 contest, contact the Amarillo Tri-State Fair entry department at (806) 376-7767.

## Opportunity Plan provides student loans

CANYON — As costs increase each year at colleges and universities across the country, many families find it difficult to pay for a student's educational expenses. Thanks to the generosity of citizens across the panhandle, area students have a source of assistance right in their own backyard.

The Opportunity Plan, Inc. of Canyon provides low-interest loans and scholarships to help students attend the college or university of their choice. Established in 1954, the program has provided financial assistance to more than 6,000 students. A total of \$3,275,000 is currently on loan to area students. During the 1998-99 school year, \$250,000 in scholarships was awarded through the Opportunity Plan program.

Over the years, members of the Twentieth Century Cotillion Study Club in Pampa have raised funds to assist students from Pampa and the surrounding area through the Opportunity Plan program. Club members made their first contribution to the program in 1962 and four years later created the Twentieth Century Cotillion Study Club Student Loan Division with a \$1,000 contribution.

Since that time, members of the club have held numerous fundraisers in support of the student loan division including an annual antique show from 1963 until 1987. A home tour which the club has sponsored since 1996 has raised additional funds for the student loan division.

Three club members have served on the Opportunity Plan

Board of Directors for a number of years. Anne Campbell, Helen Hall and Fran Morrison have provided invaluable support and encouragement to the program.

Thanks to the fund-raising efforts of the study club members, 135 students have been able to borrow \$503,000 from the student loan division to help meet their educational expenses. Six students are currently attending school with help from the student loan division.

Loans awarded through the Opportunity Plan program carry an interest rate of seven percent. Payments on the loan are deferred and interest is not charged while the student is enrolled in school on a full-time basis.

The Opportunity Plan is currently accepting applications for

low-interest student loans for the 1999-2000 school year. Students who are interested in applying for a loan should contact a member of the Opportunity Plan staff at (806) 655-2528 or P.O. Box 1035, Canyon, TX 79015.

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### THEE PLACE

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

### ADHD/ADD SUPPORT GROUP

If interested in the ADHD/ADD Support Group call Connie at 669-9364.

### ST. MARK CME CHURCH

St. Mark will host a monthly breakfast the first Saturday of every month from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. Donations will be accepted.

### THE FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN COWBOYS

The Fellowship of Christian Cowboys potluck will meet on the fourth Saturday of each month at 6 p.m. in the Clyde Carruth Pavillion. For more information, contact Keven Romines at 665-8547 or Jim Greene at 665-8067.

### GEM THEATRE

Gem Theatre in Claude will host the Panhandle Area Farm Bureau Queen's and Talent Contest at 7:30 p.m. Aug. 7. Contestants from across the panhandle will compete for scholar-

ships. The winner of the talent show will be given the opportunity to perform with other artists at the Gem in November.

### CLARENDON COLLEGE

Clarendon College Pampa Center will offer a CNA course from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday Aug. 9-20. Cost of the course is \$41 for tuition and fees. Class size is limited. Participants are urged to register early. The final day of registration is Aug. 9. For more information, call CC-Pampa Center at 665-8801.

### LIFE AFTER LOSS

American Cancer Society and Crown of Texas Hospice will sponsor a free four-week seminar "Life After Loss" from 12 noon-1 p.m. Aug. 9, 16, 23 and 30 at Crown of Texas Hospice, 1000 S. Jefferson, Amarillo. The facilitator

will be Ellen Lawrence, MA, LSW. Participants are urged to attend all four sessions. The seminar will be closed after Session 2. To register or for more information, call (806) 353-4306.

### PACIFIC INTERCULTURAL EXCHANGE

Pacific Intercultural Exchange is seeking host families for the 1999-00 school year. Local representatives would like to have students placed with American host families as soon as possible. PIE, a non-profit, educational organization, matches students 15-18 years of age with host families by finding common interests and lifestyles through an informal in-home meeting. For more information, call Angie Adams, Texas area coordinator, toll-free at 1-877-563-9657.

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# CRC slams Lone Star state

Texas isn't a good place to raise a child-or so the Children's Rights Council has determined. The national advocacy group has ranked Texas 48th, just ahead of Arizona and California. Maine was ranked as the best state to raise children. In fact, the top five states are located in New England.

Just how valid the report is, I don't know. Calculation of the average of 10 factors for each state was the basis of the decision. The factors were: rates of abuse and neglect, the rate of immunizations under age 2, the dropout rate, children in poverty, the child death rate, the infant mortality rate, those not receiving prenatal care, total juvenile crime, the divorce rate, and the teen birth rate.

According to a legislative aide to the council which is based in Washington, Maryellen Dougherty, Maine had a decrease in the child poverty and teen birth rate and an increase in the high school graduation rate. She said these two factors helped place Maine in the number one position. She also said the council changed its calculation methods which focus more closely on the factors that directly affect children.

Data was drawn from public and private sources including the FBI, the Department of Health and Human Services, The Annie E. Casey Foundation and state law enforcement agencies.

It seems as though there are always studies being released on any number of domestic issues in this country. Is anything coming from this? What have we learned to cause a turnaround to the problem? Is Texas really that low in the rankings? If so, there need to be some changes.

What I want to know is what is going to be done with this data to help the children? Are the states at the bottom of the list of this study going to take drastic action to make changes?



Nancy Young

managing editor

I doubt that legislation is the answer. There are so many laws now not even a Philadelphia lawyer can keep track of them. I read a few months ago that we have 35 million laws to enforce the 10 Commandments. So, no, that's not the answer.

I have heard many discussions in recent years as to why young people drink and do drugs. Some of these discussions have been in the neighborhood while others have been at public meetings. Others have been at the neighborhood cafe and most any place the public congregates. Everyone has a theory.

Most of the time I hear that schools, parents, law enforcement, and churches need to work together. I've heard some law enforcement officers say parents need to take control of their children and work with them while others in the legal field say it would be helpful if parents grew up and behaved like parents. I've heard parents say that schools should be more strict while another group of parents says the schools are too strict. Have also heard parents say, "My child wouldn't do it, but so-in-so's did."

And the schools are becoming more filled with children who are diagnosed with Attention Deficit Disorder and are requiring medication. Teen pregnancies are resulting in more children who are not mature enough or

emotionally equipped to be raising more children to go out in the world.

What is the answer? I don't know. I am not a counselor and not qualified by education to know the answers. By experience, I'd say people need to take responsibility for their actions and grow up.

Several months ago I covered a meeting of concerned community members who represented churches across that community who were concerned about drug and alcohol problems. It was a meeting filled with over 200 sincere, dedicated pastors, probation officers, parents, teenagers, law enforcement personnel, civic leaders-all were searching for an answer to the community problem.

At the conclusion of the meeting one of the community's pastors sitting near me stood up, telling those in attendance that if anyone present would give him the address of any known drug houses in the community that he would drive by the residences and pray for the occupants. He said he wasn't interested in turning them into law enforcement, but praying for them.

I don't know how many people gave him addresses, but I do know of one as I was standing next to him when he was given an address of a residence which supposedly housed occupants involved in drugs. Three weeks after that meeting the occupant of that residence made a declaration to quit drugs and sought professional help.

Not one to discount the tremendous power of the Man Upstairs, I think the quick change in lifestyles could only be made by Him. I don't know of any undercover investigation which responds that quickly.

So, maybe, if there were a few more prayers and a little less enabling, maybe Texas could be at the top of the list next year as the best place to raise a child.

## Today in history

**By The Associated Press**  
 Today is Thursday, July 29, the 210th day of 1999. There are 155 days left in the year.

**Today's Highlight in History:**  
 On July 29, 1981, Britain's Prince Charles married Lady Diana Spencer at St. Paul's Cathedral in London. (They were divorced in 1996.)

**On this date:**  
 In 1588, the English defeated the Spanish Armada in the Battle of Gravelines.  
 In 1890, artist Vincent van Gogh

died of a self-inflicted gunshot wound in Auvers, France.

In 1914, transcontinental telephone service began with the first phone conversation between New York and San Francisco.

In 1948, Britain's King George VI opened the Olympic Games in London.

In 1957, the International Atomic Energy Agency was established.

In 1957, Jack Paar debuted as host of NBC's "Tonight" show.

In 1958, President Eisenhower

signed the National Aeronautics and Space Act, which created NASA.

In 1967, fire swept the USS Forrestal in the Gulf of Tonkin, killing 134 servicemen.

In 1968, Pope Paul VI reaffirmed the Roman Catholic Church's stance against artificial methods of birth control.

In 1975, President Ford became the first U.S. president to visit the site of the Auschwitz concentration camp in Poland and paid tribute to the victims.

Ten years ago: Poland's newly elected president, Wojciech Jaruzelski, resigned as Communist Party general secretary and was succeeded by Mieczyslaw Rakowski.

Five years ago: Abortion opponent Paul Hill shot and killed Dr. John Bayard Britton and Britton's bodyguard, James H. Barrett, outside the Ladies Center clinic in Pensacola, Fla. (Hill was convicted and sentenced to death.) Supreme Court nominee Stephen G. Breyer won Senate approval.

## Texas Editorials

By The Associated Press

A sampling of editorial opinion from Texas newspapers: Denton Record-Chronicle on intrusive journalists: Will somebody please tell us what possible justification there could be for the circus paraded outside Caroline Kennedy's summer house last week?

What is the public's need-to-know in this instance? What national interest is served? How do our civic lives be adversely affected if we do not know why Ms. Kennedy looks, feels, acts, etc., and who is visiting her home during this week following her brother's tragic death?

If that sounds like an invitation to criticize the media, it is. Ms. Kennedy's private grief isn't news, and any news person who understands the importance of a free press knows that. But our indictment doesn't stop there. What do you, Mr. and Mrs. American public, think is keeping all those ghouls pasted to their coveted spots outside Ms. Kennedy's home?

It's your nickel, of course. It's your appetite for this sort of vulgar titillation that drives news organizations to compete and dig for the most emotion-packed, soap-opera moments of their victims' private lives. And the minute you stop paying for this stuff, the vans and satellites and cameras and yelling reporters will disappear. Poof.

We think most Americans would be embarrassed to stand for days gawking outside the home of a stranger who had just lost a loved one, waiting for the grief-stricken survivor to emerge. If it is embarrassing and inappropriate for private people to act in such a way, then newspaper and TV people shouldn't do it for them.

That's a good rule of thumb. If it wouldn't be appropriate for a private citizen to be where the reporter or photographer is, then it isn't appropriate for the news person either. It's a principle that works for the reading, watching public, too. If you wouldn't stand outside Ms. Kennedy's home yourself because your mother taught you better manners, then don't watch or read what someone else has produced while grossly trashing a cornered victim's private life.

Houston Chronicle on tax cut plans:

As a further exercise in Washington's eternal game of form and fire over substance, consider the summer's most heated political debate to date — the ongoing battle over a tax cut. The tax cut strategy, of course, ignores the need to cut down on the huge national debt and the huge chunks of the federal budget that go to service that debt. Nevertheless, a bill just passed in the House of Representatives calls for a 10 percent reduction in individual income tax rates by 2009.

Congressional Democrats are screaming it's too high. Congressional Republicans are retorting that it's too wonderful. But taxpayers need not get too excited. One analysis shows the promised relief of \$1,000 to the average taxpaying family earning \$55,000 actually will come over the next decade. This means a reduction in income taxes of about \$100 a year for that average family.

The tax bill, which is but a step in what promises to be a lengthy legislative fight, contains some valuable provisions such as doing away with the unfair estate tax. And Houston's Rep. Bill Archer, chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, is to be praised for his efforts on such issues.

Yes, removing revenue from the coffers of government is in theory preferable. But in all the rhetoric surrounding this issue, it is easy to lose sight of some realities and perspective.

Those include the true size of such a tax cut and the shaky budget projections upon which a "surplus" is being counted on all sides in Washington as the proverbial chicken that truthfully is yet to be hatched.

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# I have discovered — bears stink!

No, contrary to popular opinion, I have not dropped off the face of the earth this summer. Yes, I have dropped off the face of Pampa.

Since leaving *The Pampa News* in a full-time capacity in early June, I have had the pleasure of becoming a student of teachers so that I can become a teacher of students at Pampa High School this fall.

In my summer career as a student, I have learned many things about myself and the world in general.

First of all — I become the meanest of the mean when I get behind the wheel of a car during a pre-dawn, hour-and-a-half trek to Canyon every morning.

Words come out of my mouth that I never knew existed in my brain. In short, my defensive driving skills lend themselves to the creation of the most offensive driving nightmare imaginable.

But let's not go into those details, when it's so much more interesting to discuss what I learned about BEARS this summer.

During my summer school break (gimme a break) of all of four days, I had the opportunity



Random Revelations  
 Miranda G. Bailey

to sleep in the mountains in the company of my two dogs, my husband and a little black bear.

And this is what I learned:  
 a.) BEARS STINK.  
 b.) Don't leave a case of Diet Dr. Pepper in the bed of your truck.  
 c.) BEARS STINK.

Upon leaving my drink of choice in the back of our truck, Ol' Ruby, this little, BIG, black bear clawed into five cans a few hundred feet away from my tent and left a scent in my truck that I would have rather not discovered.

Needless to say, I didn't sleep the rest of the night, which in and of itself I find even more interesting ...

My husband, a true bear watcher at heart, was quickly able to go to sleep after the excitement of seeing a bear in the back of our truck. While I couldn't have slept the rest of the night if you had paid me.

Yet another gender distinction I do not understand.

I do, however, understand how to: write a lesson plan, correctly break students up into cooperative learning groups, find reading materials suited for students at the secondary level, implement a discipline plan and a list of procedures and set up my classroom in a manner where all students can learn.

What I don't quite understand is how every single, brilliant, genius idea I get for my classroom based on the above theories is shot down to pieces by my 17-year-old brother, CJ.

He reminds me that: Kids aren't completely what they were when (nasal voice) "I was a kid." And kids don't think the way I do. And he regularly lets me know, "Not all kids like to learn like you do, Randa."

And that might be the best thing I've learned all summer.

# Collateral damage from war on drugs

The owners of the Red Carpet Motel in Houston, located in a rough part of town, had a problem: Patrons were trafficking illegal drugs. They called the Houston police dozens of times to report criminal activity, helping produce arrests that yielded some \$800,000 worth of drugs. They installed security cameras to monitor the parking lot. They gave cops permission to patrol the grounds at will and question anyone on the property.

But the problem persisted. So, last year, the U.S. attorney decided it was time to get tough — not on the criminals, but on the motel owners. He seized their property and initiated proceedings to confiscate it.

The Red Carpet proprietors were not accused of selling drugs, buying drugs, participating in the drug trade or committing any other violation of the law. But the federal prosecutor brought the hammer down on them because, he insisted, they had not done enough to stop the illegal commerce — even though the Houston police department itself, with all its officers and firepower, had not been able to stop it, either.

What should the owners have done differently? Well, said the U.S. attorney, they could have charged higher rates for their rooms. He's right, of course. If they had raised their rates above what the market would bear, they could have put themselves out of business. No motel equals no customers equals no problem.

For lapses like this, the government said it had the right to confiscate the property of people not charged with any crime, much less convicted of one. Under current law, it does have that right. If police or prosecutors surmise some tenuous connection between an item of property and a crime, they can seize the asset. It is then up to the owner to prove her innocence, at



Steve Chapman

Syndicated columnist

her expense, in the hope of getting it back.

Civil forfeiture, as this practice is known, is intended to punish and deter criminals by depriving them of property used to commit crimes, and property acquired with ill-gotten gains. That's the theory. But in 80 percent of these cases, the alleged wrong-doers are never charged with a crime. For that matter, forfeiture can be inflicted even on people who have been tried and acquitted. It exists in a scary world where punishment can occur without a crime, where those under suspicion are presumed guilty until proven innocent, and where law enforcement authorities have a powerful financial incentive to mistreat citizens.

Examples abound. A Tennessee gardener taking a trip to buy shrubs was stopped by police, who confiscated the \$9,600 in cash he was carrying, prompting him to marvel: "I didn't know it was against the law for a 42-year-old black man to have money in his pocket." A Michigan woman lost the car she co-owned with her husband after he used it to pick up a prostitute. A Chicago pizzeria owner was relieved of \$500,000 in suspected "drug money" found in his restaurant; four years later, the cops were told to give it back by a federal court, which found the suspicion to be utterly without merit.

But help is on the way. House Judiciary Committee Chairman Henry Hyde, unable to stomach such injustices, has built a bipartisan consensus that our civil forfeiture laws need fundamental reforms — bringing together conservative Republican members like Bob Barr and liberal Democrats like Barney Frank, who a few months ago were at each other's throats over impeachment. On June 24, the House overwhelmingly approved a bill to restrain law enforcement agencies that have used forfeiture like cluster bombs, injuring the innocent as well as the guilty.

The reforms are hardly radical. They shift the burden of proof in disputed seizures from the citizen to the government, bar the government from taking the property of innocent owners, furnish lawyers to poor victims and award interest to owners who successfully sue to get their money back.

The Clinton administration claims the Hyde bill gives aid and comfort to drug traffickers and money launderers. This, of course, is the sort of thing police say whenever they are required to respect the rights of citizens. But often, we have only the Justice Department's word that the victims are criminals, since most of them are never even prosecuted.

The new rules on civil forfeiture would have little effect on the government's ability to confiscate the property of those actually convicted of crimes. If federal agencies want to punish criminals, they should first take the trouble to prove criminal guilt.

Right now, they have vast power to harass and abuse citizens in the name of fighting evil, and the victims have little recourse. The Hyde bill is a firm rebuke to those who have turned the war on drugs into a war on the American people.

## Names in the news

LAS VEGAS (AP) — David Cassidy has a reason to get happy — he's signed a multi-year contract to perform at one of the city's resorts.

Cassidy and the Rio Suite Hotel & Casino announced Wednesday that the former teen idol will produce a new show at the resort, opening in January.

"I will do a hybrid Broadway musical," Cassidy said. "It will have a story and it will appeal to a large demographic audience."

Cassidy began his career as a sibling in the '70s television series "The Partridge Family." He moved to Las Vegas three years ago to headline the \$75 million "EFX" stage spectacular at the MGM Grand Hotel and Casino, leaving the show in December.

Cassidy said his new show will be a "very high energy" production.

"It will give me an opportunity to play a character much like myself," he said. "I will not be playing David Cassidy. I will be playing a character with a lot of similarities."

NEW YORK (AP) — Regrets? Paul Reubens, the alter-ego of Pee-Wee Herman, has a few — like the look on his face in the infamous 1991 mug shot after his arrest for indecent exposure.

"I was really angry that I didn't smile in that picture," Reubens, now 46, says in the September issue of Vanity Fair. "I mean, I still can't really look at that picture, because it's so real to me."

"It's so reflective of the moment it was taken, where I was just going, 'Oh my God! What is going to happen next?'"

The arrest that spawned a thousand jokes occurred in an adult movie theater, and it took the creator of "Pee-Wee's Playhouse" years to recover.

"I didn't know it would be as huge as it was, but I knew it would be a big deal," he said.

Herman, who did a pair of successful Pee-Wee movies, returns to the big screen this summer in the comedy "Mystery Men."

LONDON (AP) — Fans of Princess Diana can admire some of her famous dresses at her former home this fall, for a \$15 fee.

The Historic Royal Palaces announced Wednesday that 14 gowns, by designers such as Catherine Walker and Bruce Oldfield, will be included in Kensington Palace's Royal Ceremonial Dress Collection until March 31, 2000.

Diana "was a person with extraordinary style and the exhibition seeks to capture that part of her life," said Nigel Arch, director of Kensington Palace.

All of the dresses belong to Maureen Rorch-Dunkel, an American collector, who bought them at Christie's auction in June 1997. After Diana's death two months later in a Paris car crash, Ms. Rorch-Dunkel set up a charity to raise funds for causes the princess supported.

Half of the profits from the exhibition will go to the Diana, Princess of Wales Memorial Fund. The rest will fund improvements to visitor facilities at Kensington Palace.

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — Florida's first lady said she made an "awful mistake" when she failed to declare \$19,000 worth of clothes and jewelry she bought from Paris last month.

Columba Bush, the wife of Gov. Jeb Bush, was fined \$4,100 by U.S. Customs officials in Atlanta and became the subject of jokes by Jay Leno and others after the incident made headlines across the nation.

"The embarrassment I brought on myself made me ashamed to face my family and friends," Mrs. Bush said Wednesday in her first public appearance since the incident.

International travelers do not have to pay duties on foreign purchases that total less than \$400. Mrs. Bush declared only \$500 worth of merchandise.

Mrs. Bush said the governor has helped her through the public criticism following the incident.

"Jeb has been wonderful. He has been very supportive, very loving and he says, 'Comon, we have to keep on going,'" she said.

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — A federal appeals court reinstated a defamation lawsuit against Watergate conspirator G. Gordon Liddy.

Ida M. Wells is not an "involuntary public figure" and therefore is entitled to a trial on her claim that Liddy's remarks damaged her reputation, an unanimous three-judge panel of the 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled Wednesday.

In several speeches, Liddy has promoted a theory that Watergate burglars wanted to look for photos of John Dean's fiancée among call-girl pictures kept in Ms. Wells' desk. Dean was President Nixon's chief lawyer.

The decision reversed a ruling by U.S. District Judge J. Frederick Motz of Baltimore. He ruled last year that Ms. Wells was an involuntary public figure, meaning she had to prove Liddy acted with "actual malice." She was unable to meet that high standard, Motz ruled in throwing out the lawsuit.

Ms. Wells' lawyer, David Dorsen, said he was pleased with the court's ruling but declined further comment.

Liddy's attorney, Kerrie L. Hook, did not return phone messages left Wednesday seeking comment.

## Wage reports tumbles stocks

NEW YORK (AP) — Stocks fell sharply today as a government report signaled that wages are rising faster than expected in a tight labor market, heightening inflation jitters and setting the stage for a possible increase in interest rates.

At noon on Wall Street, the Dow Jones industrial average was down 157.35 at 10,814.72. At one point this morning, the Dow was down as much as 202.31.

Broader stock indicators were also sharply lower. The Standard & Poor's 500 index was down 20.83 at 1,344.57, and the Nasdaq composite index was down 51.21 at 2,654.63.

The Labor Department said today its Employment Cost Index, considered the best measure of changes in wages and benefit costs, rose 1.1 percent in the second quarter. The bigger-than-expected jump followed a record low 0.4 percent increase during the first three months of 1999.

The lowest unemployment rate in 29 years has raised fears that employers scrambling for workers will have to raise wages.



Residents of Pampa Nursing Center beat the heat by taking an early morning walk before the mercury rises. From left are Floyd Austin, Dorothy Sorenson, Dorothy Crump and Lena Watson assisted by Kristi Fuller.

## Conoco profits decline 27 percent

HOUSTON (AP) — Conoco said Wednesday that second-quarter profits fell 27 percent as profits from petroleum refining and marketing dropped sharply.

The Houston-based oil company reported profits for the quarter that ended June 30 of \$114 million, or 18 cents a share, down from \$156 million, or 24 cents a

share, a year earlier before special items.

Revenues rose 12 percent, however, to \$6.3 billion from \$5.7 billion, the company said. It expanded sales of refined products in Europe.

Conoco produces crude oil and natural gas and also refines and markets petroleum products. While the production side benefits from higher crude oil prices, the refining and marketing side can suffer from rising prices.

President and chief executive Archie Dunham said the company was unable to raise the prices of gasoline, diesel and jet fuel to match the rising price of crude oil in the period.

Conoco's profits from refining and marketing plummeted 60 percent. Dunham said the industry's margins in those segments fell to their smallest levels in a decade. Profits from Conoco's

U.S. refinery operations dropped 65 percent to \$28 million, and earnings from its foreign refineries fell by half, to \$19 million.

Conoco said profits from production rose 42 percent from the second quarter of 1998 as crude oil prices jumped 22 percent.

Conoco was owned by DuPont until last October, when a portion was sold in the largest initial public offering in U.S. history. Earlier this month, DuPont announced a stock exchange offer, which is the final step in the separation.

Conoco's stock gained 25 cents Wednesday to close at \$26.375 on the New York Stock Exchange.

## Deal struck to end fight over Calif's Prop 187 barring immigrant aid

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Gov. Gray Davis has struck a deal with civil rights organizations, nullifying the major provisions of a controversial ballot measure that sought to limit services to illegal immigrants.

Davis agreed not to appeal a federal court ruling that held much of the voter-approved initiative Proposition 187 to be unconstitutional, Davis' spokesman Michael Bustamante said today.

The deal was expected to be approved today by the U.S. 9th Circuit Court of Appeals in San Francisco.

Proposition 187 was endorsed by 60 percent of California voters in 1994, but most of its provisions have gone unenforced due to court challenges.

Davis opposed the measure but had to decide whether to defend it in court after becoming governor. He said previously he had no intention of enforcing that part of the proposition denying education to undocumented schoolchildren.

The governor has agreed that most other provisions of the measure should be enforced largely through federal law. Many of the initiative's restrictions on benefits for non-emergency health care, welfare and higher education were part of a federal law enacted in 1996.

The agreement follows three months of meetings between Davis and anti-Proposition 187 forces after his decision in April to submit the contentious issue for court-sponsored mediation, which prompted a barrage of criticism.

Lawyers for the sponsors of the initiative complained previously about not being represented at the mediation table.

"What this does is leave Proposition 187 basically undefended in the mediation hearing, because the governor has made it clear he opposes the philosophy behind Proposition 187," said attorney Sharon Browne of the Pacific Legal Foundation.

"I just don't see how it can be a fair mediation," she said after Davis announced his decision to seek mediation. "This has a serious impact on all the initiative measures which are passed by the people."



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# New Century Energies posts second quarter earnings

DENVER, Colo. — New Century Energies recently reported its net income as \$49.2 million or 43 cents per share (basic and diluted), on revenues of \$800.8 million for the second quarter ending June 30, 1999. Net income for the same period in 1998 was \$56.6 million, or 50 cents per share (basic and diluted), on revenues of \$831.0 million.

While earnings for the second quarter of 1999 are lower than a year ago, both the comparable six- and 12-month earnings for 1999 exceed 1998.

The decrease in second quarter earnings, as compared to the same period in 1998, is primarily attributable to mild, wet weather throughout the NCE service territory and lower operating earnings from Yorkshire Electricity. In addition, the 1998 results included the benefit of a settlement from a FERC rate case. Continued customer growth, particularly in Colorado and lower utility O&M expenses had a positive impact on earnings in

the second quarter of this year. Excluding the effects of weather and the rate case settlement, utility earnings increased slightly.

For the six months ended June 30, 1999, NCE reported net income of \$150.5 million, or \$1.31 per share (basic and diluted), on revenues of \$1.72 billion. For the same period in 1998, net income was \$142.7 million, or \$1.28 per share (basic and diluted), on revenues of \$1.75 billion.

Net income for the 12 months ended June 30, 1999, was \$349.8 million, or \$3.08 per share (\$3.07 diluted earnings per share), on revenues of \$3.45 billion. Excluding a one-time extraordinary item of \$110.6 million recognized in the third quarter of 1997, the 1999 earnings compares to net income of \$292.0 million, or \$2.74 per share (basic and diluted), on revenues of \$3.39 billion for the same 12-month period a year ago. The extraordinary item was the one-time United Kingdom tax on Yorkshire Electricity. With the extraordi-

nary item, net income for the 12 months ended June 30, 1998, was \$181.5 million or \$1.68 per share (basic and diluted).

On March 25, 1999, NCE announced a merger of equals with Northern States Power. The combined company would create a top 10 gas and electricity energy company in the U.S. with a service territory stretching nearly from Mexico to Canada. The company, to be called Xcel Energy Inc., also will have a strong global presence with operations in the United Kingdom, Central Europe, Australia and South America.

In June, the shareholders of both companies approved the merger. Consummation of the merger is subject to certain closing conditions and obtaining applicable state and federal regulatory approvals. The merger is expected to take another 9 to 15 months to complete.

## Coin and Collectors Show in offing

AMARILLO — Golden Spread Coin Club, Inc., will sponsor its annual Coin and Collectors Show Aug. 7-8 in the North Meeting Room of Amarillo Civic Center in downtown Amarillo. The show will be open from 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Aug. 7 and from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Aug. 8. Free hourly prizes will be given. There will be 108 dealer tables from all over the country offering coins, paper money, gold, silver, stamps, knives, jewelry, sport and non-sport cards; collector toys (including beanie babies; cars; Tonka, etc.) books, records, watches, Indian artifacts, gems, antiques, crafts and anything collectible except for real guns — the gun show will be across the hall!

Participants will be given the opportunity to buy tickets for gold pieces to be given away on at 5 p.m. Aug. 8. The public is invited to come by and sell, trade, or just ask questions from Coin Club members concerning coins and coin club meetings. Admission is free. Golden Spread Coin Club, Inc., is a non-profit organization.

## ACT I



(Photo by Miranda Bailey)  
Nick Jones, Savannah Smith, Jessica Palmateer, Heather Addington, Jacob Jenkins, Geneva Wildcat, Chris Kane, Heather Kane, and Brandon Kane gear up for ACT I's upcoming show, "The Trial of Goldilocks." Directed by Gina Kane, the show is playing Thurs., Fri., and Sat., July 29-31 at 7 nightly at the ACT I theater located in the Pampa Mall. Tickets are \$3.50 for children and adults.

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## Wheat conference in offing in Perryton

PERRYTON — The Texas Ochiltree County Expo Center in Perryton. Trade show exhibits will be showcased and lunch will be provided and sponsored by a host of industry companies and commodity associations.

The program will feature specialists and researchers with the Extension Service and Texas Agricultural Experiment Station. In three concurrent sessions, producers will be able to choose from discussions on wheat irrigation by agricultural engineer Leon New; disease management with plant pathologist Dr. Charles Rush; cattle management with Dr. Ted McCollum, beef cattle specialist; and insect management with entomologist Dr. Carl Patrick, all with the Extension Service and Experiment Station.

The afternoon sessions will include Bob Dietrick of Dietrick Ag Services in Tyrone, Okla., addressing dryland wheat management issues; Bret Meyers, Kansas Wheat Producers Board, speaking about hard white wheat; and the Hon. Vernon Cook, Roberts County judge, covering Senate Bill 1.

Rodney Mosier, executive vice president of Texas Wheat Producers Board, will be the conference's guest speaker.

Three continuing education units will be offered to private, commercial and non-commercial chemical applicators attending the seminar. For more information, contact Scott Strawn at (806) 435-4501 or your local county Extension agent.

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# Gold ribbon carries special message for nursing mothers

AMARILLO — You have probably seen the red ribbon for AIDS awareness or the pink ribbon for breast cancer awareness, but have you seen the gold ribbon? The gold ribbon stands for breastfeeding awareness.

If you see someone wearing a gold ribbon during the week of Aug. 1-7, you will know she is supporting breastfeeding during the worldwide celebration of Breastfeeding Awareness Week. Breastfeeding Awareness Week was started in 1990 to recognize the importance of breastfeeding to infant and maternal health as well as the social, economic and ecological benefits it provides to the family and society.

Outreach Health Services recently gave all of its clinic employees gold ribbons to wear during Breastfeeding Awareness Week.

"It is a clever way to get people's attention. Every time someone asks about the gold ribbon, one more person will know why breastfeeding is so important," said Hellen Sullivan, breastfeeding coordinator for OHS.

What does the gold stand for? Sullivan explained that breast milk is often called "The Gold Standard of Infant Nutrition."

"Breast milk sets the standard by which all artificial infant formulas are measured," Sullivan said. "Studies have shown that it is the optimal food and feeding method for infants."

In addition, the color gold is often used to describe the color of colostrum, the first milk a breastfed newborn receives. Colostrum contains many of the immunities an infant needs to ward off illness and it protects the baby's intestines.

Here are some of the other benefits breast milk provides infants.

- Immunities that help babies fight off illnesses that can cause malnutrition and contribute to learning and hearing difficulties;
- Improves the baby's jaw and

- speech development;
- Has all of the nutrients the baby needs;
- Decreases the baby's risk for allergies;
- Creates a special bond between the mother and baby.

"There are so many obvious benefits to breastfeeding, but surprisingly the number of infants who are breastfed is very low," Sullivan said. "By focusing our efforts on the education and promotion of breastfeeding, OHS hopes to increase the number of infants who are breastfed in the areas we serve."

Sullivan said that during Breastfeeding Awareness Week many of the OHS clinics are sponsoring various activities. She said that she urges anyone who is interested in supporting breastfeeding to contact the local OHS clinic to find out more information.

OHS offers breastfeeding peer counseling as part of the Women Infants and Children (WIC) program. At many clinics, professional breastfeeding peer counselors offer mothers special classes about breastfeeding and one-on-one support for breastfeeding mothers.

WIC is a federally funded program available to pregnant, postpartum and breastfeeding women, infants and children through age five. Participants are eligible for benefits such as vouchers for healthy foods, health screenings, nutrition education and breastfeeding peer counseling.

In addition to WIC services, OHS offers a variety of health services that may include family planning, maternity care, pregnancy testing, well-child screenings and immunizations.

To find out more about breastfeeding and the Breastfeeding Awareness Week activities planned for you area, call your local Outreach Health Services' clinic or toll free 1-800-200-7121.

## ACT I



Geneva Wildcat, Heather Addington, Annie Day, Andy Anderson (not shown), Carissa Snelgrooves (not shown) and Krishna Henderson act as the jury in ACT I's upcoming show, "The Trial of Goldilocks." Directed by Gina Kane, the show is playing Thurs., Fri., and Sat., July 29-31 at 7 nightly at the ACT I theater located in the Pampa Mall. Tickets are \$3.50 for children and adults.

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**Intentions to Drill**  
HEMPHILL (WILDCAT & HEMPHILL Douglas) Unit Petroleum Co., #2 Hostuler, 660' from South & 3300' from East line, Sec. 55,41,H&TC, PD 8200'.

**Applications to Plug-Back**  
ROBERTS (NOTLA Atoka) Crescendo Resources, L.P., #1034 Warren B. Parsell, 1320' from South & East line, Sec. 34,43,H&TC, PD 10957'.

**Application to Deepen (within casing)**  
ROBERTS (CARRIE KILLE-BREW Douglas) Crescendo Resources, L.P., #3212 Morrison, 2400' from South & 1400' from West line, Sec. 212,42,H&TC, PD 6084'.

**Amended Intentions to Drill**  
HEMPHILL (WILDCAT & GEM-DANDY Douglas) Crescendo Resources, L.P., #3037 Ada Whitener, 2350' from North & 467' from West line, Sec. 47,41,H&TC, PD 8100'. Amended to change well location

**Gas Well Completions**  
CARSON (WEST PANHANDLE) Chesapeake Operating, Inc., #T-2RH Mineral Investments, Sec. 52,41,I&GN, elev. 3339 gr, spud 1-23-99, drlg. compl 2-4-99, tested 5-13-99, potential 1250 MCF, TVD 2769', MD 2700' — Horizontal Well

ROBERTS (ALPAR PEARSON Brown Dolomite) Crescendo Resources, L.P., #21 Courson 'B', Sec. 51,R,AB&M, elev. 3028 gr, spud 3-9-99, drlg. compl 4-28-99, tested 5-17-99, potential 670 MCF, TD 8800', PBTD 6620' — Plug-Back

ROBERTS (N.W. MENDOTA, S.W. Granite Wash) Alpar Resources, Inc., #121 Chambers, Sec. 121,C,G&M, elev. 2710 gr, spud 6-25-99, drlg. compl 6-30-99, tested 7-5-99, potential 15900 MCF, TD 10550', PBTD 10330' — Plug-Back

ROBERTS (N.W. MENDOTA Granite Wash) Crescendo Resources, L.P., #702 J.C. Vollmert, Sec. 2,—BS&F, elev. 2736 kb, spud 3-13-99, drlg. compl 4-3-99, tested 5-7-99, potential 1490 MCF, TD 10766' —

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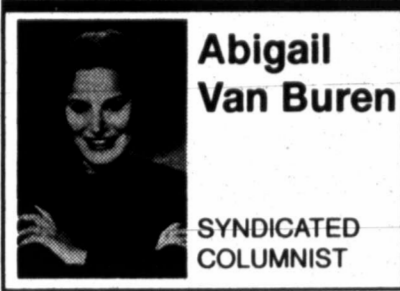
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# Safety Whistle Poses Hazard If Hanging From Child's Neck

DEAR ABBY: This letter is in response to "Wm. T. Elliott" and his suggestion that "small children should have a whistle tied around their necks when they go on picnics and camping."

Abby, please accept this important reminder to parents: any cord, string, necklace or tie around a child's neck could *kill* if accidentally snagged by a tree, bush, fence, swing, etc. Parents should really protect little ones by pinning or clipping on that whistle!

A CONCERNED PARENT AND PHYSICIAN, TORRANCE, CALIF.



**Abigail Van Buren**

SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

DEAR MARY ELLEN: Thank you for the input. A reader in Clackamas, Ore., also suggests that providing older children with walkie-talkies on camping trips is a good precaution in case they become separated from the family for any reason. That way the child can be heard from more than a mile away.

receive letters from people relating how they have been saved by blowing their whistle while lost in the woods or while being mugged. Our most recent survival story came from a man who was having a heart attack and was unable to yell. He was, however, able to blow his whistle to get attention.

Once again, Abby, your column has been an instrument in saving lives. Thank you.

JENNIFER BLACKBURN, COLUMBUS, OHIO

DEAR JENNIFER: I am sure many people will find your letter of interest. I am pleased to "blow the whistle" for safety. I have carried a whistle on my key ring for many years.

DEAR ABBY: I agree that supplying a whistle for small children who are camping is a good one. However, since tying anything around the neck of a small child is a strangulation hazard, it would be better to securely attach it to a zipper pull, belt loop or shirt.

When my four children were small, I also laced a small ID tag onto their shoe for family outings — zoos, hikes, etc. — in case the child was too frightened or injured to give vital information. Nowadays you can have bracelets made up for that purpose.

MARY ELLEN HANRAHAN, LYNNWOOD, WASH.

DEAR ABBY: Thank you for printing the letter from "Wm. T. Elliott" about the importance of carrying a whistle while camping.

Abby, a safety whistle should be carried not only while camping or in the woods, but at all times. Boaters carry whistles in case the power goes out and they are stranded. College students carry whistles for safety on campus. The elderly carry whistles in case they are attacked or are physically unable to call for help.

The American Whistle Corp., where I work, is the only manufacturer of metal whistles in the United States. We frequently

DEAR ABBY: My friends of many years and I are planning a special beach trip to celebrate a friendship that began in the late '50s in elementary school.

We are big fans of yours and would like to know if you have any words about friendship that you could share with us. It would be an honor and a thrill to hear from you.

THE YA-YAS

DEAR YA-YAS: Friendship is a gift to be cherished. The way to have a good friend is to be one!

## Horoscope

FRIDAY, JULY 30, 1999

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) \*\*\*\*\* Hunches pay off, though you might not want to let everyone know what it is you are thinking. The less said, the better off you are. Be direct with a co-worker who has more than just friendship on his mind when he looks at you. In the long run, he will appreciate your directness. Tonight: Take a break!

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20) \*\*\*\*\* You know exactly what to do to make others happy, including yourself! Don't hesitate to zoom in on what you want. A friendship grows and takes on an even greater role in your life. Love could knock on your door; if attached, be careful with a flirtation. You could have an uproar before you know it. Tonight: Let intensity rule.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20) \*\*\*\*\* A boss smiles as you zoom in and get the job done. Your instincts serve you well, presently, as you make the right decisions. Remain on top of work, but plan on heading out at a normal time. Plan something special for your family and in your personal life. Tonight: Don't allow another to pressure you.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22) \*\*\*\*\* Take an overview. Don't let others trigger you with their issues, especially at work. You might believe it is time to reorganize or do something totally different. Travel plans are in the offing; you'll love discussing them. Take off as soon as you can. You need a change of pace. Tonight: In the limelight.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) \*\*\*\*\* Opportunity strikes, and you want to take action quickly. You find that another wants to occupy all of your attention and time. Laughter marks your interactions. There is a sense of indulgence and caring around relationships. A child or loved one throws a tantrum, wanting your attention. Tonight: Go for togetherness.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) \*\*\*\*\* You easily beam in others. Popularity skyrockets. You seem to enjoy whatever you do and wherever you are. Make travel plans at last. A call to another at a distance proves to be rewarding. Listen to a family member who means business. He isn't kidding! He knows what he wants. Tonight: Friday night rituals.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) \*\*\*\*\* You know what needs to happen, although verbalizing it might be a bit touchy. You guard your feelings, perhaps too much. Right now, let it all hang out. You could be delighted by what emerges when talking with a partner. You don't always see eye to eye, but right now feelings run high. Tonight: Use care in a discussion with a co-worker.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) \*\*\*\*\* You are full of punch as you decide to handle a problem. Realism isn't presently your strong suit, but dipping into your ingenuity for answers brings success. Make important meetings, reach

out for others; do what you want. Examine long-term goals with a friend who has your best interests in mind. Tonight: Play the night away.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) \*\*\*\*\* Stabilize, and don't react to what others are saying. Take a steady hand with a family member. Connect with others who are at a distance. Have needed discussions, but be sensitive to bosses and others. The timing is right to ask for a favor. Others want to be there for you. Tonight: Changing plans, one more time!

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) \*\*\*\*\* Your smile wins friends and gains favors. Timing helps you zero in on what you want. Looking at loved ones with detachment and caring helps your relationships. Another senses your acceptance and opens up even more. If you have a strong reaction, pull back and process. Tonight: Visit with a friend.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) \*\*\*\*\* A partner comes through for you. You have a lot to smile about. You feel as if you are on top of the world, and others are finally in your ballpark. Let happiness reign. Don't let friends or what you think should happen interfere with the moment. You could be changing your ideals. Tonight: Indulging as only you can.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20) \*\*\*\*\* Be your happy self. Touch base with friends. Others are drawn to you and are willing to share. A boss could be controlling. Problems happen when you react at work; just hang out and play it cool. Avoid power plays. Stay clear-headed and keep communication flowing. Tonight: Make dreams come true.

## Crossword Puzzle

By THOMAS JOSEPH

**ACROSS**

- Sign of freshness?
- Lounge about
- Scope
- Fish-related
- Worker
- Spelling on TV
- Ravel piece
- Pub orders
- Complete-
- World's mis-taken
- It borders Georgia
- It borders Great Britain
- Hand-some man
- European peak
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- It borders Australia
- It borders the Netherlands
- Swift specialty
- To be worthy of
- Left
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- Refuse

**DOWN**

- Rough guess
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- Help in crime
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**Yesterday's answer**

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## Marmaduke



"Marmaduke hasn't been near my truck today. How sick is he?"

## The Family Circus

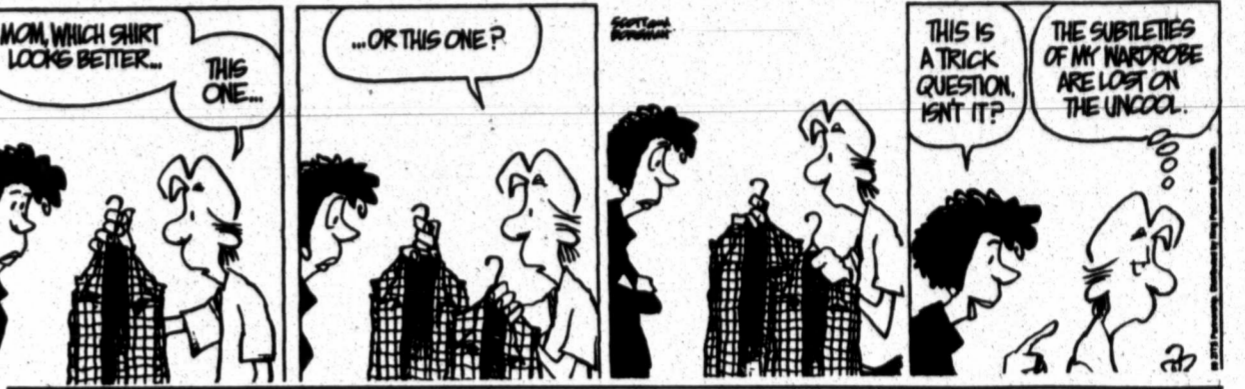


"I like corn on the cob best, but Grandma likes it the old-fashioned way — corn on the plate."

## For Better or For Worse



## Zits



## Garfield



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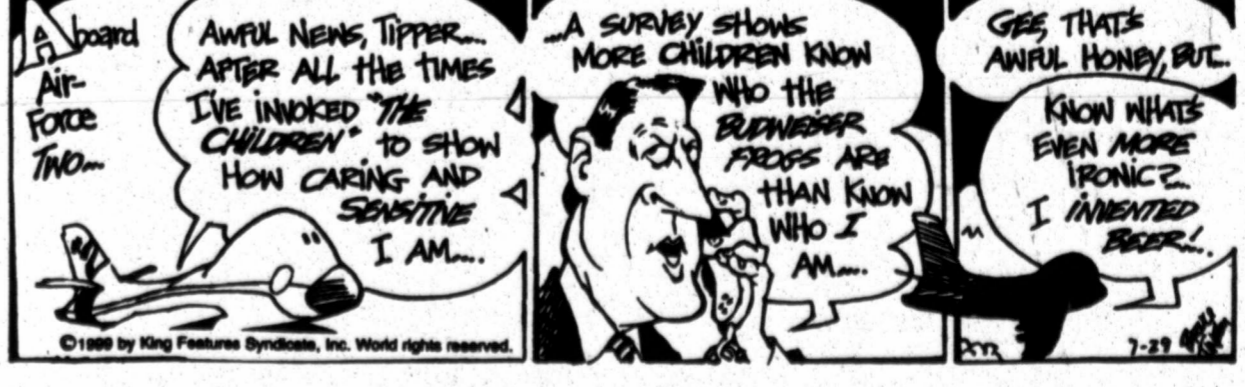
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# SPORTS

## Notebook

### GOLF

**PAMPA** — The 7th annual Pampa Rotary Club Golf Scramble will be held July 31 at Hidden Hills public course.

Proceeds from the scramble will go toward the Rotary Club's scholarship fund.

Registration is at 7:30 with a shotgun start at 8:30.

There will be four players per team with a minimum handicap of 50. Only one player with a 10 handicap.

Over \$1,000 in prizes will be offered. There will be a long-drive contest and other prizes will be offered.

Golfers can sign up at Hidden Hills or send handicap and check payable to Pampa Rotary Club, P.O. Box 1237, Pampa, Tx. 79066-1237.

**PAMPA** — The 12th annual Meals On Wheels Golf Scramble will be held Aug. 5, starting at 6 p.m. at Pampa Country Club.

Call Sam Haynes at 665-5267 to enter as soon as possible.

There will be a \$35 entry fee which includes cart and meal. (assigned to a team before teeing off).

Individuals are invited for the meal at 7:30 p.m. Cost will be \$6.75 for individuals who do not want to play golf.

Residents are urged to come join the fun and support their local Meals on Wheels. Donations will also be accepted.

### SOFTBALL

**PAMPA** — The 1999 Mixed Classic Softball Tournament will be held Aug. 14 at Pampa's Recreation Park.

Entry fee is \$100 and entry deadline is Aug. 11 at 5 p.m.

Contact Shane Stokes at 669-5770 or 665-6848.

Prizes include first through third-place teams and first and second individual.

Class will be two home runs per game.

A Men's and Mixed Softball Tournament is planned for Aug. 28 at Recreation Park.

It will be 200-foot fences and unlimited home runs.

Entry fee is \$125 and entry deadline is Aug. 25 at 5 p.m.

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### FOOTBALL

**WICHITA FALLS, Texas (AP)** — For the nine years he's been in the NFL, Emmitt Smith has always tried keeping pace with Barry Sanders. Now that Sanders is retired, Smith is feeling a bit lonely at the top.

"It's sad because I've always benchmarked my career after him," Smith said Wednesday. "Now, I've got to set my sights on something else."

Sanders joined the Detroit Lions in 1989 and immediately won the NFC rushing title. A year later, he won his first NFL rushing title during Smith's rookie year in Dallas.

Smith won the next three NFL rushing titles as their statistical rivalry kicked into gear.

Overall, the pair combined for eight straight league rushing crowns from 1990-97 with each winning four.

## Lubbock's Mack takes two-stroke lead



Dan Luther of Amarillo watches his chip to the 9th green in Wednesday's second round of play at the Pampa Country Club.

## O's end Rangers' streak

**BALTIMORE (AP)** — Scott Erickson ended the Texas Rangers' nine-game winning streak and, in the process, effectively terminated rumors that he might be dealt away before the July 31 trade deadline.

Erickson won his sixth straight decision and Charles Johnson drove in four runs Wednesday night as the Orioles defeated the Rangers 8-6.

Erickson (7-8) allowed four runs and six hits in six innings, striking out four and walking three. After opening the season 1-8, the right-hander has won his last four starts and is 6-0 in 10 starts since June 4.

Todd Zeile and Ruben Mateo both homered and drove in two runs for the Rangers, who lost for only the second time in 13 games since the All-Star break.

"We didn't expect to win the rest of them," Texas manager Johnny Oates said. "The idea now is to just keep grinding them out."

Doug Johns pitched two

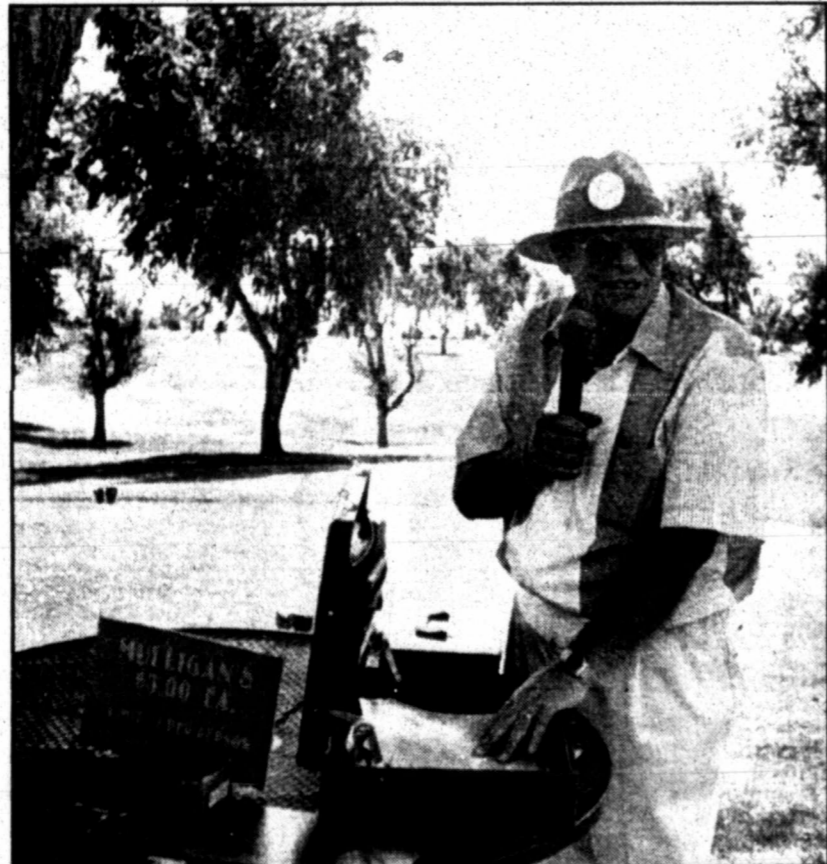
innings and Mike Timlin got three outs for his 12th save in 20 chances.

After Texas scored three runs in the sixth to make it 4-4, the Orioles took the lead for good with two runs in their half. Cal Ripken singled and took second on a sacrifice before Brady Anderson was given a two-out intentional walk. Bordick then foiled the strategy by lining a single to left, chasing starter John Burkett (3-5).

"You put the chips out there and they fall where they may," Oates said. "You win sometimes and lose sometimes. There's a team over there trying to counter every move."

B.J. Surhoff followed with an RBI single off Mike Munoz. Johnson's one-out double made it 8-4 in the seventh, and Mateo hit a two-run homer in the eighth.

"Six runs should be enough to win a ballgame, but I wasn't able to hold them down when I needed to," said Burkett.



Floyd Sackett, Tri-State Association secretary-treasurer, starts the players off at the 65th annual senior golf tournament at the Pampa Country Club.

**PAMPA** — Lubbock golfer Scott Mack shot a 1-under par 70 Wednesday to take a two-shot lead into the last round of today's Tri-State Senior Association Tournament.

Mack's two-round 142 has him two strokes ahead of Tommy Wilson of Lubbock and John Dial of Waco. Dial had a 71 and Wilson a 73 in the second round.

Mack had four birdies and 11 pars in yesterday's second round. He had two birdies and just one bogey on the front nine. Mack was in a four-way tie for second at the end of Tuesday's first round.

Wilson, the first-round leader and medalist, started slow yesterday when he had a double-bogey on No. 1. He had one birdie in the round. A pair of birdies in the second round helped lift Dial from sixth place into a second-place tie.

Glen Adams of Arlington and Gary Bowe of Lubbock are tied for fourth place at 144.

Harold Salmon of Pampa is in a three-way deadlock for ninth at 152. Defending champion Jim Holmes of Amarillo and Duane Blair of Fort Worth are tied with Salmon.

Trophy presentations will be made tonight during the

## Tri-State Golf

awards banquet, starting at 7 at M.K. Brown Auditorium.

### Tri-State Senior Tournament at Pampa Country Club Wednesday's Results

#### Championship Flight

1. Scott Mack, Lubbock, 72-70—142; 2. (tie) Tommy Wilson, Lubbock, 71-73—144; John Dial, Waco, 73-71—144; 4. (tie) Glen Adams, Arlington, 73-73—146; Gary Bowe, Lubbock, 72-74—146; 6. (tie) Earl Simpson, Amarillo, 76-72—148; Doug Barron, Amarillo, 74-74—148; E.C. Roark, Lake Suzy, Fla., 75-73—148; 9. (tie) Jim Holmes, Amarillo, 72-80—152; Duane Blair, Fort Worth, 76-76—152; Harold Salmon, Pampa, 72-80—152; 12. Bob Sanders, Amarillo, 75-78—153; 13. Merle Terrell, Lake Whitney, 77-77—154.

#### President's Flight

1. Roy Hartman, Ardmore, Okla., 78-72—150; 2. Eric Cornell, Houston, 82-72—154; 3. Don Riffe, Stratford, 80-77—157; 4. (tie) DeWayne Kuntz, Abilene, 79-79—158; James Stavenhagen, Shamrock, 80-78—158; 6. (tie) Don Babcock, Amarillo, 82-77—159; Tom Holmes, Fort Worth, 78-81—159; 8. (tie) Frank Stovall, Houston, 78-82—160; Bob Hohertz, Spearman, 80-80—160; Bob Brent, Amarillo, 78-82—160; 11. Don Bigham, Amarillo, 78-84—162; 12. Laidon Blue, Oklahoma City, 83-80—163; 13. Edwin Nixon, Sulard, 80-84—164; 14. (tie) Whitley White, Pampa, 81-84—165; 15. John Pettit, Stillwater, Okla., 80-85—165; 16. Jack Cox, Mineola, 85-83—168; 17. Bill Clemmons, Fritch, 90-85—175; 18. Jerry Childress, Roswell, N.M., 85-91—176; 19. Robert Stovall, Floydada, 87-91—178.

#### First Flight

Winner's Bracket: Sonny Adams def. Bill Allen 3-2; Dean Roper def. John Darby 2-1; Ken Pierce def. Charlie Swearingen 5-4; Consolation Bracket: LaWayne Hogan def. Hugh Lorimer, 5-4; Charles Rodgers def. Earl Tarbet, 1-up; Mike Collins def. Ted Armstrong, 3-2; Chuck White def. Jay Guillory, 7-6.

#### Second Flight

Winner's Bracket: Roy Woods def. Dave

Davidson 4-3; Gerald Cressy def. Dale Haynes 1-up; Dan Luther def. Eddy Clemmons 3-2; Quenton Estep def. J.L. Howard, 6-4; Consolation Bracket: Johnny Haynes def. Don Myers 4-2; Jack Phillips def. Mart Tomlinson 1-up; Gene Steel def. Bob Baker 7-6; Bob Cornell def. Jim Barlow 1-up.

#### Third Flight

Winner's Bracket: Steve Stevens def. Fred Adams 5-4; Bob Swope def. Bill Schotz 1-up; John Blumberg def. Harold Williams 2-1; Larry Freeman def. Bill Riffe 3-2; Consolation Bracket: Gerald Mastler def. Bill Downing 2-1; Rex Christian, won by forfeit; James Cunningham def. J. Don Russell 1-up; John Perdue def. J.C. Beyer 3-2.

#### Fourth Flight

Winner's Bracket: George Roach def. Tobe Collins 3-2; Bill Blackman def. Giles Cox 2-1; Larry Schneider def. Glynn Lusk 4-2; Floyd Watson def. Bert Uhlenhake, 6-4; Consolation Bracket: Jack Barry, won by forfeit; Ben Mathers def. Bill Fontenot 2-1; Tom Murphy def. Dan Steen 1-up; Walter Farr def. Larry Jones 1-up 19.

#### Fifth Flight

Winner's Bracket: Titus Owen def. Frank McAlavey 4-3; Mel Rittman def. Harry Frye 1-up; Don Stephenson def. Delmar Jones 1-up 19; Ronnie Blackwell def. Bill Chambliss 7-6; Consolation Bracket: Jamie Collinsworth def. Don Travis 3-2; Tom Fatkin def. Bob Hines 5-3; Sam Bass def. Dick Humphrey 5-4.

#### Sixth Flight

Winner's Bracket: David Zippis def. Jim Albritton 3-1; Gene Buckley def. Paul Rathbun 5-4; Pete Swearingen def. Ralph Lakin 7-5; Steve Moore def. James Crawford 2-1; Consolation Bracket: Roy Blank def. Dick Stowers 1-up; Joe Donaldson def. Vester Smith 4-3; Bob Curry def. Courtney Cowden 3-2; Buster Bennett def. Ralph Collinsworth 6-5.

#### Seventh Flight

Winner's Bracket: O.C. Penn def. Bud McMurry 7-5; Harold Ewald def. Oscar Keith 3-2; Joe Wheeley def. Doc Williams 3-2; Lefty Burkman def. Joe Lowry 5-3; Consolation Bracket: Frank Kelley def. Elvin Kays 8-7; Scott Scott def. Lee Petty 2-up; Dick Byrd def. Joe Barlow, no score reported; Danna Howerton, bye.



Senior wives (from left) Shirley Guillory of Kemp, Nelda Ewald and Vivian Bennett, both of Hilltop Lakes; watch the Tri-State Senior Golf Tournament from a shaded bench Wednesday at the Pampa Country Club course.

## Astros continue to pound lefthanders

**DENVER (AP)** — Don't bother to send out a lefthanded starting pitcher and expect to beat the Houston Astros.

The NL-Central Division leaders are only 23-8 against lefthanded starters. And they are hitting them at a .333 clip, which leads the National League.

Jeff Bagwell, a .375 hitter against lefthanders, hit a grand slam and Derek Bell (.327) had four hits and drove in two runs, leading the Houston Astros over the Colorado Rockies 16-8 Wednesday night for their sixth victory in a row.

"It helps to hit it everywhere and not try to pull the ball against lefthanders," Bell said. "(hitting coach) Tom McCraw has taught us to hit the ball up the middle."

Daryle Ward hit his first major

league home run and Russ Johnson also connected as the Astros had a season-high 21 hits. Tim Bogar, Glen Barker and Tony Eusebio each added two RBIs.

"We have a little run going now," Houston manager Larry Dierker said. "I don't know how many it is, but I sure didn't expect to keep it going here."

Mike Hampton (14-3) with his fifth-straight victory joined teammate Jose Lima, Kent Bottenfield and Curt Schilling as the top winners in the NL. He gave up five runs and 13 hits in seven innings, and matched his career high for victories.

Hampton also went 3-for-4, and drove in two runs with his third triple of the season.

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### Door prize winner



(Special photo)

Betty Clemmons of Fritch was a door prize winner during one of the Tri-State Senior Wives activities at the Pampa Country Club. Mrs. Clemmons received a shirt donated by "Sew What."

## South beats North in defensive battle

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — Late in the third quarter of the Texas High School Coaches Association All-Star Game, San Antonio MacArthur linebacker Joey Johnson found himself in no man's land.

Fortunately, that was exactly where Brownwood quarterback Colby Freeman threw the football.

Johnson's leaping interception set up the game's only touchdown, enabling the South to grind out a 10-3 victory over the North in the lowest-scoring game in 17 years.

"I think (Freeman) hadn't decided if he was going to run or pass, but I was in a position where I couldn't help either way," Johnson said of the play, which gave the South possession at the North's 20-yard line. "Fortunately, it turned out I was in the right place at the right time."

Johnson and Jacksonville running back Richard Whitaker were named the most valuable players of the game, which was held in conjunction with the THSCA's 67th annual coaching school.

The state's brightest offensive stars sputtered for most of the night, but the South scored 10 points in less than four minutes to take control of the contest late in the third quarter.

Crockett wide receiver Ahmad Rhodes raced for 32 yards on a reverse play to put the South in scoring position with 7:30 remaining in the third,

Wheeler's Aaron Dunnam played most of the game for the North squad. Dunnam, who will be going to Eastern New Mexico University on a football scholarship, played defensive end and special teams.

One of Dunnam's better plays came in the first half when he made a tackle on El Campo's Derrick Cash on a punt return, holding him to just three yards.

and Katy Taylor kicker Brooks Harris followed with a 37-yard field goal four plays later to tie the game at 3.

On the North's next possession, Johnson made a leaping interception in the right flat on a weak throw from Freeman, who had rolled to his right on a run-pass option.

Whitaker then rushed the ball

for the South four straight times, diving into the end zone on his last carry for an eight-yard score. Whitaker, a Texas A&M signee, finished with 78 yards on the night.

Johnson, who played the same outside position he is expected to fill at Colorado this fall, said he had never played in the 4-3 alignment before.

"It was uncomfortable at first," Johnson said. "But I guess I got off to a good start."

The South also received stellar defensive performances from linebackers Cory Redding of Galena Park North Shore and Otis Grigsby of Converse Judson.

In fact, only one pass was completed in the entire game. The South's Dakarai Peterson of Dayton accomplished that feat on a five-yard pass to Rhodes in the first quarter.

The offenses were especially

static throughout the first half, when the two teams combined for only seven first downs and a single field goal before the break.

North running back Shaud Williams set up that score late in the first quarter on a 53-yard run. The Andrews graduate and Texas Tech signee took a hand-off and accelerated around the right tackle, racing down the sideline until he was finally tackled from behind by Derrick Cash of El Campo.

When the drive stalled early in the fourth quarter, Duncanville kicker Travis Hale converted on a 42-yard field goal to give the North an early 3-0 lead.

Williams led all rushers with 98 yards on nine carries.

The 13 total points were the fewest since 1982, when the North beat the South by a 7-3 score.

### Sanders' retirement leaves Lions stunned

PONTIAC, Mich. (AP) — Nobody is likely to miss Barry Sanders more than Detroit Lions quarterback Charlie Batch. The reason why is somewhat surprising.

"I was a fan of his," Batch said. "For the six years I've been in Michigan, I have enjoyed watching him."

Batch, who won his job as a rookie last season, is just one of millions of NFL fans who are coming to grips with Sanders' retirement from football, a shocking decision that prevents him from becoming the NFL's career rushing leader this season.

When the Lions reported to training camp today at Saginaw Valley State, the dazzling one-

man highlight film was somewhere in England.

In a statement released Wednesday, the game's most explosive running back said he was leaving because, "My desire to exit the game is greater than my desire to remain in it."

The news stunned the Lions, who left the door open for him to return.

That doesn't appear likely, however.

"Ten years is a lot of football," the 31-year-old Sanders said at Gatwick Airport after arriving on a flight from Detroit to London. "I'm just really not feeling like playing. It's not the same game. ... As I've gotten older, the game has changed in my mind."

"I'm thinking about doing other things," he added. "It's still fun, but not as fun. It just felt like it was time."

Asked if he might change his mind, he shook his head.

"I don't think that's going to happen," he said.

Sanders becomes the fourth superstar to retire since January, joining John Elway, Wayne Gretzky and Michael Jordan. Unlike those three, Sanders leaves while at the top of his game, much the same as Jim Brown, who retired from the NFL in 1966 at age 30.

Why now, especially since he's only 1,458 yards shy of breaking Walter Payton's NFL career rushing record of 16,726 yards?

Sanders has never thought much of such records.

Payton, who suffers from a rare liver disease and is awaiting a transplant, said he understood Sanders' decision.

"It is not about money," Payton said. "It is not about statistics. It is about the romance kindled by playing the game the way it was supposed to be played."

### Century 21 team



(Special photo)

The Century 21 team sponsored a 9-10 year-old baseball team in the Pampa Kids & Youth Club this year. Team members are (front row, from left) Justin Cottrell, Angel Music, Megan Waldrop, and Andrew Vanhouten; (middle row, from left) Kirby Broaddus, Ben Gibson, Craig Crowell, Ethan North and Kambra Jimenez; (back row, from left) coach Dale Moreland, Landon Moreland, coach John Crowell, Kali Jimenez and coach Misty Jimenez. Not pictured are Cody Snow and coach Alfredo Jimenez.

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Take a *free* guided tour of  
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## Pampa Texas

### Did you know:



That dairies tend to congregate? In other words, the presence of one successful dairy attracts others to our area.

That a localized concentration of 8,000 or more dairy cattle attracts vendor businesses and aftermarket



manufacturers? Think of all the products that contain milk and you can begin to imagine the variety of manufacturing and distribution businesses dairies might bring to Pampa.



That the PEDC is already negotiating with other dairies to bring more than 12,000 dairy cattle to Gray County in the next 12 to 24 months? That's right, as Pampa's first large-scale dairy goes into operation and another begins its relocation preparations, more may soon be on the way.



That such a concentration of dairies can double, even triple, Gray County's agricultural industry? The next couple of years could see Pampa's annual ag revenues top \$250,000,000!



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Makes it easier to see what all the *excitement* is about, doesn't it? Months of hard work are about to pay off in a big way and Moody Dairy marks the first important step. Our sales tax dollars make it all possible, so you won't

want to miss this chance to *see for yourself* what a focused, united community can accomplish by pairing existing strengths and powerful incentives with new industry for a recipe for prosperity.

While you're downtown, take a short walk over to the **Street Fair**, sponsored by the Downtown Business Association.

*We've made it fun and easy!*

**Tour buses** will leave the Chamber building (200 N. Ballard) every 30 minutes **between 9 am and noon** to take you out to the Moody Dairy.

Please allow **1 hour** for the round trip tour and, please, no personal vehicles.

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