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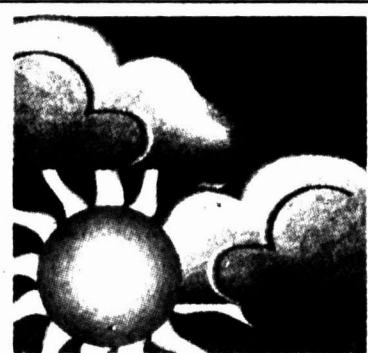
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Grandview-Hopkins Independent School District will meet next week to discuss the adoption of a proposed budget for the 1999-2000 school year. The meeting is to be at 6:30 p.m. at the school on Aug. 10.

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — Ricky Blackmon says his arrest for an especially gruesome murder turned out to be good. "Best thing that happened to me," the 41-year-old convicted killer says. And as far as he's concerned, dying tonight for the slaying is even better. "I'm happy, honestly happy," Blackmon said. "God has said to me: 'Ricky, this is your ticket home.' And I'm going home." The convicted killer faces lethal injection this evening for hacking to death Carl Rinkle, 26, at Rinkle's Shelby County home in far East Texas the night of March 28, 1987, and taking more than \$600 in cash, a small pistol, some jewelry and cowboy boots. "That's not unusual for an incarcerated person," Shelby County District Attorney Karen Price said this week of Blackmon's religious conversion. "I hope it's for real and that he does get to meet his maker." He would be the 17th condemned killer to be executed in Texas this year and the first of six scheduled to die over the next 14 days.

- Amberlean Davis, 95, homemaker.
- Evelyn Patterson Osborne, 74, former Lee Way Motor Freight cashier.
- Melba Eunice Vaughn, 71, homemaker.

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Stores prepare for tax free weekend

■ Merchants are offering special tax holiday sales and some are extending hours.

By NANCY YOUNG
Managing Editor

As Pampa back-to-school shoppers are out en masse getting students ready to return to classes next week, a recent bill passed by the Texas State is allowing Pampans and all Texans a sales tax "holi-

day." Senate Bill 441 was passed during the last legislature to allow Texas the "tax holiday."

Items of children's and adult clothing and nonathletic shoes, costing less than \$100 per item will be completely exempt from state and local sales taxes. However, school supplies will not be exempt.

The leaders of Texas estimate this sales tax holiday will save Lone Star State consumers \$69.2 million, according to a news release from Lieutenant Governor Rick Perry while City of Pampa Financial Director John Horst said the City of Pampa will lose \$3,000-\$4,000 in sales tax revenue during the "tax free" holiday.

Pampa merchants are offering special sales and extending store hours to allow more customers time to attend the sales.

Dunlap's manager Christy Parker said the local store will be celebrating the tax free weekend by making the store deci-

Heard and Jones owner Bill Hite said he is supporting anything which will get people shopping in a flat economy. He cited the excellent turnout last weekend for the Downtown Business Association's sponsored day of activities held on Cuyler Street.

sion to extend the "tax free 72 hours" to all items in the store. She said not only will the clothing items be tax free but all items sold in Dunlap's will not be charged a tax fee during duty free weekend.

"Hopefully, we will be very busy," said Parker. She said the store will be open on Sunday to allow customers more time to shop. Employee hours will be rescheduled to allow more employees on duty in anticipation of additional customers.

Beall's manager Kathryn Phillips said the local store will open at 7 a.m. Friday

and Saturday, and will offer an additional 10 percent off purchases made between 7 10 a.m. Friday and Saturday.

"We anticipate a big day and hope a lot come in to see us," she said. She said extra employee hours have been scheduled for the three-day event.

Heard and Jones owner Bill Hite said the tax free event should get a lot of people out shopping. "I just wish I had more items which were going to be tax free those three days. As it stands, the only

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Lack of audit keeps Lefors' plans on hold

By JEFF WEST
Staff Writer

The Lefors City Council showed its frustration this week over an oft-delayed audit of the city books.

The audit by CPA Kevin Scott Sparks of Wichita Falls has been promised since May, according to councilman Dene Coble.

"Getting that audit has got to happen, it's the number one priority," he said.

The problem for the city is that several major projects, grants and loan possibilities are on hold until the audit is complete.

One grant from the Texas Community Development Program expires in October if it is not used but the city needs the audit in order to receive the grant.

Another extension might be

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possible but not unless progress is shown, state officials have said.

City Secretary Judy Williams told *The Pampa News* Sparks had promised her the audit would be done in May, then June and now has promised he will be in Lefors later this week. Coble has said promised taxes of information were never received from the auditor.

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(Pampa News photo by Jeff West)

Patricio Ruiz works to get a dairy cow hooked up to the milking equipment on the first day of milking at Moody Dairy where Lindy Forsyth said all went pretty smoothly. Ruiz moved to Gray County to help train new workers. Nineteen people from Gray County have been hired by the dairy so far.

Free, reduced price school lunch guidelines told

By NANCY YOUNG
Managing Editor

Concerned about school children's ability to concentrate on learning and not be hungry, Pampa and area schools will provide free and reduced price meals for local school-children.

The program was established under the

National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program to provide nutritional meals for all children to aid the educational institutions across the country.

Guidelines for the free and reduced breakfast and lunch meals which serve the Pampa and Lefors school districts are explained in an eligibility chart.

According to Pampa Independent School District's policy, children from households whose income is at or below the levels shown are eligible for free or reduced price meals. Foster children who are the legal responsibility of a welfare agency or court may also be eligible for benefits regardless of the income of the household with whom they reside.

Eligibility for the foster child is based on the child's income.

Application forms are being distributed to all Pampa households with a letter informing households of the availability of free and reduced price meals for their children. Applications also are available at the principal's office in each PISD.

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(Pampa News photo by Jeff West)

No injuries were reported when a 1998 Sunfire driven by Maegan Nicole Dyer, 16, 1800 N. Banks, made a right turn Tuesday night off Frederic to Talley and hit a legally parked 1999 GMC pickup owned by Randal Jamis Wagner, 1000 E. Frederic. Firefighters used the jaws of life to raise the pickup off the front end of the Sunfire.

DOE fines Pantex for fire in nuclear disassembly area

Safety violations associated with a fire in a nuclear weapons disassembly facility at Pantex has resulted in a preliminary notice of violation and an \$82,500 fine.

According to the Department of Energy, the isopropyl alcohol fire took place in December 1998 as workers were cleaning a component that had been separated from a nuclear weapon.

The civil penalty and fine of Mason & Hanger Corporation, operator of the Pantex plant, was announced Tuesday after DOE investigators determined Mason & Hanger failed to establish proper procedures that would have prevented the fire, according to the DOE.

Though the fire was small, "Any fire in close proximity to explosive material has the potential to ignite that material," said David Michaels, DOE Assistant Secretary for Environment, Safety and Health. "While this would not result in a nuclear detonation, an explosion of any kind is unacceptable."

Special concern was expressed by DOE officials who said that even though the fire hazard at Pantex had been previously identified, management failed to establish controls to eliminate the hazard.

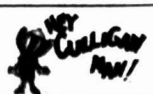
"It is our expectation that our contractors take ownership of safety in their activities and identify and correct safety weaknesses," said Michaels.

The action represents the first civil penalty at Pantex since the enforcement program began three years ago.

The civil penalty accompanies a preliminary notice of violation which requires the contractor to identify actions it will take to prevent recurrence of such fires and expected completion dates.

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Obituaries

AMBERLEAN DAVIS

Amberlean Davis, 95, of Pampa, died Wednesday, Aug. 4, 1999. Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday in Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel with the Rev. Jim Powell, pastor of First Baptist Church officiating. Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Davis was born Aug. 15, 1903, at Searcy, Ark. She married Corley "C" Davis in 1921 at Mangum, Okla.; he died Aug. 3, 1988. She was a homemaker and a member of Calvary Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by three sons, J.C. Davis, Tommy Davis and Little John Davis; and by a daughter, Ula May Davis.

Survivors include two daughters, Georgia Shay and Gwen Sutton, both of Pampa; a son, Raymond Davis of Pampa; two sisters, Fay Risner of Wheeler and Lillian Gilliam of Globe, Ariz.; 15 grandchildren; 35 great-grandchildren; and 14 great-great-grandchildren.

The family will receive visitors from 6-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home and requests memorials be to Calvary Baptist Church Building Fund.



EVELYN PATTERSON OSBORNE

WHITE DEER - Evelyn Patterson Osborne, 74, died Tuesday, Aug. 3, 1999, at Amarillo. Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday in First Baptist Church of White Deer with the Rev. Jim Shamburger, pastor of First Baptist Church of Victoria, and the Rev. John Collis, pastor of the church in White Deer, officiating. Burial will be in White Deer Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Osborne was born Jan. 18, 1925, at Wellington. She moved to Pampa in 1943 and to White Deer in 1958. She married Lansin H. Osborne on Feb. 28, 1958, at Borger; he died Aug. 24, 1998. She was a cashier for Lee Way Motor Freight in Pampa for 15 years and was a homemaker.

She belonged to First Baptist Church of White Deer and was a former member of White Deer Chapter of Order of the Eastern Star.

Survivors include two sons, Harris Osborne of Midland and John Osborne of Menard; a sister, Maxine Andrew of Olton; and four grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to BSA Hospice of Amarillo, P.O. Box 950, Amarillo, TX 79176; or to First Baptist Church, 411 S. Omohundro, White Deer, TX 79097.

MELBA EUNICE VAUGHN

WHEELER - Melba Eunice Vaughn, 71, died Sunday, Aug. 1, 1999, at South Austin Medical Center in Austin. Graveside services were to be at 2 p.m. today in Wheeler Cemetery with the Rev. Toby Henson, pastor of First Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be under the direction of Wright Funeral Home of Wheeler.

Mrs. Vaughn was born July 12, 1928, at Wheeler, and to Sidney and Eunice Morgan. She graduated from Briscoe High School. She married E.T. Vaughn on Nov. 16, 1947, at Tulia. The couple moved from Briscoe to Miller, Mo., in 1949, to Borger in 1953 and to Flatonia in 1984. She was a homemaker and belonged to First Baptist Church of Borger and Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a son, Tommy, on Dec. 9, 1960; and two brothers, Willie Earl and Jackie Morgan.

Survivors include her husband, E.T., of Flatonia; three sons, Jerry Vaughn and Robert Vaughn, both of Flatonia, and Lewis Vaughn of Fritch; a sister, Mary Richards of Cyril, Okla.; a brother, Sid Lee Morgan of Miami, Okla.; and two grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to American Heart Association, 2404 West 7th, Amarillo, TX 79106; or to American Diabetes Association, 8008 Slide #12A, Lubbock, TX 79424.

Court report

Rosa Gaines dismiss the charge of theft of property by check because restitution has been made.

Jose Cruz pleaded no contest to the charge of theft of property by check and placed on probation for 12 months, pay a fine and restitution and serve 30 hours of community service.

George Roy Reeves was found guilty of theft of property by check, pay a fine and sentenced to jail for 60 days with credit served.

Trevor Colpetzer found guilty of theft of property by check, pay fines and sentenced to jail for 30 days with credit served.

Troy Hopkins found guilty of theft of property by check, pay fines and sentenced to jail for 120 days with credit served.

Joe S. Grubitz dismiss theft of property by check because the forgery affidavit was signed.

Kris Cox dismiss theft of property by check because court costs and restitution have been made.

Billy Jay Hagerman dismissed from probation because fines and court cost have been made.

Pete Nelson dismiss charge of theft of property by check because restitution has been made.

Dewey B. Vaughn dismissed from probation because fines have been paid.

Jason Levi dismiss from probation because court costs and fines have been made.

Juan Ramon Salderna dismiss from probation because court costs and fines have been paid.

Kenneth Ray Black dismiss from probation because court costs and fines have been made.

Raymond Lewis King dismiss the charge of possession of marijuana under 2 oz because evidence is insufficient.

Richard Copeland dismiss charge of theft of property by check because court costs and restitution have been made.

Idray Fay Williams Jones dismiss charge of possession of marijuana under 2 oz because evidence

Police report

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

Tuesday, Aug. 3

Tyson Beck, 26, 923 Mary Ellen, was arrested on charges of assault causing bodily injury.

Thomas D. Herring, 21, 1013 Kingsmill, was arrested on charges of violation of probation and forgery.

Burglary was reported in the 400 block of Crest. Offense against children was reported in the 1000 block of Browning.

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, August 3

Cutter Doy Hutchison, 27, 210 N. Nelson, was arrested on charges of parole violation/arsen and evading arrest.

Brenda Nell Wingear, 38, 112 N. Nelson, was arrested on charges of parole violation/theft by check.

Anthony Gamble, 28, 1201 N. Russell, was arrested on warrants for theft by check, parole violation and defrauding an innkeeper from Oklahoma.

Ambulance

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

Tuesday, Aug. 3

8:40 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to a local nursing facility and transported one to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

1:26 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1200 block of North Wells and transported one to PRMC.

3:01 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to a local nursing facility for a patient transfer to Baptist St. Anthony West.

5:26 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 100 block of South Sumner and transported one to PRMC.

9:13 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1100 block of East Frederic; no transport.

Fires

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

Tuesday, Aug. 3

5:25 p.m. - Two units and five personnel responded to the 100 block of South Sumner of a medical assist.

7:58 p.m. - One unit and two personnel responded to Horse Alley on a gas leak.

9:42 p.m. - One unit and three personnel responded to Frederic and Talley on an automobile accident.

Stocks

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

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| Wheat | 2.26 | Coca-Cola | 61 3/8 | up 9/16 |
| Milo | 3.03 | Columbia/HCA | 23 | dn 3/16 |
| Corn | 3.42 | Enron | 85 5/16 | up 1/16 |
| Soybeans | 3.80 | Haltburton | 47 5/8 | up 13/16 |
| | | IRI | 4 1/16 | up 1/16 |
| | | KNE | 20 7/16 | NC |
| | | Kerr McGee | 52 1/2 | up 1 |
| | | Limited | 46 15/16 | up 2 1/16 |
| | | McDonald's | 41 15/16 | dn 7/16 |
| | | Mobil | 102 | up 13/16 |
| | | New Atmos | 24 9/16 | dn 1/8 |
| | | NCE | 34 3/4 | up 1/8 |
| | | Penney's | 43 1/16 | dn 5/16 |
| | | Phillips | 51 5/16 | up 9/16 |
| | | Pioneer Nat. Res. | 11 1/4 | up 1/16 |
| | | SLB | 61 7/16 | up 15/16 |
| | | Tenneco | 22 11/16 | dn 1/16 |
| | | Texaco | 62 9/16 | up 11/16 |
| | | Ultramar | 24 3/16 | dn 1/16 |
| | | Wal-Mart | 41 1/4 | dn 11/16 |
| | | Williams | 42 1/16 | up 13/16 |
| | | New York Gold | 256.10 | |
| | | Silver | 5.44 | |
| | | West Texas Crude | 20.38 | |

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

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| Occidental | 19 11/16 | up 5/16 |
| Magellan | 124.41 | up 1/16 |
| Puntian | 20.15 | up 1 |

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

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|-----------|---------|----------|
| Amoco | 117 5/8 | up 15/16 |
| Arco | 91 3/4 | up 1 |
| Cabot | 24 3/8 | dn 1/16 |
| Cabot O&G | 18 7/8 | dn 1/16 |
| Chevron | 93 9/16 | up 9/16 |

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items I carry which will be tax free are socks, underwear and Depends," he said.

Hite said he is supporting anything which will get people shopping in a flat economy. He cited the excellent turnout last weekend for the Downtown Business Association's sponsored day of activities held on Cuyler Street.

"Just getting people out and downtown will help," said Hite.

Horst said while the tax break will have an effect on the city operation, he said the city can adjust the budget with a budget amendment.

Referring to the lagging local economy, Horst said, "I just hope it helps our merchants in town."

Athletic shoes and clothing commonly used as everyday wear, such as football jerseys, baseball caps, or running shoes costing less than \$100, will be exempt. But items used exclusively for athletic purposes, such as golf shoes or football pants, are

not eligible for the sales tax break. In addition, jewelry, handbags, wallets and formal wear are not exempt.

Sales tax holidays conducted in other big states have proven to be good news for retailers and consumers alike. Since January, 1997, New Yorkers have saved \$81.6 million thanks to three sales tax holidays. Florida's \$50 sales tax holiday conducted last August saved families \$15.1 million.

The Legislature also eliminated sales taxes on over-the-counter medications and up to \$225 per month in Internet access charges.

The City of Pampa collects 8.25 percent sales tax on taxable items.

During the 1999 tax free weekend both state and local sales taxes will be waived. Next year while the state sales tax will be cut, cities and other local taxing entities can choose whether or not to participate in the tax-free holiday.

The tax-free shopping holiday begins at one minute after midnight Thursday, and lasts 72 hours.

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Mayor J.W. Franks said nothing could be done until the audit is finished and wondered whether replacing Sparks might be a good move.

"We have to do something soon," Coble said.

Other items on the agenda were also tabled until the regular meeting Monday to allow Sparks to address the audit in person.

When Sparks was reached by *The Pampa News* he confirmed that he will be in Lefors Thursday or Friday and said the audit will be completed by the middle of August. He said the audit has been delayed because of the problems associated with the failure of the city's computer in late 1996.

Apparently the city secretary at the time had no paper backups. Subsequent employees have not been able to account for \$40,000 that was allegedly paid to the gas company — an amount the company says it never received. That matter is still under investigation by District Attorney John Mann.

Items tabled included the possibility of issuing

certificates of obligations.

"I feel like we just have to have some kind of fund, not only for emergency situations, but to move forward with everything," Coble said.

"Until we get our audit done we can't really file for anything," said Councilman Craig Harkcom.

"I understand that, but I'm saying the audit has to be done but it's time we formed a plan to move everything forward," Coble said.

"I agree we have to do something, past councils have left it to us and put things off where we have no choice, we have no money, we're going to have to do something," Harkcom said. "Once we get the books back from the auditor we will have to seriously consider a bond issue or a CO [certificate of obligation] to get us some capitol improvements made, instead of trying to patch things and just get by."

"What we need to do, if we can get the audit done is to figure out exactly what and how we're going to repay it," Franks said. "We're going to have to increase taxes or something."

Children under two should not watch TV, pediatrics group says

CHICAGO (AP) — Children under 2 shouldn't watch television at all, not even "Barney" or "Sesame Street," the American Academy of Pediatrics recommends.

And older children should not be allowed to have televisions or computers in their bedrooms, the 55,000-member academy said in a report in this month's issue of the journal Pediatrics.

The academy said research shows direct interaction with parents and other caregivers is necessary for babies' and toddlers' healthy brain growth and the development of social, emotional and cognitive skills.

Watching television may interfere with that interaction, the report said.

TV viewing also can affect the physical health of young people, the academy said, and pediatricians should take a "media history" of patients to go along with the traditional medical history.

The medical organization is giving its members a questionnaire for young patients, asking about their time spent on movies, computer games and the Internet. The pediatrician could then counsel parents about areas of concern, the report said.

"The importance is to get the message out to people that TV and media consumption has significant health effects on children," said Dr. Miriam Bar-on, chairwoman of the academy's committee on public education, who helped write the study. She suggested children be encouraged to play outside, read books or work with puzzles or games.

And while tots under 2 shouldn't be watching

TV, she added, "If it's a 3-year-old and 'Sesame Street' is on and parents want that half-hour of peace, there's nothing wrong with that."

A spokesman for PBS, which recently announced a \$40 million investment to create six animated programs for pre-schoolers, said he didn't believe broadcasters and pediatricians were at odds over the issue.

PBS encourages youngsters to watch TV with their parents, to be selective in their viewing and to seek out other activities — like reading books — that reinforce what they see on television, said spokesman Harry Forbes.

However, the U.S. marketer of "Teletubbies," which is specifically geared to youngsters under 2, took offense.

The report is "a bunch of malarkey" because it doesn't take into account how parents raise their children, said marketer Kenn Viselman.

More than 1,000 studies have concluded that exposure to media violence can increase the risk of aggressive behavior in some children and adolescents, the academy said.

The academy also pointed to the high sexual content of television shows, the glamorization of tobacco and alcohol use, and the tendency of people who watch a lot of television to be overweight.

The academy noted that the average American child spends 21 hours a week watching television. It said that demonstrates the need for media education programs in schools that could teach children to look at the messages they get from the media with more critical eyes.

Rising rates slow housing market in U.S.

NEW YORK (AP) — Mortgage rates have crept above 8 percent for the first time in two years, causing predictions of a slowdown in the U.S. housing boom and mortgage refinancings that could ripple throughout the economy.

The first signs of a letup in demand are expected to appear in home construction and eventually to spread into the manufacturing and retail sectors.

"Construction will be the first area to be impacted, followed by sales of household goods," said Mark Vitner, an economist at First Union Capital Markets Group in Charlotte, N.C. He predicted a 10 percent to 20 percent dropoff in the number of home sales during the fall.

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SKATETOWN OPEN Fri. evenings only thru Aug. Parties as usual. 665-9544.

Weather focus

PAMPA — Partly sunny with a 30 percent chance of rain today and a high in the mid 80s and southeast winds at 5-15 mph. Tonight, mostly cloudy with a 40 percent chance of rain and a high in the mid 60s with east winds at 5-15 mph. Tomorrow, mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of rain and a high in the mid 80s. Yesterday's high was 85; the overnight low 66.

PANHANDLE — Tonight, mostly cloudy with a 50 percent chance of thunderstorms. Low in the lower 60s. Southeast to south wind 5-15 mph. Thursday, mostly cloudy with a 40 percent chance of thunderstorms. High near 80. South wind 10-20 mph. Thursday night, mostly cloudy

with a 30 percent chance of thunderstorms. Low in the mid-60s.

STATEWIDE — Scattered thunderstorms, some packing heavy rains, have broken a long dry spell in parts of North and Central Texas, with forecasts calling for more chances of precipitation today.

High cloudiness in North Texas skies are remnants of Tuesday's storms, which pounded areas near Waco, Temple, Wichita Falls and Frisco.

Other regions stayed dry, or received only a sprinkle.

Winds damaged structures in Ellis and Navarro counties.

This morning, light rain fell at El Paso, with showers and a few thunderstorms also remaining active over the Big Bend and far west.

Temperatures were in the 60s and 70s.

Winds were variable at 5 to 15 mph.

On Tuesday, Mineral Wells and Wichita Falls continued their streaks of triple-digit high temperatures for a 12th consecutive day. At Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport, the streak hit seven. Paris peaked at 97 degrees for the eighth consecutive day.

Partly to mostly cloudy skies were expected through Thursday, with possible showers and thunderstorms.

Overnight lows should be in the 60s and 70s, with daytime highs in the 80s and 90s, except for near 100 in the Big Bend.

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Dodge Truck Rodeo Winner Man dies after collision with Amarillo ambulance



(Pampa News photo by Nancy Young)

Fred Ehmann's name was drawn during the Top O' Texas Rodeo to make him the local winner of the Dodge Truck Rodeo. Ehmann, right, of Miami will have his name placed in the hopper at the National Finals Rodeo to be held in December in Las Vegas, Nev., along with all the regional Dodge Truck Rodeo winners across the country. The winner at the NFR will receive a new Dodge Truck, according to Robert Knowles, right, of Robert Knowles Chrysler-Dodge-Jeep in Pampa.

AMARILLO, Texas (AP) — A White Eagle allegedly stole the ambulance, which was parked at the Northwest Texas Hospital trauma receiving entrance. About 30 minutes before the theft, she had been treated and released as a walk-in patient at the hospital emergency room.

A fund to help cover medical expenses has been set up at Amarillo National Bank, under the name Chavez Family Fund.

House passes alcohol legislation

By The Associated Press
The Texas delegation's participation in the 310-112 roll call Tuesday by which the House passed a bill giving states new power over the illegal shipment of alcoholic beverages to residents.

Voting "yes" were 176 Republicans, 133 Democrats and 1 Independent.

Voting "no" were 41 Republicans and 71 Democrats.

"X" denotes those not voting.

There is one vacancy in the 435 member House.

By tradition, the House speaker usually does not vote.

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Republicans — Archer, Y; Arney, Y; Barton, N; Bonilla, Y; Brady, Y; Combest, Y; DeLay, Y; Granger, Y; Johnson, Sam, Y; Paul, N; Sessions, Y; Smith, Y; Thornberry, Y.

Mustang Ranch brothels to be padlocked

VIRGINIA CITY, Nev. (AP) — By this time next week, two of the three brothels in Storey County will be padlocked, the ladies gone and the keys in the hands of federal agents.

Area church leaders and others aren't shedding any tears over the closure of the bordellos at the infamous Mustang Ranch, shut down after a jury convicted the owners and a former county official of fraud, racketeering and conspiracy.

However, the county commissioners fear they may have to cut services or boost taxes to make up for the lost business.

"They have been a very good neighbor to us. They've donated thousands of dollars to the county. It's a great loss," said Carl Trink, the vice chairman of the county commission.

Brothels have long been legal in 12 of Nevada's 17 counties, including Storey County, outside of Reno. The Mustang Ranch is perhaps the most celebrated of them all.

The gaudy 104-room bordello, located on a sprawling 440-acre ranch, first made headlines in 1955, when it was opened by Joe Conforte during a time when prostitution was illegal.

In 1971, the Mustang Ranch became the state's first legal brothel and led to the movement that resulted in legalized prostitution in parts of the state.

Conforte's tax problems led to its closure in 1990, and the IRS seized control of it. It was supposedly taken over by new ownership — A.G.E. Corp. — in 1992.

But last month, a federal grand jury convicted the owners and Shirely Colletti, a former Mustang madam and former county commissioner. Jurors said they concealed the fact that Conforte, on the lam in South America, was using A.G.E. as a front to hide his illegal ownership of the business.

A judge ordered federal agents to seize control of the property on Monday. With the closure of the Mustang Ranch, there will only be one brothel left in Storey County.

Local officials are fretting about how to make up the loss

in revenue in their \$4 million budget. They collected more than \$200,000 every year through brothel, liquor and boarding house licenses.

"With a county budget as small as Storey County's, I don't think we can afford to lose a minimum of \$230,000," Commission Chairman Charles Haynes said Tuesday. "It could be as much as 1/16th of our entire county budget."

Others are wondering if the shutdown of the ranch will be the end of prostitution in the county. The third brothel, the Old Bridge Ranch, has filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy and has been targeted for closure by officials in the past.

"There's been a lot of speculation as to what the future of prostitution in Storey County will be," Haynes said.

If prostitution is in danger of ending in Storey County, Barbara Jones won't be disappointed. The Reno resident has appealed to the commission to outlaw the brothels.

"I'd like to see this be the beginning of the end of the brothels and turn around our reputation in Nevada," Jones said.

But George Flint, lobbyist for the 32-member Nevada Brothel Owners Association, said potential buyers are lining up in anticipation of a chance to get the brothels back from the federal government.

"I believe you might end up two years from now with five brothels instead of three," Flint

said. "I've had 27, maybe 30 calls and visits from viable entities from inside and outside the state who have showed an interest to get in the business."

Lars Pedersen, a pawn broker in Wendover, and Regina Winters, a former prostitute and brothel manager, are among those who see themselves as potential new owners of the Mustang Ranch.

"We're interested in buying the license and moving the building to another place," Winters said. "I've been in the brothel business a long time, as a working girl myself and as a manager."

The woman who wrecked the ambulance, Jamie Sue White Eagle, 21, was formally charged with the theft of the vehicle on Tuesday and remained in Potter County Jail.

The wreck occurred about 3:15 p.m. after the ambulance ran a stop sign and collided with the Ford Aerostar van driven by Chavez.

Shortly before 2 p.m. Sunday,



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Hard-Working Wife Suspects Husband No Longer Loves Her

DEAR ABBY: I have been married for four years, and I consider myself a good wife. I take extra care of my husband when he's sick or in pain. I cook for him and clean the house. I practically wait on him hand and foot.

But during the last two years, he has changed in ways that make me feel suspicious and angry. He spends a lot of time with his ex-wife. He buys her roses, chocolates, candy and jewelry. He's never bought me anything like that at all. He quit being intimate with me two years ago. That's when he started his five-hour visits with his ex-wife.

I have had this nagging suspicion that something more is going on between him and his ex. I can't ask him if he's cheating on me. He has a very short fuse. He yells, swears and threatens me. I lost my sense of being assertive after our first year of marriage.

If he doesn't love me, why won't he tell me? Whatever's going on with him has put a terrible strain on my heart. Abby, please help!

CONFUSED IN SACRAMENTO

DEAR CONFUSED: The relationship you are describing between yourself and your husband is not a marriage; it's indentured servitude. You have been such a good cook, nurse and housekeeper — and completely nonassertive since the first year of your marriage — that he doesn't want to lose those services.



Abigail Van Buren

SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

When a man sees a woman regularly, and buys her candy, flowers and jewelry, it's safe to assume that something is up. After two years, you have already tolerated more than many women would. Bite the bullet and ask him what's going on with his ex-wife. If he gets ugly again, be ready with an ultimatum, and have his bags packed when you do it.

DEAR ABBY: When I read the letter from "Snoopy Mom," who boasted about how she read her children's diaries, eavesdropped on their telephone calls and searched their belongings, I felt truly sorry for her.

My children, now 27 and 24, never gave me a reason to doubt them. Their belongings, in my opinion, were theirs — and not for my perusing. Both were very active from early childhood throughout college. Neither ever abused their curfews.

My son was a three-time college

All-American — the first in the history of his college. My daughter was president of her college class. Both graduated, and today enjoy successful careers.

I told them early on that they could enjoy life as long as they did it responsibly. The minute they demonstrated to me that they were not capable of that, their lives would have changed dramatically. I'm glad I never had to make that change!

PROUD MOM IN OHIO

DEAR PROUD MOM: As I pointed out to "Snoopy Mom," if parents have a legitimate reason to question their child's honesty, it's only common sense to check. However, if teens have proven by their actions that they can be trusted, nosiness is not a legitimate reason to conduct a search.

Predictably, I received bushels of heartfelt letters from teens who were outraged by "Snoopy Mom's" letter. Tomorrow, we'll hear what they had to say.

For an excellent guide to becoming a better conversationalist and a more attractive person, order "How to Be Popular." Send a business-size, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for \$3.95 (\$4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby Popularity Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61064-0447. (Postage is included.)

Horoscope

THURSDAY, AUG. 5, 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)

*** You are intellectually in tune with family member; his request finally makes sense! Trying to hold or anchor another down isn't possible. Let others talk, even if you think that much of what is said is superficial. Sometimes, heavy statements are conveyed in this manner. Be as clear as possible tonight. Out and about.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

***** Seize the moment to handle problems and have that talk. Think about a proposition; return calls; keep up with news. You understand way more about another's suggestion than he realizes. Clarify what you are hearing now, as communication could get crazy later. Tonight: Pay bills.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

*** You might not always be as clear as you would like about finances. Right now, get into the budget yourself; rip it apart. Information gained while doing research has long-run implications. Take action, once you are sure of the facts. Be confident. Others want to hear from you tonight. Whatever makes you smile.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

**** Others listen to your words.

Say what you think, especially with friends and in meetings. Don't hold back now. What appears to be a major personal goal might waver because of events and discussions in the next few weeks. Be flexible, but don't act impulsively. Tonight: Take a night off.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

**** Accept the limelight; take responsibility. Dealing with others remains your strong suit. Intuition helps as well. Someone whispers important information in your ear; listen! Make a must meeting; network. Others make it clear that they need your feedback. Tonight: Express your gregarious nature.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

**** Make calls; sign up for that seminar. Reaching out for others at a distance helps you see facts more realistically. Do not push as hard to make a point with a friend; he gets it. Network; seek out new ideas. Take leadership roles at work and within the family. Others trust you. Tonight: In the limelight!

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

**** Work with others on an individual level. Handle a present monetary and professional situation, even if you aren't comfortable with all the details. Today is a power day; get as much done as you can. Seek experts; enlist outside support. Mercury goes direct, revealing solutions to problems. Tonight: Escape and relax.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

**** Take an overview when another offers up a suggestion. You don't always have to agree, but you can understand where another comes from. Question your facts as well. Could you be excluding a solution through rigid thinking? Brainstorming with another

proves to be an eye-opener. Tonight: Intense conversation.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

**** Get into work and get as much done as possible. An associate proves his worth with suggestion after suggestion. He sees what you don't; together, you make quite a team. Appreciate your differences. Revamp short-term goals. Events will point the way with new information. Tonight: Make mental plans for a new project.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

**** Creativity flows from your very essence and is further enhanced by others and conversations. Right now, your mind is a ticker tape as you come up with solutions and great ideas. Another isn't challenging you — he is chiming in. Schedule a checkup with the dentist soon. Tonight: Efficiently clearing out errands.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

**** Finish work, even if you opt to take some home. Ideas go back and forth; the exchange stimulates creativity. Take a look at your health and dietary patterns. It might just be time for a resolution. You have everything going for you! Make the most of your assets. Tonight: Start the weekend early.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

**** Clear your desk; get errands done. Brainstorming with a co-worker might lead to something else. Do you want this? You have high energy and desirability. Don't avoid a domestic issue — deal with it. Stop deferring decisions. Take control of your life. Tonight: Mellow works!

Crossword Puzzle

By THOMAS JOSEPH

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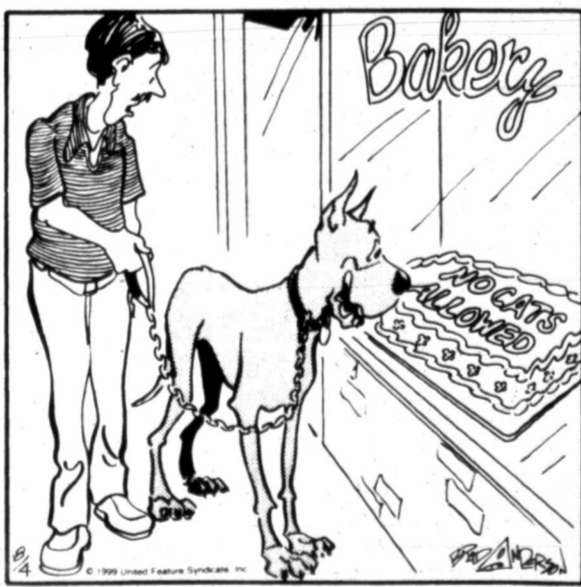
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"Clever. They know you'll bug me to buy that cake."

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"He pulled the shell over his head and tucked his feet into his pockets."

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| 3 | 18,044 | 25,678 | 1,504 | 2,140 | 347 | 494 |
| 4 | 21,710 | 30,895 | 1,810 | 2,575 | 418 | 595 |
| 5 | 25,376 | 36,112 | 2,115 | 3,010 | 488 | 696 |
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| 8 | 36,374 | 51,763 | 3,032 | 4,314 | 700 | 996 |
| 9 | 40,040 | 56,980 | 3,338 | 4,749 | 771 | 1,097 |
| 10 | 43,706 | 62,197 | 3,644 | 5,184 | 842 | 1,198 |
| 11 | 47,372 | 67,414 | 3,950 | 5,619 | 913 | 1,299 |
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Guidelines for free and reduced price lunches.

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school. To apply for free and reduced-price meals, households must fill out the application and return it to the school or Carver Center.

Applications may be submitted anytime during the school year. The information households provide on the application will be used for the purpose of determining eligibility and verification of data. Applications may be verified by the school officials at any time during the school year.

Parents of Lefors' School students wishing to apply for free or reduced meals for their children for the 1999-2000 school year may obtain applications in the elementary secretary's office from 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Anyone having questions should call Fran at 835-2533.

According to Pampa Independent School District's policy, children from households whose income is at or below the levels shown are eligible for free or reduced price meals. Foster children who are the legal

responsibility of a welfare agency or court may also be eligible for benefits regardless of the income of the household with whom they reside. Eligibility for the foster child is based on the child's income.

For school officials to determine eligibility for free and reduced price benefits, households receiving food stamps or TANF only have to list their child's name, food stamp or TANF case number. An adult household member must sign the application.

Households who do not list a food stamp or TANF case number must list the names of all household members, the amount and source of income received by each household member and the social security number of the adult household member who signs the application. If household adult who signs the application does not have social security number, the household's member must indicate that a social security number is not available by writing the word "none." The application must be signed by an adult household member.

Under the provisions of the free and reduced price meal policy, the Food Service Director will review applications and determine eligibility. Parents or guardians dissatisfied with the ruling of the official may wish to discuss the decision with the reviewing official on an informal basis. Parents wishing to make a formal appeal for a hearing on the decision may make a request either orally or in writing to Dr. Dawson Orr, at 321 West Albert, 669-4700.

Households that list a food stamp or TANF case number must report when the household no longer receives these benefits. Other households approved for benefits based on income information must report increases in household income of over \$50 per month or \$600 per year and decreases in household size. Also, if a household member becomes unemployed or if the household size increases, the household should contact the school. Such changes may make the children of the household eligible for benefits if the households income fall at or below the levels shown above.

Senate seeks farm aid compromise

WASHINGTON (AP) — Eager to placate farmers hurt by drought and depressed crop prices, senators hope to work out a compromise this week between Republican and Democratic aid plans that are \$4 billion apart.

Farmers are telling their senators: "They want action, they want votes, some indication that something will happen," said Idaho Sen. Larry Craig, one of several Republicans negotiating with Democrats.

The Republican-controlled Senate defeated a \$11 billion Democratic plan 54-44 on Tuesday after Democrats narrowly failed, 51-47, to kill the \$7 billion GOP emergency farm package. A final vote on the Republican plan was put off while Democrats and Republicans tried to find a compromise.

Both sides had reason to work out a deal before lawmakers leave for a monthlong recess.

Democrats don't want to be held responsible for killing an aid package. Farm-state Republicans worry that conservatives who think even the GOP plan is excessive will desert it. It's also possible for a senator to block the aid on procedural grounds because it would exceed annual spending limits.

On Tuesday night, Sen. Pat Roberts, R-Kan., offered a \$7.5 billion proposal containing disaster assistance not in the original Republican plan. Democrats said the GOP package wouldn't help many of the farmers who need it most, including drought-stricken growers on the East Coast.

"The good news is there's bipartisan recognition that there's a disaster out there," said Sen. Tom Harkin, D-Iowa.

Meanwhile, some Republicans are worried that they're getting into a bidding war with Democrats. During last fall's congressional campaigns, Republicans proposed \$4 billion in farm aid only to have the president veto the package and force them to add \$2 billion more.

"We're competing to show compassion with other people's money," said Sen. Phil Gramm, R-Texas.

The money would be added to an annual spending bill for the Agriculture Department. The House has yet to consider

farm aid, although Speaker Dennis Hastert has said he's committed to passing something.

A worldwide glut of grain has depressed commodity prices low for the second year in a row, and Agriculture Department estimates that net farm income will dip to \$43.8 billion this year, about 4 percent below the inflation-adjusted average for the ders themselves have mixed opinions about what Congress should do.

While there's widespread support for some assistance, there's disagreement about the best way to deliver the aid or how much growers need. And there is concern that some growers will use the cash to bid up farm rents to expand their operations.

And some farmers "don't want any payment at all for fear of what it may do. Others need it right now," said Edward Wiederstein, a grain and hog producer.

CMA nominations revealed

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Garth Brooks has some fresh competition this year for the right to call himself the top entertainer in country music.

Nominations for the 1999 Country Music Association awards were announced Tuesday outside the Grand Ole Opry House. Brooks was nominated for best entertainer, as he has been every year since 1991. He has won it four times, including the past two years.

The other nominees for best entertainer were Shania Twain, the Dixie Chicks, Tim McGraw and George Strait. Excepting Strait, all are relative newcomers to the category.

"It's pretty surprising to me that we would be nominated for that award this soon," said Emily Erwin Robison of the Dixie Chicks, which formed at Dallas in 1989. "It's thrilling that the industry has enough faith in us to recognize us in this category."

Although the Dixie Chicks are not a new act, their "Wide Open Spaces" album in 1998 was their first with lead singer Natalie Maines and a Nashville record company. Ms. Twain cracked the best entertainer category five years after her second album "The Woman in Me" made her a major star.

McGraw was first nominated for best entertainer last year. He picked up seven nominations for 1999, the most of any performer.

"These nominations are a gauge of how your career is going, so I'm always nervous about it," McGraw said.

McGraw also was nominated for best male vocalist, album ("A Place in the Sun"), single ("Please Remember Me") and music video ("Just to Hear You Say That You Love Me"). He'll get two trophies if he wins the best album or single awards, because he also produced the album and the song.

Joining McGraw in the best male vocalist category were Strait, Alan Jackson, Vince Gill and Steve Wariner. Best female vocalist nominees were Ms. Twain, Faith Hill, Martina McBride, Jo Dee Messina and Trisha Yearwood.

The Dixie Chicks — Ms. Maines, Ms. Robison and her sister Martie Siedel — also picked up nominations for best album and single for "Wide Open

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Spaces. They'll compete with Alabama, Diamond Rio, Lonestar and The Wilkinsons for best vocal group.

McGraw and the Dixie Chicks spent much of 1999 touring together. Their last show is Sunday in Birmingham, Ala.

"It's a cool deal," McGraw said. "Our shows together have been going great and selling out every night."

The late country music singer Roger Miller was nominated for best song for his 1966 hit "Husbands and Wives," which was returned to the charts by Brooks & Dunn.

George Jones continued his comeback from a near-fatal car wreck with a nomination for best single for "Choices."

"It's amazing!" Jones said. "It's a miracle."

Pop singer Linda Ronstadt was nominated for best vocal event along with Dolly Parton and Emmylou Harris for their "Trio II" album. Ms. Parton will be inducted into the Country Music Hall of Fame during the Sept. 22 awards show, along with the late singers Conway Twitty and Johnny Bond.

Gill will host the show, broadcast on CBS, for the eighth consecutive year. He has won 17 CMA awards, the most of any performer. This year he is up for best male vocalist, album ("The Key"), song ("If You Ever Have Forever in Mind") and twice for best vocal event, for duets with Patty Loveless and Sara Evans.

About 6,800 workers in the country music industry nominate and vote for CMA winners. The awards began in 1967.



The Pampa News will be publishing a special edition this fall to greet the new millennium and say goodbye to the old.

Veterans Salute

is to be a part of this edition. We want to recognize all the men and women that have served or are presently serving in the Armed Forces. There is no charge for this. What you'll need to do is bring in a photo taken during the years of service (example to the left) and the information listed below. Deadline for photos and information is August 26th. Photos may be picked up after September 20th. Join with the



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More courses at West Texas A&M to be taught via distance education technology

CANYON — The "time poor" and the "place bound" will find more opportunities to pursue bachelor's and master's degrees at West Texas A&M University beginning this fall. The university, which previously offered courses leading to master of business administration and master of education in instructional technology degrees via the Internet, will now offer complete programs in those areas. In addition, courses leading to six degree programs are being added to the distance-education curriculum. The courses scheduled for on-line and/or interactive television support the following programs: bachelor of science in nursing, bachelor of science in engineering technology/fire safety and protection, bachelor of applied arts and science in fire safety and protection, baccalaureate degrees with teacher certification, master of science in agriculture and master of education in educational diagnostician and administration.

"Non-traditional students are most likely to take advantage of these courses," Dr. Flavius Killebrew, WTAMU provost and vice president for academic affairs, said. "Work and family commitments have precluded them from taking classes delivered by traditional methods. Technology affords them the opportunity to receive instruction at all hours and in all places."

But Killebrew thinks the classes will attract traditional students as well. "We have become a 'just-in-time' culture, and these methods of delivery provide our students with more scheduling flexibility," Killebrew said.

Dina Balik, a teacher at Elkhart Middle School in Elkhart, Kan., and graduate student working on a master of education in instructional technology degree at WTAMU, agrees.

"The greatest advantage is the flexibility," Balik said. "I took classes on campus during the summer and take web-based classes during

the fall and spring semesters while I'm teaching. I will graduate next spring or fall 2000 and that wouldn't have been possible without the advantage of these web-based courses."

West Texas A&M University began offering classes via Internet the fall of 1997 with four classes of 129 students. Last spring, 415 students enrolled in 18 courses. And this fall, the 27 classes scheduled for alternative delivery are expected to attract 1,100 students.

"In terms of providing alternatively delivered courses, West Texas A&M University is way ahead of the curve" and compares very favorably with other colleges and universities in the state," Killebrew said.

But quality, as well as quantity, is a critical consideration.

"The distance-learning environment should provide opportunities for interaction that are equal to those found in the traditional classroom, and in many cases, our students have reported greater opportunities for interaction with faculty and classmates via electronic media," Dr. LeAnn McKinzie, associate dean of information technology, said. "At present, we are in the implementation and validation phases of research that is looking at effective instructional strategies which uniquely support the distance-learning classroom."

Access to WTAMU's alternatively delivered courses extends well beyond geographic boundaries. In addition to inclusion in the university's schedule of classes and a listing on its own website (online.wtamu.edu), WTAMU courses delivered via Internet and interactive television are listed on the Southern Regional Electronic Campus web-site at www.srec.sreb.org. The electronic campus is a cooperative arrangement of colleges and universities located across 15 southern states and is coordinated by the Southern Regional Education Board.

"Students can access these courses without ever leaving their living rooms," Killebrew said. "And those living rooms can be located in virtually any country in the world."

West Texas A&M University plans to offer approximately 25 percent of its course inventory via distance-education technology by 2003.

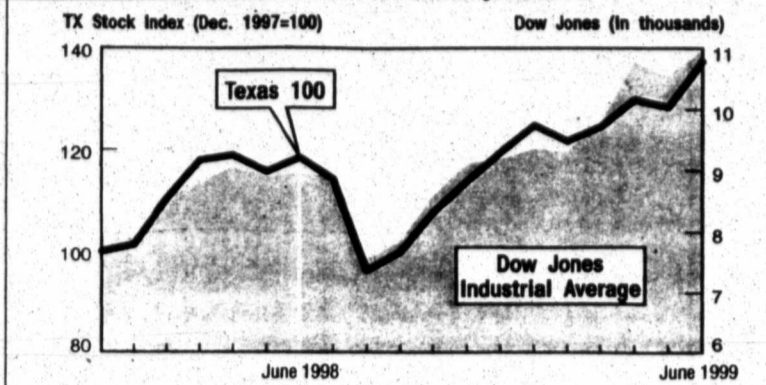
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| Energy | 0.1% |
| Other Manufacturing | 7.8% |
| Entertainment & Travel | 1.5% |
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| High Tech | 9.9% |
| Service & Financial | 5.5% |

| Company | Change |
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| Houston Industries | -9.4% |
| Texas Utilities | -8.4% |
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NOTE: The index reflects how much an investment of one dollar in each company made in December 1997 would be worth today (\$137.35). SOURCE: Carol Keeton Rylander, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts

Keeping an eye on Texas

Tee time

Texas ranks 4th in the nation in the number of golfers, at 1.4 million, and 4th in the number of golf courses, with 860.



Texas' golf score card

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| Number of golf courses | 860 |
| Number of golfers | 1.4 million |
| Percent of golfers who take their clubs when they travel | 87% |
| Average handicap | 13 |
| Percent who play with customers or associates | 69% |
| Percent who agree slow play is the worst golf headache | 36% |

SOURCES: Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts (www.window.state.tx.us), National Golf Foundation, and Gulf Coast Golfer.

Comptroller: 'Fiscal Notes' getting bold new makeover

AUSTIN — "Fiscal Notes," the Comptroller of Public Accounts lead publication, has been revamped, and is now being printed by a private vendor.

The move is part of Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander's so-called "Yellow Pages Test," in which private sector companies are asked if they can do the job government was doing at a lower cost.

"Government should do no job if there is a business in the Yellow Pages that can do that job better and at a lower cost," Comptroller Rylander said.

Rylander said that over the coming months, she will put other state products and services to the same test.

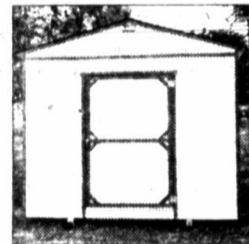
"I am committed to challenging the status quo at all levels of government and in all areas of the Comptroller's office," she said.

"Fiscal Notes" was started in 1975, and will continue to provide taxpayers and state officials with accurate information about economic research and development in Texas.

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SMART BUY

Texas Panhandle Mental Health Authority receives STAR Grant

AMARILLO — During a recent meeting of Texas Panhandle Mental Health Authority Board of Trustees, it was announced TPMHA Child and Adolescent Services was awarded the Services to At-Risk Youth (STAR) Grant by the Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services.

The four-year grant is for approximately \$617,000 annually and will serve the upper 21 counties of the panhandle. The board approved the hiring of 12 new STAR staff to serve the cities of Amarillo, Canyon, Hereford, Dalhart, Borger, Pampa, Perryton and Clarendon. Youth at-risk, ages 7-17, and their families are eligible for services under the program if they meet the program eligibility criteria which includes runaway youth, truant youth, youth in family conflict and delinquent youth. The board approved Heidi Rindlisbacher, LPC, as director of the program which will begin Sept. 1, 1999. The Amarillo offices will be in Wellington Square. Regional

office sites will be announced at a later time.

In other business, Ed Calahan, director, State Operated Community Services for Texas Department of Mental Health Mental Retardation in Austin, made a presentation to the board concerning the transition process underway for the past three years combining state operated community services with the local center. The goal is to have all MHMR services under one umbrella at each designated site and to have programs in place for the consumer. TPMHA and Amarillo State Center are scheduled to merge Sept. 1, 2000. The two agencies have been meeting for the past nine months, planning a smooth merger and the continuation of services for the mentally ill and mentally retarded.

Also addressing the board was Roger Speight, chief information officer, Texas Community Solutions for the Texas Council Community MHMR Centers in Austin, on PsychServ Clinical Software. This state-of-the-art software program provides for a Managed Care capability and will allow TPMHA to electronically communicate with a large variety of payors. Purchase was approved by the board of trustees.

The nine-member board provides oversight for the operations of the center and represents the citizens of 21 counties the agency serves in the upper panhandle. The board meets monthly and in compliance with the public Open Meetings Laws of Texas.

WTAMU enrollment up this summer

CANYON — Summer is a good time to take classes, according to West Texas A&M University enrollment figures from the second summer session. As of July 19, the university was up 230 students from last year's Summer Session II.

"These students represent a 14 percent increase," Lise Blankenship, senior director of enrollment management, said. "This is a good sign for the fall. These enrollment figures coupled with our applicant counts for fall are a good sign for the fall semester."

In all, 1,849 students are enrolled in Summer Session II classes, including 110 more undergraduate students and 120 more graduate students than at the same time a year ago. The students combined to make a 15.6 percent increase in semester credit hours.

July 19 was the fourth day of classes, and Texas' public universities use fourth-class-day enrollment figures as the final numbers reported to the state for summer school.

Classes started July 14 and will conclude Aug. 18.

SPORTS

Smith, Curtis win Pampa Tennis Open titles

PAMPA — Pampa High tennis players A.J. Smith and Emily Curtis were the 18 singles winners in the Pampa Tennis Open held last weekend at the PHS courts. Smith defeated Blake Hurst of

Amarillo, 7-5, 6-3, to win the boys' singles championship while Curtis defeated PHS teammate Helen Orr, 6-4, 6-1, in the girls' finals.

Clarke Hale def. Jay Gerber-Stephen Nelson, Pampa, 6-2, 1-6, 6-4; **Finals:** Howard-Scroggins def. DuBose-Hale, 6-3, 6-3; **Consolation:** Gerber-Nelson def. Spearman-Turner, 6-3, 6-2.

14 Doubles Semifinals: Willis-Bradley, Pampa, def. Bonnie Holmes-Lauren Acker, Pampa, 6-0, 6-1; Tara Jordan, Pampa-Allison Hutcherson def. Helen Brooks-Julie Thompson, Pampa, 6-2, 6-2; **Finals:** Willis-Bradley, def. Jordan-Hutcherson, 7-5, 6-2; **Consolation:** Covalt-West, Pampa, def. Fraiser-Britten, Groom, 6-4, 6-1.

Open Doubles Semifinals: Mandy Wells-Emily Waters, Pampa, def. Jenny Yrak-Linda Mankong, Canyon, 6-3, 6-1; Kelly, Panhandle-Stephanie Wilson, Pampa, def. McKinley Quarles-Emily Curtis, Pampa, 6-4, 4-6, 7-6 (8-6); **Finals:** Waters-Wells def. Wilson-Kelly, 6-4, 6-4; **Consolation:** Quarles-Curtis def. Fleming-Sweet, Borger, 8-3.

Mixed Division 14 Doubles Semifinals: Eric Scroggins-Brittany Brazil, Pampa, def. Kaleb Coffman-Morgan Forrest, Borger, 6-1, 6-1; Abby Bradley-Britton White, Pampa, def. Andrew Curtis-Tara Jordan, Pampa, 6-2, 6-3; **Finals:** Scroggins-Brazil def. White-Bradley, 4-6, 6-3, 6-1; **Consolation:** Abby Covalt-Clarke Hale, Pampa, def. Curtis-Jordan, Pampa, 8-3.

Mixed Open Doubles Semifinals: Russ DuBose-Emily Waters, Pampa, def. Mandy Wells-Blake Hurst, Pampa, 7-5, 4-6, 6-3; McKinley Quarles-Michael Cornelson, Pampa, def. A.J. Smith-Helen Orr, Pampa, 8-6; **Finals:** DuBose-Waters def. Quarles-Cornelson, 8-6; **Consolation:** Emily Curtis-Ryan Mills, Pampa, def. Carolyn Quarles-Jeff Adkins, Pampa, 8-3.

Results are as follows:

Boys Division

Singles 12 & Under Semifinals: Kaleb Coffman, Borger, def. Lawton Moreland, 6-0, 6-2; Scott Milner, Borger, def. Collin Howard, Pampa, 6-2, 6-3. **Finals:** Coffman def. Milner, 6-7, 6-3, 6-3; **Consolation:** Seth Yrak, Canyon, def. Howard, 6-1, 6-1.

14 & Under Semifinals: Eric Scroggins, Pampa, def. Mark Milner, Borger, 7-5, 6-2; Tyler Howard, Pampa, def. Stephen Nelson, Pampa, 7-6, 6-2; **Finals:** Scroggins def. Howard, 6-7 (5-7), 6-3, 6-1; **Consolation:** Jay Gerber, Pampa, def. Tyler DuBose, Pampa, 6-1, 6-3.

16 singles Semifinals: David Philips, Pampa, def. Nathanael Hill, Pampa, 6-2, 6-0; Jared Spearman, Pampa, def. Jeff Adkins, Pampa, 6-4, 6-2; **Finals:** Philips def. Spearman, 6-4, 7-5; **Consolation:** Tyson Kessler, Canyon, def. Jeff Adkins, 6-1, 6-4.

18 Singles Semifinals: A.J. Smith, Pampa, def. Michael Cornelson, Pampa, 7-5, 7-6 (7-1); Blake Hurst, Amarillo, def. Nathan Milner, Borger, 7-5, 1-6, 6-3; **Finals:** Smith def. Hurst, 7-5, 6-3; **Consolation:** Kerry Turner, Pampa, def. Dustin Laycock, College Station, 7-5, 6-2.

14 & Under Doubles Semifinals: Howard-Scroggins, Pampa, def. Jordan Spearman-Kevin Turner, 6-1, 6-1; T. DuBose-

Girls Division

14 Singles Semifinals: Abby Bradley, Pampa, def. Brittany Brazil, Pampa, 6-1, 6-2; Tara Jordan, Pampa, def. Ashley Willis, Pampa, 6-2, 4-2, default; **Finals:** Bradley def. Jordan, 6-2, 6-2; **Consolation:** Abby Covalt, Pampa, def. Liz West, Pampa, default.

16 Singles Semifinals: Abby Fleming, Borger, def. Stacie Carter, Pampa, 6-4, 6-0; Brittany Kindle, Pampa, def. Michelle Lee, Pampa, 5-7, 6-4, 6-2; **Finals:** Kindle def. Fleming, 6-2, 6-0; **Consolation:** Jenny Yrak, Canyon, def. Courtney Moreland, Amarillo, 6-2, 6-0.

18 Singles Semifinals: Emily Curtis, Pampa, def. Amy Spearman, Miami, 6-1, 6-0; Helen Orr, Pampa, def. Jamille Poole, Dumas, default; **Finals:** Curtis def. Orr, 6-4, 6-1; **Consolation:** Mankong, Canyon, def. Amy Spearman, Miami, 6-3, 6-1.

Notebook

BASEBALL

PAMPA — The Pampa Optimist Youth Club will host a 7-8 and 9 year-old boys Pitching Machine Baseball Tournament Aug. 13-15 at Optimist Park. The pitching machine will be used for all games.

First and second-place trophies will be awarded in the double-elimination tournament.

There will be a \$75 entry fee per team and the entry deadline is Aug. 9.

Call Jeff Skinner at 665-8120, Joe Skinner and 669-2769, Monte Covalt at 669-3615 or Mando Ramirez at 665-1248 to enter the tournament.

A copy of a birth certificate is required for each player. No player can turn 10 years old before July 31.

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Ivan Rodriguez won't be satisfied with becoming the first major-league catcher with 20 home runs and 20 stolen bases in a season. He already has his eye on 30-30.

The Texas Rangers' All Star passed the 20-homer plateau with a pair on Monday night, becoming only the third American League catcher to hit at least 20 in three consecutive seasons.

After 104 games, Rodriguez has 19 steals and, barring injury, is a cinch to reach the 20-20 mark.

"That's been one of my goals," Rodriguez said Monday. "After that, my goal is 30-30. It would be nice to do that this year. I'm not going to say I can't do it. I've just got to keep working hard."

Only one previous catcher has ever threatened to reach the 20-20 mark. Carlton Fisk had 37 homers and 17 steals for the Chicago White Sox in 1985. The closest Hall of Famer Johnny Bench ever got was 16 homers and 13 steals in 1976.

The Pittsburgh Pirates' Jason Kendall had 12 homers and 26 steals last season. Kendall had eight homers and 22 steals when he suffered a season-ending ankle injury on July 4.

Catchers traditionally haven't been players with great speed, and there haven't been many who are power hitters. Rodriguez has both qualities, in addition to durability, averaging 149 games over the past three seasons, and great defensive skills that have won him seven Gold Gloves.

Longtime baseball observer Bill James said the 20-20 mark is a significant accomplishment for Rodriguez, but the homers-steals combination doesn't begin to describe his excellence as a total player.

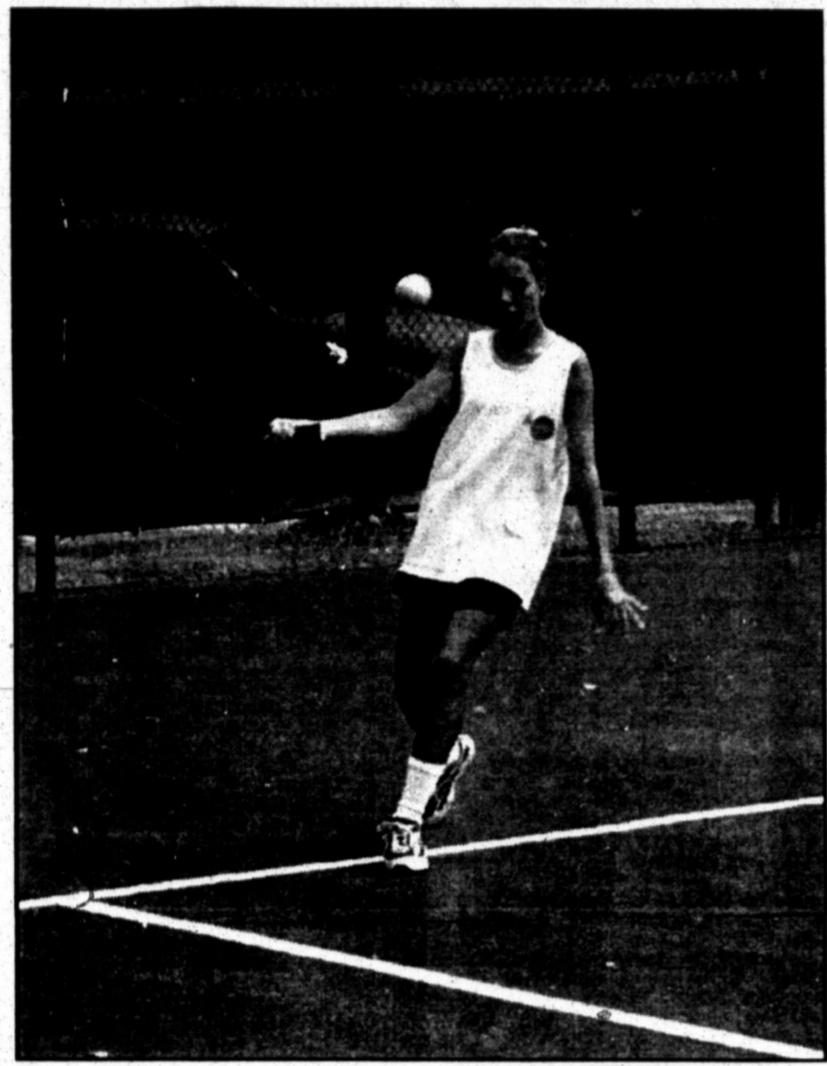
"Most of them (catchers) do one thing well. They hit for power or they run well," James said. "He's a great ball player and I don't think we'll see another catcher like him in the next 10 years."

Rodriguez, whose offense often has sagged as the Texas summer wears on, has been on a torrid tear recently, batting .545 (30-of-55) with six homers and 18 RBIs in an 12-game hitting streak through Tuesday night's 9-5 victory over Minnesota. He went 4-for-5 against the Twins Tuesday night and scored three times.

"He's in one of those grooves right now where everything looks good to him," said Texas manager Johnny Oates.

Rodriguez has 58 games left to reach the 30-30 mark. "I'm playing very good," he said. "I'm relaxed now."

Many players other than catchers have hit 30 homers with 30 steals. Only three, Oakland's Jose Canseco in 1988, San Francisco's Barry Bonds in 1996 and Seattle's Alex Rodriguez last year, have had 40-40 years.



(Pampa News photo)

Abbi Covalt hits a forehand shot at the Pampa Tennis Open.

Deion out for preseason, maybe longer

By The Associated Press

The Dallas Cowboys will have to wait awhile for the return of "Prime Time."

Cornerback Deion Sanders will not return to the team until September, and even that may be a bit optimistic, team owner Jerry Jones said Tuesday. Sanders is in training camp, but not practicing with the team as he rehabilitates his left big toe. He underwent surgery to fix an extreme case of turf toe in April.

"I know we won't see him in a preseason game," Jones said, confirming for the first time what had long been suspected.

There had been no estimate of when the All-Pro cornerback might suit up until Tuesday, when Jones said: "I see him really trying to push himself sometime in September."

However, Jones also noted that if Sanders sits for all of September, he would miss only two games because Dallas has an early bye-week. The Cowboys' third game is Oct. 3 against division rival Arizona in Texas Stadium.

"If Deion misses only two ballgames, then we've hit a home run," Jones said.

Sanders' injury kept him out of five games last year and limited him in two others. The Cowboys were 8-3 in games he played and 2-3 without him. He returned for the first-round playoff loss to the Cardinals and played in the Pro Bowl, but was still in pain two months later and opted for surgery.

Missing training camp and preseason games is nothing new for Sanders, who earlier in his career didn't start playing football until he finished the major league baseball season.

Jones said he doesn't expect the layoff to be a problem.

"Other than his rehabilitation on his toe, Deion is going to be in football shape by September," Jones said. "We're not going to push anything anyway. It's going to have to be obvious to himself and to everybody that he cannot in any way be compromised."

Vikings

Dimitrios Underwood skipped out on the Minnesota Vikings to attend to a "family matter" and will return to training camp Wednesday, his agent said after finally tracking down the AWOL rookie.

Underwood, a first-round draft pick, inexplicably disappeared from training camp Monday, worrying the team, his agent and his family, all concerned about his well being.

"He called to inform me that he was planning to be back in Mankato tonight," agent Craig Domann said Tuesday night. "He apologized for the way he

took off without talking to anybody or asking for permission from the team or even letting me know or anyone else know that he was doing what he was doing."

"He had to deal with a family matter that had gotten to crisis proportions, and he had to take care of it. He is now focusing his energies back on football."

Domann declined to go into specifics about the family matter or Underwood's whereabouts.

Underwood, a 6-foot-6, 276-pound defensive end from Michigan State, was the 29th selection in the NFL draft. He signed a five-year contract Sunday for more than \$5 million, including a partially deferred signing bonus of \$1,750,000.

Bears

Cade McNown took part in his first practice with the Chicago Bears after signing his contract 11 days into camp.

McNown, the 12th pick overall, ended his holdout Monday with a contract that could pay him up to \$22 million over five years. The initial deal is for seven years and \$15 million, but the last two years are voidable and he can make an additional

\$7 million in performance-based incentives.

He arrived late Monday after a solo drive from Chicago that included several wrong turns and a slight mishap when he discovered he didn't have any change for a toll booth.

Buccaneers

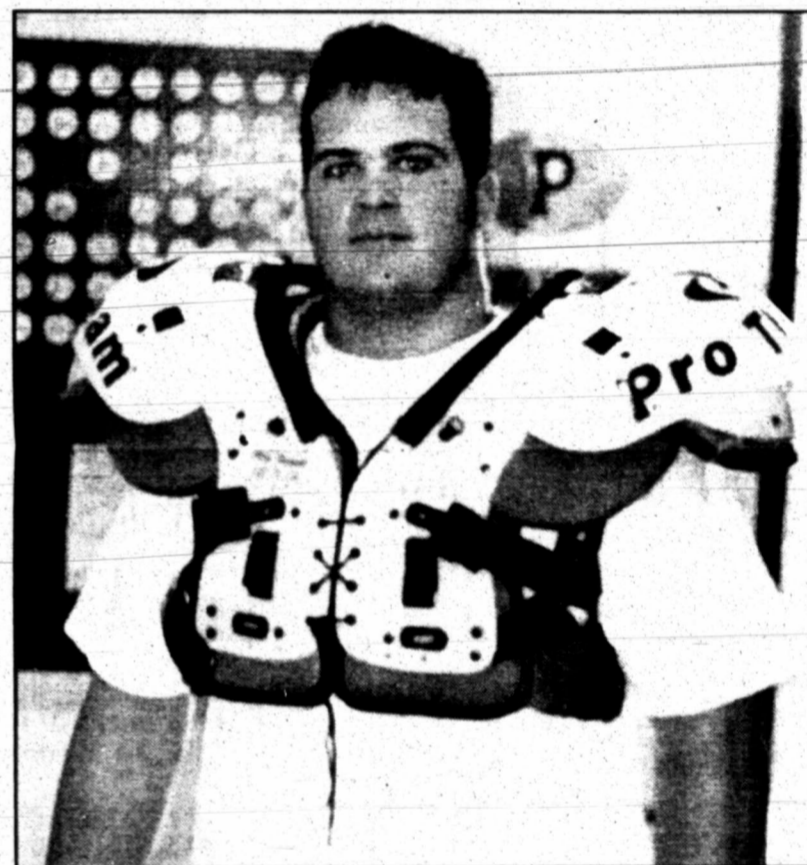
First-round draft pick Anthony McFarland agreed to terms with Tampa Bay, ending a three-day training camp holdout.

General manager Rich McKay said the six-foot, 300-pound defensive tackle from LSU would arrive in town to sign the deal Tuesday night and practice on Wednesday.

McFarland was the first defensive lineman selected in the draft and 15th pick overall. His contract is believed to be worth more than \$6 million over five years, including a \$4 million signing bonus.

Giants

Jason Sehorn's attempt to return to the New York Giants' lineup is going to be delayed about another 10 days because of a torn hamstring in his left leg.



All-District lineman Tyson Curtis exhibits the new shoulder pads the Pampa Harvesters will be wearing this year. Football equipment was issued Tuesday at the high school athletic building. Curtis, a senior, and 3-year starter, will be at the Meet The Harvesters night at 8 Saturday with the rest of his teammates. The get-acquainted event will be held at Harvester Stadium.

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Will there be more Monday night golf?

NEW YORK (AP) - The over-hyped matchup between Tiger Woods and David Duval exceeded expectations with its television ratings. Still, don't expect other networks to follow ABC's lead.

While Woods' victory in the prime-time match-play exhibition, shown from 8-11 p.m. EDT, posted a 6.9 national rating and a 12 share, the PGA Tour won't be sanctioning too many made-for-TV events in the future.

"We thought it would be a good idea on a limited basis," said Ed Moorhouse, PGA Tour senior vice president. "But we wouldn't want to do it too frequently. It's takes some of the attention away from the official events."

Also, Woods would almost certainly have to be involved in order to captivate a national prime-time audience.

"We don't want to overdo it," said Barry Frank of IMG, which represents both players and organized the event. "But we have to see what the players want to do. The plan, if we do another, would be to do one next summer. It's a good event once a year, and let's just leave it at that. But we'd have to do it live during the summer on the West coast, or Hawaii, because of the time difference."

The Woods-Duval matchup's rating was higher than the final rounds of the British Open (4.8), PGA Championships (5.7) and U.S. Open (6.8), but fell well short of the final round of the Masters (10.1).

However, all of the major golf tournaments are played during daytime, when it is more difficult to attract viewers.

Many industry experts, including the ABC brass, predicted a rating in the 5s for the Woods-Duval showcase. The show peaked from 10:30 p.m. to 11 p.m. with a 8.2 mark.

"You can't compare this to anything, since it hasn't been done before," said ABC spokesman Mark Mandel. "What it means for the future, we still don't

know. We're very happy with our telecast."

The national rating for the event was comparable to NFL preseason games in prime time. For example, the Dallas-Jacksonville game on CBS in 1998 had a 6.5 rating while the Cowboys' matchup with New England earned a 7.9.

The rating is the percentage of TV households in the United States tuned to a program, and each point represents 994,000 homes. The share is the percentage tuned to a program among television users in use at the time.

Woods earned \$1.1 million for the victory in the match, which ended under temporary floodlights set up at Sherwood Country Club. Duval was guaranteed a \$400,000 losers share. Each donated \$200,000 to charity.

One of the most difficult challenges ABC faced with the match was to maintain viewer interest in between the golfers' shots. That meant filling a lot of air time with taped interviews and had co-host Al Michaels, making his network golf debut, going into great detail about things like the Met Life Snoopy II Blimp.

The casual viewer who knew little about Woods and Duval was able to get plenty of information from features and profiles between the shots and commercials. The avid golf fan, however, really didn't see or hear anything unique.

ABC had wanted to make Woods and Duval to get viewers closer to the personalities of the world's top two players. The PGA Tour nixed the idea because it violated tour rules.

"We didn't think it would be a problem since players have been miked for 18 years in the Skins Game," Frank said. "Both players wanted to be miked. It was just an exhibition and wasn't for the championship of the world. It would have been more entertaining if they had been miked."

ABC did pick up some audio from the golfers, but neither player really seemed to do much talking.

Astros' Hampton extends mound record to 15-3

HOUSTON (AP) - It doesn't matter if Mike Hampton reveals his pitching strategy. Nobody seems to be able to do anything about it.

Using his complete bag of tricks, Hampton allowed three hits in seven innings to win his sixth straight decision and become the second 15-game winner in the NL as the Houston Astros beat the Los Angeles Dodgers 7-2 Tuesday night.

"I've had all the pitches before, but I've just learned to change speeds on my fastball more," Hampton said. "If you get in a rhythm, the hitters can time you."

"I've learned to take a little off and then put a little more on. That's why I get a lot of ground balls."

Hampton (15-3) won for the 10th time in 11 starts and matched Kent Hootenfield of St. Louis with 15 victories. Pedro Martinez is the only AL pitcher with 15 wins.

"He was effectively wild," Eric Karros said. "He doesn't throw that many balls over the plate. He goes deep in the count. He gives you a ball and a strike, a ball and another strike."

"He throws just enough strikes to keep out of trouble. He came real close to walking seven or eight guys, but he didn't do it. He came up with the strike when he needed it."

Karros went 0-for-3. The Astros won for the ninth time in 11 games, and they have won 17 of 22. The Dodgers have lost 11 of 14 games.

"After his first couple of starts this season, he's had consistently good stuff," Astros manager Larry Dierker said. "He's had just a few lapses with his control that kept him from finishing the game."

Hampton equaled his career-high in wins and pitched at least six innings for the 20th time in 22 starts this season.

Hampton doesn't want credit for his 15th victory.

"It's a team thing, I wouldn't

be here if not for how my teammates have played," Hampton said. "That (20 victories) would be a great accomplishment from a personal standpoint, but my goals are team oriented. I just want to make the World Series."

Devon White led off the second inning with his 10th homer. Hampton had faced 287 batters without giving up a homer. He's allowed seven homers this season.

Hampton didn't allow another hit after White's homer until Adrian Beltre led off the seventh with a single. Hampton struck out seven and walked five.

The Astros gave Hampton plenty of run support, scoring five runs after two outs in the third inning off Darren Dreifort (8-11).

Houston benefited from five hits and two errors in the five-run third inning. The Astros had RBI singles by Bill Spiers, Derek Bell and Lance Berkman, and Jeff Bagwell reached on third baseman Adrian Beltre's error after Spiers' hit.

Richard Hidalgo reached on shortstop Mark Grudzielanek's error to load the bases. Paul Bako followed with a two-run single to center to make it 5-1.

Spiers got his second RBI single in the sixth.

"The mark of the good clubs is they take advantage of their opportunities," Dierker said. "They helped us out tonight. They had a couple of chances to get out of it and they didn't."

Beltre hit a solo homer in the ninth for the Dodgers off Butch Henry.

Notes: Dreifort allowed six runs and nine hits in six innings. ... Since coming off the DL on July 6, Mark Grudzielanek has hit in 20 of 23 games, including an eighth-inning single. ... Eric Karros has 211 career home runs and is 17 behind Ron Cey, whose 228 are the most since the Dodgers moved to Los Angeles. ... The Astros are only team in the majors undefeated when leading after eight innings.

Scoreboard

BASEBALL

National League

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East Division

| Team | W | L | Pct. | GB |
|--------------|----|----|------|--------|
| New York | 65 | 43 | .602 | - |
| Atlanta | 64 | 44 | .593 | 1 |
| Philadelphia | 58 | 48 | .547 | 6 |
| Montreal | 41 | 62 | .398 | 21 1/2 |
| Florida | 41 | 66 | .383 | 23 1/2 |

Central Division

| Team | W | L | Pct. | GB |
|------------|----|----|------|--------|
| Houston | 65 | 42 | .607 | - |
| Cincinnati | 61 | 43 | .587 | 2 1/2 |
| St. Louis | 54 | 53 | .506 | 11 |
| Pittsburgh | 52 | 53 | .495 | 12 |
| Milwaukee | 49 | 58 | .457 | 15 |
| Chicago | 48 | 58 | .452 | 15 1/2 |

West Division

| Team | W | L | Pct. | GB |
|---------------|----|----|------|-------|
| Arizona | 60 | 48 | .556 | - |
| San Francisco | 57 | 50 | .533 | 2 1/2 |
| San Diego | 50 | 56 | .472 | 9 |
| Colorado | 47 | 59 | .443 | 12 |
| Los Angeles | 46 | 60 | .434 | 13 |

Monday's Games

Montreal 5, Chicago 1

St. Louis 6, San Diego 5

New York 7, Milwaukee 2

Arizona 16, San Francisco 6

Only games scheduled

Tuesday's Games

Pittsburgh 7, Atlanta 1

Cincinnati 2, Colorado 1

Philadelphia 6, Florida 5

St. Louis 6, San Diego 0

New York 10, Milwaukee 3

Montreal 9, Chicago 4

Monday's Games

Atlanta (Byrd 12-6) at Florida (Springer 5-10), 7:05 p.m.

Colorado (Kile 6-10) at Pittsburgh (Ritchie 9-7), 7:35 p.m.

Colorado (Kile 6-10) at Cincinnati (Neagle 1-3), 7:35 p.m.

New York (Rogers 0-0) at Milwaukee (Peterson 1-1), 8:05 p.m.

Los Angeles (K. Brown 11-6) at Houston (Holt 2-10), 8:05 p.m.

San Diego (Clemens 5-10) at St. Louis (Mercker 4-1), 8:10 p.m.

San Francisco (Nathan 2-1) at Arizona (Anderson 3-2), 10:35 p.m.

Thursday's Games

Colorado (Astacio 11-9) at Cincinnati (Guzman 0-0), 12:35 p.m.

Los Angeles (Valdes 4-8) at Houston (Reynolds 13-7), 1:35 p.m.

Montreal (Turman 3-7) at Chicago (Lieber 8-4), 2:20 p.m.

Philadelphia (Person 5-3) at Florida (Suzek 4-3), 7:05 p.m.

Atlanta (Smoltz 8-4) at Pittsburgh (Schourek 3-5), 7:05 p.m.

Atlanta (Smoltz 8-4) at St. Louis (Luebbers 1-1), 8:10 p.m.

Only games scheduled

American League

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East Division

| Team | W | L | Pct. | GB |
|-----------|----|----|------|--------|
| New York | 63 | 42 | .600 | - |
| Toronto | 60 | 49 | .550 | 5 |
| Boston | 57 | 49 | .538 | 6 1/2 |
| Baltimore | 46 | 60 | .434 | 17 1/2 |
| Tampa Bay | 43 | 64 | .402 | 21 |

Central Division

| Team | W | L | Pct. | GB |
|-------------|----|----|------|--------|
| Cleveland | 65 | 41 | .613 | - |
| Chicago | 51 | 54 | .486 | 13 1/2 |
| Kansas City | 45 | 61 | .425 | 20 |
| Minnesota | 44 | 61 | .419 | 20 1/2 |
| Detroit | 42 | 65 | .393 | 23 1/2 |

West Division

| Team | W | L | Pct. | GB |
|---------|----|----|------|--------|
| Texas | 64 | 42 | .604 | - |
| Oakland | 56 | 50 | .528 | 8 |
| Seattle | 53 | 53 | .500 | 11 |
| Arizona | 41 | 61 | .419 | 19 1/2 |

Monday's Games

New York 3, Toronto 1

Texas 5, Minnesota 4

Oakland 7, Baltimore 1

Seattle 4, Tampa Bay 0

Tuesday's Games

Chicago 9, Detroit 6

Cleveland 5, Boston 4

Toronto 3, New York 1

Texas 9, Minnesota 5

Kansas City 7, Anaheim 0

Seattle 5, Tampa Bay 2

Oakland 12, Baltimore 2

Wednesday's Games

Toronto (Escobar 9-7) at New York (Iraha 8-3), 12:05 p.m.

Cleveland (Colon 10-3) at Boston (Portugal 6-8), 1:05 p.m.

Baltimore (J. Johnson 2-5) at Oakland (Haynes 7-9), 4:05 p.m.

Minnesota (Radke 6-9) at Texas (Loaiza 3-1), 8:35 p.m.

Kansas City (Witasick 4-8) at Anaheim (Hill 3-10), 10:35 p.m.

Tampa Bay (Eiland 1-6) at Seattle (Meche 2-1), 10:35 p.m.

Only games scheduled

Tuesday's Major League Lineups

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AMERICAN CONFERENCE

Chicago 200 240 010 - 9 15 2

Detroit 021 200 001 - 6 9 1

Snyder, C. Castillo (6), Howry (9) and Fordyce; Thompson, Kida (5), Blair (7), To Jones (9) and Hasselman, W.-Snyder, 9-6. L-Thomas, 9-10. SV-Howry (18). HRs-Chicago, Singleton (11), C. Wilson (3), Detroit, Palmer (26), Alvarez (2).

Cleveland 010001 021 - 5 8 0

Boston 003 000 100 - 4 7 0

Wright, S. Reed (5), Rincon (7), Shuey (7), M. Jackson (9) and El Diaz; P. Martinez, Garces (6), Florie (6), Cormier (7), Wakefield (8) and Varitek, Webster (9). W-Shuey, 7-4. L-Wakefield, 3-8. SV-M. Jackson (24). HRs-Cleveland, Thome 2 (20).

National League

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East Division

| Team | W | L | Pct. | GB |
|-----------|----|---|-------|--------|
| Baltimore | 11 | 0 | 1.000 | - |
| Oakland | 9 | 4 | .692 | 12 1/2 |

Central Division

| Team | W | L | Pct. | GB |
|---|---|---|------|----|
| Bones, Johns (3), Corai (6), Orsco (8), Timlin (8) and C. Johnson; Hudson, Groom (8), Lirinhhausen (9) and MacFarlane, W.-Hudson, 8-1. L-Bones, 0-3. HRs-Oakland, Stairs (25), Tejada (12). | | | | |

West Division

| Team | W | L | Pct. | GB |
|------------|---|---|------|----|
| Colorado | 9 | 1 | .900 | - |
| Cincinnati | 9 | 1 | .900 | - |

Monday's Games

Baltimore 11, Oakland 9

Colorado 9, Cincinnati 9

Atlanta 001 000 000 - 1 4 0

Pittsburgh 00001123x - 7 7 0

Monday's Games

Colorado (01) 000 000 - 1 0 0

Cincinnati (001) 000 001 - 2 0 1

Wright, Leskovic (7), Ro. Ramirez (9), DeJean (9) and Blanco; Harnisch, D. Reyes (8), S. Williamson (9) and Taubensee, W.-S. Williamson, 10-4. L-DeJean, 2-4.

San Diego 000000 000 - 0 4 1

St. Louis 100 200 03x - 6 9 1

Boehringer, Miceli (8) and B. Davis; Oliver and A. Castillo; W. Oliver, 7-7. L-Boehringer, 6-4. HR-St. Louis, Paquette (1).

Philadelphia 000001122 - 6 12 1

Florida 000 003 002 - 5 9 0

Monday's Games

Philadelphia (000001) 122 - 6 12 1

Florida (000) 003 002 - 5 9 0

Monday's Games

Qega, Telemaco (7), S. Montgomery (8), Aldred (8), Gomes (9) and Lieberthal; Dempster, Looper (7), J. Sanchez (7), Edmondson (8), Almote (9) and Fabregas. W-Telemaco, 3-0. L-Edmondson, 4-8. SV-Gomes (18). HRs-Philadelphia, Broga (14), Lieberthal (22), Florida, Lowell (4).

New York 201 210 130 - 10 13 1

Milwaukee 002000010 - 3 6 1

Monday's Games

New York (201) 210 130 - 10 13 1

Milwaukee (002000010) - 3 6 1

Monday's Games

Hershiser, Wendell (8), Yoshii (9) and Piazza, Pratt (8); Putschler, Harris (6), Weathers (8), M. Myers (9) and Banks. W-Hershiser, 11-8. L-Putschler, 3-2. HRs-New York, Piazza (23), Ventura (24). Milwaukee, Banks (4).

Montreal 023 210 001 - 9 13 0

Chicago 030 000 010 - 4 12 0

Monday's Games

Vazquez, Telford (6), Mota (8), Kline (9) and Wagner; Bowie, Rain (4), Serafini (5), R. King (7), Beck (9) and J. Reed, Houston (9). W-Vazquez, 6-5. L-Bowie, 0-2. HRs-Montreal, V. Guerrero (22), Widger (10), Andrews (6), Chicago, H. Rodriguez (20).

Los Angeles 010000001 - 2 6 3

Houston 005 001 01x - 7 10 0

Monday's Games

Dreifort, Harges (7), Kubenka (9) and Hundley; Hampton, J. Powell (8), D. Henry (9) and Bako. W-Hampton, 15-3. L-Dreifort, 8-11. HRs-Los Angeles, D. White (10), Beltré (10).

San Francisco 0000000 030 - 3 6 2

Arizona 100 000 000 - 1 3 0

Monday's Games

L. Hernandez, Johnstone (8), Embree (8), Sosa (9) and Sevels; Diaz, Chouhad (8) and D. Miller. W-L. Hernandez, 6-10. L-Daal, 10-6. SV-Nen (24). HR-San Francisco, Hayes (3).

FOOTBALL

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AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East

| Team | W | L | T | Pct. | PF | PA |
|--------------|---|---|---|------|----|----|
| Buffalo | 0 | 0 | 0 | .000 | 00 | 00 |
| Indianapolis | 0 | 0 | 0 | .000 | 00 | 00 |
| Miami | 0 | 0 | 0 | .000 | 00 | 00 |
| New England | 0 | 0 | 0 | .000 | 00 | 00 |
| N.Y. Jets | 0 | 0 | 0 | .000 | 00 | 00 |

Central

| Team | W | L | T | Pct. | PF | |
|------|---|---|---|------|----|--|
|------|---|---|---|------|----|--|

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The local first-place recipe will advance to national competition and a chance to win the grand prize ...

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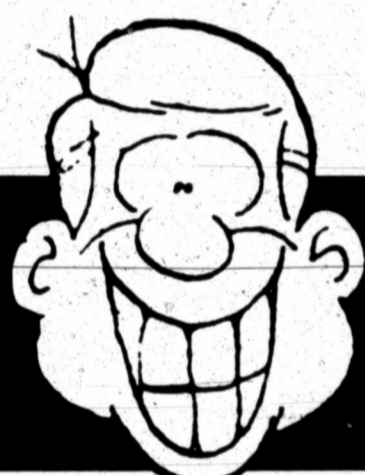
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Calendar of events

TOASTMASTERS

The Toastmasters will meet every Wednesday night from 5:45 to 6:45 p.m. at Furr's Cafeteria.

WHITE DEER LAND MUSEUM

The White Deer Land Museum (112-116 S. Cuyler) visiting hours are Tuesday-Sunday, 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. There will be history of the White Deer Land Co., and the early area settlers and outstanding arrow-head collection and art gallery. Elevator.

RED CROSS

The Red Cross is offering free blood sugar and blood pressure testing every Friday from 10 a.m. - noon at Red Cross Office, 108 N. Russell.

EMMAUS REUNION

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

HIGH PLAINS EPILEPSY ASSOCIATION

High Plains Epilepsy Association of Amarillo, funded in part by Pampa United Way, will have a licensed social worker in Pampa from 9:30-12 noon the second Tuesday of each month at Pampa Community Building, 200 N. Ballard. The program assists people with epilepsy and their families. To make an appointment, contact the Amarillo office at 1-800-806-7236.

LOVETT MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Guided tours of Lovett Memorial Library will be conducted from 1-5 p.m. and from 6-9 p.m. each Wednesday throughout the month of August. Find out what the library has, where it is and how to use it. For more information, call 669-5780.

MEDICAL ROUNDS

The Women's Center of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center will see patients for pap smears Wednesday, Aug. 11 at Harrington Cancer Center in Amarillo. The clinic is limited to women who qualify for the Breast and Cervical Cancer Control Program grant through the Texas Department of Health. To schedule an appointment, call (806) 356-1905.

GEM THEATRE

The group Melody will present "A Salute to the Andrew Sisters" at 7:30 p.m. Aug. 28 at the Gem Theatre in Claude. Victoria Thompson of Plano, Debbie Forristal of Allen and Debbie Brown of Grand Prairie will provide an evening of song "in the style of the Andrew Sisters." For reservations, call (806) 226-5409.

AMARILLO FINE ARTS ASSOCIATION

Amarillo Fine Arts Association will hold its Best of the Southwest Fall Art Show Sept. 30-Oct. 8 at Amarillo National Bank in Amarillo. Judging will take place Sept. 29 and a reception and awards presentation will be from 7-9 p.m. Sept. 30. The juror for the competition will be Judi Betts of Baton Rouge, La. Betts will also be conducting a demonstration and a workshop. Fee for her two-day course on Sept. 27-28 will be \$100. The workshop is limited to the first 20 people. To register, send fee to Jo Bryan, 3501 Ruston, Amarillo, TX 79109. For more information, call Cindy Kelleher, chairman, at (806) 358-4880 or Bryan at (806) 374-1070.

DEPRESSION SEMINAR

The Institute for Natural Resources will host a "Beyond Prozac: Depression, Stress, Diet, & Drugs" seminar for RN's, LVN's, LPN's,

dietitians, DTR's, psychologists, social workers and counselors from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Aug. 11 at the Radisson Inn in Amarillo and Aug. 12 at the Memorial Civic Center in Lubbock. Pre-registration is \$61. Cost of the seminar will be \$74 at the door. For more information, call (510) 450-1650.

USS LONG BEACH REUNION

USS Long Beach Reunion Association will hold its 1999 reunion Sept. 15-19 at Pensacola, Fla. Participants will be staying at the Holiday Inn Bay Beach, 51 Gulf Breeze Parkway, Gulf Breeze, FL 32561-9990. For reservations, call (850) 932-2214. For more information, contact Don Shade at P.O. Box 69, Clymer, NY 14724-0069, (716) 569-2314, or e-mail LBCGN9@aol.com.

Park officials warn visitors of rattlesnakes at Meredith

FRITCH — The extra rainfall this spring in the panhandle has brought lovely wildflowers, lush, tall plants and a haven for rattlesnakes, especially in the Lake Meredith National Recreation Area and Alibates Flint Quarries National Monument. The creatures are protected in the park. The park protects all parts of the natural environment, from flowers to snakes.

The best way to deal with rattlesnakes, park officials say, is to back off and go around the reptile. If you hear a rattle, do not move. Locate the snake visually if you can then slowly back away from the area. A snake in the middle of a trail or road may merely be resting. Never pick up any snake!

Rattlesnakes have no ears and feel through their stomach. They can feel movements up to 100-feet or more away.

Rattlers are the only poisonous snakes around Lake Meredith which is seemingly free of water moccasins, copperheads or coral snakes. Other snakes are not considered dangerous though any snakebite should be of concern because diseases such as tetanus may be contracted from any puncture wound.

Rattlesnake incidents at Meredith are rare. In the last 34 years, there have been five people bitten by snakes around the lake. The average has been one bite every seven years. With almost 1.5 million visitors each year, the chance of being bitten is approximately one person bitten per 10.5 millions visitors to the park.

Of the five people bitten, three picked up the snake. Two were teenage boys who had been drinking. They suffered no ill effects from the bites. One in three rattlesnake bites has no venom injected. The snake may have eaten recently and exhausted its venom supply.

The other bite victim picked up a snake while walking a trail. He saw the rattler lying across the path and since it did not move decided it was dead. He picked it up to move it off the trail and it bit him twice. He spent a week in the hospital and was out of work for a month.

Another bite incident involved a young woman walking in high grass while wearing sandals. The rule here is "don't walk where you can't see!" Likewise, don't pick up trash where you can't see, don't step over logs without looking on the other side and, when climbing, don't reach above your head where you can't see.

Rattlesnakes don't always rattle. In one incident on the Alibates trail, a ranger leading a tour saw a rattlesnake rolling downhill. It had evidently drawn back to strike, overbalanced and fell down the hill. Another time, rangers found a rattlesnake that had no rattles. It couldn't rattle, but hissed loudly.

All snakes are predators. The smaller ones feed on insects, frogs, lizards and other small animals, while larger snakes such as rattlesnakes and bullsnakes feed on small mammals or birds. Rattlesnakes, like copperheads and cottonmouth water moccasins, are pit vipers. They have heat-sensing pits on either side of their heads to help locate prey. Rattlesnakes are dormant during colder periods, but may come out even in winter if the temperature gets near 80 degrees.

Mating takes place in late spring and the females are live-bearers, producing living young. Young rattlesnakes are also poisonous, but because of their smaller size have less venom.

Visitors most often see snakes crossing roads. At Meredith, visitors frequently see the non-poisonous coachwhip or bullsnake. Like other forms of wildlife, they are important members of the natural community, leave them alone and let them live. Snakes keep the rodent population in check. Without snakes, we could be overrun with rats, mice and lizards. Mice can carry the deadly Hantavirus. The park exists to protect the environment, including the snakes, at Lake Meredith National Recreation Area.

ILP contest open to amateur photographers

OWINGS MILLS, Md. — The International Library of Photography will award over \$60,000 in prizes this year in the International Open Amateur Photography Contest. Photographers from the Pampa area, particularly beginners, are welcome to try to win their share of over 1,300 prizes. The deadline for the contest is Sept. 15, 1999. The contest is open to everyone and entry is free.

"Everyone has at least one memorable photo that captures a special moment in time," stated Jeffrey Bryan, contest director.

"When people learn about our free photography contest, they suddenly realize that their own favorite photos can win cash prizes, as well as gain national exposure," continued Bryan. To enter, send one photograph in only one of the following categories: People, Travel, Pets, Children, Sports, Nature, Action, Humor, Portraiture, or Other. The photo must be a color or black-and-white print (unmounted), 8" x 10" or smaller. All entries must include the photographer's name and address on the back, as well as the category and the title of the photo. Photographs should be sent to: The International Library of Photography, Suite 101-9004, 3600 Crondall Lane, Owings Mills, MD 21117. Entries must be postmarked by Sept. 15.

The International Library of Photography is an organization dedicated to bringing the work of amateur photographers to the public's attention. You can visit their website at www.thephotosite.com.

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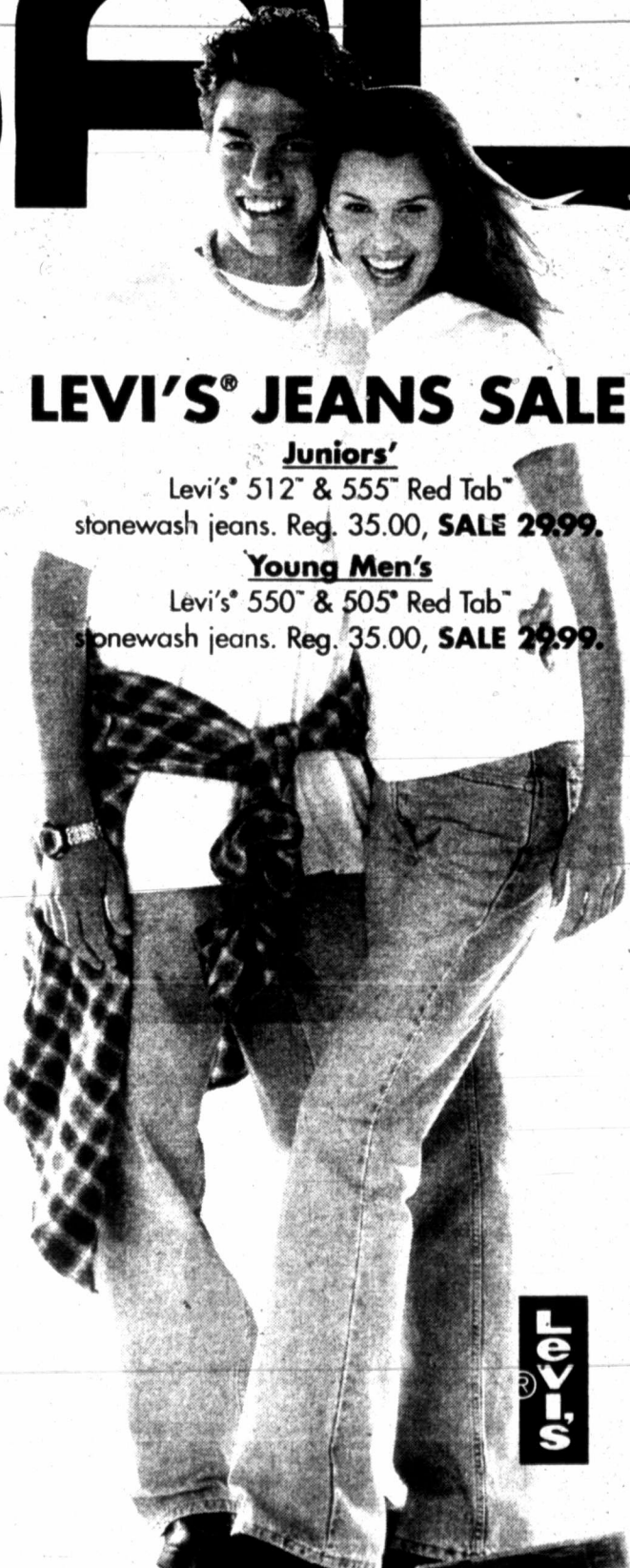
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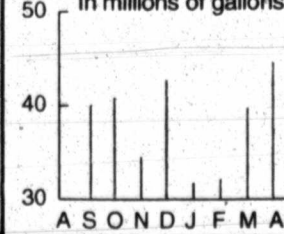
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FY 1998 beer consumption in Texas

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SOURCES: Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts
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