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**PAMPA** — A parent meeting of the Harvester varsity and junior varsity tennis will be held at 8 p.m. Monday in the tennis building. All parents of the tennis players are encouraged to attend the meeting.

**HOUSTON (AP)** — Splitting the area stretching from College Station to the Louisiana border into three area codes is state regulators' latest plan to accommodate demand for new telephone numbers. The Texas Public Utility Commission is expected to decide today whether to add two new area codes to the 409 region that surrounds Houston.

Commissioners have expressed a preference for a three-way split, contending that would be the least disruptive for customers. Galveston would remain in the 409 area code, to also include Beaumont and Jasper, if such a plan is adopted today.

It would provide a new area code for the area just to the west, including Hempstead, Huntsville and Lutkin. And another area code would cover an area ranging from Bryan-College Station to Freeport.

- **Bill Burgett, 77**, former Shallowater mayor.
- **Rodney McCulloch, 41**, corrections officer, Top O' Texas Rodeo Association board member.
- **Charles Edward 'Jack' Poston, 87**, former employee White Construction.
- **Lucy R. Smith, 94**, Sunday School teacher for 40 years.

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## Trooper: Child seat saves baby's life

By **NANCY YOUNG**  
Managing Editor

A child safety seat is credited today with saving the life of 15-month-old Michelle Martinez of Pampa who was pulled, suffering only from a broken arm, from inside a mangled car.

Seat belt use is also being praised by troopers in the Wednesday morning accident in which rain-slick pavement on Highway 152 was a contributing factor to the three-vehicle accident, said DPS Trooper Bob Shields. The wreck remains under investigation.

The three drivers who were hurt were all wearing seat belts which kept them from being seriously injured or possibly killed, he said.

The baby's mother, Marcelle Martinez, 27, of Pampa, was in stable condition this morning at Pampa Regional Medical Center following the three-car collision shortly before noon Wednesday near Skellytown. She was taken to PRMC by Skellytown Volunteer Ambulance Service.

Martinez was enroute to work in Borger when she lost control of her 1998 Ford Contour 3.4 miles west of Skellytown on Hwy. 152 in Carson County, Shields said. Traveling west in the westbound lane, Martinez "fish-tailed" into the eastbound lane striking an eastbound 1999 F550 Ford Petro Source truck head-on. The driver of the truck was Doug Hollingshead, 39, of Pampa. Shields said Hollingshead had just unloaded his cargo from the drip truck.

A 1996 white Ford pickup which was traveling east behind the Martinez vehicle was unable to stop before striking the Martinez vehicle in the rear. The driver of the pickup was John (See SEAT, Page 2)



Three adult motorists who were properly buckled in with seat belts and a 15-month-old toddler who had been secured in her child car seat received non life threatening injuries Wednesday in a three-vehicle accident near Skellytown. (Pampa News photo by Jeff West)

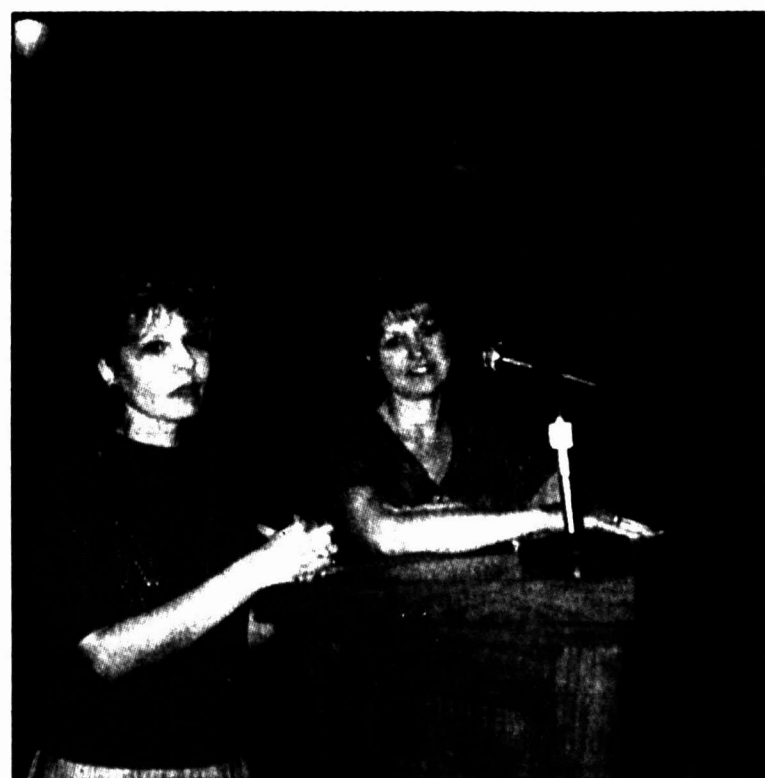
## Fireworks may light new millennium's way in Pampa production

By **JEFF WEST**  
Staff Writer

Pampa may be ushering the new year with a "once in a lifetime millennium fireworks display".

That hope was expressed by Pampa's Director of Community Services Bill Hildebrandt after talking with members of Pampa's Celebration of Lights.

Hildebrandt said he had heard from Western Enterprises, the company that does the city's July 4 fireworks, over a year ago about the possibility of a "millennium" fireworks show. He also spoke with Steve Lindell, the technician who has run the fireworks display here the last five years. Hildebrandt said he (See FIREWORKS, Page 2)



Susan Winborne (left) and Kathleen Chaney spoke to the Pampa City Commission about using Recreation Park for a "millennium fireworks display" New Year's Eve. (Pampa News photo by Kate B. Dickson)

## Stolen checks, signature stamp net thief nearly \$9,000 to date

By **JEFF WEST**  
Staff Writer

The Gray County Sheriff's Department is on the lookout for some stolen checks and the man they accuse of stealing them.

They are looking for Charlie David Flowers, 36, Borger, who police say broke into Leonard Hudson Drilling on Price Road sometime between July 17 and 18. A warrant has been issued for his arrest.

Besides the checks, the thief also got away with a signature stamp. The Sheriff's Department is warning businesses to exercise

**Anyone with information on the whereabouts of Charlie David Flowers of Borger can contact the Gray County Sheriff's Office at 669-8022.**

caution before cashing any checks from the company, according to Gray County Lt. Jim Scott. So far nearly \$9,000 of checks have been cashed.

Workers at the company reported what seemed like a simple case of criminal mischief late July 17 when someone threw a chain through a window at the business. Deputies looked around, took a report and left. Some time later a fire extinguisher was thrown through another window.

Again deputies responded and took a criminal mischief report. But upon checking around found nothing else appearing amiss, Scott said.

Then on the 18th an employee told deputies that several checks (See CHECKS, Page 2)

## Benefit concert for Amy Newhouse

By **NANCY YOUNG**  
Managing Editor

Two Pampa-area musical groups will present a concert Aug. 13 to benefit local teenager, Amy Newhouse, and her family.

Amy is a patient in the pediatric intensive care unit of Baptist St. Anthony's where she is being treated for cancer. She was cancer free for 52 days after undergoing extensive treatments after the cancer was discovered in January. Upon returning to the doctor July 9 for routine tests, Amy and her family discovered the cancer had returned.

Nancy Hull, Amy's mother, said Wednesday morning that Amy remains in the pediatric ICU undergoing treatment. Hull said Amy is not showing

improvement. She said Amy has some type of infection which medical providers are still attempting to identify.

Bob Letters who plays with the North Fork Band said his band and Damascus Road will present a gospel concert at 7 p.m. Aug. 13. He said the North Fork Band plays country gospel and Damascus Road plays contemporary Christian music for all ages. Letters said there will be music for all ages with the diversity of bands.

He said there will be no admission, but that a love offering will be taken for Amy and her family to assist with the expenses incurred due to her illness.

Amy is one of five girls in her immediate family. She attends Trinity Fellowship Church where she is an active member.

## Red Cross Fun Day plans revealed

Food, fun and fellowship for all are being planned by the folks at the Red Cross.

The Gray County Red Cross Chapter is hosting a "Fun Day" to be held at Recreation Park on Saturday, Aug. 14 from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m.

Among the events being planned are some competitive games including horseshoes, volleyball, and tugs-of-war. Anyone interested in participating can go by the Red Cross Office at 108 N. Russell and sign up until 5 p.m. Thursday, August

12 to make sure they have a place. There will also be registration at the park on the 14th. Registration for the whole day and any or all events is only \$5 per person and a family can all get in for \$10.

Hot dogs, hamburgers and soft drinks will also be on sale at the park and all proceeds will go to benefit the local Red Cross Chapter.

For more information about fees or anything else call the Red Cross at 669-7121.

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## Services tomorrow

**DAVIS, Amberlean** — 2 p.m., Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel, Pampa.  
**OSBORNE, Evelyn Patterson** — 10 a.m., First Baptist Church, White Deer.

## Obituaries

### BILL BURGETT

**SHALLOWATER** — Bill Burgett, 77, died Tuesday, July 27, 1999. Services were July 29 in First Baptist Church with the Rev. T.L. Garrett and the Rev. Darrell Boswell officiating. Burial was in Resthaven Memorial Park in Lubbock.

Mr. Burgett was born Sept. 22, 1921, at Floydada. He married Marthie Lee Sooter in 1941; she died in 1987. He later married Lorene Sooter in May of 1989 at Levelland. He was mayor of Shallowater for two terms and served on the board of directors of Shallowater Co Op Gin. He was a former president of Shallowater Lions Club and was a charter member of Shallowater Senior Citizens Center.

He was a U.S. Army veteran. He belonged to Trinity Church in Lubbock. Survivors include his wife, Lorene, of the home; a daughter, Carnetta Conner of Hurst; two sons, Bryan Burgett of Lubbock and Glen Burgett of Shallowater; a stepdaughter, Nikki Wilcoxon of Amarillo; two stepsons, Dwight Sooter of Lebanon, Ky., and Tim Sooter of Richardson; a sister, Neoma Pace of Skellytown; a brother, George Burgett of Amarillo; 14 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

### RODNEY McCULLOCH

Rodney McCulloch, 41, of Pampa, died Wednesday, Aug. 4, 1999. Services are pending under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. McCulloch was born May 30, 1958, at Lockney and graduated from Lockney High School in 1976. He worked for Southwestern Bell Telephone Company for 10 years and farmed for Lewis Davis and Neal Stovall. He was also employed with Mundy Company and was a corrections officer at the Jordan Unit at the time of his death.

He belonged to Central Baptist Church, Hoover Volunteer Fire Department and Top O' Texas Rodeo Association.

Survivors include his parents, Bryan and Joy McCulloch of Lockney and Charlotte McCulloch of Lubbock; his maternal grandmother, Gladys Ragle of Lockney; a sister, Rhonda Chapman of Pampa; and two brothers, Jaime McCulloch of Denver City and David McCulloch of Lockney.

The family requests memorials be to Hoover Volunteer Fire Department; Top O' Texas Rodeo Association; M.D. Anderson Cancer Center; or a favorite charity.

### CHARLES EDWARD 'JACK' POSTON

**BORGER** — Charles Edward "Jack" Poston, 87, died Wednesday, Aug. 4, 1999. Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday in Carmichael-Whately Colonial Chapel in Pampa with the Rev. Richard Bartel, associate pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery in Pampa under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Poston was born May 2, 1912, at Jonesboro. He married Mary Stone on Sept. 14, 1933, at Arnett, Okla. He had been a Pampa resident from 1934 until moving to Borger eight months ago. He worked for E.D. Baker for many years and for White Construction in Pampa.

He belonged to Calvary Baptist Church. He was preceded in death by a brother, Glen Poston, in 1998.

Survivors include his wife, Mary, of the home; two daughters, Emma Lee Poston of Amarillo and Mary Gene Poston of Borger; a son, Jerry L. Poston of Borger; a brother, C.L. White of Abilene; three grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

### LUCY R. SMITH

Lucy R. Smith, 94, of Pampa, died Sunday, Aug. 1, 1999, at Irving. Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday in Hi Land Pentecostal Holiness Church with Nathan Hopson, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in Hillcrest Cemetery at McLean under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors of Pampa.



Mrs. Smith was born Dec. 4, 1904, at Ponder, Mo. She married Noah Smith on Nov. 16, 1921, at Okemah, Okla.; he died June 21, 1981. She had been a McLean resident for 40 years prior to moving to Pampa in 1967. She taught Sunday school at McLean for 40 years and belonged to Pentecostal Holiness Church in Pampa.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Edith Lorene, in 1928; and by a granddaughter, Theresa.

Survivors include two daughters, Vergie M. Ballard of Pampa and Annette Horton of Grapevine; five sons, Vergal R. Smith of Mesa, Ariz., Raymond L. Smith of Austin, James N. Smith, Jr., of Irving and Don L. Smith and Ronnie D. Smith, both of Amarillo; 11 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to Vitas Hospice, 5001 LBJ Freeway, Suite 1050, Dallas, TX 75244.

## Second execution this week set tonight

**HUNTSVILLE, Texas (AP)** — Security was a big concern when Mary Milligan, fresh out of Texas Tech University, found work as a bank management trainee and moved to Dallas.

The 21-year-old woman never had lived in Dallas. She went to school in Lubbock and her parents lived in the Belton area.

Two women already had been killed in northeast Dallas in recent months in similar fashion — raped, strangled or stabbed, and drowned in a bathtub.

Four months after her graduation, on April 13, 1987, she became the third.

## Police report

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

### Wednesday, August 4

Connie Denise Ballard, 31, Clarendon, was arrested on charges theft under \$50 and violation of probation.

Sharee King Shadow, 22, 1925 N. Sumner, was arrested on charges of public intoxication.

Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 500 block of East 17th.

## Sheriff's Office

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

### Wednesday, August 4

Jorge Ruiz, 40, 608 Wynn, was arrested on charges of criminal trespass and violation of probation.

Freddy Wilbon, 44, 1125 Huff, was arrested by the precinct 1 constable on charges of abusive language and failure to appear.

## Accidents

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

### Wednesday, August 4

No charges were listed when a 1991 Buick Century driven by Mary L. Villarreal, 34, 511 N. Zimmers, stopped at a stop sign at Coffee and Kentucky, and then proceeded into the road striking a 1991 Buick Park Avenue driven by Marcia M. Darby, 60, 1316 Williston, who headed west on Kentucky. Darby reported possible injuries.

## Ambulance

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

### Wednesday, Aug. 4

9:18 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to Pampa Regional Medical Center and transported one to Baptist St. Anthony Hospital.

10:49 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1500 block of Laguna Drive and transported one to PRMC.

## Fires

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

### Wednesday, August 4

6:01 p.m. — Three units and seven personnel responded to the 2100 block of Coffee on a reported structure fire.

10:57 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 1500 block of Laguna on a medical assist.

## Stocks

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

Wheat	2.30
Milo	3.13
Corn	3.52
Soybeans	3.95

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

Occidental	19 3/4	dn 1/2
Magellan	122.51	
Puntan	20.01	

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

Amco	116 13/16	dn 1/16
Arco	91 1/2	dn 5/16
Cabot	23 3/4	dn 1/8
Cabot O&G	18 1/16	dn 3/16
Chevron	93 15/16	up 3/8
Coca-Cola	60 1/16	dn 1/16
Columbia/HCA	22 9/16	up 1/8
Enron	84 15/16	up 3/16
Halliburton	48	up 1/4
IRI	4.58	dn 3/16
KNE	20 1/16	dn 3/16
Kerr McGee	54 3/16	up 1/16
Limited	44 13/16	dn 1/16
McDonald's	41 13/16	dn 3/16
Mobil	104 1/16	up 1/16
New Atmos	24 7/16	dn 1/8
NCE	34 1/4	up 1/4
Penney's	42 7/16	dn 7/16
Phillips	51 3/16	NC
Pioneer Nat. Res	110 13/16	dn 1/8
SLB	61 15/16	dn 1/8
Tenneco	22 3/8	NC
Texaco	63	up 1/4
Ultramar	24 7/16	up 1/16
Wal-Mart	39 1/4	dn 1/16
Williams	41 1/4	dn 1/16
New York Gold	256.16	
Silver	5.48	
West Texas Crude	20.44	

## Court report

Johnny Dominguez probation extended to December 9, 1999.

Roy Britt pleaded guilty of theft over \$500 under \$1500 and was put on probation for 12 months, pay fines and serve 50 hours community service.

Justin Sober found guilty of driving while intoxicated and was put on probation for 2 years, serve 60 hours of community service, and pay fines and serve 60 days in jail.

Lyndel Ray Laycock, Jr. found guilty of driving while intoxicated and was put on probation for 1 year, pay fines and court costs, and serve 40 hours community service.

Alan William Broadbent pleaded guilty of evading arrest/detention w/auto and was put on probation for 12 months and to pay fines and court costs, serve 65 hours of community service.

Glenn Bowers pleaded guilty of evading arrest or detention and was put on probation and serve 60 days in jail, pay fines and court costs.

Melford Neil Hanks, Sr. pleaded guilty of evading arrest/detention w/auto and was put on probation for 6 months and pay fines, court costs, and serve 30 hours community service.

The man convicted of her murder and who confessed to all three slayings over a 10-month period was scheduled for execution this evening.

Charles Anthony Boyd, 39, would be the second convicted killer to die in as many days in Texas and the second of six death row inmates the state is set to execute within a 14-day period this month.

Ricky Blackmon, 41, became the 17th Texas prisoner executed this year when he received lethal injection Wednesday evening for hacking to death an East Texas man with a 3-foot-long sword made out of a steel sawmill blade.

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## SEAT

Hansen, 37, of Stinnett, the trooper said. Both trucks ended up off the roadway and the Petro Source rig overturned, landing on its side.

Among the injured, Martinez's daughter was taken to Golden Plains Community Hospital's Emergency Room in Borger by Rural Metro Ambulance Service out of Borger. She was reported in stable condition this morning at GPCH, according to a hospital spokesperson.

Hollingshead and Hansen were taken to GPCH in Borger where both were treated and released. Shields said the air bags on the vehicles driven by Hollingshead and Hansen both activated. However, the air bag on the Martinez vehicle did not activate.

Also participating in the investigation of the accident was DPS Corporal Roland McGill along with Carson County Sheriff Gary Robertson and sheriff's office personnel.

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## CHECKS

and the signature stamp had been stolen.

Deputies started going to area businesses to warn them of the stolen checks and asking for them to be on the lookout.

According to Scott, when deputies got to Mr.

Payroll in Pampa they saw two Leonard Hudson company checks that had just been cashed. Mr. Payroll employees identified the man who cashed them as Flowers.

Anyone with information on the whereabouts of Charlie David Flowers can contact the Gray County Sheriff's Office at 669-8022.

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## FIREWORKS

expressed doubt that there was time left to arrange a show but Lindell said he thinks there is.

Recently the company spoke to Hildebrandt and told him they can do a show here but the minimum size display they will do on this New Year's Eve is \$6,000.

Hildebrandt got involved after Kathleen Chaney and Susan Winborne of the Celebration of Lights spoke to the Pampa City Commission last week about getting permission to use Recreation Park and enlisting Hildebrandt's assistance. The group has pledged up to \$3,000 to what Chaney called

"an exceptional year to celebrate." They hope the display can run from 11:30 to midnight.

Winborne told the commission the VFW has pledged to help. The group and Hildebrandt are hopeful that more civic groups and individuals will also want to help.

"I believe the community can do this," Hildebrandt said. He said to accommodate the show some of the Celebration of Lights Christmas displays may be moved slightly from last year.

Any organization or individual interested in helping with funding can contact Hildebrandt at City Hall 669-5750 or Kathleen Chaney at Warren Chisum's office at 665-3552.

# Retail sales at most chains top expectations in July

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Sales at the most of nation's biggest retailers rose to better-than-expected levels in July, with hot weather and the economy's continued strength giving Americans incentive to shop.

Warmer-than-normal weather through much of the country sent consumers heading to the stores both to escape the heat and buy seasonal items such as air conditioners, inflatable pools and bathing suits.

The strong July sales reported today followed big gains the prior two months. As a result, Wall Street analysts expect to see very strong second-quarter profits when retailers begin to report earnings next week.

"July, for the most part, met and exceeded what we had expected," said Kurt Barnard, president of the consulting firm Barnard's Retail Trend Report, based in Upper Montclair, N.J. "A lot of Americans feel wealthy and feel that they are entitled to spend."

It's been a stunning year for retailers, who have benefited greatly from a surprisingly resilient U.S. economy with low unemployment and tame inflation. That's helped consumers remain confident about their finances and ability to spend.

Many merchants have been worried spending would slow following the Federal Reserve's decision on June 30 to boost interest rates as a pre-emptive strike against inflation.

While the Fed action has unsettled investors and weighed down the stock market, consumers were apparently unfazed.

The big winners in July were the discount chains, as shoppers turned to stores like Wal-Mart, Target and Kmart.

Also faring well were specialty clothing chains the Limited and Ann Taylor, and Federated Department Stores, which includes the Bloomingdale's and Macy's chains.

Even J.C. Penney, which has been struggling in recent months, reported surprising sales gains last month.

Retailers often use July as a clearance month to

unload summer merchandise. Since sales have topped estimates in the last few months, merchants didn't have much stock to clear out at reduced prices. That bodes well for second-quarter earnings.

Already, the Limited and a few other retailers have said their quarterly profits will top Wall Street forecasts.

One weak spot in July was the Gap, which is typically one of the strongest apparel merchants. Analysts cited a deliberate delay in the introduction of fall merchandise and noted that weakness in the Gap chain offset a solid showing from the company's Banana Republic and Old Navy chains.

Wal-Mart, the nation's largest retailer, reported that sales from stores open at least a year rose 9.6 percent compared with July 1998, while total sales rose 16.3 percent from year-ago levels.

Sales from stores open at least a year, known as same-store sales, are considered the most accurate measure of a retailer's business.

Selected figures on July's sales at leading retail chains:

— Sears, same-store sales up 0.9 percent, total sales down 3.4 percent.

— Kmart, same-store sales up 3.8 percent, total sales up 6 percent.

— J.C. Penney, same-store department store sales up 4.1 percent; same-store sales at Eckerd drugstores up 8 percent; total sales up 8 percent.

— Dayton Hudson, same-store sales up 3.3 percent, total sales up 8.1 percent.

— Federated, same-store sales up 4.7 percent, total sales up 15.7 percent. Federated's total sales include revenues from the Internet and catalog seller Fingerhut, which was acquired in March.

— May Department Stores, same-store sales up 1.9 percent, total sales up 6.4 percent.

— Limited, same-store sales up 7 percent, total sales up 7 percent.

— Gap, same-store sales up 2 percent, total sales up 22 percent.

— Ann Taylor, same-store sales up 7.2 percent, total sales up 19.5 percent.

## Heat death services held

**STAFFORD, Texas (AP)** — Family and friends gathered Wednesday to remember a baby who died after being left for hours in a stiflingly hot car.

But the mother of 8-month-old Senon Arteaga Jr. was not among the dozen or so mourners at the funeral service.

Sandra Arteaga, 30, remained jailed in Houston facing a charge of reckless injury to a child.

Her attorney, Deborah Keyser, earlier said she did not think the family would be able to post the \$20,000 bail.

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## Weather focus

**PAMPA** — Mostly cloudy today with scattered rain and thunderstorms. High in the upper 80s. South to southwest wind 10 to 20 mph.

**STATEWIDE** — Spotty rainfall around the state has done little to interrupt a hot, dry weather pattern that forecasters say will continue through the weekend. High clouds remained in some parts of North Texas today from thunderstorms that dumped rain on only a few locations Wednesday evening.

Some light rain fell in the Sherman-Denison area while Abilene received nearly half an inch. Wichita Falls received 1.36 inches, keeping temperatures below 100 degrees for the first time in almost two weeks.

Streaks of consecutive days at 100 degrees or above continued at Mineral Wells, with 13 days, and at Dallas-Fort Worth

International Airport, with eight consecutive days. The high at DFW has been 99 or higher for nearly two weeks.

Other highs Tuesday were 97 at Paris, for the ninth straight day; and 100 at Waco Regional Airport for the second day.

Early-morning readings today were in the 60s and 70s.

Winds were variable at 5 to 15 mph.

Clouds covered a line from San Angelo to Midland-Odessa northward.

Partly to mostly cloudy skies were expected through Friday with afternoon and evening showers and thunderstorms possible.

Daytime highs should be in the 80s and 90s, except for near 102 in the Big Bend. Overnight lows were expected to continue in the 60s and 70s.

**Robert Knowles presents Fred Ehmann truck rodeo belt buckle**



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. Ehmann received a belt buckle for being the local name drawn. Presenting the belt buckle is Robert Knowles, left. The winner at the NFR will receive a new Dodge Truck. Ehmann plans to be on hand in Las Vegas for the drawing in December.

**Students to be greeted by increased security at school**

ALLEN, Texas (AP) — nating the need for lockers. Surveillance cameras, metal detectors and secure telephone lines are among beefed-up security to greet students at a suburban Dallas school for the start of classes.

Students are returning today to Allen High School and a new \$45 million campus, which is designed to hold 2,400 students.

The district gained national attention last spring when rumors of violence shut it down.

Administrators say the improvements are to ensure safety of students and staff. The district had also banned black clothing after the April massacre at Columbine High School in Littleton, Colo.

Expected to return to the high school is 17-year-old Jennifer Boccia, one of 10 students who wrapped bands around their arms in silent protest against rules the school established this spring.

The American Civil Liberties Union contends in a federal lawsuit filed at Sherman that Allen High School deprived Ms. Boccia of constitutionally guaranteed free speech rights.

"I'm not quite sure how this is going to affect my relationship with my teachers, with the administration and the rest of the school that I have to deal with every day," she told Dallas television station WFAA.

The district now requires students to wear identification badges, carry see-through backpacks and submit them to security officers for routine searches. The students also will be issued two separate sets of books, one for home and one for class, elimi-

The superintendent has said the security plan cost about \$500,000 to implement. Administrators say the backpack requirement eases the opportunity to find items that do not belong on campus. Such packs are also encouraged at other Dallas area schools and mandatory in the Pasadena school district near Houston.

But many stores are reporting a shortage of see-through backpacks and some are sold out, with vendors saying back orders may not be filled until year's end.

**No injuries in train wreck near Marlin**

MARLIN, Texas (AP) — Union Pacific crews continued cleanup work Thursday after a 14-car derailment near Marlin.

Nobody was injured in Wednesday's accident, about four miles north of the Falls County town.

The train from Hutchinson, Kan., was Houston-bound with 14 carloads of grain when the 3:20 p.m. derailment happened, Union Pacific spokesman Mark Davis said.

Most of the cars that jumped the track were toward the rear of the train, spilling their cargos. Crews worked through the night to clear the 600 feet of torn-up track, Davis said.

The Omaha, Neb.-based railroad had stepped up its track inspections because of the intense summer heat, Davis said. The derailment site had been inspected just one hour before the accident, he said.

**More overcrowded school classes to greet teachers**

DALLAS (AP) — Overcrowded classes greeted teachers in almost 150 Texas school districts this year and regulators say too many systems are requesting waivers from student size limits, which have been a state campaign issue.

The number of classes more crowded than state law specifies was 50 percent greater than five years ago.

Mary Helen Berlanga of Corpus Christi, a State Board of Education member, says too many school districts are asking for waivers, and a large number come back year after year.

"What's the use of having this requirement in the law if we are not going to make school districts comply with it?" she told The Dallas Morning News in today's editions.

Districts have urged the state to exempt them from the 22-pupil limit for kindergarten through fourth grade. The requirement has been on the books since 1985.

The smaller classes help students learn, educators say. However, school district administrators contend they need the waivers because they don't have enough classrooms or teachers.

Republican presidential contender and Texas Gov. George W. Bush, in his first gubernatorial campaign in 1994, criticized the administration of former Gov. Ann Richards for granting too many school waivers. Bush promised to give districts enough authority to eliminate the need for them.

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However, the number of class-size waivers has increased significantly during his tenure, the Texas Education Agency says.

The state's fast-growing student population makes it difficult to find enough classrooms and teachers, said Linda Edwards, the governor's press secretary. She said the governor and the Legislature increased teacher pay and provided more money this year for school construction.

"The goal is that with these improvements, school districts will not need to request class-size waivers," said Ms. Edwards.

Ninety-three districts sought to be excused from the requirement five years ago. But last spring, 149 districts requested and were granted waivers.

In the last school year, exemptions affected 3,295 classes in

kindergarten through grade four, or about 66,000 students — almost 5 percent of the enrollment in those grades.

Although districts have a legal right to request a waiver, repeat requests will be scrutinized, said

Carol Francois, associate state education commissioner.

"We want to know how districts are trying to remedy the problem," she said. "We also need to look at how well their students are doing."

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# Summer gets shorter each year

It's hard to believe that school is just about to begin again. Summer seems to get shorter and shorter each year.

Something I always find interesting is just how anxious parents and their children are for school to let out in the spring, and then, after a few "glorious family-oriented weeks" together just how anxious both generations are for it to begin again.

Summer trips are being squeezed into the last few days of summer before school begins. My oldest daughter and her 10-year-old son, Zac, are arriving today for a few days visit at my home before he returns to class at Flour Bluff Elementary on Aug. 16. Flour Bluff is between Corpus Christi and South Padre Island on South Padre Island Drive. The vacation atmosphere on the coast is decidedly different from the Texas Panhandle, and yet they both call the Panhandle "home".

Zac has spent his summer at the military base youth center where he has been involved in swimming, going to the beach, attending basketball and football camps and just fun in general. His mother has spent her summer working and paying for the supervised child care for Zac.

A member of the U.S. Navy, my daughter and her son live at the Naval Air Station Base at Corpus Christi where she has been stationed for several years.

Several months before Zac entered kindergarten his mother had to attend a school for



Nancy Young  
managing editor

additional training, and then she was sent overseas on ship duty. He came to live with me and was there during his kindergarten year of school. We both certainly had a lot to learn about each other.

As he and his mother had lived in Guam since he was 1 year old, I didn't really know him well and vice versa. This was to be an experience which would never be forgotten.

My last experiences raising children had just ended a few months before when my youngest daughter graduated from high school. After having kids in the school system for over 25 years, I had been very grateful when that chapter closed at her graduation, and I had expressed this to school administrators. I wouldn't have been quite so "overly vocal" had I known I was going to be starting all over again in the fall. This time was kindergarten, though.

School clothes shopping, school supplies, bed time schedules, reading bed time stories —

these were definite changes in my lifestyle. I know now why parents are young. There were ups, and there were downs.

Learning about kindergarten, what the students were required to be able to do, their behavior and a jillion other things were learned by me during that time span. I also learned how to teach Zac to shoot a bow and arrow. My pitching arm was pretty darn strong by the time his batting skills were in top form for Little League ball. I even learned to cook meals again, and I also learned about the cost of day care.

After a project at school in which the importance of recycling was discussed and one in which he was very involved, we learned how to recycle our trash. This was something I probably would never have done on my own, but I learned a great deal. I would still be doing it if the recycling center in the town where I live was still open.

Just a few days before school began that fall while we were still getting to know one another, I was teaching him how to properly raise the American flag and the U.S. Navy flag up my flag pole in my front yard. Just behind me I heard familiar words. As I turned to check out what I thought I had heard, I saw 5-year-old Zac standing saluting the American Flag and reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. I learned a lot from him.

And his mom is very anxious for school to start this year. In the meantime, my neighbors will soon be experiencing the "Zac attack."

## Texas Editorials

By The Associated Press

A sampling of editorial opinion from Texas newspapers: The Huntsville (Texas) Item on a pay raise for the state prison system director.

The Huntsville Item received numerous phone calls after printing a story on Saturday, July 24, which detailed a \$23,000 pay raise for Wayne Scott, Texas Department of Criminal Justice executive director. Most of the callers were irate that Scott acquired the raise when correctional officers were given a \$100-a-month raise. Salaries are a touchy subject, and most of the time are kept private. But in the case of state employees, that secrecy goes out the window, and the Item feels that it's time to close the book on the issue of Scott's raise.

It is understandable and every bit a part of human nature to be upset about hearing of a raise for your superior in the amount of \$23,000. Although a \$23,000 raise may seem astronomical at first, a quick look at the facts shows that the raise is not inappropriate due to several factors that have occurred since 1993.

In 1993, there were three positions in Texas where a nationwide search was needed to hire replacements: the commissioner of education, the commissioner of insurance and the executive director of TDCJ. In each of the three cases, it was authorized that the salary could go as high as \$150,000.

A man from New York was hired to head up education to the tune of \$150,000 as was Robert Hunter for the insurance board. Andy Collins was hired as executive director of TDCJ with a salary of \$120,000, although he could have been hired for \$150,000. The rationale for hiring Collins at \$120,000 was that he was the only one of the three who was afforded a house with paid utilities.

After Collins left the agency, Scott took over but never lived in the executive director's mansion. Instead, he turned the mansion into a conference center and continued to live in his house in Huntsville. Scott's raise was the Legislature's decision, but it is appropriate because of the responsibilities involved and because Scott isn't living in the mansion.

Scott oversees 40,000 employees and a budget of \$4.7 billion over a two-year time frame. The prisons Scott supervises house 148,000 prisoners, not counting the 87,000 active parolees and the 100,000 annual parolees. The prison directors in California, New York and Florida aren't overseeing parolees and have fewer responsibilities than Scott. Actually it is surprising that the executive director of TDCJ doesn't make more than \$150,000. The commissioner of education now makes \$156,000 and the director of the Texas Department of Transportation makes \$145,000 with just 14,000 employees under his supervision.

On a smaller scale, as a rule, most superintendents of school districts make more than \$100,000, and we found, for example, the president of Brazosport College (a junior college in Brazoria County with fewer than 2,000 students) pulls in \$111,000.

Some have complained that the Legislature should have divided the \$23,000 among the rank and file employees. Well and good, but that would come up to a whopping 58-cent total raise for the year for each employee.

The Legislature gave teachers top priority this year, and they are the ones who received big raises. Some years, it's all government employees. This year, it was the top man in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

We don't think it's out of line.

Beaumont Enterprise on a visitors center promoting Spindletop's history:

With the centennial of the Spindletop oil strike only 17 months away, this region should do everything it can to promote that historic event and make sure it is remembered throughout the 21st century.

Fortunately, if any organizations are searching for a role model in this ongoing effort, the Beaumont City Council and Gladys City Boomtown Museum provided it last week.

They agreed to apply for \$1.5 million in federal grants for improvements and a new visitors center at the boomtown. The 100-space parking lot would be paved, the site would be landscaped and a network of sidewalks would be added.

Best of all, the boomtown would be complemented by a 5,600-square-foot visitors center that would portray the saga of Spindletop in a way that current exhibits for all their value can't match.

If the grant request is approved, construction would start in February 2001, one month after the 100th anniversary of the gusher that transformed Southeast Texas and America by ushering in the modern industrial era. The city would have to contribute 20 percent of the grant to the project, but officials believe they can raise most or all of that \$360,000 through various fund-raisers connected to the centennial celebrations.

The grant funds that Beaumont is seeking have been devoted in the past to hike and bike trails in the city. But \$128 million of this money is available statewide this year, and the three-member Texas Transportation Commission will decide in November which projects are approved. State Sen. David Bensen, D-Beaumont, is a former member of that commission, and Beaumonters can bet that he will put in a good word for this vital request.

In fact, several other regional projects will also be competing for those grant funds. Jefferson County wants \$2 million for a new regional visitors center at the entertainment complex, the Pleasure Island Commission wants \$700,000 for a boardwalk from the RV park to the marina, Nederland wants to improve several intersections in its historic district and Chambers County officials want to beautify several highway intersections.

All of those projects seem justified, and we hope that this region gets its fair share of the \$128 million available. The Gladys City Boomtown is still going to be here the day after Jan. 10, 2001, and this important cultural and historic site should be one of the top visitor attractions in the entire state. That effort would be greatly enhanced by a new visitors center and improved site, and we hope the Texas Transportation Commission agrees.

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# Two cheers for women's soccer!

Hooray for women's soccer! I think the recent performance of the U.S. Women's Soccer team leaves me with profoundly mixed feelings.

Let's begin with admiration. The members of this team are wonderful athletes who have worked incredibly hard to achieve their current skill. Michelle Akers has battled chronic fatigue syndrome and endured numerous knee surgeries to become a champion. The others have clearly trained hard, as well.

But it isn't just practicing your dribbling or heading that makes a champion. A great deal of athletic success (or any success, actually) is psychological.

The best example of the mind of a champion was Brandi Chastain. In the quarter-final match against Germany, just five minutes into the game, Chastain made a huge blunder. According to National Public Radio, she was near the U.S. goal and was attempting to clear the ball away from a German player when "she accidentally kicked it past her own goalie and into her own net, giving Germany a 1-0 lead."

Now, I don't know about you, but if I had done something like that, I would have been so mortified that they would have had to carry me from the field on a stretcher.

Chastain was not so abashed. Here's her relaxed explanation to NPR: "You know, I thought I was making a good decision until I looked up and saw she was already coming for the ball. And I just turned around, I said, 'Oh, now we've got to score two goals.'"

# Free trade has not helped all Americans

Why is free trade losing support at a time when the American economy is soaring? Because the vigorous economic expansion of the 1990s hasn't helped all Americans. The share of the American income to the bottom 60 percent of American families has continued to fall, while the share going to the top 5 percent has reached a postwar high. Only workers above the 75th percentile of the wage-and-hour salary scale — almost all of them college graduates — have enjoyed significant increases in their take-home pay.

So much for Clinton's bragged about prosperity. And now to confess a little trick. The entire first paragraph belongs within quotation marks. I did not make that statement. It was made by Robert Reich in an article written especially for the Los Angeles Times.

Reich, now a professor at Brandeis University, was Clinton's first secretary of labor, an old Rhodes Scholar buddy. He is as genuinely liberal as any human flesh that ever crossed the Potomac River in either direction. I point this out so you won't think this is Republican sour grapes or a protectionist tirade.

Reich goes on in the article to justify free trade, falling back on his belief that government retraining programs can help spread the wealth. I disagree. We've had tons of government training programs since before the Great Society. There's not much to show for them. So we'll leave Reich with



Mona Charen  
Syndicated columnist

Late in the game, Chastain did score a tying goal, and the U.S. team went on to defeat Germany 3-2.

That is called strong-mindedness, and it accounts for success every bit as much as talent. Three cheers for Chastain? No, perhaps only two.

Here's why. Though she showed herself a great athlete, and certainly made the feminists in the TV audience swoon, she seems to have some trouble sorting out what it means to be a feminine, female athlete.

For example, Chastain posed for Gear magazine wearing only a soccer ball and cleats. It's a coy photo (nothing erogenous shows), and yet it demeans her. She told Time magazine that she had "run her butt off" to achieve the body she now so immodestly displays, but that is beside the point.

On this subject, feminists and anti-feminists can agree: To pose for mass-circulation magazines is a degrading act. It encourages men to lust after her, not admire her. The two are not mutually exclu-

sive, but it's a matter of emphasis. A lady may be flattered if a man is inflamed at the sight of her — but she doesn't strip naked to elicit it, either.

Sure, exhibitionism is in the air. Tom Cruise and Nicole Kidman are doing their best to sell tickets to "Eyes Wide Shut" by inviting the whole world to their love-making. (They will get a percentage of the gross, which explains a lot.) Still, was it necessary for Chastain to tear off her shirt when the team charged to victory?

The usual stupid people said, "Well, the men do it." Memo to commentators: Men don't have breasts. You can look it up.

If men tore off their shorts as a victory gesture and ran around in jock straps, that would be more comparable to what Chastain did. And people would think they were ridiculous. Perhaps Chastain has a need to exhibit herself. But once again, her display introduced sex where it didn't belong.

The underlying error in so much of the hype surrounding the women's soccer team was the idea that women were now doing exactly what men do in exactly the same way. A commercial showed Mia Hamm throwing Michael Jordan, karate style. Please.

That's a fact of life. It doesn't mean women athletes have no place in professional sports. Women's tennis has been profitable for years, and the sports in which women compete at the Olympics are among the most popular spectator events (skating and gymnastics).

It's terrific that women's soccer is now achieving popularity with a wide audience. Kick the hell out of that ball, ladies. But keep your clothes on.



Charley Reese  
Syndicated columnist

his faith in government and strike out on our own.

The whole problem, as it is in every country, is with the bottom half of the people. If you look at any country in the world, Western or Asian, African or Latin, you see the same thing. There's always an elite that figures out how to get rich no matter what. They have the moxie and the brains. I suspect that if you dumped them out on the surface of Mars, they'd end up rich Martians.

No one need concern themselves with these people. They can take care of themselves. It's the more humble among us who suffer from bad government policies. Free trade with cheap-labor countries pits foreign workers who have no choice but to work for low wages against Americans who have not much choice if their manufacturing jobs are shipped overseas. It is an international version of another game being played which is pitting poor immigrants against

poor Americans in a scramble for low-end jobs. The result, of course, is low wages, which is ultimately the goal of the corporate elite.

Wherever there is a surplus of labor — in Guatemala or Illinois — capital can bargain down the wages. Surplus labor gives capital the option of saying, "Take it or leave it. If you don't want the job, there are 50 people outside who do." That, by the way, is why unions traditionally oppose so-called right-to-work states. It's not that unions are against civil liberties, but they know that if they cannot control the labor supply, they have no bargaining power for their workers.

Industrial unions are going kaput because with free trade, capital can (and does) tell its American workers, "Take it, or we'll leave for Mexico." There is certainly no simple answer, but any society which ignores all but the top 5 percent of its population is — eventually — heading for a revolution.

Americans shouldn't have forgotten their history. It was the blue-collar factory job that lifted so many millions of Americans out of poverty into the middle class. It may be theoretically more efficient to ship those jobs overseas, but, practically speaking, the cost will be dear.

Too many conservatives think only of conserving their money instead of conserving the country. Money will not buy much joy if you have to live in a fortress and travel with armed bodyguards. That's not the America any of us should want.

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## Office shootings today kill three; man arrested

PELHAM, Ala. (AP) — Three people were shot to death this morning at two businesses and a man who had worked at both companies was arrested.

Police in this Birmingham suburb said the 34-year-old suspect was arrested after a brief scuffle when officers approached after forcing his car to a shoulder of Interstate 65 in nearby Chilton County.

Pelham Police Chief Allan Wade said the suspect worked at Ferguson Enterprises, where two of the victims were shot inside the company, and was a former employee of Post Airgas, where another victim was shot to death a short time later.

The shootings happened around 7 a.m. and authorities began pursuing the suspect as he drove south from the scene on the interstate.

A gun was recovered from the man's car, Wade said.

Wade identified the victims as Lee Hall Brooks, 32, of Pelham, Christopher Yancey, 28, of Alabaster, and Harry Jarvis, 39, of Montevallo. Brooks and Yancey were employees at Ferguson Enterprises and Jarvis worked at Post Airgas, he said.

The name of the suspect was not released.

The shootings came one week after frustrated investor Mark O. Barton fatally shot nine people and injured 13 others at two brokerage firms in Atlanta in one of the worst office massacres ever. Pelham is 145 miles west of Atlanta.



Members of Carpenter's Church man their "booth" as part of last weekend's Downtown Business Association street party that drew many to Cuyler Street for a variety of activities and sales.

## Water use restricted due to serious drought

ANNAPOLIS, Md. (AP) — The drought is hitting home in Maryland: Watering the lawn or wasting the car could mean a six-month jail term and \$1,000 fine.

"People will do the right thing," Gov. Paris Glendening said Wednesday while warning the state's 5 million residents. "No one can look at the flow of the rivers and streams and know there's not a problem here."

While Maryland's unprecedented mandatory water restrictions were the first in the mid-Atlantic region, other states have sounded similar alarms.

New Jersey Gov. Christie Whitman has decided to declare a statewide drought emergency and planned to announce details later today, her office said. Restrictions would include bans on watering lawns and topping off swimming pools. Delaware and Pennsylvania have already declared drought emergencies.

All of West Virginia has been declared a drought disaster, and Virginia is seeking the same designation for parts of the state. Meanwhile, Pennsylvania's governor has also imposed mandatory restrictions in most of the state's counties.

Lawns are wilting and leaves are falling in some of the nation's most celebrated urban oases, from the shady retreats of New York City's Central Park to the grassy expanse of Washington D.C.'s National Mall.

U.S. Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman on Wednesday announced his department would provide \$20 million in grants to provide emergency services to low-income migrant and seasonal farmworkers in areas declared state or national disaster areas.

Glickman has been asked by Glendening to declare a drought disaster that would cover all but four of Maryland's 23 counties and allow farmers to apply for low-interest loans.

Maryland's dilemma can serve as an example for the plights facing other rain-starved areas.

Rainfall at Baltimore Washington International Airport was more than a foot and a half below normal over the past 12 months.

The city of Baltimore's reservoirs are running 41 billion gallons below capacity, and Glendening has instructed the city to begin withdrawing up to 137 million gallons each day from the Susquehanna River. The river itself is down by two-thirds, a historic low.

That means water will be served only upon request in Maryland restaurants, and municipal fountains will sit dry across the state until the crisis abates.

## Carjack suspect may be a suicide

VICTORIA, Texas (AP) — A carjacking suspect who had gouged out his right eye is now believed to have killed himself with a stolen shotgun.

The body of Jose Pedro Hisquierdo, 18, of Victoria, was found Wednesday next to a stolen pickup parked on a county road.

Hisquierdo, who had been sought in a carjacking Monday in Port Lavaca, used his hand to remove his eye while behind bars two months ago for violating the terms of his probation on a conviction for resisting arrest, Sheriff Mike Ratcliff told The Victoria Advocate.

The teen was taken to a hospital for psychiatric evaluation, the sheriff said.

Justice of the Peace Annie Ramos has not ruled the death a suicide, but said she is "leaning toward" that determination and has not ordered an autopsy.

Authorities had been looking for Hisquierdo since Monday night when a man entered an auto parts store in Port Lavaca, pulled a pistol and demanded a customer's truck keys.

## Report: Dallas NAACP president plans to quit

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — Lee Alcorn plans to resign as president of the Dallas branch of the NAACP, the Fort Worth Star-Telegram reported Thursday.

Alcorn, the Grand Prairie resident who has led the NAACP branch since 1994, told the newspaper that he will schedule a news conference for next week to elaborate on his decision.

"I need to make sure people understand I'm not a disgruntled NAACP member," said Alcorn, 62. "I don't have the energy or the time to fight."

Calls to the Dallas branch office by The Associated Press on Thursday were not answered.

The report comes after a bumpy year in the relations between Alcorn and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

National officials suspended Alcorn last month for helping to create a legal, nonprofit corporation called the Dallas NAACP Inc. The national organization said Alcorn had done nothing illegal, but his help in forming the company threatened the civil rights group's name.

The NAACP had suspended Alcorn before, in January, for violation of a national office order. Also suspended were Dallas lawyer Ron Davis and Dallas County Commissioner John Wily Price, who are also branch officials.

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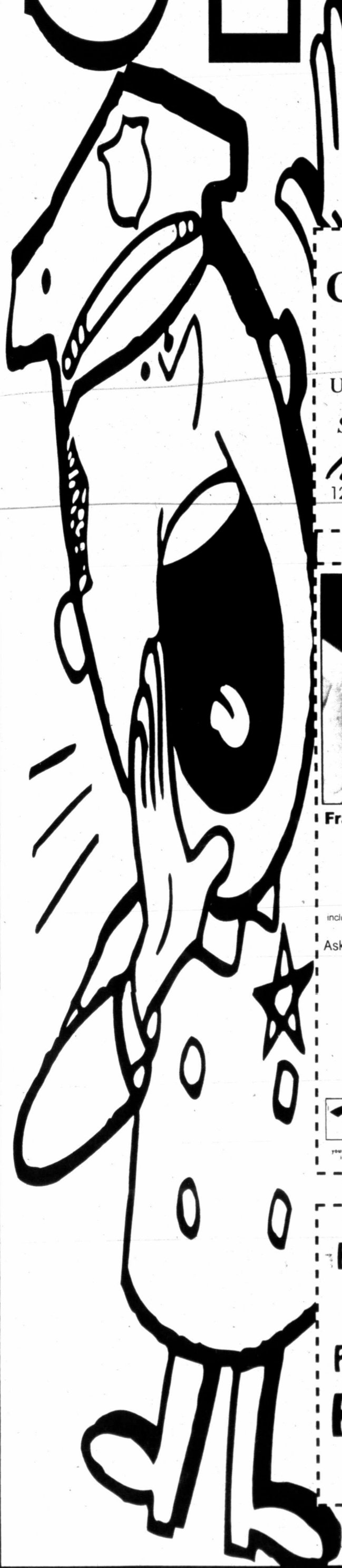
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## Calendar of events

**PAMPA AREA LITERACY COUNCIL**  
Pampa Area Literary Council office will be open from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday. For more information, call 665-2331.

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

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

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

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

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

**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.

**FPC EXTRAVAGANZA**  
Frank Phillips College in Borger will host its third annual Tent Extravaganza from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 14 on the lawn of the Library Building on campus. The public is cordially invited to attend. Participants will enjoy a free hot dog and coke. A Special Kids' corner will also be part of the event. The faculty and staff will be on hand throughout the day to answer questions. All who come are encouraged to

bring their TASP scores as well as an official transcript from the last school attended. FPC personnel can assist individuals in requesting this information.

For more information, contact FPC Office of Student Services at (806) 274-5311 or 1-800-687-2056, ext. 721.

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

### Did you know?

■ One of the principal attractions of Carlsbad Caverns in New Mexico is the evening flight of millions of bats winging their way out of the cavern entrance. The swarm of bats looks like a column of smoke.

■ Snowshoe rabbits, plentiful in the northern states, are well named. They have broad furry paws, letting them move easily in the snow. Another unique feature is their coat, which is reddish-brown until the winter, when it turns white. The snowshoe rabbit's coloring helps it avoid enemies, such as the lynx.

■ When going on vacation and staying at a motel with your dog, tape the motel address, phone and room number on its collar. This is a precaution just in case your dog gets away from you.

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 26<sup>th</sup>. Photos may be picked up after September 20<sup>th</sup>. Join with the

Pampa News in **Saluting Our Veterans.**

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or if Presently Serving .....

Year of Enlistment .....

If War Time, Name of War .....

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## TDA announces exemption to benefit bees, honey production in Texas

AUSTIN — Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs recently announced the Texas Department of Agriculture has been granted approval by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to issue a Section 18 specific exemption allowing the use of coumaphos impregnated plastic strips to be hung in beehives to control varroa mite (*Varroa jacobsoni*) and small hive beetle (*Aethina tumida*).

The specific exemption expires June 28, 2000. CheckMite+ Strips, also known as Bayer Bee Strip, containing 10 percent coumaphos may be used following all applicable directions, restrictions and precautions on the label as well as the following restrictions.

• A maximum of 320,000 CheckMite+ Strips may be used — 300,000 to control varroa mite and 20,000 to control small hive beetle.

• Treatments must be applied at a time when bees are not producing a surplus honey crop. Gloves must be worn when handling strips.

• To control varroa mite, use one strip for each five combs of bees in each brood chamber. (Langstroth deep frames or equivalent in other sizes.) Hang the strips within two combs of the edge of the bee cluster. If two deep supers are used for the brood nest, hang CheckMite+ Strips in alternate comers of the cluster, in the top and bottom super. Remove honey supers before application of CheckMite+ Strips and do not replace until the end of the control period and the strips are removed. Treat all infested

colonies within the yard. The treatment is most effective when brood rearing is lowest. Effective control may be achieved by treating hives in spring before the first honey flow and in the fall after the last honey flow.

• The strips should be left in the hive for at least 42 days but not more than 45 days. Do not treat more than twice a year for varroa mites. Honey supers may be replaced after strips are removed.

• To control the small hive beetle, prepare a piece of corrugated cardboard approximately 4x4 inches by removing one side. Remove one CheckMite+ Strip. Cut strip in half cross ways and staple the two pieces to the corrugated side of the cardboard. Place cardboard as near to the center of the bottom board as possible with the strips down. Leave at least three days. Remove after 45 days. Do not treat more than four times per year for the small hive beetle.

• Applications should not be made to field areas that are less than 100-feet from permanent natural bodies of surface water or reservoirs.

All applicators must have a copy of the EPA approval notice in their possession prior to any applications.

For more information, contact your county Texas Agricultural Extension Office or TDA at (512) 463-7407. A copy of the EPA Approval Notice is available on TDA's web page, <http://www.agr.state.tx.us/pesticide/coumaphos.htm>.

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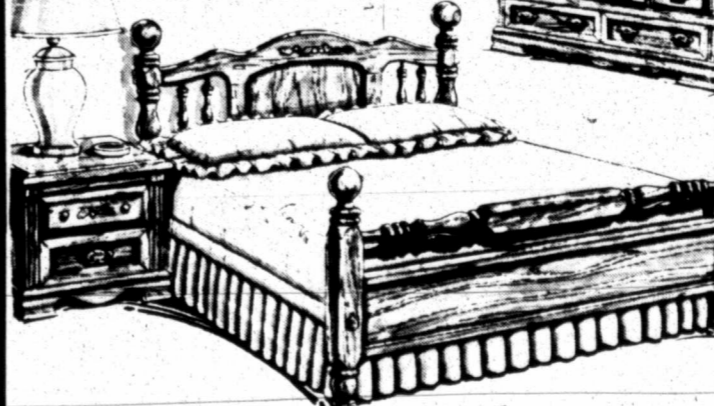
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# Mom Who Violates Teen-Agers' Privacy Draws Harsh Criticism

DEAR READERS: Yesterday I printed a letter from an Ohio mother regarding a previously published letter from a "Snoopy Mom" who proudly described searching through her teen-agers' belongings.

Today I'll share a sample of the mail I received from teens. Hang onto your hats! Read on:

DEAR ABBY: I am a teen-age male who was infuriated when I read the letter in your column from "Snoopy Mom." I'm willing to bet that if she caught her kids going through her personal belongings, she would lecture them until the sun went down. And you know what she'd be then? A hypocrite! As soon as her teen-agers left the room after telling them that snooping is wrong and that they should respect privacy, she'd start snooping again.

I hope God is on her side, because she is going to need his help if they catch her!

JEFF IN CHICAGO



**Abigail Van Buren**

SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

confidence. I'll bet "Mom" wouldn't appreciate it if her kids went through her most private things.

I feel sorry for the children of "Snoopy Mom." They have to spend every day with this callous, irrational, distrusting and insensitive person. She never should have had children if this is how she treats them.

I now realize how fortunate I am that my parents are intelligent enough to respect my privacy and, at the same time, steer me in the right direction.

RATIONAL 15-YEAR-OLD, BAYSIDE, N.Y.

DEAR RATIONAL: Many teens echoed your feelings. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: Conspicuously absent from "Snoopy's" letter were comments on the result of her behavior — the quality of her relationship with her children. It can't be very good, since her children are probably aware of her atrocious lack of trust, respect and common courtesy. I hope knowing every detail of

her children's lives now will make up for this mother's being shut out of their lives when they're older.

JEANA L., AGE 19, IN OHIO

DEAR ABBY: I pity people who feel they must violate their children's trust in order to learn more about their lives. I hope parents understand that once your children learn you do not trust them, they in turn will not trust you — and you'll never be able to rebuild what has been so carelessly destroyed.

Some people may call it "concern," but I call it lack of parenting skills.

REBECCA (AGE 14) IN WASHINGTON

DEAR ABBY: I realize that parents should know what their children are doing. It's their right to make sure they're not getting into trouble with underage drinking, drugs, premarital sex, etc. But everyone is entitled to at least a little bit of privacy. "Snoopy Mom" gave her children none.

Do her children know she's doing this? Unless she spent a lot of time placing things exactly where they were before, I'm sure they've figured it out!

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## Horoscope

FRIDAY, AUG. 6, 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 challenged to let go of a long-held view. Realize it isn't working for you. Listen carefully to news from a distance, make calls and spread the word. Feedback helps you see more positives than negatives. Zero in on what you want. Do nothing halfway. Tonight: Favorite place, favorite people.

TAMRUS (April 20-May 20)

\*\*\* Someone's "no" can trigger you, but you might not be sure exactly what is going on. Listen to another's rendition of what he needs, but be smart and don't get bogged in. Establish your strength in security related matters. Make your own decisions, and you'll be a lot happier. Tonight: Treat yourself!

CELESTINE (May 21-June 20)

\*\*\*\*\* Another balks, and you have to learn to wonder what's up with his attitude. Recognize that not everyone agrees with you all the time, especially another who needs to control. Make inquiries, schedule meetings and toss in a pleasure-related call. Unexpected doors open. Are you ready? Tonight: Whatever you want.

CANCER (June 21-July 23)

\*\*\* Excitement might be a great idea, but you could simply ignore what is going on around you. Others are out of sync. A lack of important information impairs your judgment of a problem. Fortunately, your money instincts are on target. That area of your life is very important to you. Tonight: Vanish!

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

\*\*\*\*\* Knowing what you want is instrumental, as a child or loved one challenges you. Be willing to take a well-calculated risk, but don't do anything wild or out of control. Bring others together, schedule a fun gathering. Not everything has to be all work and no play. You know that better than anyone! Tonight: TGIF!

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

\*\*\*\*\* You are stretched like a rubber band, but you need not snap. Retreat into your thoughts and prioritize, and you'll know exactly what to do. Another needs to simmer down some before important discussions can happen. Unexpected developments will ultimately be a bonus. Tonight: Putting in some extra hours.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

\*\*\*\*\* A misunderstanding easily brews this morning. However, you get a wonderful opportunity to visualize and discuss what you want. Others can't help but respond when you are caring and loving. Remember, you draw more bees with honey than with vinegar. Tonight: Add more sparkle to your love life.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

\*\*\*\*\* Take care of a money matter. Listen to what a trusted partner shares; there is a whole other point of view. Be more conscious of your image and career. Others really are there for you. Don't be such a skeptic. Surprise a family member. Tonight: Be with your best

friend.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

\*\*\*\*\* You could cause yourself more problems by being cantankerous and touchy. Level out and listen to a partner or dear friend. You have an opportunity to take another view and get another perspective. Be more spontaneous; don't limit yourself when you don't need to. Tonight: Accept a last-minute invitation.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

\*\*\* You could easily be making a mountain out of a molehill. You don't have all the facts just yet. A co-worker presents interesting options that could also affect your finances. Be sure you want a partnership, as another makes you a seemingly wonderful offer. Tonight: Go for a workout.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

\*\*\*\*\* A friend tosses your plans in midair. See this as an opportunity! Think about what you would like to do instead. Be more sensitive to a budding flirtation that you find very exciting. You can't always control your relationships, though they can still be very rewarding. Tonight: Heating up the night.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

\*\*\* Keep a low profile. Think about what would make you happy right now. You might be better off in your own business or working from home. Co-workers give you feedback; listen. Personal insights that are gained can make a big difference in your life. Tonight: Head home.

BORN TODAY

Actress Catherine Hicks (1951), actress Soleil Moon Frye (1976), basketball player David Robinson (1965)

## Crossword Puzzle

By THOMAS JOSEPH

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## Marmaduke



"Well, so much for my idea of spending quality time with you."

## The Family Circus



"Know what's good about this table? Nobody can borrow chairs from it."

## For Better or For Worse

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THEY WOULD LINE UP AT OUR MAKE-SHIFT CLINIC AND WAIT ALL DAY. SOME WE COULD HELP. OTHERS, WE COULD NOT.

STILL, THEY SMILED AND THEY THANKED US... AND WE LEARNED TO ACCEPT THEIR GRATITUDE AS ONE WOULD ACCEPT A GIFT.



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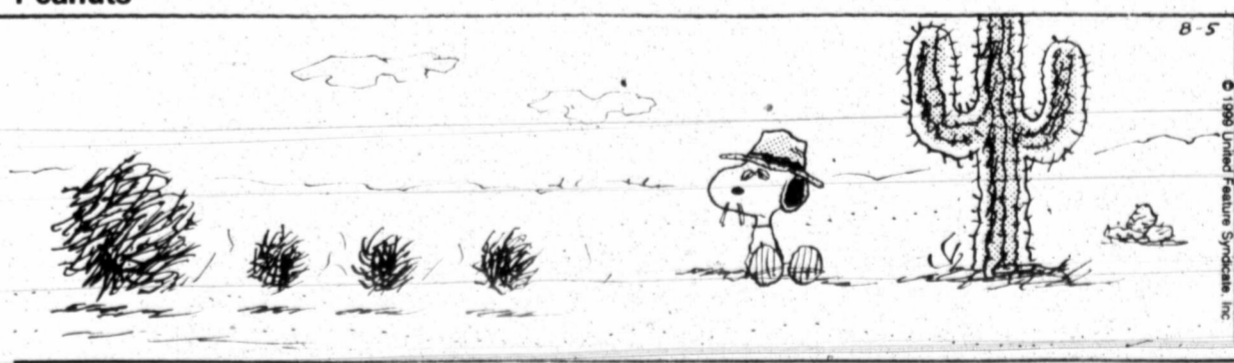
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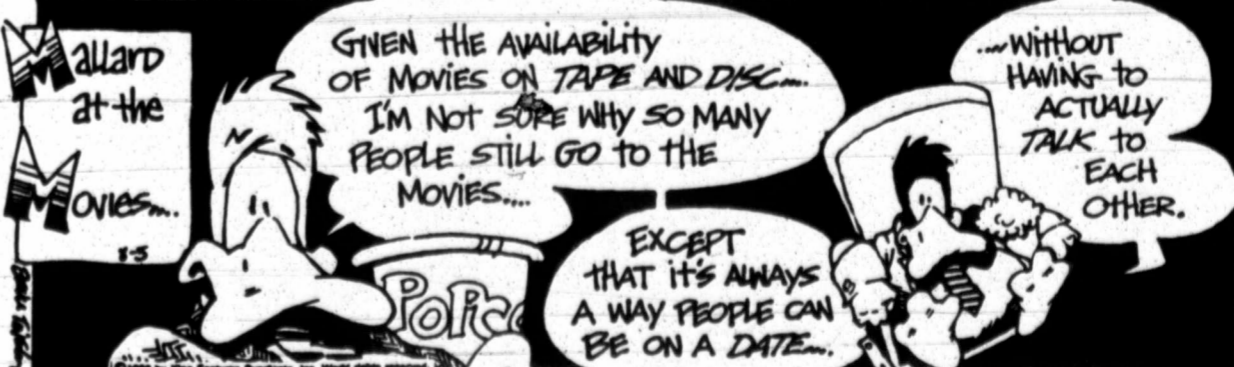
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# SPORTS

## Notebook

### WRESTLING

**PAMPA** — Pampa Take Down Club will hold a parents meeting at 7 p.m. Aug. 16 in the SPS Service Center, 101 S. Marie.  
Call 665-8321 or 665-8711 if more information is needed.  
Head coach is Rick Urquhart. Todd Harrison and Brian Wall are assistant coaches.

### 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.

### BASKETBALL

**EDMOND, Okla.** — The Adidas September Slam event will be held on Sept. 18 at Oklahoma Christian University, near Edmond, Okla.

The event is open to both prep and junior college men and women, and will be attended by numerous college coaches at all levels, who will be evaluating players for potential scholarship offers.  
Call (405) 377-HOOP for a brochure.

### HUNTING

**HOUSTON** — The Texas State Rifle Association (TSRA) has joined forces with the National Rifle Association, the National Shooting Sports Foundation and the South Texas Friends of the NRA to sponsor the 1999 Youth Shooting Sports Festival to be held Aug. 28-29 at the American Shooting Centers in Houston.  
For more information, contact the TSRA at (972) 889-8772 or the South Texas NRA at (512) 972-5205.

### FOOTBALL

**WICHITA FALLS, Texas (AP)** — Troy Aikman feels helpless against the pull of perfection. No matter how much he tries to ease up, the Dallas Cowboys quarterback continues to demand it from himself.

"Sometimes I try to back off a little bit and not be quite as competitive," Aikman said. "But that's just my makeup."

That makeup has helped the Dallas Cowboys win three Super Bowls this decade. It's also helped Aikman become the highest-paid player in NFL history.

And as he prepares for his 11th season, it keeps him from being satisfied with a career that will one day earn him a spot in the Hall of Fame.

"I want to win the Super Bowl as badly today as I did before I won the first one," Aikman said.

## Equipment checkout set for middle school

**PAMPA** — Pampa Middle School football players will be issued equipment Monday in the boys' gym.

8th graders will be issued equipment from 9 to 12 noon. 7th graders will be issued equipment from 1 to 4.

The middle school players are urged to attend the Meet The Harvesters night at 8 Saturday night at Harvester Stadium. Both 7th and 8th grade teams, plus the coaching staff, will be introduced to the parents.

The Pampa 9th grade, junior varsity, varsity teams and their coaches will be introduced individually at Meet the Harvesters night. Team captains will also be introduced.

The PHS cheerleaders will also lead the crowd in new cheers, which will be used at games during the 1999 season.

"We'll give the players a popsicle and meet with the players. We'll all have a chance to visit with each other," said PHS head coach Dennis Cavalier.

New Harvester Booster Club officers will also be recognized.

In other Harvester football news, the Pampa-Borger varsity scrimmage will be held at Borger on Aug. 20, starting at 8 p.m. The scrimmage had originally been scheduled to be played at Harvester Stadium. The stadium turf is currently being re-sodded.

On Aug. 19, the Pampa-Borger 9th grade and junior varsity teams will scrimmage at Borger. The 9th grade play sat 5, followed by the JV at 6:30.

Pampa's second and final scrimmage will be Aug. 26 at Frenship. The 9th grade and junior varsity scrimmage at 4, followed by the varsity at 5:30.

### FOOTBALL NOTES

**WEATHERFORD, Okla. (AP)** — Offensive lineman Wes Sims has made a verbal commitment to play college football at Oklahoma, his family said.

The Weatherford High School star chose the Sooners over the Texas Longhorns, said his mother, Linn Simms.

Mrs. Simms said her son and Sooners coach Bob Stoops shook hands on it Tuesday after Sims visited the Norman, Okla., campus.

"He had a big, major choice to make between Texas and OU. But he's born and bred a Sooner and a Sooner he shall die, I guess," she said.

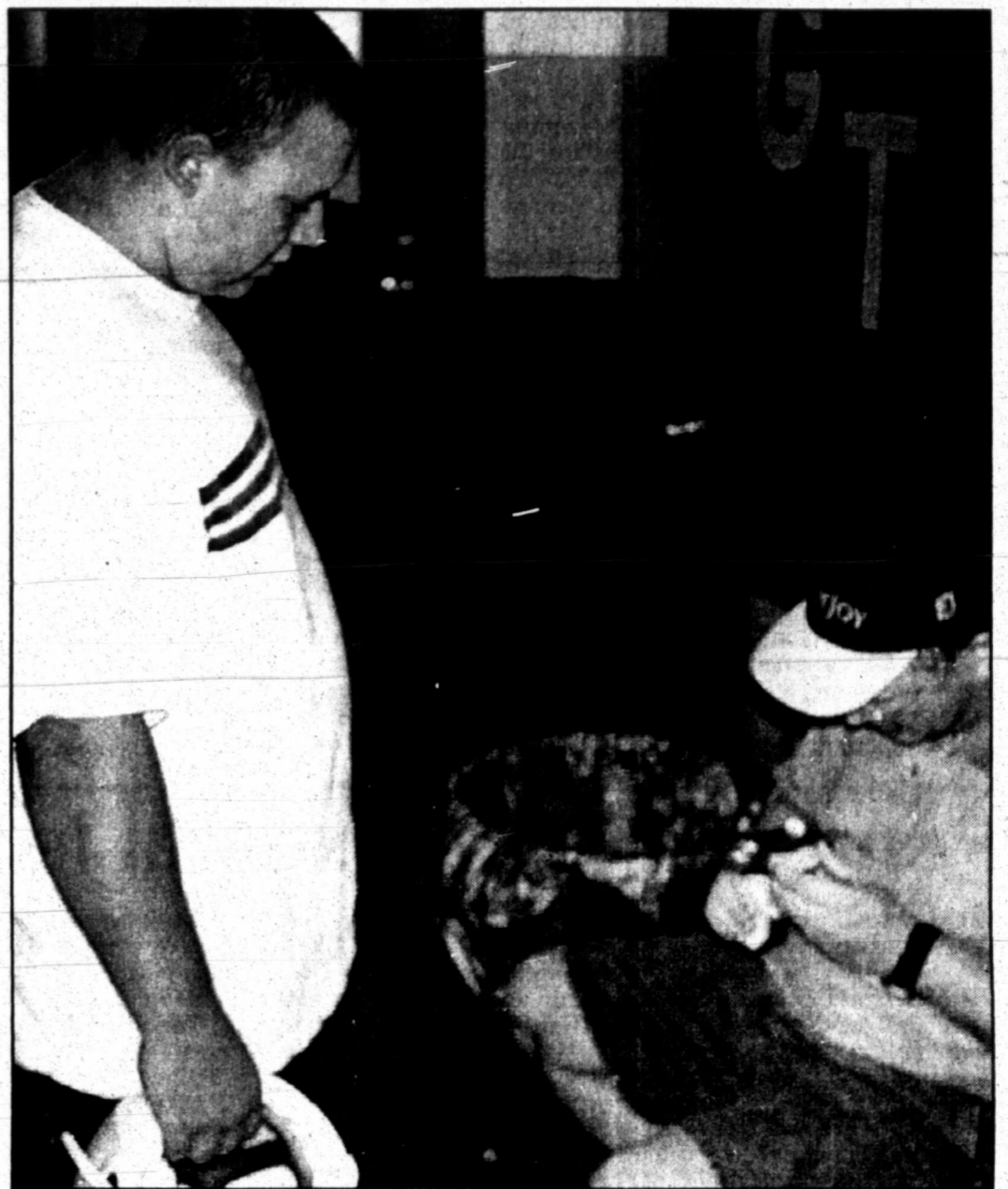
The commitment won't become official until the national signing period opens in February.

One recruiting service says the 6-5, 290-pound west-central Oklahoman can run a 4.9-second 40-yard dash.

**WICHITA FALLS, Texas (AP)** — The Dallas Cowboys have added former NFL Europe offensive lineman Ben Fricke and Chad Bates to fill in for several players out with injuries.

"I don't think there are any unrealistic expectations," coach Chan Gailey said Tuesday. "But at the same time I don't want them to feel like they're camp fodder."

Dallas was thin on blockers for Troy Aikman and Emmitt Smith because of injuries on three straight days to Tony Hutson, Mike Kiselak and Earl Scott. Hutson and Kiselak filled in at first-team right guard while Everett McIver recovered from knee surgery.



Pampa assistant coach Tad Smith checks out a helmet for senior Michael Hinds (left) as high school football practice got under way this week. All the PHS players and coaching staff will be introduced during Meet the Harvesters night at 8 p.m. Saturday at Harvester Stadium.

## PSA schedules signups

**PAMPA** — Pampa Soccer Association will have fall sign-ups Aug. 13-14 at T-Shirts & More, 111 W. Kingsmill. Sign-up times are 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Aug. 13 and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Aug. 14. Ages are 4-18.

There will be a \$30 fee per player, which includes uniform, NTSSA registration and insurance for the 1999 fall and 2000 spring seasons.

New players must bring birth certificates to the sign-up. A player must be four years old on or before July 31, 1999.

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Seeking more fans and higher television ratings, Major League Soccer hired Don Garber, who spent the last three years running the NFL's European league, as the league's new commissioner. Doug Logan, the only commissioner in the four years of the soccer league, was forced to resign.

**MEXICO CITY (AP)** — Two goals by Miguel Zepeda and one

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each by Jose Manuel Abundis and Cuauhtemoc Blanco lifted Mexico to a 4-3 upset of Brazil in the championship game of the Confederations Cup soccer tournament.

**DALLAS (AP)** — Jason Kreis and John Jairo Trellez each scored Wednesday as the Dallas Burn beat the New York-New Jersey MetroStars 2-0.

It was the fifth straight victory for the Burn (11-11) over the MetroStars (5-14).

Dallas, which is 32-4 when Kreis scores a goal, is now in second place in the MLS Western Conference. Kreis scored his 14th goal of the season in the 71st minute with a 10-yard kick on a pass from Paul Broome.

The MetroStars have lost 10 of 11 and are scoreless in 276 minutes of play, dating back to a July 4 game against the New England Revolution.

## Brown hurls LA past Astros

**HOUSTON (AP)** — Kevin Brown's \$105 million contract seems like a bargain when he pitches against the Houston Astros.

Brown pitched a four-hitter to continue his recent mastery of Houston and the Los Angeles Dodgers beat the Astros 2-1 Wednesday night.

"He's a great pitcher," said Derek Bell, who was 1-for-17 lifetime against Brown before getting two late hits. "That's why they pay him \$100 million. You've got to tip your hat to him."

Brown has won his last three starts against the Astros, including a 2-1 victory with 16 strikeouts while pitching for the San Diego Padres in last year's playoffs. The 16 strikeouts were the second most

in playoff history, behind Bob Gibson's 17 in the 1968 World Series.

"I don't think he was quite as good tonight as he was in the playoff game against us," manager Larry Dierker said. "But he's better than most pitchers we face. But that's because he's Kevin Brown."

Brown (12-6) struck out seven and walked two in his second complete game of the season. Brown retired 10 in a row from the fourth to the seventh innings to improve to 3-2 in the regular season against the Astros.

Brown, who beat Houston 1-0 earlier this season in Los Angeles, has allowed only two runs in his last 25 innings against the Astros. "I've had better and I've had worse," Brown said.

## Texas' Loaiza is pleasant surprise

**ARLINGTON, Texas (AP)** — At the end of spring training, Esteban Loaiza lost his spot in the rotation to 39-year-old Mike Morgan. The Texas Rangers opened the season with Loaiza in the bullpen, and there were no guarantees he'd stay with the team.

But Loaiza found his way back into the rotation when others faltered, and he's made the most of his second chance.

On Wednesday night, he pitched six shutout innings, allowing just two hits, as the Rangers improved to 10-0 against Minnesota this season, beating the Twins 3-1.

"I'm just trying to do the best job possible," said Loaiza, who won his fourth straight decision. "I can't get a big head."

Loaiza (4-1) worked around five walks, sending the Twins to their fourth straight loss. He's pitching as well as he has in two seasons with the Rangers.

"Any time you get six shutout innings, I'll take it," manager Johnny Oates said. "Five walks are too many, but the defense bailed him out. I'd like him to throw more strikes. Sometimes he tries to be too fine."

Jeff Zimmerman pitched two innings and gave up Denny Hocking's home run in the eighth. John Wetteland pitched the ninth for his 33rd save, completing the combined four-hitter.

The AL West-leading Rangers

(65-42) won their fourth in a row to tie Cleveland for best record in the majors. Texas is 17-3 since the All-Star break.

Oates said he'll be excited if his team still has the league's best mark in two months.

"Right now, what does it get me?" Oates said. "It is part of our goal. We want to have home-field advantage. But other than feeling good about how we're playing right now, it gets us nothing."

The Rangers continue to dominate the Twins. Their 10 straight wins over Minnesota are their most in a season against one team since 11 in a row against Oakland in 1977.

"If I had a vote, I'd say they are the best team in baseball," Hocking said. "They remind me of the Yankees when Wetteland closed for them. They make it a six-inning game. These guys are playing with a purpose."

Texas has built its runaway lead in the AL West by dominating the AL Central with a 20-5 record.

"When we take the field, we expect to win," Rangers left fielder Rusty Greer said. "The pitchers have been giving us a chance to win."

Rafael Palmeiro's sixth-inning sacrifice fly broke a scoreless tie, and Mark McLemore added a two-run single in the seventh for Texas.

In the sixth, Greer, who went 3-for-3, singled with one out off Brad Radke (8-10) and went to third on

Juan Gonzalez's single. Palmeiro hit a drive near the wall in center, and Jacque Jones made a leaping catch near the top of the wall.

In the seventh, Ruben Mateo singled and moved to third on Royce Clayton's infield single. After Clayton stole second, McLemore extended the Rangers' lead to 3-0 with his single.

Radke allowed three runs and nine hits in 6 1-3 innings.

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# Lemons eyes starting role at Tech

It's hard to believe, but Devin Lemons will be a junior at Texas Tech this season. It seems like only yesterday when Lemons helped lead Pampa to the Class 4A regional quarterfinals in 1996. Lemons was an all-state football player for the Harvesters and he appears ready to step into a starting role for the Red Raiders this season.

Lemons, who weighs in at 220, is listed on the preseason first-team depth chart at defensive end. He made considerable progress his first two seasons at Tech, seeing action in every regular-season game. Lemons is slated to replace All-America Monte Reagor.

Defensive coordinator John Goodner issued a glowing statement on Lemons in the 1999 Red Raider Media Football Guide.

"Devin is a playmaker, that's the greatest compliment I can give him. He is all over the field and can play a lot of positions for us," Goodner said. "We've used him in several positions on the defensive line and some off the line. He's consistently come through for us."

Lemons had 84 total tackles and two



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Sports Editor

quarterback sacks his first two seasons.

Tommy Wilson's winning total of 212 last week will be something to shoot for in the coming years of the Tri-State Senior Golf Association Tournament.

The Lubbock golfer closed out with a final round of three-under-par 68 at the Pampa Country Club course. Runnerup Doug Barron of Amarillo shot 69 in the third round and finished at 217.

"I was excited about the golf we had. That was the lowest winning score we've had in several years. A couple of closing rounds in the 60s was really something," said PCC pro Mickey Piersall.

Wilson also had a hole-in-one on No. 16 in the final round.

"I just tried to keep the ball in the middle of the fairway," said Wilson when asked about his tournament strategy. "I also wanted to enjoy myself and have fun. That's what it's all about."

In other Tri-State news, Larry Freeman of Bullard is the new association president, replacing John Pettit of Stillwater, Okla.

Freeman is an 8-year member of the TSSGA.

Pettit, in his closing remarks at last week's Tri-State awards banquet, had good things to say about longtime TSSGA secretary Floyd Sackett.

"Most kids have a security blanket, like a teddy bear or some kind of toy. That's the way I feel about Floyd, he was my security blanket," an emotional Pettit said.

**Flashback, 1962:** Amarillo standout J.R. Brown won the last of his four Tri-State titles with a 72-hole total of 285, four strokes better than Pete Edwards of Lubbock. It was the first year the tournament was played with a medal format.

# Career may be over for Dolphins' Edwards

DAVIE, Fla. (AP) — Linebacker Dixon Edwards quietly cleaned out his locker and checked out of his hotel room. His NFL career could be over, or he could be back with the Miami Dolphins next week.

Doctors say Edwards can play football, but he's not so sure. The veteran of 18 playoff games and two Super Bowls left the Dolphins on Wednesday and might sit out the season because of an irregular heartbeat.

Edwards, 31, was aware of the problem last year, when he started 14 games for the Minnesota Vikings. He participated in Miami's first three training camp workouts last week, then underwent further tests.

"He has seen four different doctors and cardiologists, one in Dallas in February and three other doctors in South Florida," coach Jimmy Johnson said. "All four have cleared him to practice and to play. All four have said he's got a healthy heart. For that reason, we're leaving the door open for him to return to the squad at a later date."

But defensive coordinator George Hill said Edwards' return is a long shot. The Dolphins released him and terminated his contract, and Edwards returned to receive for joining Miami in June as a free agent.

"We tell like he would come in here and contribute," Hill said. "It's a terrible shame, and I hope the best for him."

Drafted by Johnson and the Dallas Cowboys in 1991, Edwards has been a starter since 1993. He spent the past three seasons with the Vikings, and his tackle totals declined from 122 in 1996 to 56 in 1998.

Minnesota released him after last season. The Dolphins, looking to further strengthen a defense that allowed the fewest points in the NFL last year, signed Edwards to a one-year, \$750,000 contract.

He met Wednesday with Johnson before leaving camp. "He has concerns," Johnson said. "He'll be working with a nutritionist to try to alleviate his concerns, and so he could have a change of mind here at a later date."

Edwards was expected to challenge two-year starter Derrick Rodgers at outside linebacker. Rodgers' productivity fell off sharply last year, to 56 tackles and 2 1/2 sacks from 91 tackles and five sacks as a rookie in 1997.

"It was my job to lose," Rodgers said. "I'm still competing against myself. If no one is around to push me, am I going to slough off? No." But even if Rodgers regains his rookie form, the Dolphins now have little depth at linebacker behind him and the other starters, Robert Jones and Zach Thomas. O.J. Brigance and Sammie Burroughs are sidelined with back injuries, and Anthony Harris underwent groin surgery Tuesday that will sideline him for at least 10 weeks.

Edwards left the Dolphins without talking to teammates or reporters, and his agent didn't return phone calls seeking comment: Jones, who played with Edwards on two Super Bowl championship teams, shook his head in reaction to the sudden departure of his fellow linebacker.

"The day he decided not to practice, I knew something was seriously wrong, because he's not the type of guy to quit," Jones said. "He can play through pain. But you've only got one heart."

# Penny to Phoenix deal looks imminent

By CHRIS SHERIDAN  
AP Basketball Writer

The Orlando Magic have a choice: Pull the trigger on a trade sending Penny Hardaway to Phoenix or pull the plug on the whole affair and let the one-time superstar fend for himself on a less-than-open market.

"It's a huge decision for us, obviously," said general manager John Gabriel, who was spending nearly all his waking hours in his office, talking with team personnel and representatives for Hardaway. "I was in here until midnight with the coach (Doc Rivers) trying to work this out."

All but one of the teams that made bids for Hardaway dropped out of the picture by Wednesday morning, leaving Phoenix's offer of Danny Manning, Pat Garrity and draft picks the only decent option on the table.

"He's told us he wants to be here. We've finalized the contract, and now we're waiting for Orlando to pull the trigger," Suns president Jerry Colangelo said.

There was talk that Orlando might, out of spite, throw a wrench into Hardaway's plans — and Phoenix's — by refusing to sign and trade him, thereby forcing Hardaway to sign with Chicago, the Clippers or Toronto if he wanted anything approaching the seven-year, \$92 million deal he would get from Phoenix.

Gabriel, however, said such a scenario would "probably not" happen.

A Hardaway trade would send Orlando deep into a rebuilding mode, with three starters from last season gone via trades.

The Magic will have three first-round picks in next year's draft — their own, Denver's and Golden State's — all of which could be lottery picks. The Magic also would be about \$10 million under the salary cap entering the 2001-02 season.

Elsewhere around the league: —The Los Angeles Clippers and Cleveland Cavaliers pulled off the day's only trade, a sign-and-trade deal that sent Lamond Murray to Cleveland for Derek Anderson and Johnny Newman.

—The Sacramento Kings stayed busy, signing Clippers free-agent point guard Darrick Martin and re-signing free agent forward Lawrence Funderburke.

—Indiana Pacers general manager Donnie Walsh told the Indianapolis News that the Boston Celtics approached him offering Antoine Walker. The Pacers also were known to be pursuing a sign-and-trade deal with the Clippers for Lorenzen Wright.

—Miami signed free-agent forward Otis Thorpe, who played for Washington last season, averaging 11.3 points and 6.8 rebounds.

—Terry Porter, who played for the Heat last season, is reportedly close to signing with San Antonio.

—Miami was reportedly trying to find a third team with salary-cap space to facilitate a three-way trade that would bring Wizards free agent Mitch Richmond to the Heat.

Cavaliers general manager Jim Paxson said Anderson's contract status was one factor behind his trade to the Clippers. Anderson, entering the final year of his three-year rookie contract, was seeking a seven-year, \$60 million extension from the Cavs.

Clippers general manager Elgin Baylor said his team would not immediately offer Anderson an extension.

"We need to get to know Derek, see how he plays and how well he fits in. That's something we need to see, and then we can talk about that."

Murray, who lost his starting job with the Clippers last season after 13 games, agreed to a seven-year, \$25 million contract.

Paxson said it's hard to judge anyone based on last year's strike-shortened season, and he sees Murray as someone who adds depth to the roster and keep defenses from collapsing on Cleveland big men Zydrunas Ilgauskas and Shawn Kemp.

Murray said he's excited to play for Cleveland after five losing seasons with the Clippers. He averaged 12.2 points last year.

"It was roller-coaster ride throughout the five years I was

there," he said. "I never knew where I stood in terms of the organization. It was a difficult time for me."

The Clippers have now lost free agents Murray, Martin and Rodney Rogers. They stand to lose a fourth, Wright, but were expected to pull off another sign-and-trade deal for him.

"It's narrowing down now, but there are still quite a few teams that have called with an interest in Lorenzen," Baylor said. "There isn't anything that has come up thus far that would be acceptable."

Tyrone Nesby and Eric Piattkowski are the Clippers' other free agents.

Funderburke, 28, averaged 9.2 points and 4.6 rebounds for two seasons with the Kings. Last season, the 6-foot-9 forward shot a

# Between fantasy and reality

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas — To them, life is a fantasy. Or so it seems at times to those outside the sports rotisserie and fantasy leagues of America.

To avid fanatics around this sports-happy country, it's no laughing matter. It's sports. It's for real cash and prizes. And for those who play, the games and the heartbreaks that accompany them are as real as those experienced by diehard Dallas football fans in Cowboy Country the past three seasons. This is the real deal. Losing is not taken lightly by these select few.

Scared? Nah. These spirited sports enthusiasts are harmless. But don't make fun of their passionate pastimes. They have their reasons for playing the game.

Take David Barrera Jr., a 42-year Corpus Christi resident. Barrera is a 59-year-old funeral director who has watched his three children grow, marry and move away from home. Barrera needed a hobby to fill what little spare time he had around the house.

So in 1987, Barrera joined the ranks of the fantasy baseball league owners. He hasn't let up

since. In 12 years, Barrera has owned as many as 10 fantasy baseball teams. He currently has eight teams in three different fantasy baseball leagues.

While Barrera believes baseball players have changed over the years — "nowadays a baseball player goes on the disabled list if he gets shampoo in his eyes" — his interest in the sport hasn't.

"I have a den with five TV sets," Barrera said. "There's only one on with sound. It's mostly for baseball. 'My wife's (Estella) very understanding during baseball season,'" he said. "She puts up with me. I don't think she knows how much I spend."

Just call him Mr. October. Barrera has been known to put off his fishing trips and vacations until baseball season has concluded.

"As soon as the World Series is over, we go on trips," Barrera said. "She goes fishing with me. But I have some anxiety problems when I start reading in the paper that spring training is about to start. A few weeks before spring training, I can hardly wait. The draft is very exciting to me."

# Polaris, Ducks Unlimited announce partnership

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. — Polaris has announced a multi-year partnership with Ducks Unlimited, the world's leader in wetland and waterfowl conservation. According to Ducks Unlimited, it's a large corporate partnership for the 700,000 member non-profit organization.

Polaris has committed to provide ATVs to Ducks Unlimited for the next three years to be used in fundraising opportunities. A special edition Ducks Unlimited ATV is also in the works, and a portion of the profits from each Ducks Unlimited edition ATV sale will go directly to Ducks Unlimited to help fund their habitat conservation efforts.

Ducks Unlimited estimates that more than \$3 million will be generated between now and the end of 2001 by Polaris ATVs. The

money generated will go directly to fund Ducks Unlimited programs.

People have the opportunity to win their own Sportsman 335 ATV by purchasing a ticket from their local DU representative starting July 1. Information is available by calling 1-800-45-DUCKS.

In exchange for these fund-raising efforts, Polaris will receive hundreds of thousands of ATV product impressions through Ducks Unlimited Magazine and Ducks Unlimited event displays. The Polaris relationship also will be evident at Ducks Unlimited Banquets across the country. Additionally, Polaris ATVs now carry the designation of "The Official ATV of Ducks Unlimited."

Polaris has been involved with Ducks Unlimited since 1996.

# Amarillo schedules Duathlon

AMARILLO — The Amarillo YMCA's "Fall Brawl" Duathlon featuring both individual and team competition will be held Saturday, Sept. 11. The event kicks off at 9 a.m. in front of the Amarillo Botanical Gardens, 1400 Streit, in the Harrington Regional Center in Amarillo. The event kicks off at 9 a.m. in front of the Amarillo Botanical Gardens, 1400 Streit, in the

Harrington Medical Center. A strenuous endurance race, the Duathlon starts with a 2-mile out-and-back run, followed by a 10-mile loop bicycle ride and ends with another 2-mile run. A map is available upon request, said Nan Sanders, race coordinator.

For more information, contact the Downtown YMCA, 374-4651.

# Strawberry back in Yankee pinstripes

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — Darryl Strawberry is back in pinstripes.

Strawberry, attempting to come back from his latest drug suspension while still recovering from colon cancer, is getting another chance from Yankees management to return to The Bronx if he can turn his life around.

He was in the starting lineup for Triple-A Columbus on Wednesday night, playing for the first time since learning last Oct. 1 that he had colon cancer.

He went 2-for-4, failed to drive in the tying run in the ninth, then said afterward he had no timetable for returning to New York and would not pressure manager Joe Torre for playing time if he gets there.

"I'm not looking to go up there to say I'm the left fielder and I should play," he said. "If I have to go sit on the bench, that's what I have to do. If I don't get back there this year, I just don't get back."

A group of fans along the third base line gave Strawberry a standing ovation when he left the on-deck circle for his first at-bat in the

second inning. They cheered even louder when he singled sharply to center on Jose Bautista's second pitch.

A smattering of boos was also heard. Columbus, after all, is home to many Cleveland Indians fans.

Strawberry added a single and stolen base in the fifth, but popped out to third for the final out with the tying run at second as the Clippers lost to Norfolk 3-2.

He got jammed on the pitch and said he was overanxious.

"I think it's a matter of time, a matter of getting back," Strawberry said. "You know that's the first time I've faced game situation pitches. All I did down in Tampa was just hit, run and shag balls."

"To be in a live situation and seeing breaking balls, I felt a little rusty. ... You need to get at least 15 to 20 at-bats before you really start feeling good."

Strawberry was suspended 120 days by commissioner Bud Selig after his arrest on solicitation and drug charges April 14. Selig reduced the suspension by one week on Monday.

Strawberry said he was going

through a tough time when he was arrested, depressed about not making the Yankees' Opening Day roster, and he had stopped going to Alcoholics Anonymous meetings.

He said he became overwhelmed with trying to get in shape to play baseball, finish up chemotherapy and stay on top of his rehab.

"Anyone that suffers through cancer and has to take chemotherapy for six months, somewhere down the line there's going to be a wall hit," he said.

"I really wish I would have paid more attention to my health than concerning myself with getting back on the baseball field. My life is more important than getting back on the baseball field."

Strawberry said he has moved his recovery program to Columbus and has made that his No. 1 priority.

"That comes first. There's no question about it. Baseball comes after my recovery and my family," he said. "If I put baseball in a place where I can enjoy myself and not pressure myself to play the game anymore, I think I'll do well."

Major League Standings											
<b>American League</b>						<b>National League</b>					
<b>All Times EDT</b>						<b>East Division</b>					
<b>Central Division</b>						<b>West Division</b>					
W	L	Pct.	GB			W	L	Pct.	GB		
New York	64	42	.604	—		New York	66	43	.606	—	
Toronto	60	50	.545	6		Atlanta	64	45	.587	2	
Boston	58	49	.542	6 1/2		Philadelphia	59	48	.551	6	
Baltimore	47	60	.439	17 1/2		Montreal	41	63	.394	22 1/2	
Tampa Bay	44	64	.407	21		Florida	41	67	.380	24 1/2	
<b>West Division</b>						<b>Central Division</b>					
W	L	Pct.	GB			W	L	Pct.	GB		
Cleveland	65	42	.607	—		Chicago 9, Detroit 6					
Chicago	51	54	.486	13		Cleveland 5, Boston 4					
Kansas City	45	62	.421	20		Toronto 3, New York 1					
Minnesota	44	62	.415	20 1/2		Texas 9, Minnesota 5					
Detroit	42	65	.393	23		Kansas City 7, Anaheim 0					
<b>East Division</b>						<b>West Division</b>					
W	L	Pct.	GB			W	L	Pct.	GB		
Texas	65	42	.607	—		Seattle 5, Tampa Bay 2					
Oakland	56	51	.523	9		Oakland 12, Baltimore 2					
Seattle	53	54	.495	12		<b>Wednesday's Games</b>					
Anaheim	45	61	.425	19 1/2		New York 8, Toronto 3					
<b>Tuesday's Games</b>						<b>Thursday's Games</b>					
Chicago 9, Detroit 6						Detroit (Weaver 6-7), 7:35 p.m.					
Cleveland 5, Boston 4						Boston (Rose 6-3) at Anaheim (Finley 5-10), 10:05 p.m.					
Toronto 3, New York 1						Chicago (Sirota 7-10) at Oakland (Oliveras 9-9), 10:05 p.m.					
Texas 9, Minnesota 5						<b>Friday's Games</b>					
Kansas City 7, Anaheim 0						Cleveland (Burba 6-6) at Tampa Bay (Arrojo 2-7), 7:05 p.m.					
Seattle 5, Tampa Bay 2						Detroit (Mlicki 5-10) at Baltimore (Mussina 13-6), 7:35 p.m.					
Oakland 12, Baltimore 2						Minnesota (Milton 4-8) at Kansas City (Reichert 1-0), 8:05 p.m.					
<b>Wednesday's Games</b>						<b>Thursday's Games</b>					
New York 8, Toronto 3						Toronto (Carpenter 7-5) at Texas (Helling 9-7), 8:35 p.m.					
Boston 7, Cleveland 2						Boston (Saberhagen 7-4) at Anaheim (Sparks 5-7), 10:05 p.m.					
Baltimore 9, Oakland 5						New York (O'Hernandez 12-7) at Seattle (Fassero 4-12), 10:05 p.m.					
Texas 3, Minnesota 1						Chicago (Navarro 7-8) at Oakland (Heredia 8-5), 10:35 p.m.					
Anaheim 4, Kansas City 3						<b>National League</b>					
Tampa Bay 7, Seattle 1						<b>East Division</b>					
<b>Only games scheduled</b>						<b>West Division</b>					
<b>Thursday's Games</b>						<b>Friday's Games</b>					
Detroit (Weaver 6-7), 7:35 p.m.						Houston 65, 43, .602					
Boston (Rose 6-3) at Anaheim (Finley 5-10), 10:05 p.m.						Cincinnati 62, 43, .590					
Chicago (Sirota 7-10) at Oakland (Oliveras 9-9), 10:05 p.m.						St. Louis 55, 53, .509					
<b>Friday's Games</b>						Pittsburgh 53, 53, .500					
New York 8, Toronto 3						Chicago 49, 56, .467					
Boston 7, Cleveland 2						Milwaukee 49, 57, .462					
Baltimore 9, Oakland 5						<b>West Division</b>					
Texas 3, Minnesota 1						W	L	Pct.	GB		
Anaheim 4, Kansas City 3						Arizona	61	48	.560	—	
Tampa Bay 7, Seattle 1						San Francisco	57	51	.528	3 1/2	
<b>Only games scheduled</b>						San Diego	50	57	.467	10	
<b>Thursday's Games</b>						Colorado	47	60	.439	13	
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Boston 7, Cleveland 2						<b>St. Louis 6, San Diego 0</b>					
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Texas 3, Minnesota 1						<b>Montreal 9, Chicago 4</b>					
Anaheim 4, Kansas City 3						<b>Houston 7, Los Angeles 2</b>					
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# Lake Meredith Fire Crew works projects in New Mexico and Oregon

FRITCH — Three members of the Lake Meredith National Recreation Area Fire Crew worked fire projects in other states. Fire fighter Chris Long worked controlled burn projects at Bandelier National Monument in New Mexico and fire fighters Fred Connor and Kevin Parrish were sent to a wildfire in DeSchutes National Forest near Redmond, Ore.

"Our highly trained, professional fire crew hasn't had much fire fighting in the Panhandle this year because of the abundant rain in the spring and summer. Fire crews came from other states to help us with the Palo Duro Ranch Fire in 1998, and we're happy to contribute to the national effort this year. Our crew did an excellent job at the Lake Meredith Sizzlin' Summer Spectacular fireworks display, educating the public and preventing accidental fires. Sending them on these assignments keeps their skills sharp and assists other agencies," Fire Management Officer Mike Davin.

Lake Meredith National Recreation Area has three full-time and one part-time fire fighters. Three wildland fire engines are maintained at the park. Twenty-seven members of the park staff are

certified as emergency fire fighters and issued "Red Cards." They all must pass strict physical fitness tests and receive initial and refresher training.

The park's fire crews are a part of the mutual aid fire fighting service that operates in the Texas Panhandle. The park fights an average of 12 in-park fires each year, and 20 out-of-park mutual aid fires.

Lake Meredith recently began a prescribed fire program. The park's first prescribed fires were carried out in April when 1,333 acres were burned in three separate units. Another 3,000 acres will be burned in the fall. The park's Fire Management Plan has as its objectives the reduction of excess fuels and the restoration of natural vegetation conditions. Fire history studies indicate before settlement, the area burned very 7-10 years.

Remember to always be careful with fires, especially in the park. Douse campfires with water and make sure the ashes are cold before you leave a campsite. Smokers need to be especially careful with cigarettes.

## Did you know?

- Fleas of a feather? Long before man invented the flea collar, the tiny parasites were pestering animals. Research on a fossil feather now suggests these pests go back at least 120 million years.
- Upon close examination, scientists noticed hundreds of tiny, spherical structures only several thousandths of an inch in diameter.
- The earliest undisputed feathers, from the bird Archaeopteryx, date back 140 million years. It could be that parasites were around then, too, scientists said. Scratch, scratch.
- The Kansas City Star
- The belted kingfisher is a bird about 13-inches long with a crested head and long, heavy bill. Usually gray-blue in color, kingfishers live near lakes, ponds or coastal areas; they can be found in the United States along much of the East Coast. Besides fish, they feed on insects, mice and wild fruit.
- Unusual town names in Hawaii: Captain Cook.
- Unusual town names in Nevada: Duckwater and Shantytown.
- As carriers of plague, fleas have claimed more victims than all the wars fought.
- Unusual town names in Main: Moscow, Norway and Peru.
- Unusual town names in Michigan: Hell, Mesick, Pine Stump Junction and Wooden Shoe.
- Fleas hate pine needles. A layer of fresh pine needles in the doghouse or underneath the bed pad will make fleas disappear.



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### 1 Public Notice

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
 Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Evelyn Mary Garrison, Deceased, were issued on July 28, 1999, in docket No. 8523, pending in the County Court of Gray County, Texas, to Joyce J. Elliott and Jack Eugene Garrison. Joyce J. Elliott is a resident of Gray County, Texas. Jack Eugene Garrison is a resident of Greene County, Missouri. The resident agent for Jack Eugene Garrison is Joyce J. Elliott. Claims may be presented in care of the attorney for the Estate, addressed as follows: Joyce J. Elliott and Jack Eugene Garrison, Independent Co-Executors of the Estate of Evelyn Mary Garrison, Deceased, c/o Don R. Lane Attorney at Law P.O. Box 1781 Pampa, TX 79066-1781. All persons having claims against this Estate which are currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law. DATED the 28th day of July, 1999. Joyce J. Elliott Jack Eugene Garrison Aug. 5, 1999 D-60

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### 14t Radio/Tv

RENT TO RENT RENT TO OWN We have tvs, vcrs, camcorders, to suit your needs. Rent by hour, day, week. We do service on most major brand tvs & vcrs. Call for estimate. Johnson Home Entertainment, 2211 Perryton Pkwy. 665-0504.

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### 14d Carpentry

CUSTOM homes, additions, remodeling, residential / commercial Deaver Construction, 665-0447.

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ADDITIONS, remodeling, roofing, cabinets, painting, all types repairs. Mike Albus, 665-4774.

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HOUSE Movement? Cracks in bricks or walls? Doors won't close? Call Childers Brothers Stabilizing & Foundation Leveling. 1-800-299-9563 or 806-352-9563, Amarillo, TX.

### 21 Help Wanted

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NEED apprentices & journeymen, carpenter local. 702 S. Madison, Amarillo, 806-373-4574. EOE.

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HOMEWORKERS \$635 w/ky. processing mail. Easy! No exp. 1-800-426-3203 ext. 5200 24 hrs.

### 21 Help Wanted

HEAVY equip. oper. & laborers-out of town work. CDL req. & mandatory drug testing. Insurance & start \$8 per hr. Serious only. 806-354-2295.

THE CITY of Lefors seeking dependable hard-working individual for purpose of driving trash truck, meter reading, water and gas utility work and general city maintenance. CDL req. Relocation may be necessary. Qualified applicants only. Resume to Utility Supp., P.O. Box 383, Lefors, Tx. 79054 or pick up application at Lefors City Hall.

### 21 Help Wanted

ST. ANN'S Nursing Home seeking weekend RN. Contact Andi Lopez at 806-337-3194.

### 50 Building Suppl.

White House Lumber 101 S. Ballard 669-3291

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GLASS display cabinet, 3 velvet lined shelves. Approx. 6' long. \$350 wood executive desk w/ marble inlay top \$200. 669-3667

DENTURES \$395, full set partials. 1-800-688-3411.

### 69 Misc.

BACKYARD Sale Friday only, 8 a.m. Furn. bedspread, small truck tool box. 1033 Charles.

GARAGE Sale: Fri. 8-1 p.m. at 1915 Holly. New telescope, truck seat, books, toys, lots of misc.

ESTATE Sale: crown doll collection, beds, dressers, furniture, tools, lamps, and lots of misc. Thurs-Saturday 9-5 115 S. Starkweather.

2 Fam. Yard sale. Fri. Sat. all day, 1245 Wilcox. Futon couch, antique wood cookstove, like new baby items, clothes, antiques.

3 Family Sale- Exercise bike, pickup rails, kids' clothes, lots more. 1135 Finley, Fri. 9-5 p.m.

GARAGE sale-4 families Fri. 8-12 maybe Sat. 8-12 1505 N. Nelson.

BOLIN Sale. Barn. 415 W. Browning, open Fri. 9 a.m., Sat. 9 a.m. 665-2254.

2 Family Garage Sale- 2384 Chestnut, Saturday 9-?

YARD sale 636 Zimmers Thurs. & Fri. 9-? also a 1973 Explorer Motor Home with 48,000 mls.

HUGE 5 Family Sale- Plus sz. Ladies, mens, childrens clothes, appliances, 3-wheelers, crafts, needle work, curtains, tools, skis. Fri. 5p.m.-8 p.m. 2309 Alcock

GARAGE Sale 1504 N. Zimmers Fri. 8-1 p.m. & 4-6 p.m. Sat. 8-12 noon

1023 E. Francis, Fri. 9-? Gas dryer, furniture, bar glasses, books.

FRI. 7-? 2234 Mary Ellen custom drapes, baby items, furniture.

### 70 Musical

LUDWIG beginners percussion set. Post bells, etc. \$1500 new. Good condition. \$500. 669-9829.

SPINET Piano, Yamaha clarinet, both very good condition. Call 669-7085.

FOR Sale Armstrong clarinet exc. condition. 669-1954.

### 70 Musical

VERYGOOD Grass Hay. Delivered \$2.50 bale. 779-2877 after 7-p.m.

### 77 Livest/Equip.

HOOT Tucker's horse for sale. mare, very gentle, reg. AQHA, 18 yrs. old, does barrels. 665-8101

### 80 Pets & Suppl.

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

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

Lee Ann's Grooming Canine & Feline Grooming Call 669-9660

### 80 Pets & Suppl.

ABOUT Town Dog Grooming. Pick up & Delivery Service. 665-5959

The Country Clip Dog Grooming Teresa Eubank 665-8714 Sat. appointments avail.

FREE kittens, 4 males, orange & white Tabby. Call after 5, 669-2076

FOR Sale Sheltie puppies- 2 females, 2 males, sable & white, \$100 each. 669-2511 aft. 6 p.m.

FREE Kittens to good homes. Call 665-1600

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LRG. 1 bdr., appl. cov. parking, laundry. \$275 mo. + elec., \$100 dep. 7522, 883-2461.

ONE bedroom unf. apt. \$250 per mo., all utilities paid. The Courtyard, 1031 N. Sumner, 669-9712.

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2 Bdr. 1 bth. fenced corner lot. 1200 E. Kingsmill. \$285 mo. \$150 dep. 669-6973 or 669-6881.

3 Bdr., 2 ba. mobile home near Lamar school. Will rent on HUD. 665-4842

2 Bdr., new carpet, garage. 922 E. Browning. 669-6973, 669-6881.

ELEAN 2 br duplex, garage, appl., w/d hookups. 1910 Beech, \$325 mo. 665-7618.

1909 N. Dwight, real nice 4 bdr., 2 ba. \$450. References: Avail. Aug. 1. Janice Lewis, Broker / Owner 669-1221, 665-3458.

3 bdr., 1 ba, cent. h/a, Travis sch., carpet, stor. bldg., big yard. 669-9695

REALLY clean, newly remodeled 2 bdr. house fenced, garage. 669-6323, 669-6198

MARY Ellen- 3 br., 2 ba. dbl. gar., cent. h/a. 665-6000.

2 bdr., 1 ba., 112 S. Faulkner. \$250 mo. + utilities. \$100 dep. 665-4212, 665-4693 aft. 5:30.

2 br., attached gar., fence. 1611 Christine, \$350. 4 br., 2109 Hamilton, \$395. 665-8925

LEASE extra nice, br. 3 bd, 1 3/4 bth, fpl, built in, d gar., 2125 Lynn \$750 + dep. 669-6467.

1 bdr., bills pd., \$230 mo. 2 bdr., \$250 mo. Call 665-4270 lv. message

2 BDR, appliances \$275 mo. + \$150 dep. 1319 N. Coltee. 663-7522 or 883-2461.

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2 bdr. home, 3 acres in town, but out of city limits, owner will consider. 665-8101.

2 br., good plumbing, new roof, 425 Wynnot. \$500 down or sell for \$4000 cash. 665-8925

3 br., 1 3/4 ba., 1531 N. Nelson, new paint, tile, wallpaper, Maric, Century 21, Realtor. 665-4180.

3 bdr., 2 ba. nice home, 2 car gar., stor. bldg., storm cellar. \$53,500. 969-6988. Call 669-6546.

3 br., 1 bth, c h/a, stv, oven, dshwasher, Near Travis \$36000. Owner must sell. 1140 Cinderella, 669-6988

3 houses for sale. Owner w/ carry w/\$800 down. Reasonable mo. payments. 665-4270 lv. message

4 bdr., 2 ba., cent. heat/air, woodburner, dishwasher, etc. 665-4842

Jim Davidson, Realtor Century 21-Pampa Realty 669-1863, 669-0007 www.realtor.com

Bobbie Nisbet Realtor 665-7037

BRICK home, 3 br., 2 ba., 2 car gar., corner lot, \$39,900. 2400 Christine. 665-4848 for app.

BY Owner 1145 S. Wells, 3 br., 1 1/2 ba., ext. lrg. lr., 230,900, 2400 Christine. 665-3059 lv. message.

EXCELLENT location, 2 br., 1 ba. gar. w/op. C H/A, \$37,500. 1837 Faulkner. 665-5596.

FOR Qualified Buyer- good credit, good job. 4 bdr., 2 ba., 2 car gar., cent. h/a, Travis sch., Walter Shed, Realtor. 665-5761.

Gail W. Sanders Corral Real Estate 665-6596

OWNER bring 3-1-1, pier&beam, c/hk w/c, inside completely redone, new appli. must see! Reduced 2128 N. Zimmers, 665-6534.

VERY nice beginner home, 2 bdr., 1 ba., 1 car gar., central h/a, Horace Mann, Walter Shed, Realtor. 665-3761

WHITE Deer, 3 br., 2 ba. br., storm cellar, str. bldg., 3 bl. fr school, 707 Daffodil. By app. 806-883-4651

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## Pampa to be part of major Texas market expansion, according to GNC Franchising

PITTSBURGH, Pa. — Coinciding with its August participation in Entrepreneur magazine's on-line Virtual Expo, GNC Franchising, Inc., a subsidiary of General Nutrition Companies, Inc., recently announced it will further expand its presence in Texas with plans to open new stores in 34 Texas markets over the next three years. Among the towns targeted by GNC Franchising in its Texas expansion is Pampa.

GNC currently operates 279 stores in the state, including 101 franchise stores.

Detailed information on GNC's franchising opportunity can be found by visiting the GNC

Franchising virtual trade show booth at Entrepreneur magazine's Virtual Expo on the Internet at: [www.expo.entrepreneurmag.com](http://www.expo.entrepreneurmag.com)

Pittsburgh-based General Nutrition Companies, Inc., the national specialty retail leader in the growing \$8.9 billion nutritional-supplement market, operates a network of over 4,200 retail stores across the country and overseas. It is consistently ranked as one of America's top franchise opportunities by leading franchising industry magazines.

GNC Franchising Senior Vice President and General Manager Russell L. Cooper said Texas' growing population base and

high percentage of baby boomers are among the key factors in the company's aggressive plans for the state. "Our target-market expansion will bring our brands to communities which do not currently have a GNC presence," he said.

GNC Franchising is backing the Texas target communities that are part of GNC's Expansion Market program with a special financing package.

Featuring a reduced down payment, deferred fees, special terms and grand-opening assistance, this program can increase first-year cash flow by nearly 50 percent.

The Virtual Expo is a global show, allowing "attendees" to visit the trade show booths via their PC from anywhere. GNC Franchising's Virtual Expo booth includes a hyperlink to GNC Franchising's website.

General Nutrition Companies, Inc., which is based in Pittsburgh, is the only nationwide specialty retailer of vitamin and mineral supplements, sports nutrition and herbal products and also is a leading provider of personal care and other health-related products. The Company's products are sold through a network of 4,203 retail stores operating under the General Nutrition Centers, Health & Diet Centre and GNC Live Well names, of which 2,726 are Company-owned and 1,477 are franchised. GNC stores are located in all 50 states, Puerto Rico and 25 international markets.

## Explorer Post fund-raiser



(Special photo)

The Pampa Police Explorer Post led by its Advisor Officer Anthony Wooley recently held a car wash at Lentz Chevron. Funds from the car wash were to raise money for uniforms and supplies. The car wash brought in about \$200. Hard at work were Officer Wooley, Doug Cooper and Will Wright.

## Special assemblies in offing in Canadian

CANADIAN — Community Standing Together in Canadian will sponsor special assemblies on Aug. 16 to encourage students to stay drug free. The assemblies are scheduled at 9 a.m. in the Canadian High School gymnasium and at 7 p.m. in the Canadian Middle School Auditorium. The program is

specifically geared for students and parents.

Larry Alexander, MD, will give the program. Dr. Alexander, known as the "Shock Doc," is an emergency room physician at Baylor University Medical Center in Dallas. He will discuss the dangers of drug use including overdose and common side-effects. He will talk about real-life emergency room situations. He has appeared on ABC's "Nightline," "CNN Today," "MTV," the "Rosie O'Donnell Show," "Oprah" and "Texas Monthly" magazine.

"If kids listen, and if I say the right things to make a major difference in somebody's life — I might be saving it," he says.

"Parents have to be willing to talk to their kids about drugs. If you have a teen-age kid in this day and age, your kid could be doing drugs. Parents have to accept that, because denial equals death. What kids need is the correct information. You choose wrong, you die. You don't get a second chance."

Alexander is a 1989 graduate of Texas Tech University School of Medicine.

Community Standing Together is an organization dedicated to educating students and the community about drugs and drug related problems.

For more information, call Kim Parnell at (806) 323-9750 or at 323-6491.

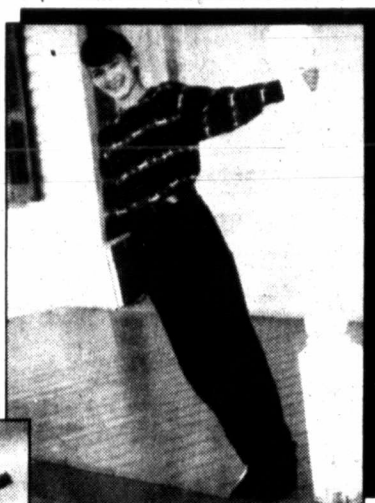
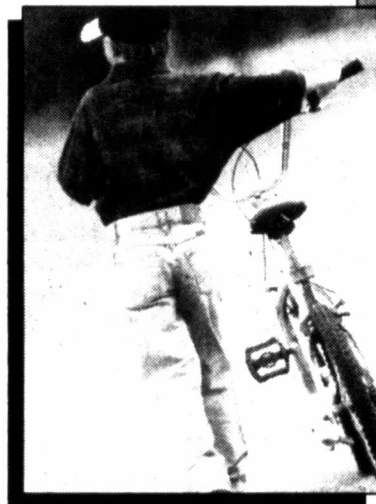


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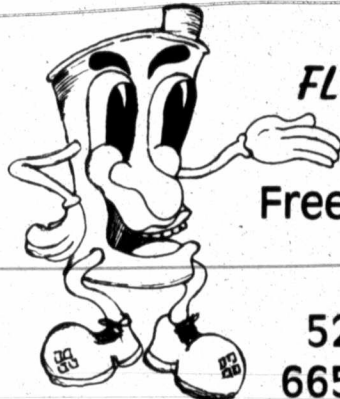
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