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PAMPA — A documentary on tornadoes, which includes segments filmed in Pampa, is to be shown on The Learning Channel Feb. 27 and 28, according to a spokesman for the British film crew that was here in June. The title for the series is tentatively set as "Awesome Tornadoes."

HOUSTON (AP) — A motorist whose alcohol level was more than twice the legal limit when his pickup truck ran a red light, slammed into a car and killed six people has been sentenced to a total of 24 years in prison.

Luis Roberto Coronado, 40, pleaded no contest Thursday to three counts of intoxication manslaughter and was sentenced to six years in prison.

District Judge Belinda Hill said the three concurrent six-year terms will be stacked on top of the three consecutive six-year terms he is serving for previous convictions related to the Dec. 14 crash. That means his sentence totals 24 years and he must serve at least 12 years before becoming eligible for parole.

"This is no different than someone getting intoxicated and taking a gun and shooting six people, but instead of the gun, there was a car," said prosecutor Caroline Dozier.

"I had hoped he would get more time, because this is a case where we need to send a strong message to the community, but 24 years certainly sends a strong message."

- **Rodney McCulloch**, 41, Jordan Unit corrections officer.
- **Harold Wayne Neal**, 65, retired truck driver.
- **Florence Odessa Parker**, 72, former telephone operator.

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Paperwork at PHS ...



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Bobbie West, a secretary in the counselors' office, helps process new students during the first day of registration at Pampa High School. Registration continued today and classes start next week on Thursday.

Gas bills may rise \$3.64 monthly

By **JEFF WEST**
Staff Writer

Pampa and area residents could be paying more for natural gas if Energas get its way.

The company has requested an 8.8 percent increase for the 67 cities, including Pampa that are in the West Texas Service area. The company estimates the increase would increase customers bills by an average of \$3.64.

The gas company last received an increase in the fall of 1996, according to City Manager Bob Eskridge. While Eskridge did not remember the exact amount of the increase Energas asked for it was approximately 7-8 percent, he said.

Besides an increase in gas rates some of the utility service charges for new or renewed services

will also increase. Currently to turn on new service where a gas meter must be set the fee is \$23.50, according to Public Affairs Manager Roy Urrutia. The company is asking for an increase to \$40. To reconnect service that has been turned off for delinquent payment or at a customers request will increase from \$29.50 to \$40 under the new proposals.

Eskridge said there is a meeting of the West Texas Cities Monday and is sure the matter will be brought up.

He said the group will probably do what it did in 1996 and hire a consultant as a group to "review the request."

He said Pampa and the other cities will suspend the rate increase for 90 days and during that time

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I-40 big rig wreck injures man

SHAMROCK — A Tennessee man was in satisfactory condition today in an Amarillo hospital after crashing his tractor-trailer rig into a concrete embankment east of Shamrock Wednesday night.

Patrick Smith, 43, of Cleveland, Tenn., is in Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo today with injuries suffered shortly after 9 p.m. Wednesday when the truck he was driving left Interstate 40

about nine miles east of Shamrock and crashed into a concrete embankment.

His wife, Anita Smith, 59, was treated at Shamrock General Hospital and was being transferred today to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo, according to Shamrock hospital officials.

The couple's son, Carl Smith, 15, was not injured.

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Street sealing project to start

Pampa residents may have noticed some street improvements going on but hopefully motorists will not suffer any major inconveniences.

That's according to Pampa Street Supervisor Kimberly Lincumb who said seal coating will begin soon. There are 21 streets scheduled to be seal coated and up to nine possible additional streets depending on any remaining contingency funds.

The streets listed involve five miles seal coating. The bid specifications called for 100,621 square yards of base (or single) coat while nearly 2,300 square yards of double coating is called for.

G.W. James Inc. of Pampa was the only bidder at a cost of approximately \$87,000 according to Lincumb. Her department is keeping the cost down by doing patching on streets before the seal coat is applied. Just in preparing for this year's seal coat the Street Department has used over 50 tons of hot mix, making 246 patches so the contractor will not have to. The cost to the city is \$34 a ton for the hot mix but the contractor would charge \$50 a ton for the work. She said that work has been done much more efficiently and quickly since the street Department got a ProPatch truck a few years ago.

"It has really paid for itself," she said. The repairs should take between a week to two weeks, according to Lincumb and will temporarily close some streets but no street should be closed more than a few hours, she said.

The streets to be repaired include:

- 19th from Lee to Nelson.
- 18th from Lee to Hobart
- 18th from Duncan to Holly

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PISD teachers to average pay raise of \$3,500

By **NANCY YOUNG**
Managing Editor

Pampa ISD teachers will have an average of \$3,500 more in their pockets due to raises and step increases approved by the Texas legislature.

The district salary schedules for professional and paraprofessional personnel were reviewed by the school board and approved Thursday night. Teacher salary increases of \$3,000 are mandated by recent legislation of the state.

Whatever salary schedule was in place at the time of the recent legislation change was increased by \$3,000 plus a step up the ladder. The average annual increase in Pampa is to be \$3,500. Teachers, nurses, librarians, counselors and diagnosticians were given the increase.

Non-teaching personnel will receive a seven percent increase in pay, according to the projected budget.

These salary schedules presented to the board are within a balanced budget that does not require an increase in local property taxes. State funding has increased by approximately \$900,000 to support the mandated salary increases.

Life and health insurance coverage bids were awarded during the meeting for the upcoming year. Bids were awarded to American Continental/Nus. The cost to the district is \$75,000 for specific, aggregate and group term life insurance coverage.

State law requires school districts to bid out health insurance coverage. As Pampa ISD is self insured, the district is required to bid out the stop loss coverage. This coverage limits the school's liability for medical claims for any one individual and also as a group.

Board members scheduled a meeting for Aug. 16 to adopt the 1999-2000 budget. A proposed tax rate is also to be adopted at the meeting.

Also approved was the appraisal calendar and Student Code of Conduct and student-parent handbooks were approved for the upcoming year.

Flight from sheriff's office short lived

By **JEFF WEST**
Staff Writer

You can run and you may be able to hide but not for long if you're running out of the Gray County Sheriff's Office.

Cutter Dov Hutchison, 27, 210 N. Nelson, tried it Tuesday afternoon anyway. Hutchison had come to the Sheriff's Office to meet with his probation officer, according to Gray County Lt. Jim Scott. Hutchison has been arrested several times and is on probation for arson currently, according to official records.

His parole officer told him that there a "blue warrant", or a warrant issued for violation of his probation, had been issued. Deputy Dallas Hardin said Hutchison then bolted out of the office pursued shortly by Hardin.

Hutchison jumped a fence and lost Hardin who then called for backup to search. Both Gray County Deputies and Pampa Police joined in the search. While they were covering the area Hardin went back to the last place he had seen the fugitive.

Hardin said he was looking around and saw two writing pens that had just been dropped and figuring that was where Hutchison turned went into the back yard at 416 N. Russell where he saw a cellar in the back yard with no door on it.

"I called for Cutter to come up twice but he wouldn't do it, so

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(Pampa News photo by Jeff West)

Spreading 350-degree hot mix on a 95-degree day to patch a road before having it seal coated are **Tony Hughes, Terry Brown, Tony Davis, William Shipp, Barry Malone and Dean Bliss** in the loader.

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Altrusans plan style show



(Courtesy photo)

Altrusa Lunch and Style Show planning committee members are planning for the upcoming annual event to be held Aug. 14. Finalizing the plans are, left to right, Kerrick Horton, Kadda Schale, Mary McDaniel, Karen Bridges, Judy Warner, Brenda Tucker and Mayda King.

Parents are responsible for shielding children

WASHINGTON (AP) — Congress is finalizing juvenile justice legislation to address the problem of media violence, but a new Senate report says parents also must share the burden of shielding children from such images.

"The effect of media violence on our children is no longer open to debate," said Thursday's report from the Senate Judiciary Committee's Republican staff.

The 30-page document concluded that the media dominate children's lives, are "exceedingly violent" and that such images lead to real world violence.

"I hope that this report ... will further the discussion about the flood of media violence in this country and what should be done about it," said Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, the panel's chairman. Hatch requested the report after the fatal shooting at Colorado's Columbine High School that left 15 people dead in April.

He said more than 1,000 studies over the past 40 years that examined the effects of violence on children have not changed the predominant finding.

"Exposure to media portrayals of violence increases aggressive behavior in children," he said. "As one expert put it, arguing against the link between media violence and the violent actions of our youth is 'like arguing against gravity.'"

The report highlights provisions in a Senate-passed juvenile justice that address the issue, and makes additional recommendations to Congress. It also includes suggestions for parents and the entertainment industry.

The 30-page report recommends that:

—Congress begin a national media campaign to educate parents and create a national clearinghouse on children and entertainment violence.

—The television, motion picture, music and video game industries be encouraged to rate their products using a universal system; they now use separate systems.

—The Federal Trade Commission report twice a year on media violence and the entertainment industry's efforts to reduce it.

—Federal property, when used

in programming for children, be offered at reduced rates.

—Congress ban advertising for adult programming broadcast at times when children are most likely to be watching television or listening to the radio. The ban also would apply to publications designed for children.

The Senate juvenile justice bill would toughen penalties for juvenile offenders while providing states with \$1 billion a year to fight juvenile crime and prevent delinquency. A House-Senate committee began Thursday to iron out differences between that bill and a different version passed by the House.

The Senate bill also has provisions aimed at limiting youth exposure to violence, including a proposal to grant a limited antitrust exemption to the entertainment industries so they can develop voluntary guidelines.

The legislation also calls for a national media campaign against youth violence, would ban use of federal property in violent movies or TV shows and require Internet service providers to offer filtering technology to block access to explicit material.

States who reduce birth rate to unwed parents to share in wealth

WASHINGTON (AP) — With one in three of the nation's babies born to unwed parents, Congress is giving states a challenge: Reduce the out-of-wedlock birth rate the most, and share in \$100 million.

Now, four states and the District of Columbia have been notified by the Department of Health and Human Services that they are the first year's winners, provided they can prove that abortions also declined.

The winners were diverse — California, Michigan, Alabama, Massachusetts and the district — and officials were puzzled to explain their success. Massachusetts began with one of the lowest unwed birth rates; D.C. had the highest.

"Why these five states? I don't think there's much we have to say on that," Michael Kharfen, a spokesman for the Department of Health and Human Services, said Thursday.

The winners had their own guesses. "There's been a message about welfare changing and changing fairly radically," said Joel Sanders, who directs Alabama's welfare reform program. He also credited the strong economy.

He acknowledged that virtually every state has tough welfare rules and a strong economy. "That's where the luck comes into it," he said.

In Massachusetts and California, officials credited programs that give communities money to create pregnancy prevention programs, generally focused on teen-agers. California also credits increased access to birth control and evolving attitudes.

"It's a combination of programs and changing social mores among families in California, where out-of-wedlock pregnancy is no longer as easily accepted," said Anna Ramierz, who runs California's Office of Family Planning.

Nationally, about one in three babies is born to a single mother. The figures range from 16 percent in Utah to 65 percent in the District of Columbia.

The winners have until Sept. 1 to prove that abortions' did not increase between 1995 and 1997.

The national rate was unchanged between 1994-95 and 1996-97. But 12 states reduced their rates, led by California, which dropped by 5.7 percent. In the rest of the country, rates went up, sometimes substantially. In North Dakota, the increase was 10 percent.

To reduce the out-of-wedlock rate, the number of illegitimate births must fall more quickly than births to married women. That's tricky, given that all births — including marital births — are dropping across the country, Ventura said.

The District of Columbia may have benefited from demographics. Births to unmarried black women have been dropping across the country, and the district's population is overwhelmingly black.

No one is really sure what's going on — other than intense interest among the states in getting the money.

"There is no question that the large financial bonus has created interest in the states and a lot of programs and policies large and small have been implemented," said Kristin Moore, who studies these issues at Child Trends. "But it probably was not in time to have caused these declines."

While many states have targeted teen-agers, teen-age moms account for only one in three unwed births. And though states credit the welfare overhaul, the first bonuses were based on statistics from 1996 and 1997, when the changes were just beginning. The welfare law creating the bonuses wasn't signed until August 1996.

"It definitely can't just be from the welfare reform because of the timing. It has to be other things," said Stephanie Ventura, who tracks birth trends for the National Center for Health Statistics.

The unwed birth rate peaked in 1994 at 32.6 percent and has

Nationally, about one in three babies is born to a single mother.

Poll: Watergate scandal fading from America's collective memory

WASHINGTON (AP) — The details of the Watergate scandal are fading from America's collective memory, according to a new Associated Press poll, but a strong majority of adults still think President Nixon's actions 25 years ago were serious enough to merit his resignation.

The poll, conducted by ICR of Media, Pa., found that more than 60 percent said Nixon made the right decision when he became the only president to quit. About a quarter of the people — and more than one-third Republicans — said the charges stemming from Watergate were not serious enough to merit his resignation.

Baby boomers, who are between 35 and 54 years old now, were most likely to say the charges against Nixon were serious enough to drive him from office. They, of course, were also the generation most critical of the 37th president's policies concerning the war in Vietnam.

The overall numbers were about the same in a poll taken in the days after Nixon resigned, on Aug. 9, 1974, at the height of a scandal that dominated television news programs and newspaper front pages for months. In 1982, the number saying resignation was the right step reached about 75 percent and has eroded slowly.

While opinions about Nixon have remained rela-

tively stable over the years, the poll found that only four of every 10 people think they know enough about Watergate to tell others about it. Men were nearly twice as likely as women — 52 percent to 28 percent — to say they could recount the basic facts of the case.

"It may have to do with the stubbornness of men," said Dan Soulas, vice president of ICR. "They don't want to admit they're not aware of something as newsworthy as Watergate was. It's purely a factor of their gender."

The telephone survey of 1,012 adults was conducted July 28 to Aug. 1 and has a margin of error of plus or minus 3 percentage points.

Other findings included: —People were divided over whether Watergate was a serious matter that revealed corruption in the White House (48 percent) or was "just politics" (45 percent). Although only 40 percent of Republicans said it was a serious matter, more than half of GOP voters said Nixon's resignation was warranted.

—One-third of the people surveyed said the allegations of misconduct against President Clinton over the Monica Lewinsky affair were about as serious as the charges made against Nixon, and 18 percent said the Clinton matter was more serious. Forty-five percent said the Lewinsky case was less serious than Watergate.

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RELIGION

Minister's musing ...

"In God We Trust"

What have we entered in God? The month of July is when we as a nation celebrate our independence and I agree that we should. In one sense, we have indeed earned it, but in the broader scheme of life maybe we as a nation have gotten off track.

Why? Because we have become so independent, that we have become less and less dependent on God for everything. Jesus said on one occasion as recorded in the gospel according to (Mark 7:6-8) he replied, "Isaiah was right when he prophesied about you hypocrites; as it is written: 'These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. They worship me in vain; their teachings are but rules taught by men.' You have let go of the commands of God and are holding on to the traditions of men." Jesus was directing his address to a group of pharisees, but how closely do we resemble these religious leaders? Solomon wrote in (Proverbs 3:5-6) trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight.

It seems strange to me as one among many who loves this country to look at our current condition and state of affairs, to pull out a dollar bill and see written on the underside of it, "In God We Trust." In consideration of this statement, I am compelled to ask the question, in what have we entrusted in God? His care, his guidance, and his authority? It is certainly not the care and training of our children, the structure of our families or relationships, not the care of our elderly, the needs of the homeless and the poor, nor the widows. (Think about it.)



By Rev. Frankie L. Lemons

McCullough Street Church of Christ

God told Israel in the book of Deuteronomy (4:9) only be careful, and watch yourselves closely so that you do not forget the things your eyes have seen or let them slip from your heart as long as you live. Teach them to your children and to their children after them. For whatever reason it becomes more and more obvious that we have chosen our own path and that not of God. God's words were written by Solomon in (Proverbs 14:12) there is a way that seems right to a man, but in the end it leads to death. Whether we accept these words or not, they are true. We are now the recipients of a generation that knows not God. This same picture was described of Israel after the death of Joshua and the elders who followed him. As a nation, Israel did not adhere to God's law nor did they teach them to their children. This is said of that generation in (Judges 2:10). After that whole generation had been gathered to their fathers, another generation grew up, who knew neither the Lord nor what He had done for Israel.

Do our children really know God? Do they know what God has done for this country, in which they have so much freedom? Do they

know that it is God's will that we are still a country? It was God who spoke through Solomon in (Proverbs 22:6) train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it. (Proverbs 13:24) He who spares the rod hates his son, but he who loves him is careful to discipline him. This is not a license to do as one pleases in the disciplining of their children. The Bible tells us again in (Ephesians 6:1-4) children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. "Honor your father and mother"—which is the first commandment with a promise—"That it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth." Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord. These are God's instructions given to help us understand how to deal with our own offspring. It is God who sets the standards and the methods by which we live and interact in this society, not man. Each person must first come to know God and to understand His will toward us. I am aware that there are those who do not believe in this type of discipline. As a parent, I know that each child is different, but understand this: The parent who follows God's instructions, is also the parent who is guided by God's spirit.

There is much to say on this subject, but what have we really entrusted in God? His care, His guidance, and His authority? (Think about it.) We have tried our own way long enough. Maybe it is time to truly trust in God our father to instruct us. Then when viewed each and everyday the words "In God We Trust," will really mean "In God We Trust."

Religion briefs...

Youth group car wash Saturday

The Macedonia Baptist Church Youth Department will be sponsoring a car wash, Saturday, August 7 starting at 9 a.m. at the Coronado Shopping Center. Please come by and allow us to clean and shine the dirt away! Pastor Rev. I. L. Patrick, 669-7617. Donations Accepted.

Sing-Along Sunday afternoon

An informal sing-along will be held from 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 8 at The First Pentecostal Holiness Church, 1700 Alcock. The sing-along will include special songs, instrumental numbers and congregational singing. Special singers and musicians from many area churches will participate. Pastor Albert Maggard and the congregation of First Pentecostal invites all who are interested to attend.

Damascus Road at Apollo's Saturday

Damascus Road will be performing Saturday, Aug. 7 at Apollo's Coffee House located on Duncan across from Central Park. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. A snack bar will be available.

Gospel entertainers in concert Tuesday

First Assembly of God Church will present Laverne and Edith Tripp, country gospel music entertainers, in concert at 7 p.m., Tuesday, Aug. 31 at the church on Hwy 60 and South Cuyler. For more information, call 665-5941.

Methodist benefit from Lela Peyton Hall estate

The estate of Lela Peyton Hall was recently divided among the Wesley Foundation at the University of Texas at Austin, Southern Methodist University in Dallas and the General Board of Global Ministries of the United Methodist Church. Each of the beneficiaries received nearly \$2 million.

Hall, who died in 1972, left her estate in trust for the three United Methodist Agencies with benefits to be distributed following the death of her sister, Mary S. Campbell. Campbell recently died at age 98.

The Wesley Foundation Board of Trustees committed its portion of the estate to an endowment fund to be administered in accordance with instructions in Hall's will. The Wesley Foundation provides ministry to United Methodist students at the University of Texas and at Austin Community College.

In her lifetime, Hall served on the boards of a number of local and national United Methodist institutions and agencies. Her husband, Dr. C.W. Hall, headed the Wesley Foundation and the Wesley Bible Chair at UT for many years.

Friends of the Wesley Foundation are extremely grateful to Dr. and Mrs. Hall for their generous efforts on behalf of United Methodist students and hope their generosity will inspire others.

There's more to school than three Rs

Dear students,

This time next week you will be back in school, the old readin', writin' and rithmetic routine. You will have to get up earlier than any human was intended to do, study subjects you cannot fathom, the need for and try to please your friends, teachers and family every day of the week. It is hard work.

There are many competitors for your time, your mind and your spirit. Adults experience this, too, but by virtue of age, have more experience managing the contests within them.

But in youth, besides spelling and algebra, that is something one must learn like a new subject. It requires the wisdom of the ages to know what is best to attend to and when.

Compounding this will be your progression of physical, mental and emotional growth. Hormones will surge like tree sap in spring and just when you think you have a

grip, the world will become topsy-turvy again. It will be easier if you know this is the human condition. Every adult before you has ridden the roller coaster and lived to tell about it. Relax.

As you study this year, ask yourself how you can learn to love God with all your mind, as well your heart, soul and strength as Jesus tells us in the book of Mark.



By Cheryl Berzanskis

When you study math, look at its logic and symmetry and let it tell you about a creator who could design such seamless perfection.

When you study literature, look for the human condition. Look for the timeless questions asked and pondered. Celebrate the genius which created Tom Sawyer and Beowulf and Romeo and Juliet.

When you study about people in foreign lands, look for how their cultures reveal their beliefs about God. Are they similar to your own or different? Do they know something you'd like to learn about Him?

Ask Him to show you His character as you study. Ask Him to allow a love for Him to bud in your heart through your school work. Drudgery may become exciting when you see how academic discipline show you the nature of God Himself.

Your friend,
Cheryl B.

Drive-in service popular with Okla. congregation

BARTLESVILLE, Okla. (AP) — For 25 summers the First United Methodist Church has sponsored drive-in services. Cars gather at a shopping center parking lot each Sunday during June, July and August.

Worshippers, whether they've just rolled out of bed or are on their way to somewhere else, don't have to dress for church. They don't even have to get out of their cars unless they want to grab coffee and donuts from a nearby tent.

Pastors throughout the Bartlesville area preach to the congregation on wheels that numbers about 80 each week. The sermon is piped through AM radio. Honking horns respond to "good morning" or a song worthy of applause.

"We feel that it does serve a purpose, and it is still something that is very unique," said public-

ty chairwoman Peggy Stevens. "For a lot people, this is the only form of worship they get."

School meets request

WASHINGTON (AP) — The University of Health Sciences in Kansas City, Mo., has agreed to admit an unnamed Muslim applicant who had requested on religious grounds that she be physically examined only by other female students.

The agreement was announced by the Council on American-Islamic Relations.

In her application to the osteopathic college, the woman said she was willing to examine male students but contended it was not educationally necessary that she be examined by men.



Rev. Jerry and Wanda Pollard

Calvary welcomes pastor

Calvary Assembly of God Church welcomes a new pastor, the Rev. Jerry Pollard and wife, Wanda. The couple come to Pampa from Clarendon where they pastored at First Assembly of God.

As well as serving as senior pastors, the Pollards have been missionaries in Peru, South America. In addition, the Rev. Pollard has written, developed and taught training courses for local churches, pastors and district Bible schools.

The Pollards have two married children and one grandchild.

Calvary Assembly cordially invites the public to attend services and meet the new pastor and family.

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Surgeon Grieves for Children Injured Standing Up in Cars

DEAR ABBY: I am a plastic surgeon and a very busy one, but I am not too busy to write this letter asking you to please implore parents (especially mothers) to never — and I repeat, never — allow their children to stand up in either the front or back of an automobile while it is in motion.

These last few weeks I have been called upon to make some heart-breaking repairs on some very beautiful little faces that had been pitifully mutilated from accidents that came about in just this way. All it takes is one abrupt stop for a youngster's face to meet a windshield, dashboard or the back of the front seat with such force as to break face bones, knock out teeth and cause disfiguring injuries.

Today I nearly wept while I worked with an eye surgeon for nearly two hours in a vain effort to save the eye of a little boy who had been standing in the back of his mother's car when she slammed on her brakes. (The child's eye was gouged out as he struck the ash-tray.) If you will print this, I'll be most grateful.

AN M.D. IN L.A.

DEAR L.A.M.D.: It's appalling that a child should be maimed for life because of the carelessness of his or her parent. I hope your warning will remind parents of the importance of buckling up their children before putting a key in the ignition.



Abigail Van Buren

SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

DEAR ABBY: In response to the person who wrote to suggest that a cellular phone would be a good safety item for hikers and campers who are lost in the woods — I beg to differ! A cell phone is never to be relied upon to help rescuers find you. There are too many areas that don't have service, or because of the terrain, there isn't any cellular reception.

One should never go into the wilderness without a buddy, or without telling someone where you plan to go and approximately when you will return. Of course, a short orienting course in map and compass skills can also prove to be invaluable.

Children should never be allowed to run ahead down the trail. One never knows what kinds of predators are hungry and waiting for that meal opportunity to come along. And yes, wearing a whistle is standard operating procedure. STAYING FOUND IN COLORADO

DEAR STAYING FOUND: You are not the only reader who was kind enough to point out to me — the quintessential "city girl" — that in a wilderness area a cell phone might be useless.

DEAR ABBY: Regarding the woman who asked her husband whether he would save his mother or her in a boating accident, everyone missed the boat in their answers.

He should have said: "I would be devastated at having to make such a choice! I love you both so much I would never let either of you ride in a boat unless you were wearing a life jacket!"

RICK LOOMIS, SCOTTSDALE, ARIZ.

DEAR RICK: You are an angel with water wings, and you're absolutely right! What wouldn't we give for 20/20 hindsight!

Good advice for everyone — seniors — is in "The Anger in All of Us and How to Deal With It." To order, send a business-size, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for \$3.95 (\$4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, Anger Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

Horoscope

SUNDAY, AUG. 8, 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) ***** Take the day off. Let others do on you — they certainly want to! Let go of recent problems. Be indulgent and bond on a deeper level. Treating yourself and others well fosters understanding and extra flexibility. You'll have fun just being with that special person in your life. Tonight: You don't need to go far.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ***** Your smile touches hearts. Others seek you out and want to join you. Visit, catch up on news with friends, family and neighbors. You become a veritable source of gossip! Another makes an important gesture; respond to him. Don't be stubborn. Tonight: Accept another's overture.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ***** What appears to be a great moneymaking idea really could be. Don't overanalyze; test it against respected friends. Get into work; tidy up and get your day going. Right now, you are in the mood for business and improving security and your financial status. Tonight: Balance your budget.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ***** Friends play a major role in your plans. Get together with others and

have a fun time. A special friend shines on you, bringing much good news. Trust what you are hearing. A new relationship could be budding, or a loved one could want some of the old spark back. Tonight: Play the night away.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ***** Assume a low profile. Touch base with an older relative or friend who needs to hear from you. You are very important to another. In some way, you have pushed your limits and need some time to yourself. Hang out at home as much as you can. Clear the decks for a new project. Tonight: Barbecue.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ***** Good news comes in many forms today. For some, it could be the arrival of a new type of person in your life; for others, it might be a long-distance call. Gather friends and do something new. Distance yourself from the immediate. Tonight: Don't compromise; do what you want!

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ***** Another makes an intense effort toward you. Listen to what he offers; after all, you know what is workable. Be imaginative with a partner; talk about possibilities, with an eye toward work. By working as a team in your career or family life, you get results. Tonight: Your treat.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ***** Your high energy draws others. Choices appear more clearly. If single, a lot of people are interested in getting closer to you. Pull back and think about what works for you ultimately, not for the moment. Make a long-distance call. Tonight: To the movies or a concert.

***** Make the most of the easy atmosphere and the special tie you have with a friend. Together, you recharge and energize. Discussions are fun; doing anything together makes you feel good. Don't worry about finances, though you could find yourself in a game of chance or discussing a new venture! Tonight: Dinner for two.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ***** Your amorous ways draw others, though you are focused on one specific person. If attached, you rejuvenate your present tie, adding some of the old magic. Take time with a child; it will come back in multiples. Getting together with friends adds to closeness as well. Tonight: Socialize the night away.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ***** Much that you want to do keeps you close to home. Don't respond to others' requests now. Do your own thing. A project that you enjoy might be perceived as strange by others, but you don't care. Invite friends over later for a light dinner. Your nurturing ways help bridge recent rifts. Tonight: Get a good night's sleep.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ***** Amour calls for those who are available. Even the very young or old are extremely expressive about their feelings. Make calls; visit with several special people in your life. Whatever you do, you find enjoyable and fun. Just don't be alone! Allow others to see your child-like self. Tonight: Carry on as if there is no tomorrow.

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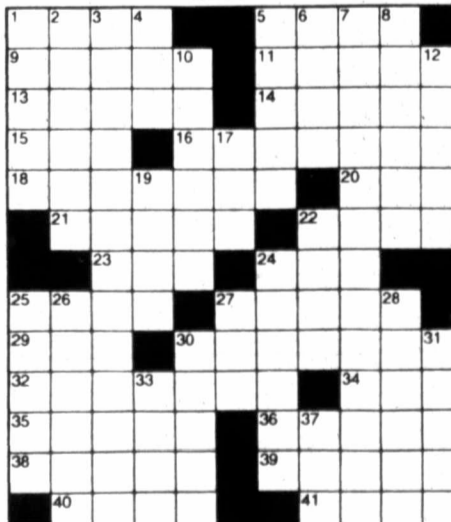
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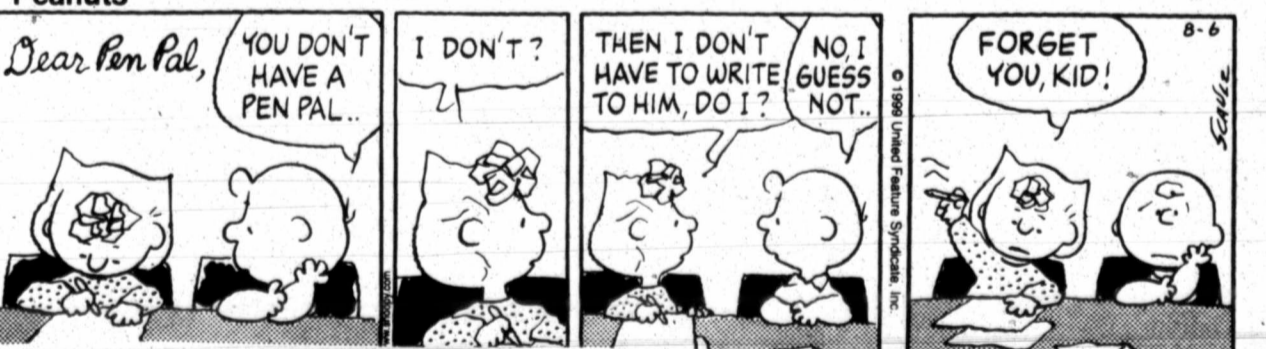
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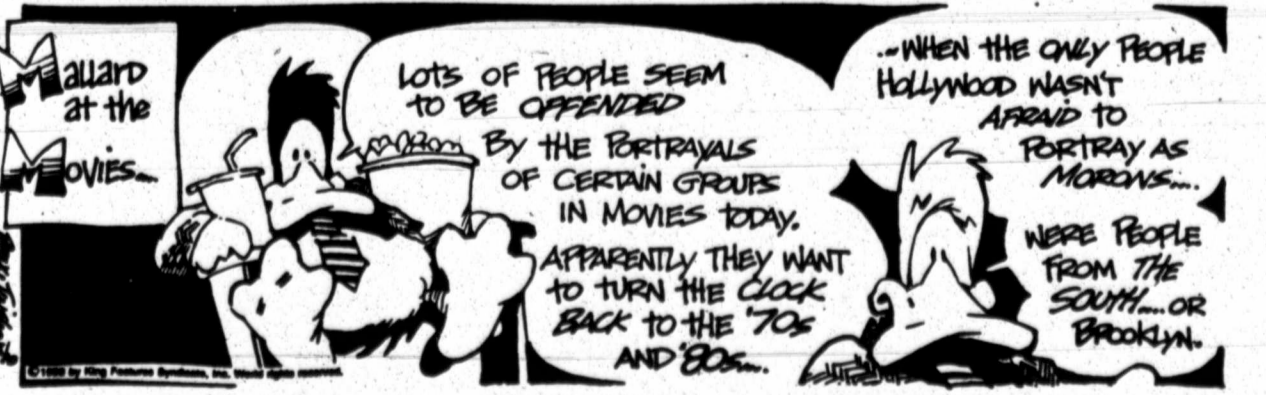
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Judge sentences Robert Downey Jr. to three years in prison

MALIBU, Calif. (AP) — Robert Downey Jr., the Oscar-nominated actor plagued by addictions to alcohol, cocaine and heroin, was sentenced to three years in prison for violating probation from a 1996 drug conviction.

Downey, 34, was jailed six weeks ago after he admitted during his regular half-yearly visit to court that he was missing scheduled drug tests.

The actor, clean-shaven with slicked back hair, walked into court Thursday in an orange Los Angeles County jail jumpsuit. He asked the judge to keep him on probation so he could continue treatment at a drug rehabilitation center called Impact.

"It's been the right program at the right time for me," he said haltingly. "I feel whatever decision you make will be the right one. ... But I feel a transition has happened to me."

Of his addiction, Downey explained: "It's like I've got a shotgun in my mouth, with my finger on the trigger, and I like the taste of the gun metal," he said.

But Municipal Court Judge Lawrence Mira, who presided over Downey's original case in 1996, said he had given the actor many chances to rehabilitate himself, noting he has been represented over the years by "a virtual who's who of the defense bar in Los Angeles."

But, the judge added, Downey has manipulated doctors and psychiatrists during seven court-ordered drug rehabilitation programs.

"I don't think we have any alternative," the judge said. "We have used them all."

The judge gave Downey 201 days for time served and ordered him to pay restitution of \$600. Attorneys said he would probably serve about a year.

Downey nodded to several friends as he was led out of the courtroom in handcuffs.

Defense attorney Robert Shapiro argued that Downey should again receive probation and be allowed to continue treatment at a drug treatment center.

"This is a person who is suffering from a disease he can't control. ... Even the dire threat of jail or prison is not enough of a deterrent," he said.

"I am shocked and saddened by the sentence today," Shapiro told reporters outside court. "It is wrong, it does not serve justice. Mr. Downey was on the road to recovery."

Shapiro said he would appeal, but acknowledged "appealing sentences in cases like this, in all candor, is very difficult."

The son of film director Robert Downey won an Oscar bid for his work in the title role in "Chaplin," the 1992 screen biography of the famed comedian. Other film credits include "Less Than Zero," "Natural Born Killers," "One Night Stand," "Two Girls and a Guy" and "U.S. Marshals." He also appears in the movie "Bowfinger" to be released later this month.

The actor's legal troubles date to June 1996 when he was stopped for speeding and authorities found cocaine, heroin and an unloaded pistol in his vehicle.

He was sentenced to three years' probation after pleading no-contest to drug and weapons charges. Despite stints in recovery, probation was revoked because of drug use and he was sentenced to six months in jail. He was released in March 1998 after serving 113 days.

News in brief ...

Let online pharmacy clients beware

WASHINGTON (AP) — If you recently bought an at-home AIDS test called EZ Med over the Internet, expect a letter from the government urging you not to use it. That AIDS test is illegal and, worse, studies show it can't detect the deadly AIDS virus as it claims.

Another cautionary tale: the 53-year-old Chicago man who died after taking the impotence pill Viagra he ordered over the Internet. There's no way to know, but the government wonders if asking his doctor instead for the little blue sex pill would have protected the man, who apparently had heart disease risks that make Viagra dangerous.

And if you bought another unapproved HIV test called Anasal from the HIVCybermall Web site, the Food and Drug Administration is trying to contact you, too, seeking evidence in an investigation of that test's sale.

The Internet has opened a whole new world for Americans seeking better health. You can search top-notch medical journals for the latest advice, or e-mail your doctor. Your physician can fax a prescription to a legitimate online drugstore that ships your monthly medicine — and a few computer mouse clicks lets you add some shampoo or toothpaste to the order without ever leaving home.

But the Internet also is a hot spot for virtual back-alley drug sales and snake oil, a Wild West where legitimate online drugstores face stiff competition from Web sites that don't require genuine prescriptions for legal U.S. drugs or that even sell illegal ones.

Gene study gives scientists insight into narcolepsy

BOSTON (AP) — Drift off during the day? Toss and turn all night? New research into the genes that guide slumber may someday help craft better ways to make sleep come and go on schedule.

Researchers working with dogs and mice that suddenly drop asleep at odd moments offer the first clues about the genetic origins of narcolepsy, the strange sleeping disorder that afflicts an estimated 135,000 Americans.

Their research suggests narcoleptics' overwhelming urge to fall asleep may result from a glitch in signals sent between cells in the

hypothalamus, a part of the brain that regulates appetite and other basic drives.

While this link seems clear in lab animals, scientists caution that the origins of the disease are almost certainly far more complex in people.

Nevertheless, experts say the research offers insights into how sleep works — or goes wrong — and suggests directions for creating new drugs to treat sleep problems.

Republicans push \$792 billion tax cut bill through Congress

WASHINGTON (AP) — Now that Republicans have pushed their \$792 billion tax cut through Congress, GOP leaders intend to fan out around the country during this month's legislative break to whip up public support for the package.

But with President Clinton sure to veto the bill in September, many moderate Democrats and Republicans say it would be better to figure out how to devise a smaller compromise tax cut with a chance at becoming law.

"Hopefully, we can come back and do it one more time in a better fashion," said Sen. John Breaux, D-La.

Even with the veto threat, Republicans won an important victory for a bedrock political issue with what would be the largest tax cut since President Reagan's in 1981. The Senate approved the bill Thursday narrowly, 50-49, after it cleared the House 221-206. Both the House and Senate adjourned

until Sept. 8.

Foundation takes new approach to charity — to tune of \$500 million

BALTIMORE (AP) — For decades, private foundations have focused on solving specific problems in the nation's poorest communities — funding a job-training program here, an after-school program there — but hundreds of urban communities remain poor.

In the 1980s, researchers reconsidered the narrow approach. The best way to eliminate poverty, according to the growing consensus, is by simultaneously tackling all the problems confronting poor neighborhoods — crime, bad schools, the lack of jobs.

Experiments got under way in cities such as Seattle and Chicago. But no foundation launched a comprehensive community building program nationally. Until now.

The Annie E. Casey Foundation, the nation's 20th largest charity with assets of nearly \$1.6 billion, is gearing up to launch its "Making Connections" program in 22 cities. Foundation officials are prepared to spend up to \$500 million over

the next 10 years.

Winners picked in high-stakes contest to reduce unwed births

WASHINGTON (AP) — With one in three of the nation's babies born to unwed parents, Congress is giving states a challenge: Reduce the out-of-wedlock birth rate the most, and share in \$100 million.

Now, four states and the District of Columbia have been notified by the Department of Health and Human Services that they are the first year's winners, provided they can prove that abortions also declined.

The winners were diverse — California, Michigan, Alabama, Massachusetts and the district — and officials were puzzled to explain their success. Massachusetts began with one of the lowest unwed birth rates; D.C. had the highest.

"Why these five states? I don't think there's much we have to say on that," Michael Kharfen, a spokesman for the Department of Health and Human Services, said Thursday.

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Grandview-Hopkins ISD today announced its policy for providing free and reduced-price meals for children served under the National School Lunch Program and/or School Breakfast Program. The school office has a copy of the policy, which may be reviewed by any interested party.

The household size and income criteria identified below will be used to determine eligibility for free and reduced-price benefits. Children from households whose income is at or below the levels shown are eligible for free or reduced-price meals. Foster children who are the legal responsibility of a welfare agency or court may also be eligible for benefits regardless of the income of the household with whom they reside. Eligibility for the foster child is based on the child's income.

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1	\$10,712	\$15,244	\$893	\$1,271	\$206	\$294
2	14,378	20,461	1,199	1,706	277	394
3	18,044	25,678	1,504	2,140	347	494
4	21,710	30,895	1,810	2,575	418	595
5	25,376	36,112	2,115	3,010	488	695
6	29,042	41,329	2,421	3,445	559	795
7	32,708	46,546	2,726	3,879	629	896
8	36,374	51,763	3,032	4,314	700	996
9	40,040	56,980	3,338	4,749	771	1,097
10	43,706	62,197	3,644	5,184	842	1,198
11	47,372	67,414	3,950	5,619	913	1,299
12	51,038	72,631	4,256	6,054	984	1,400
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	+\$3,666	+\$5,217	+\$306	+\$435	+\$71	+\$101

Applications forms are being distributed to all households with a letter informing households of the availability of free and reduced-price meals for their children. Applications also are available at the Superintendent's office at the school. To apply for free and reduced-price meals, households must fill out the application and return it to the school. Applications may be submitted anytime during the school year. The information households provide on the application will be used for the purpose of determining eligibility and verifications of data. Applications may be verified by the school officials at any time during the year.

For school officials to determine eligibility for free and reduced-price benefits, households receiving food stamps or TANF only have to list their child's name, food stamp or TANF case number and an adult household member must sign the application. Households who do not list a food stamp or TANF case number must list the names of all household members, the amount and source of the income received by each household member, and the social security number of the adult household member who signs the application. If the adult who signs the application does not have a social security number, the household member must indicate that a social security number is not available by writing the word "NONE". The application must be signed by an adult household member.

Under the provisions of the free and reduced-price meal policy, the school secretary will review applications and determine eligibility. Parents or guardians dissatisfied with the ruling of the official may wish to discuss the decision with the reviewing official on an informal basis. Parents wishing to make a formal appeal for a fair hearing on the decision may make a request either orally or in writing to Solomon N. Kepley, Rt. 1, Box 27, Groom, Texas 79039, (806) 669-3831.

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

In the operation of the child feeding programs, no child will be discriminated against because of race, sex, color, national origin, age or handicap. If you have been discriminated against, write immediately to the Secretary of Agriculture, Washington, D.C. 20250.

Calendar of events

PAMPA AREA LITERACY COUNCIL

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

THEE PLACE

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

CLARENDON COLLEGE

Clarendon College Pampa

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

ADHD/ADD SUPPORT GROUP

If interested in the

ADHD/ADD Support Group call Connie at 669-9364.

ST. MARK CME CHURCH

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

THE FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN COWBOYS

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

GEM THEATRE

Gem Theatre in Claude will host the Panhandle Area Farm Bureau Queen's and Talent Contest at 7:30 p.m. Aug. 7. Contestants from across the panhandle will compete for scholarships. The winner of the talent show will be given the opportunity to perform with other artists at the Gem in November.

ALTRUSA STYLE SHOW

Altrusa International Inc., of Pampa will hold its annual Style Show beginning at 11:45 a.m., Saturday, Aug. 14 in the Heritage Room of M.K. Brown Auditorium.

TRIPP CONCERT

First Assembly of God Church will present Laverne and Edith Tripp, country gospel music performers, in concert at 7 p.m., Tuesday, Aug. 31 at the church on Hwy 60 and South Cuyler. For more information, call 665-5941.

LIFE AFTER LOSS

American Cancer Society and Crown of Texas Hospice will sponsor a free four-week seminar "Life After Loss" from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Aug. 9, 16, 23 and 30 at Crown of Texas Hospice, 1000 S. Jefferson, Amarillo. The facilitator will be Ellen Lawrence, MA, LSW. Participants are urged to attend all four sessions. The seminar will be closed after Session 2. To register or for more information, call (806) 353-4306.

AMARILLO FINE ARTS ASSOCIATION

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



Glenn Gilliland caught his fish while participating in Cub Scout Day Camp held recently near Wheeler. (Special photo)

Santa Fe Boy Scout District holds camp for Cub Scouts near Wheeler

The Santa Fe District of the Boys Scouts held its Cub Scout Day Camp recently at the M.K. Brown Camp near Wheeler. Over 140 Cub Scouts attended this year's camp. Besides having fun, the boys earned achievements towards their rank. Camp activities included fishing, archery, BB guns and crafts. Some of the younger Scouts learned to put up a tent for the first time while participating in the tent relay event. This year's camp was a success largely due to the many volunteers who helped put it together. The organization would like to thank these volunteers who worked on staff as well as the parents who took time out of their busy schedules to attend one or more days with their boys. Without them, camp would not have been possible.

TDA warns public about poison-laced baits

AUSTIN — The Texas Department of Agriculture is cautioning parents, pet owners and homeowners in rural areas to be on the lookout for illegal meat baits laced with pesticides. Animal deaths that occur as a result of pesticides in meat baits are reported to TDA for appropriate response.

TDA investigates all complaints of pesticide misuse, and findings from these investigations are shared with local law enforcement officials. A commonly misused pesticide is aldicarb, the active ingredient of a cotton insecticide, that is put in meat as bait for animals. However, the poisoned meat is often left in areas where children and pets have access.

People may place illegal baits in an attempt to control feral dogs or other predators. However, nontargeted species such as household pets may eat the illegal baits. The Texas Wildlife Damage Management Service and the TDA Predator Management Program can help producers find safe, more humane and legal means of controlling predators.

TDA also advises pesticide applicators to consider all people or animals that may have access to an application site, erring on the side of caution if there is any chance that with the pesticide. Label directions should be read thoroughly, and caution warnings should always be followed. Applicators should also properly dispose of empty pesticide containers and bags to avoid exposure.

TDA is the lead state agency responsible for enforcing federal and state pesticide laws in Texas. Using a pesticide in a manner inconsistent with the label is illegal. In addition to criminal penalties, violators can be fined. Fines ranging from \$1,000 to \$3,000 have been levied recently by TDA. Some chemical companies offer reward money for information concerning misuse of pesticides.

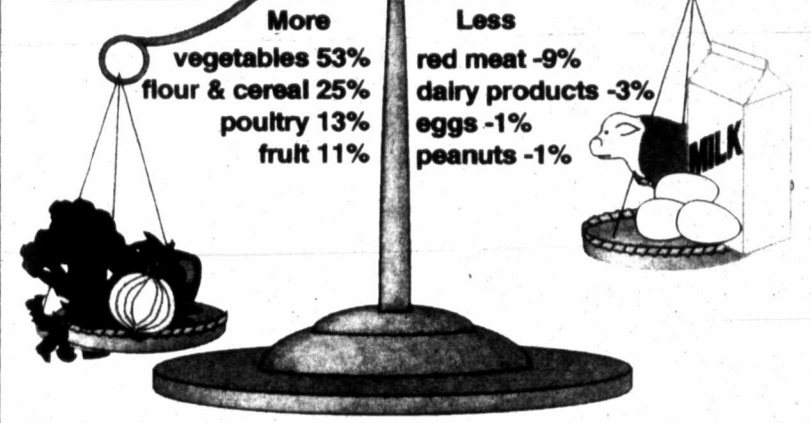
Anyone with information regarding pesticide misuse incidents should contact TDA at 1-800-TELL-TDA or their local law enforcement officials.

Keeping an eye on Texas

Texans eat more veggies

A decade ago, consumers ate more red meat, dairy products, eggs and peanuts. By 1997, we were eating 99 more pounds of the major food commodities, but preferred more vegetables, grain products, fruits and poultry.

Percent change in food consumption from 1988-1997



SOURCES: Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts (www.window.state.tx.us), and U.S. Department of Agriculture Economic Research Service.

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SOFTBALL

PAMPA — The Pampa Optimist Youth Club is sponsoring a pitching clinic for girls' fastpitch softball Sunday, Aug. 15 from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Tommy Bolden of Amarillo will conduct the clinic. Bolden, a private pitching instructor, has taught fastpitch for a number of years and was the pitching coach for West Texas State University in the 1980s.

Texas Tech head coach Renee Gillespie, a WT graduate, recently had Bolden in Lubbock for a pitching clinic. The Borger Lady Bulldogs also benefited from a Bolden pitching clinic this summer.

Any players wishing to improve their pitching skills are urged to attend the clinic.

Cost of the clinic is 10 dollars per player.

To pre-register, please contact Jimmie Clark at 669-7782.

FOOTBALL

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.

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.

SOCCER

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.

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.

BASEBALL

HOUSTON (AP) — Utility infielder Russ Johnson knows he isn't likely to get a lot of starts with the Houston Astros, so he intends to make the most of the ones he gets.

Johnson started at third base Thursday and went 3-for-5, his major league high for hits in a game, and broke a scoreless tie in the seventh with his fourth home run of the year. That home run triggered a six-run inning that led to the Astros beating the Los Angeles Dodgers 7-0.

Though he's hitting .270 with 10 RBIs in only 20 starts (17 at third, two at second and one at short) since coming up from Triple-A New Orleans on July 10, Johnson isn't pushing for playing time. He knows when regulars Ken Caminiti and Ricky Gutierrez return from the disabled list, it will allow him even fewer chances.

"You just have to keep working hard and wait for your chance because sooner or later it's going to come," Johnson said. "My job is to be ready whenever they need me."

Johnson says that's not difficult with manager Larry Dierker freely substituting.

"Larry keeps everybody on their toes," Johnson said. "Even if you're not starting that day, you have to be ready because he plays everybody."



(Pampa News photo)

The Pampa 4 Peat basketball team won the Amarillo Streetball Challenge for the fourth year in a row. Team members are (from left) Shawn Young, Leo Ramirez, Gabe Wilbon, all of Pampa, and Donald Carter (inset) of Lubbock.

Pampa team wins Streetball Challenge 4th year in a row

AMARILLO — 4 Peat of Pampa were the champions of the 1999 Streetball Challenge for the fourth year in a row.

4 Peat advanced to the championship finals from the loser's bracket and defeated previously-unbeaten Ruff Ryders 21-14.

Ruff Ryders reached the finals with a 4-0 record and were seeded No. 1 in Group Two in the Divisional Playoffs. Ruff Ryders had defeated B-Boys 16-11, Irish Spring 16-7, Peanuts 10-9 and Fab 4 in the semifinal 16-14.

4 Peat team members were Leo Ramirez, Shawn Young and Gabe Wilbon of Pampa and Donald Carter of Lubbock. 4-Peat won the tournament with a 4-2 record.

4 Peat opened the round robin format with a 16-11 win over the Challengers.

The Rain Makers dealt 4 Peat a 16-14 loss in the second game as Carter had to leave the game with a dislocated finger.

Carter's absence left the team without a substitute. It

was 4-Peat's first loss after 19 straight wins dating back to 1996.

4 Peat was on the brink of elimination after losing its next game, 16-13 to Fab 4.

4 Peat, however, came back strong in the Division Playoffs. They defeated Peanuts, which was seeded second in the playoffs, 16-11, to stay alive. Carter returned to help his teammates win the title.

4 Peat avenged its earlier loss to Rain Makers with a 15-14 win in the semifinals.

4 Peat had gone unbeaten the past three years with 5-0 records in 1998 and 1997 and an 8-0 mark in 1996. 4-Peat first entered the Streetball Challenge in 1994 and finished with a 4-1 record. They were 3-2 in 1995.

Streetball Challenge is 3-on-3 basketball using a half-court.

All games — with the exception of the championship finals — have a 30-minute time limit. In the finals, the team first scoring 21 points and leading by two or more is

the winner.

Free-throw shooting and 3-point shooting contests were held in conjunction with the Streetball Challenge. Shawn Young of Pampa hit 14 consecutive shots to win the free throw shooting contest. A.J. Taylor of Pampa won the 3-point shooting contest.

Funds from the Streetball Challenge went to the Kids Inc. organization. In all, 301 teams were entered among 35 divisions for men, women, boys and girls.

McGwire becomes newest member of 500-home run club

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Mark McGwire needed one homer and got two to finish the night with 501 homers. Tony Gwynn needed two hits and got one, leaving him with 2,999 hits.

McGwire reached the 500 plateau with fewer at-bats than anyone in baseball history, then hit No. 501 off the left-field scoreboard Thursday night in a 10-3 loss to the San Diego Padres on Thursday night.

"He's incredible," Padres manager Bruce Bochy said. "It's like he's allergic to a base hit, too. I mean, the ball's leaving the park every time he hits it."

McGwire made it to 500 in 5,487 at-bats, obliterating Babe Ruth's record of 5,801. The others in the top five are Harmon Killebrew (6,671), Jimmie Foxx (7,074) and Mickey Mantle (7,300).

"I'm well aware of the names," McGwire said. "It's sort of odd to have your name with that group because I feel like I have a few years to play. I'm not done playing."

While McGwire became the 16th member of the 500-homer club, Gwynn fell just short of becoming the 22nd player to reach 3,000 hits. Gwynn got No.

2,999 — a two-run double in the ninth inning — and went 1-for-4 with a walk as a sellout crowd just missed a double dose of history.

"I gave it a good run," Gwynn said. "I'll move on to the next stop, and hopefully I can get it there tomorrow."

The Padres begin a four-game series at Montreal tonight.

Never before have two players had a chance to reach such lofty milestones in the same game.

"The people of all America got to see what they wanted to see and plus one," said Padres right-hander Andy Ashby, who gave up both homers. "It would have been nice if Tony would have gotten his 3,000th, but we'll have to wait another day for that, or whenever it comes."

A crowd of 45,106, some of whom paid \$150 to scalpers for a \$7 standing room ticket, came away happy. After just missing in his first at-bat with a drive to the center-field wall, McGwire hit a hanging breaking ball an estimated 451 feet to straight-away center in the third, then blasted a 479-foot shot off the scoreboard in left-center in the eighth.

"I've exceeded everything I

expected of myself," McGwire said after the game. "Growing up as a kid, you don't think about things like that. At least I didn't. You just think about playing ball in your yard."

McGwire's fifth multihomer game of the season and the 58th of his career came in the same ballpark where he broke Roger Maris' 37-year-old homer record last Sept. 8 when he hit No. 62. McGwire went on to finish with 70, ahead of Sosa's 66 in a duel that captivated the nation.

McGwire remains a bit off last year's pace, even after hitting 17 homers in 21 games, but he's catching up in a hurry. Now he's on pace for 65.

After rounding the bases on No. 500, McGwire jumped on home plate with both feet before being greeted by teammates, who exchanged his signature fake gut punches along with high-fives.

McGwire, who hit his 499th homer Wednesday night, then took his second curtain call in as many nights as Ashby stood off the mound, looking out towards center field.

Gwynn took off his glove in right field and applauded as McGwire rounded the bases.

"I'm wondering, 'Should I clap like everybody else or be a professional?'" Gwynn said. "Really, this is his stage, his ballpark. Once again, he delivered."

McGwire's eighth-inning blast was the longest this season at Busch, banging off the scoreboard near his No. 25 in a lineup list before dropping into the seats right above the Padres bullpen.

McGwire leads the majors with 44 home runs, two more than Sammy Sosa, and tops the NL with 101 RBIs.

Experts believe the 500th homer ball could be worth \$1 million, and fans scrambled to come up with the prize after it deflected off the base of an advertisement and landed in an area of shrubbery beyond the center-field wall. Jim Shearer, a 28-year-old architect from St. Louis, wound up with the souvenir and was whisked away by authorities.

Shearer said he'd think about what he might do with the ball for a few days.

"I've been hearing that it's worth a lot of money," Shearer said. "But I have to remember it's a piece of baseball history for Mark McGwire and St. Louis."

Magic deals Hardaway to Suns; Celtics get Cheaney

By **CHRIS SHERIDAN**
AP Basketball Writer

Penny Hardaway was dealt to the Phoenix Suns, Dell Curry burned the Bucks by bolting to Toronto and Calbert Cheaney turned down a trade to Miami and signed with Boston instead.

It was another busy day of player movement in the NBA, with no move bigger than the one sending Hardaway to the Suns for Danny Manning, Pat Garrity and two

future first-round draft picks.

"I believe it's the best thing for (Penny) to get a fresh start," Orlando general manager John Gabriel said.

Hardaway also gets a seven-year, \$86 million contract, the largest allowed under the league's collective bargaining agreement, and will team with Jason Kidd in a star-studded backcourt.

It was bitter day for the Magic, who parted with the last member of the 1995 team that went to the NBA

Finals. It also was a bitter day for the Bucks, who thought they had reached an agreement to keep Curry, the league's most accurate 3-point shooter last season.

"He gave his word two times, then changed his mind," Bucks' general manager Bob Weinhauer said. "I don't want to talk about him."

Cheaney also left someone fuming, turning down a sign-and-trade

deal that would have sent him from Washington to Miami. He opted instead to sign with Boston, where he figures to be the replacement for the traded Ron Mercer.

"I had a nice talk with Coach Riley, told him you're a great coach, but it just didn't work out," Cheaney said. "It was just a gut instinct I had. It's tough to explain."

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Working the offense



Assistant coach Wade Wesley works with the offense during Pampa High football practice. Wesley and the rest of the Harvester coaching staff will be introduced during Meet the Harvesters night at 8 Saturday at Harvester Stadium. Pampa scrimmages Borger Friday, Aug. 20, starting at 8 p.m. at Borger.

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

Veterans Salute

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



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At A Glance				
By The Associated Press				
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East Division				
W	L	Pct.	GB	
New York	66	43	.608	—
Atlanta	65	45	.591	1 1/2
Philadelphia	60	48	.558	5 1/2
Montreal	42	63	.400	22
Florida	41	68	.376	25
Central Division				
W	L	Pct.	GB	
Houston	66	43	.608	—
Cincinnati	62	44	.585	2 1/2
St. Louis	55	54	.505	11
Pittsburgh	53	54	.495	12
Chicago	49	57	.462	15 1/2
Milwaukee	49	57	.462	15 1/2
West Division				
W	L	Pct.	GB	
Arizona	61	48	.560	—
San Francisco	57	51	.528	3 1/2
San Diego	51	57	.472	9 1/2
Colorado	48	60	.444	12 1/2
Los Angeles	47	61	.435	13 1/2

Wednesday's Games
Chicago 5, Montreal 1
Philadelphia 4, Florida 1
Pittsburgh 3, Atlanta 2
Cincinnati 6, Colorado 3
New York 9, Milwaukee 5
Los Angeles 2, Houston 1
St. Louis 7, San Diego 6
Arizona 8, San Francisco 4

Thursday's Games
Colorado 2, Cincinnati 1
Houston 7, Los Angeles 0
Montreal 5, Chicago 2
Philadelphia 9, Florida 3
Atlanta 6, Pittsburgh 3
San Diego 10, St. Louis 3

Friday's Games
Only games scheduled
Houston (Lima 14-6 and Bergman 4-5) at Chicago (Farnsworth 2-4 and Serafini 3-2), 2, 1:05 p.m.

Saturday's Games
St. Louis (Jimenez 5-11 and Stephenson 1-0) at Pittsburgh (Anderson 0-0 and Schmidt 10-7), 2, 5:05 p.m.
Colorado (Jones 5-8) at Florida (Fernandez 5-7), 7:05 p.m.
San Diego (Hitchcock 10-8) at Montreal (Smith 3-5), 7:05 p.m.
Arizona (Johnson 11-8) at Philadelphia (Wolf 5-3), 7:35 p.m.
San Francisco (Estes 7-6) at Atlanta (Maddux 12-6), 7:40 p.m.
Los Angeles (Park 6-8) at New York (Dotel 3-1), 7:40 p.m.
Cincinnati (Villone 5-4) at Milwaukee (Woodard 11-5), 8:05 p.m.

Sunday's Games
Arizona (Benes 6-10) at Philadelphia (Schilling 14-4), 1:15 p.m.
San Francisco (Ortiz 12-7) at Atlanta (Mulholland 6-6), 1:15 p.m.
Houston (Elarton 5-3) at Chicago (Tapani 6-9), 3:15 p.m.
San Diego (Williams 5-9) at Montreal (Hermanson 4-10), 7:05 p.m.
Colorado (Bohannon 10-8) at Florida (Meadows 8-11), 7:05 p.m.
St. Louis (Bottenfield 15-4) at Pittsburgh (Cordova 6-5), 7:05 p.m.
Los Angeles (Arnold 2-2) at New York (Leter 9-7), 7:10 p.m.
Cincinnati (Tomko 4-5) at Milwaukee (Karl 7-10), 8:05 p.m.

Monday's Games
San Francisco at Atlanta, 1:10 p.m.
San Diego at Montreal, 1:35 p.m.
Arizona at Philadelphia, 1:35 p.m.
St. Louis at Pittsburgh, 1:35 p.m.
Los Angeles at New York, 1:40 p.m.
Cincinnati at Milwaukee, 2:05 p.m.
Colorado at Florida, 4:05 p.m.
Houston at Chicago, 8:05 p.m.

Scoreboard

American League				
At A Glance				
By The Associated Press				
All Times EDT				
East Division				
W	L	Pct.	GB	
New York	65	42	.607	—
Toronto	60	50	.545	6 1/2
Boston	58	50	.537	7 1/2
Baltimore	48	60	.444	17 1/2
Tampa Bay	44	64	.407	21 1/2
Central Division				
W	L	Pct.	GB	
Cleveland	65	42	.607	—
Chicago	51	55	.481	13 1/2
Kansas City	57	51	.528	20
Minnesota	44	62	.415	20 1/2
Detroit	42	66	.389	23 1/2
West Division				
W	L	Pct.	GB	
Texas	65	42	.607	—
Oakland	57	51	.528	8 1/2
Seattle	53	55	.491	12 1/2
Anaheim	46	61	.430	19

Wednesday's Games
New York 8, Toronto 3
Boston 7, Cleveland 2
Baltimore 9, Oakland 5
Texas 3, Minnesota 1
Anaheim 4, Kansas City 3
Tampa Bay 7, Seattle 4

Thursday's Games
Only games scheduled
Boston (Rapp 3-5) at Anaheim (McDowell 0-3), 4:05 p.m.
Chicago (Parque 9-7) at Oakland (Appier 10-9), 4:05 p.m.
Cleveland (Nagy 12-7) at Tampa Bay (Witt 6-7), 8:35 p.m.
Detroit (Borkowski 0-2) at Baltimore (Erickson 7-9), 7:05 p.m.
Minnesota (Mays 4-4) at Kansas City (Rosado 7-9), 8:05 p.m.
New York (Petitte 8-8) at Seattle (F.Garcia 11-6), 8:05 p.m.
Toronto (Herzogen 7-7) at Texas (Sele 11-6), 8:35 p.m.

Friday's Games
Cleveland at Tampa Bay, 1:35 p.m.
Minnesota at Kansas City, 2:05 p.m.
Chicago at Oakland, 4:05 p.m.
New York at Seattle, 4:35 p.m.
Toronto at Texas, 8:05 p.m.
Boston at Anaheim, 8:05 p.m.

Saturday's Games
Boston 000 000 000 — 0 4 0
Anaheim 000 303 11x — 8 14 0

Rose, Florie (4), Guthrie (6) and Webster; C. Finley, Levine (8) and B. Molina. W—C. Finley, 6-10. L—Rose, 6-4. HR—Anaheim, Glaus (16).

Thursday's Major League Lineups
By The Associated Press

AMERICAN LEAGUE
Detroit 001 000 011 — 3 9 0
Baltimore 114 000 00x — 6 11 1

J. Weaver, Blair (4) and Ausmus; Ponson, Timin (9) and C. Johnson. W—Ponson, 10-7. L—J. Weaver, 6-8. Sv—Timin (13). HRs—Detroit, Encarnacion (13). Baltimore, By Anderson (15), Belle (27), C. Johnson (14).

Boston 000 000 000 — 0 4 0
Anaheim 000 303 11x — 8 14 0

Rose, Florie (4), Guthrie (6) and Webster; C. Finley, Levine (8) and B. Molina. W—C. Finley, 6-10. L—Rose, 6-4. HR—Anaheim, Glaus (16).

HOCKEY
Here is the Amarillo Rattlers' schedule for the 1999-2000 season as released by the Western Professional Hockey League. Home games are listed in all CAPS.

October Exhibition
5 — at Odessa; 8 — ODESSA.

Regular Season
14 — at Lubbock; 18 — LUBBOCK; 19 — ODESSA; 22 — NEW MEXICO; 23 — El PASO; 26 — at El Paso; 29 — at San Angelo.

November
4 — at Lubbock; 5 — NEW MEXICO; 6 — SHREVEPORT; 10 — at New Mexico; 13 — at El Paso; 18 — at Lubbock; 19 — Lubbock; 20 — CORPUS CHRISTI; 24 — EL PASO; 26 — NEW MEXICO; 27 — at New Mexico.

December
3 — at Waco; 4 — at Fort Worth; 5 — EL PASO; 7 — LUBBOCK; 9 — at Lubbock; 10 — SAN ANGELO; 11 — NEW MEXICO; 17 — at Odessa; 18 — ODESSA; 19 — at San Angelo; 22 — at Austin; 23 — at Corpus Christi; 26 — CENTRAL TEXAS; 28 — EL PASO; 29 — at New Mexico; 31 — LUBBOCK.

January
2 — at Lubbock; 7 — WACO; 8 — SAN ANGELO; 14 — WPHL All-Star Game, Amarillo; 15 — ALEXANDRIA; 21 — at Central Texas; 22 — at Odessa; 23 — at Abilene; 26 — CENTRAL TEXAS; 28 — EL PASO; 29 — at New Mexico; 31 — LUBBOCK.

February
2 — ARKANSAS; 5 — at Alexandria; 6 — at Shreveport; 9 — at Lake Charles; 11 — at Monroe; 13 — LAKE CHARLES; 15 — at San Angelo; 17 — at El Paso; 18 — ODESSA; 19 — ABILENE; 24 — SAN ANGELO; 25 — at San Angelo; 26 — at Odessa; 29 — NEW MEXICO.

March
2 — at El Paso; 3 — ODESSA; 4 — TUPELO; 9 — at New Mexico; 10 — AUSTIN; 11 — FORT WORTH; 17 — at Tupelo; 18 — at Arkansas; 23 — at El Paso; 24 — EL PASO; 25 — LUBBOCK.

NATIONAL LEAGUE
Colorado 100 100 000 — 2 10 0
Cincinnati 100000 000 — 1 4 0

Astacio and Blanco; Guzman, Sullivan (9), Reyes (9) and Johnson. W—Astacio, 12-9. L—Luzman, 0-1. HR—Cincinnati, Cameron (13).

Los Angeles 000000000 — 0 5 0
Houston 000 000 61x — 7 11 1

Valdes, Mills (7), Borbon (7), Maddux (7), Herges (8) and LoDuca; Reynolds and Bako, Knorr (8). W—Reynolds, 14-7. L—Valdes, 10-10. HR—Houston, Johnson (4).

Montreal 000 101 120 — 5 10 0
Chicago 100 000 001 — 2 10 1

Thurman, Telford (7), Kline (8), Urbina (9) and Widger; Lieber, Sanders (8), Adams (9) and Reed, Santiago (9). W—Thurman, 4-7. L—Lieber, 8-5. Sv—Urbina (23). HR—Montreal, Widger (11).

Atlanta 000 100 230 — 6 9 0
Pittsburgh 100011 000 — 3 7 0

TRANSACTIONS

Thursday's Sports Transactions

BASEBALL
By The Associated Press
American League
TEXAS RANGERS—Placed OF Ruben Mateo on the 15-day disabled list. Activated OF Tom Goodwin from the 15-day disabled list.
National League
CINCINNATI BEES—Named Buddy Bell director of player development and Bill Doran minor league field coordinator.
HOUSTON ASTROS—Optioned OF Lance Berkman to New Orleans of the PCL and activated OF Carl Everett from the 15-day disabled list.

BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
BOSTON CELTICS—Signed F Calbert Cheaney to a three-year contract.
LOS ANGELES LAKERS—Signed F Rick Fox to a multi-year contract.
MIAMI HEAT—Signed F Otis Thorpe.
MINNESOTA TIMBERWOLVES—Named Sidney Lowe assistant coach.
NEW JERSEY NETS—Signed F Keith Van Horn to a six-year contract extension.
SAN ANTONIO SPURS—Agreed to terms with G Terry Porter on a three-year contract.
TORONTO RAPTORS—Signed G Dell Curry to a three-year contract.

FOOTBALL
NFL Preseason
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AMERICAN CONFERENCE
East

W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
Buffalo	0	0	0.000	00	00
Indianapolis	0	0	0.000	00	00
Miami	0	0	0.000	00	00
New England	0	0	0.000	00	00
N.Y. Jets	0	0	0.000	00	00

Person, Schrenk (7), Poole (9) and G. Bennett; V. Nunez, Almanza (5), Edmondson (7), Cooper (8), Alfonso (9) and Fabregas. W—Person, 6-3. L—V. Nunez, 4-5. HR—Philadelphia, G. Bennett (1).

San Diego 110 021 005 — 10 10 0
St. Louis 011 000 010 — 3 6 3

Ashby, Hoffman (8) and B. Davis; Luebbers, Acevedo (6), Mohler (8), Aybar (9) and Marrero. W—Ashby, 10-5. L—Luebbers, 1-2. Sv—Hoffman (27). HRs—St. Louis, McGwire 2 (44).

Cowboys' injury list keeps getting longer

WICHITA FALLS, Texas (AP) — The Dallas Cowboys' Blue-White scrimmage should've been called the black-and-blue game.

Dallas' lengthy injury list got even longer during Thursday night's intrasquad workout, with receiver James McKnight going down the hardest.

An MRI was scheduled to determine how badly McKnight hurt his left knee, but it appeared to be serious.

"It probably doesn't look real good," coach Chan Gailey said.

McKnight, acquired from Seattle in June, was hurt during one of the first plays of a goal-line drill early in the first full-contract action of training camp. He slumped onto the artificial turf of Memorial Stadium without being hit and immediately clutched the knee.

The injuries kept coming for the receiving corps.

Michael Irvin missed a few plays after getting smacked in

the face, Jeff Ogden landed hard on his tailbone, Jason Tucker got poked in the eye and Wade McGarity needed stitches to close a gash on his chin.

The unit already was down a man because Raghib Ismail has a slightly separated left shoulder.

Ogden, who appeared to be shaken up pretty badly, was listed as day-to-day. McGarity was to be X-rayed to see whether he may have cracked his jaw.

"It was a tough night for receivers, a tough night for a couple of places really," Gailey said.

The secondary, already reeling because of Deion Sanders' toe injury, had cornerback Kevin Mathis leave with a bruised back, and safety George Teague was knocked wozy. Cornerback Kevin Smith was held out with a nagging back problem.

Gailey said Mathis was benched as a precaution.

"It doesn't sound really bad," he said.

The offensive line, the most injury-rattled group thus far in camp, had some more tense moments as starting left tackle Flozell Adams went out with a strained muscle and Jeremy Akers hurt his back.

Those problems forced rookie Solomon Page to end practice at left tackle. He started at right guard while filling in for three injured players — Everett McLver (recovering from left knee surgery), Tony Hutson (sprained ligament in left knee) and Mike Kiselak (lost for the season with severe knee damage).

The Cowboys will have to figure out who's healthy soon because they open their exhibition season Monday night with the Hall of Fame game against the Cleveland Browns in Canton, Ohio.

"If you let it, it can get frustrating, but it's part of the game," Gailey said. "They're not going to cancel the game Monday night because we've got a few injuries."



Special Olympics



(Community Camera photo)

Special Olympic Go-Getters Softball Team members recently showed off their new shirts provided by sponsor Equilon Pipeline Co. LLC. Above are: (back row) Steven Soviano; (middle row) Shawn King, Eric Knott, Cody Dyer, Linda Lou Pierce, Raul Counts, Gary Carr, Mark McMinn, David Wagner, Liberty Bloxom, Ronnie Haynes, McGuire, helper.

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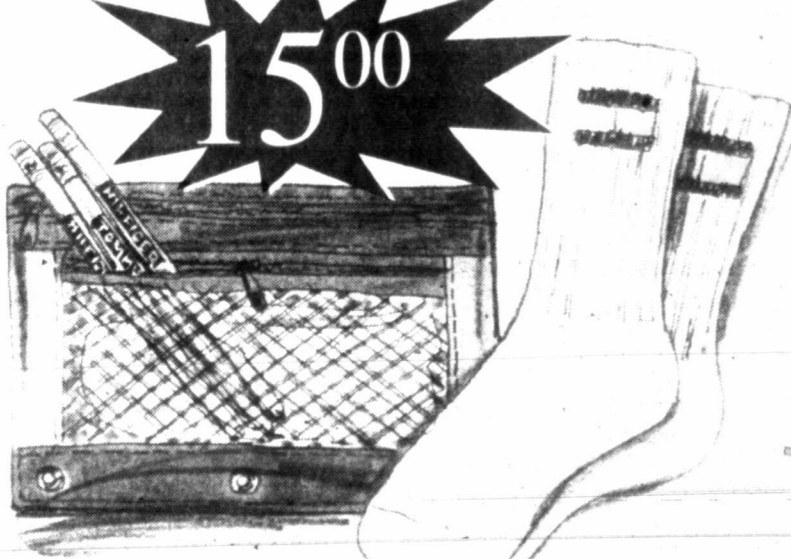
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