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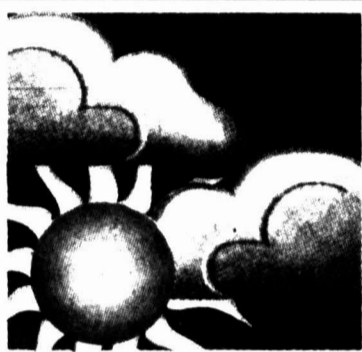
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PAMPA — The Pampa Police Department is reminding motorists that school begins Thursday and that means traffic congestion will return. Officers will be patrolling the various school zones hoping to reduce the potential for injury and property damage. A spokesman said Pampa Middle School on 23rd Street can become very congested and encourages drivers to obey all traffic signs, drive in a courteous manner and be vigilant on adjacent streets as well.

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — The day after Madeline Peters picked out her wedding dress, she was dead from a bullet through her head. That was more than 19 years ago. Tonight, the man convicted of killing her during a robbery at the Houston-area bank where she worked is set to be executed.

Kenneth Dwayne Dunn, 39, would be the third Texas death row inmate to receive lethal injection in six days and the 19th this year.

According to testimony, Ms. Peters, 21, was on the phone and unaware of the robbery. When he reached her station and ordered her to put cash in a bag, she responded, "What?"

He fired, killing her and fleeing with almost \$12,000.

- Mildred Bentley, 88, former teacher.
- Lydia W. Bruns, 93, former choir member, Sunday School teacher.
- Hazel Lucille Dean, 87, homemaker.
- Marie King, 72, mother of a Pampa resident.
- Marie A. McKeever, 74, homemaker.

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New security measures set at PHS

By NANCY YOUNG
Managing Editor

Pampa High School will be locked during school hours when students return to classes Thursday. Most lockers will also be bolted, but back packs will be permitted. There will not be metal detectors.

PHS Principal John Kendall gave the news to approximately 80 parents and a scattering of high school students at the Monday night meeting in the high school library. He said all doors but one to the school will be locked from the outside during the school day when the 1999-2000 school year begins Thursday. The only doors which will be unlocked will be at the north entrance next to the principal's office. By locking them from the outside, students will be able to exit.

This change in school procedures is a result of the bomb threats received at Pampa High during May following the tragedy at Columbine High School in Colorado.

Kendall emphasized the newly implemented changes are to maintain the safety for the students. He said the purpose of the doors being locked is for administration to know who is in the building at all times.

He said all visitors, including parents, to the school will be required to sign-in at the principal's office and have a visitor's badge. Kendall also said any students in the hallway during classes must have a

School bells will ring at 8:13 a.m. Thursday morning at Pampa High School. Principal John Kendall said the time is unusual, but 8:13 a.m. is the starting time for the 1999-2000 school year. Lunch will be at 11:25 a.m. Students will return to classes at 12:40. School will be let out at 3:25 p.m.

pass. He asked the parents for help in keeping the school safe.

"My main concern is to keep the school safe for the students. We are responsible for the students and have to know where they are during school," said Kendall. "Parents, we need your help."

Kendall said following the two bomb

threats and evacuation of the local high school in May, school administrators were "cussed out" three times by parents because they were in areas which required visitors passes and did not have them.

"We don't want to make the 1,029 stu-

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Woman surprises burglars in home

An unexpected fright greeted a Pampa woman when she arrived home Monday afternoon to find two burglars bolting down an inside flight of stairs then running out her front door.

Today, one man is in custody and another is being sought for the burglary at the home of Phyllis Jeffers, 1100 Mary Ellen.

Jeffers, Pampa City Secretary and Personnel Director, said she had just come home and was standing in her kitchen about 3:10 p.m. when suddenly two men ran down the stairs and out her front door.

Jeffers told police she recognized one of the suspected burglars as Ivan G. Leal Jr., 17, 532 N. Nelson. She did not recognize the other intruder. She was not hurt in the incident.

After checking around Jeffers discovered approximately \$200 was missing from the house.

"At first I was angry that someone would do this, then I got scared," Jeffers said this morning.

Police theorize the pair entered the house through the back door but the exact method of entry is still under investigation.

After a warrant for Leal was obtained he turned himself in to authorities. The Police Department is investigating information on the second suspect, according to Police Lt. Terry Young.

Leal was in Gray County Jail at press time in lieu of \$8,000 bond.

End of era ... Boot factory closes

NOCONA, Texas (AP) — After their dusty cattle drives, cowboys a century ago would often mosey into this northern Texas town and pick up a pair of handcrafted boots — a cowboy's best friend next to his horse and his six-shooter.

Boots made in Nocona became famous, as much for their history as for their high-grade leather and stacked heels that fit in a stirrup.

Changing consumer tastes have sapped the boot business so much that Justin Industries — which owns the Nocona factory and one in Fort Worth — is closing both, putting about 260 people out of work.

"The Western and Western-influenced products haven't been in demand," said David McGrady, general manager of the Nocona factory. "Everything is fashion-driven and obviously Western is one fashion that's either in or out."

Cowboy boot sales have always been cyclical. Popular in the early 1980s, thanks in part to the movie "Urban Cowboy," traditional 13-inch-high dress boots haven't tared as well in the mid-to late '90s.

Justin Industries said its 1997 footwear sales, including brands such as Nocona, Tony Lama and Justin Ropers, fell 16 percent from the previous year, to 186.5 million pairs.

Some of the country's largest cowboy bootmakers have been switching to boots with more of a work style, such as the flatter-heeled ropers. Many are making lace-up boots, although the tire-

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Circle of Friends to host fundraising event Friday

By NANCY YOUNG
Managing Editor

Pampa residents wanting to help area cancer patients and their families financially as well as enjoying a backyard dinner party and auction will have the opportunity to do both Friday evening.

A Circle of Friends backyard dinner party and auction will be held at the home of Scott and Jamie White Friday night with the proceeds from the event going to support the financial needs of cancer area patients and their families in times of crisis.

The fundraising effort will also support programs in cancer treatment, education and research.

Fifty-one Pampa residents are hosting the event this year to enable all funds raised to benefit the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center. The purpose of the organization is to provide financial assistance to patients and their families. The Circle of Friends is a non-profit organization which was founded to support the philosophy and goals of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center.

Knights of Columbus will be preparing their famous steak kabobs for the guests, and Kristi Hutto of the Hughey House will be preparing the



Knights of Columbus will cook steak kabobs at the Circle of Friends sponsored backyard party Friday night. Cooking will be (from left) Jack Albracht, Neal Hoelting, Kenny Gerber, Doug Ware and Wes Hukill.

side dishes. Dale West will be the guest auctioneer.

Tickets are \$25 a couple and \$15 for a single.

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Links to jailed man, theft probed

Deputies are investigating possible links today between a man in Gray County jail and the reported theft of guns and jewelry.

Brent J. Bradford, 36, of 412 Quail Lane, was arrested Sunday and charged with forgery and resisting arrest. Officers today were investigating links between Bradford and the theft of jewelry, a rifle and several other items reported stolen from a north Gray County residence.

Officers said Bradford was arrested shortly before 7 a.m. Sunday in connection with a forgery investigation by Pampa Police.

Gray County deputies today said they recovered a rifle that had been reported stolen earlier this summer. Officers said the residents of a rural Gray County home returned from a summer vacation Monday to find a .22-caliber rifle, a generator and some jewelry missing. Deputies were working this morning, trying to complete a list of missing items from the home.

Authorities said the forgery charges against Bradford involved several thousand dollars in Gray County. They said surrounding communities may be involved and further charges may be filed.

Quite frankly... Should a federal surplus go to cut taxes or cut the deficit?



"Taxes, I guess. I'm for anything Clinton is against."

-- Tom Powers



"Split it 50-50. You can't really go completely one way or the other. You can't make everybody happy."

-- Frank Rabel



"Deficit, if they'll put it there, but they won't so I say tax reduction."

-- James W. White



"Tax reduction. It's better to have taxes reduced."

-- Gayle Steward

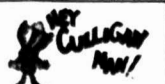


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Services tomorrow

BENTLEY, Mildred — 10:30 a.m., Carmichael-Whitely Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel, Pampa. Graveside services, 2 p.m., Shamrock Cemetery, Shamrock.

McKEEVER, Marie A. — 2 p.m., Carmichael-Whitely Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel, Pampa.

NACE, Delmar Otis — Memorial services, 2 p.m., First United Methodist Church Chapel, Pampa.

Obituaries

MILDRED BENTLEY

WHITE DEER — Mildred Bentley, 88, died Sunday, Aug. 8, 1999, at Panhandle. Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday in Carmichael-Whitely Colonial Chapel in Pampa with the Rev. Calvin Beach, a Baptist minister, officiating. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. in Shamrock Cemetery at Shamrock. Burial will be under the direction of Carmichael-Whitely Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Bentley was born Jan. 18, 1911, in Hardeman County near Quannah, the fourth of 10 children born to James Riley and Lula Pearl Beach. She was raised on a farm two miles west of Wellington and spent part of her childhood at Riley and near Mason. She attended West Texas State Teachers College at Canyon.



She taught seven grades for Enterprise School District where nine students were enrolled. She later taught first and second grades at Magic City, with an enrollment of 62 students. She met Paul Bentley at Magic City and the couple were married April 14, 1932; he died in 1985 after 53 years of marriage. They lived at Magic City until moving to White Deer in 1975.

She spent the last three years in nursing facilities in Pampa and Panhandle.

She was preceded in death by a great-grandson, Jeremy Blodgett, in 1995; and by a granddaughter, Kathy Ginn, in 1997.

Survivors include three daughters, Pauline Sutterfield of Amarillo, Jeri Blodgett of White Deer and Gayle McKay of Apple Valley, Minn.; two sons, Eddie Ray Bentley of Alamogordo, N.M., and Mack Bentley of Wheeler; two sisters, Lora Warren of Westminster, Colo., and Lucia Lummus of Denison; a brother, Calvin Beach of Royse City; 14 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; and a great-great-grandchild.

The family requests memorials be to White Deer Senior Citizens Center or to White Deer EMS.

LYDIA W. BRUNS

BELLA VISTA, Ark. — Lydia W. Bruns, 93, a former Pampa resident, died Saturday, Aug. 7, 1999, at Concordia Care Center at Bella Vista. Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday in Zion Lutheran Church at Vernon with the Rev. Stanley E. Jones officiating. Burial will be in East View Cemetery at Vernon. Arrangements are under the direction of Bella Vista Funeral Home and Crematory in Bella Vista.

Mrs. Bruns was born Oct. 21, 1905, at Serbin, Texas, to Willie and Marie Karcher. She had been a Bella Vista resident since 1994, moving from Beaumont. She and her husband, the Rev. Arthur Bruns, had lived at Pampa while he served as pastor of Zion Lutheran Church.

She belonged to Redeemer Lutheran Church at Beaumont. Before she married, she was an active member of Zion Lutheran Church in Vernon — she was a choir member, a Sunday school teacher and a member of Walther League.

Survivors include her husband of 70 years, Rev. Bruns, of Bella Vista; two daughters, Dorothy Jones of Bella Vista and Beryle Schmidt of Beaumont; a son, Donald Bruns of Arvada, Colo.; seven grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be at 9 a.m. Thursday before the services.

HAZEL LUCILLE DEAN

AMARILLO — Hazel Lucille Dean, 87, a former Pampa resident, died Saturday, Aug. 7, 1999. Services were to be at 2 p.m. today in First Presbyterian Church with Dr. Murray Gossett officiating. Private family entombment will be in Memorial Park Cemetery Mausoleum East under the direction of Memorial Park Funeral Home of Amarillo.

Mrs. Dean was born at Boulder, Colo. She married Darrel D. Dean in 1945 at Amarillo; he died in 1984. She had been an Amarillo resident since 1945, moving from Pampa.

She was a homemaker and belonged to First Presbyterian Church and Daughters of the Nile.

Survivors include a son, David Dean of Edgewood, N.M.; and a grandchild.

MARIE KING

Marie King, 72, mother of a Pampa resident, died Monday, Aug. 9, 1999. Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday in Galilee Baptist Church at San Angelo. Arrangements are under the direction of Warford Funeral Directors of Amarillo.

Survivors include a son, Charles King of Pampa.

MARIE A. McKEEVER

Marie A. McKeever, 74, of Pampa, died Monday, Aug. 9, 1999. Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday in Carmichael-Whitely Colonial Chapel with Lonny Robbins, pastor, of Trinity Fellowship Church, officiating. Burial will be at 11 a.m. Friday in Oak Bluff Cemetery at Port Neches under the direction of Carmichael-Whitely Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. McKeever was born Nov. 5, 1924, at Buckholts, Texas. She married Charles McKeever on Feb. 5, 1965, at Sealy, Texas; he died in 1989. She lived at Port Arthur for 30 years, moving to Pampa six years ago.

She belonged to Proctor Street Baptist Church of Port Arthur.

She was preceded in death by three sisters and by three brothers.

Survivors include a daughter, Wanda Hall of Pampa; four sons, Roy Dixon of Port Arthur, Wayne Dixon of Las Vegas, Nev., James Dixon of Houston and Clarence Dixon of Piedmont, Mo.; seven grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to Crown of Texas Hospice in Amarillo.

DELMAR OTIS NACE

Delmar Otis Nace, 83, of Pampa, died Monday, Aug. 9, 1999. Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday in First United Methodist Church Chapel with the Rev. Todd Dyess, pastor of the church, officiating. The body was donated to Texas Tech University School of Medicine and consequently will not be available for viewing. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whitely Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Nace was born Sept. 9, 1915, at Towanda, Kan. He married Evelyn Pierce in 1937 at Minneapolis, Kan.; she died in 1983. He had been a Pampa resident since 1951, moving from Towanda. He married Mary Irvin in 1983 at Pampa. He was a chartered life underwriter for New York Life for 33 years, retiring in 1997.

He belonged to First United Methodist Church where he was a member and former president of WinSome Sunday School Class. He was a 50-year member and past patron of Pampa Chapter #65 Order of the Eastern Star. He was a 50-year member of Mystic Masonic Lodge #74 in Augusta, Kan., and was past president of Amarillo Chapter of American Society of Chartered Life Underwriters; was past president and secretary of Top O' Texas Association of Life Underwriters; was past president of Pampa Rotary Club, was past president of Knife and Fork Club and was former president and treasurer of Pampa Civic Ballet. He held a Paul Harris Fellowship.

He was a U.S. Navy veteran, serving during World War II as a chief petty officer in the submarine services in Australia.

Survivors include his wife, Mary, of the home; a stepdaughter, Melanie Clancy of Pampa; a stepson, David Irvin of Pampa; and five stepgrandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to WinSome Chapel Fund or Memorial Fund at First United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 1981, Pampa, TX 79066-1981.

Fires

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

Monday, Aug. 9

1:14 p.m. — Two units and six personnel responded to a false alarm at the White Deer Land Museum.

6:01 p.m. — One unit and two personnel responded to a controlled burn on Gray 2.

6:59 p.m. — One unit and two personnel responded to a haz-mat spill in the 1000 block of North Frost.

Police report

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

Monday, Aug. 9

Robby Dale Burton, 37, 533 Doucette, was arrested on charges of driving while intoxicated/3rd.

Ivan G. Leal Jr., 17, 532 N. Nelson, was arrested on charges of burglary of a habitation.

Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 600 block of Magnolia.

Theft was reported in the 1200 block of North Hobart.

Criminal mischief was reported in Central Park.

Sheriff's Office

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

Monday, Aug. 9

Amparo Moreno Ortega, 38, 329 N. Wells, was arrested on warrants charging expired drivers license and unrestrained child from Roberts County and expired drivers license from Wilbarger County.

Terrell Williams, 28, 1033 Neel Road, was arrested on charges of evading arrest.

Accidents

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

Monday, Aug. 9

Ronda Kay Spotts, 33, Lefors, was cited for following too closely and leaving the scene of an accident when the 1995 Dodge Van she was driving rear-ended a 1993 Chevrolet Cheyenne driven by Charles L. Riley, 53, 701 E. Kingsmill, as they were both headed north in the 100 block of North Ballard. No injuries were reported.

Ambulance

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

Monday, Aug. 9
10:08 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 800 block of North Wells on an injury and transported one to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

Tuesday, August 10
4:16 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the Jordan Unit and transported one to PRMC.

Emergency numbers

Ambulance.....911
Crime Stoppers.....669-2222
Energas.....665-5777
Fire.....911
Police (emergency).....911

BOOTS

tread-like soles won't do for two-stepping at the local dance hall.

For Nocona, a town of 2,800 south of the Red River, the closing of the factory means the end of the area's largest employer and its biggest taxpayer. The 160 workers at the factory here make about 3,500 pairs of high-end boots each week, ranging in price from \$200 to \$1,100.

Employees said they're bitter about the decision to move production to Justin factories in El Paso and Cassville, Mo. Most of the people on the production lines recently wore "I was given the boot" stickers.

"The sad thing, apart from the loss of jobs, is that it was kind of our identity," said Ricky D. Howard, president of Nocona Banking Center.

In the Lone Star state, after all, some law enforcement officers and chief executives still wear boots, while the Professional Rodeo Cowboy Association requires the footwear in the ring.

H.J. "Joe" Justin started patching boots on the side while working in a barbershop in the 1880s. After he died, the Justin family moved his company to Fort Worth.

Justin's daughter, Miss Enid, felt so strongly that her father wanted the business in Nocona, that in 1925 she founded a competing company, Nocona Boot Co. with seven employees.

In 1981, nine years before she died at age 96, Miss Enid agreed to merge her company with Justin, by then one of the largest bootmakers in the world. Now, workers are sorry she ever allowed the move.

"You know it took just a few years for some men to tear up what it took one good woman 60 years

to build," said Mary Brown, a 26-year customer service worker.

During a recent visit, several dozen funeral wreaths and crosses could be seen standing in the grass in front of the factory. Banners wilted in the 100-degree heat. Still, folks got out of their cars to read the messages: "Sorry, Miss Enid," and "Rest in Peace."

"When they say that the demand for the cowboy boot is gone, they're wrong," said Joan Tettleton, retail manager of the factory store, which is expected to stay open. "The way everything is going right now, manufacturing is leaving the U.S. That's why they're closing this plant."

Others believe that the growing trend toward more casual and comfortable clothes may be the key reason for the decline in dress cowboy boots.

"People are taking this low-key approach to their fashion. Certainly wearing Western boots takes a certain attitude," said Wendy Liebmann, president of the retail consulting firm WSL Strategic Retail. "I would suspect people are moving more into the high-fashion loafer categories. You can wear them with jeans and a suit."

Ten-year-old Nathan Allender of Arlington, Texas, agreed. Nathan, who was wearing Reebok sandals, said he wouldn't wear boots around his friends.

"If he wore boots, he'd be the only kid in school with them on," said Jerry Castlebury of Lawton, Okla., who was visiting the factory with Nathan.

Factory manager McGrady hopes the pendulum will swing back and customers will again pull on a pair of Nocona's cowboy boots.

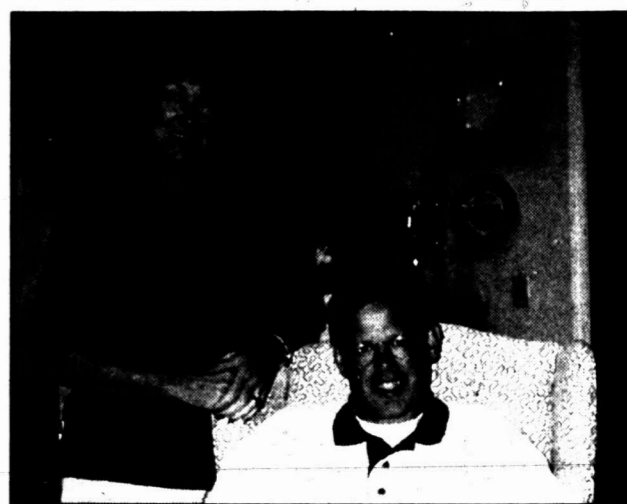
"Sure, they will. How soon is anybody's guess," he said. "We can't predict when bell-bottoms are coming back again, either."

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FRIENDS

Additional information may be obtained by contacting Shannon Buck at 665-7027.

Host couples for the event are Lora and John Mark baggerman, Janyth and Charles Bowers, Shannon and Butch Buck, Martha and Bob Campbell, Sara and Doug Carmichael, Sue and Hal Cree, Katie Cree, Faustina and John Curry, Gayle and Joe Curtis, Peggy and Roger David, Kristi and David Fatherree, Mollie and Jeff Haley, Betty and Bill Hallerberg, Ramona and Bill Hite, Sharon and Ron Hurst, Evelyn and H. J. Johnson, Marcia and Bob Julian, Stephanie and Greg Kelly, Sherry and Jack McCavit, Carol and Dawson Orr, Lisa and Dan Powell, Linda and Howard Reed, Nancy and Mike Kuff, Dana and Bebo Terry, Judy and Wilbur Walls and Jamie and Scott White.



Scott and Jamie White will furnish their backyard for the event.

Actor Shatner's wife found dead

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The wife of actor William Shatner was found dead in the swimming pool of their home, an apparent drowning that authorities said they were treating as an accident.

Nerine Shatner, 40, was pronounced dead at the scene.

Shatner arrived home at about 10:15 p.m. and found her at the bottom of the pool, police Lt. Adam Bercovici said.

"(Shatner) dialed 911 and dove into the pool to render aid to his wife," Bercovici said. Shatner then administered CPR.

The Los Angeles Fire Department was called to the Studio City home, but efforts to revive Mrs. Shatner were unsuccessful, spokesman Brian Humphrey said. "Sadly, she was beyond our help," Humphrey said.

Foul play did not play a role in her death, Bercovici said.

"She was home alone for a short period of time and accidentally drowned while swimming in the family pool," he said. An autopsy was scheduled to determine the exact cause of death.

The couple was married in November 1997. It was the third marriage for Shatner. His bride, then Nerine Kidd, was a former model.

According to an account of the wedding in

People magazine, he vowed to her: "I pledge allegiance to you, Nerine, my queen." Referring to the ring he placed on her finger, he quipped, "When it is dark and there is trouble, you need but wave that bauble and there will be light."

Shatner, 68, is best known as Capt. James T. Kirk on the science fiction television show "Star Trek." He also appeared in sever-

al "Star Trek" movies and the 1980s television police drama "T.J. Hooker," and turned out a series of science fiction books.

The "Star Trek" cast also had reason to mourn in June, when DeForest Kelley, who portrayed the cantankerous and compassionate Dr. McCoy, died after a lengthy illness at the age of 79.

Stocks

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

Wheat	2.34	Halliburton	50 3/4	dn 11/16
Milo	3.10	IRI	5 3/16	dn 1/8
Corn	3.49	KME	19 5/8	dn 3/8
Soybeans	3.89	Kerr McGe	59 1/2	dn 9/16
		Limited	43 15/16	up 3/16
		McDonald's	40 1/16	dn 13/16
		Mobil	104 1/4	dn 3/16
		New Atmos	24 7/16	dn 1/8
		NCE	34 1/4	dn 1/8
		Penney's	41 1/16	dn 15/16
		Phillips	52 5/16	up 1/8
		Pioneer Nat. Res.	11 3/4	up 1/8
		SLB	65 15/16	dn 1/2
		Tenneco	21 1/2	dn 1/4
		Texaco	64	dn 1/8
		Ultramar	26 11/16	up 7/8
		Wal-Mart	40 3/16	NC
		Williams	41 9/16	dn 3/16
		New York Gold	257.25	
		Silver	5.32	
		West Texas Crude	20.98	
		Chevron	96 5/8	NC

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

Amoco	119 1/2	up 1/2
Arco	93 3/4	up 3/4
Cabot	23 7/16	dn 7/16
Cabot O&G	18	dn 1/8
Chevron	96 5/8	NC

City Briefs

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Weather focus

PAMPA — Partly cloudy today with a slight chance of rain and a high of 95 with south-southwest winds at 5-15 mph. Tonight, partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of rain, a low in the low 70s and south-southwest winds at 5-15 mph. Tomorrow, partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of rain and a high in the mid 90s.

PANHANDLE — Tonight, partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms. Low in the mid 60s. South to southwest wind 5-15 mph. Wednesday, partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of afternoon thunderstorms. High in the lower 90s. South to southwest wind 5-15 mph.

STATEWIDE

Thermometers' upper ranges will get a workout for the rest of the week across Texas, with near-record heat expected — and little if any rain.

Heat advisories remained in effect today for North Texas and the Del Rio area.

The hottest day of the year so far at Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport came Monday, with 105 degrees. Mineral Wells had 106, with 101 at Austin and 102 at Texarkana.

Overnight, temperatures only cooled to the mid- and upper 80s in North Texas, extending into the 70s and high 60s elsewhere. It was 64 at Marfa, 75 at Victoria, 80 at Childress and 84 at Del Rio.

Winds were mostly southerly

and southwesterly at 5 to 15 mph — but northerly and northwesterly in the Panhandle — and gusty along the coast.

Scattered storms moved into Southeast Texas from Louisiana along the Sabine River. Isolated afternoon showers and thunderstorms may return for the region through Thursday. A slight possibility of late showers or an isolated thunderstorm persists from the Big Bend country to far West Texas.

Daytime highs through Wednesday will be in the upper 90s to around 100, except mid-80s in the mountains, lower 90s along the coast and 102 to 106 along the Rio Grande.

Lows overnight should be in the 60s to upper 70s, except for lower 80s along beaches.

Survey: One in four employees feels angry at work

CHICAGO (AP) — As she headed home from her job as an administrative assistant at a bank, the stress and anger lingering from Ariella Winograd's workday apparently showed.

"Did my boss call you? Can you read my face?" Ms. Winograd said when asked Monday about anger in the workplace. "I definitely have office rage."

Unfair oil pricing complaint rejected

WASHINGTON (AP) — A trade dispute that dumbfounded many economists is coming to an end before it even really began with the government throwing out a complaint from a group of U.S. oilmen that sought steep taxes on oil imports.

The Commerce Department on Monday rejected a petition from a group of U.S. independent oil companies that charged four of the world's leading oil producing countries with dumping cheap oil on the U.S. market contrary to American trade laws.

The department said the oilmen from Kansas, Texas and Oklahoma did not demonstrate sufficient U.S. industry support to invoke U.S. anti-dumping laws that would have triggered tariffs on 60 percent of the oil imported into the United States.

The Clinton administration, the oil producing countries involved, and some of the country's biggest energy users immediately expressed their relief. Higher tariffs would have meant higher energy and gasoline prices, they argued.

"The denial is a win-win for U.S. consumers and domestic oil producers," said Energy Secretary Bill Richardson, who had been frustrated by the oilmen's action. He said the petition distracted officials from helping the U.S. industry and jeopardized "important strategic relationships" with Saudi Arabia, Venezuela and Mexico.

The three countries as well as Iraq had been targeted by the petition filed last month by a group calling itself Save Domestic Oil Inc., based in Enid, Okla.

Harold Hamm, chairman of the group and an Oklahoma oil producer, reacted sharply to the Commerce decision, calling it "a classic example of government disregarding the rights of the 'little guy' in favor of the greedy self interests of the wealthy."

Hamm said the group would appeal the decision to the Court of International Trade. Such appeals, however, often take several years to resolve, according to trade experts.

The group had argued their industry, especially in the historic oil patch of Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas, had been severely harmed by the low prices of imported oil and that the anti-dumping trade laws should protect them.

The petitions charged that the foreign producers sold oil in the United States in some cases for less than it cost to produce and in other cases for less than they sold it for in other markets such as Japan. They also charged that government subsidies to the government-owned oil companies violated U.S. trade laws.

But the allegations won't be investigated. The Commerce Department, after a review by its International Trade Administration, found that the Oklahoma-based group had "insufficient industry support" to trigger a formal investigation under U.S. anti-dumping trade laws.

It said that "opposition to the petition from U.S. producers exceeded support for the petitions" and that "without adequate industry support, Commerce is prohibited by law from initiating investigations."

telephone survey of 1,000 adults age 18 or older who were employed full- or part-time indicated that they were "generally at least somewhat angry at work," according to a new study.

Authors of the study say the statistic may help explain recent outbursts of workplace violence.

"In an environment where you think people are satisfied with their jobs, there is a sort of undercurrent of anger and resentment aimed at the workplace that could potentially lead to the kinds of explosions of rage we have seen," said Donald Gibson, a professor at the Yale University School of Management and a co-author of the study.

The study, "The Experience of Anger at Work: Lessons from the Chronically Angry," is scheduled to be presented Wednesday at the annual meeting of the Academy of Management in Chicago. It was sponsored by Marlin Co., a Connecticut-based management consulting firm.

Authorities say workplace rage was a factor in the July 29 shooting spree in which Mark O. Barton killed nine people and injured 12 others in two Atlanta office buildings where he worked as a day trader. A week later, Alan Eugene Miller killed three people at two Pelham, Ala., companies where he had worked, prosecutors say.

Despite the headlines, homicides at work are declining. There were 856 work-related murders in 1997, a 7 percent drop from 1996 that mirrors the fall in violent crime nationwide during this economic boom, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

According to the study, the most common cause of workplace anger — cited by 11 percent of those questioned — was the actions of supervisors or managers.

Nine percent said co-workers, others not being productive and tight deadlines or a heavy workload were to blame. Others cited dealing with the public and being treated badly as reasons for their anger.

"There has been a lot of downsizing. A lot of companies are leaner and meaner, and many of the workers who are left feel overworked and underappreciated," Gibson said.

Ms. Winograd said her workplace peeves include condescending superiors and managers who do much of their business on the golf course, leaving the real work to assistants.

Ed Gordon, a computer consultant from Waukegan, said that to a certain degree, he can relate to the anger that led to acts of workplace violence.

"You wonder, 'What would it take?' and then you think, 'Jeez, could I do anything like that?'" he said.

Gibson said most of the effects of workplace anger are subtle. They include a hostile work environment and the tendency to do the minimum amount of work to get by, resulting in a drop in productivity.

Suppressed workplace anger has also been linked to health complaints, such as anxiety, depression, high blood pressure and heart disease.

Gibson said managers need to communicate more with their workers in order to nip anger in the bud before it affects productivity or worse.

"They need to keep exploring, 'Am I as a manager taking actions that are causing anger?' and 'How is that affecting my company?'" he said.

"Did my boss call you? Can you read my face?" Ms. Winograd said when asked Monday about anger in the workplace. "I definitely have office rage."

Calendar of events

PAMPA CHESS CLUB
The Pampa Chess Club meets every Tuesday night at Yummie's Pizza in the Pampa Mall at 7:30 p.m. We offer casual yet competitive games, free instruction, and a quarterly newsletter. For more information contact James A. Shook at 669-0227.

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

PAMPA PRISON MINISTRY
The Pampa Prison Ministry meets the first Tuesday of every month at Central Baptist Church located at Francis and Starkweather at 7 p.m. sharp. For further information call Bob Andersen 665-4252 or J.B. Walker at 669-2266.

PANHANDLE ALLIANCE FOR THE MENTALLY ILL
A support group for the mentally ill and family members meet the second Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. at 218 N. Russell. There is no charge. For more information or if you need a ride call Sharon King, 665-2818.

ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR
Pampa Chapter No. 65, Order of the Eastern Star, has changed their meeting nights from the first and third Tuesdays to the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month. Meeting starts at 7:30 p.m. at 420 West Kingsmill.

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. no smoking, and Tuesday and Thursday 8-9 p.m. call 665-9702 for information.

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 rival-

ry, family violence and/or sexual abuse from 7-8 p.m. Thursdays. For more information, call Tralee Crisis Center, 669-1131.

GRAVEL CLUB
Gravel Club will meet at 11:30 a.m. Aug. 11 at the Senior Citizens. For more information, call 665-5081.

FPC OPEN HOUSE
Frank Phillips College will hold an open house for its newly renovated Industrial Park Campus from 11:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Friday, Aug. 13. Faculty and staff will be on hand for demonstrations, tours and interviews. Refreshments will be served. For more information, call FPC Office of Public Relations and Development at (806) 274-5311 or 1-800-687-2056, ext. 767.

PAMPA LODGE #966
Pampa Lodge #966 E.A. Degree, 7:30 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 29, 420 W. Kingsmill.

MISS TEXAS TEEN ALL-AMERICAN

Miss Texas Teen All-American Pageant 1999 officials are seeking contestants. To be eligible for competition, participants must be 13-19 years of age as of Aug. 1, 2000; must never have been married; and must be a legal resident of the U.S. To apply, send a recent photo along with your name, address, telephone number, date of birth and short biography by fax or mail to: Dept. B - Miss Texas Teen All-American, 603 Schrader Ave., Wheeling, WV 26003-9619; fax, 1-304-242-8341; phone 1-304-242-4900 or e-mail teenallam@aol.com.

HARRINGTON HOUSE
The 1999 tour season for Harrington House, 1600 Polk Street in Amarillo, is currently underway. The house is open to tours from 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays through mid-December. Each tour, limited to four people over 14 years of age, is 50 minutes long. For more information or to arrange a tour, call (806) 374-5490.



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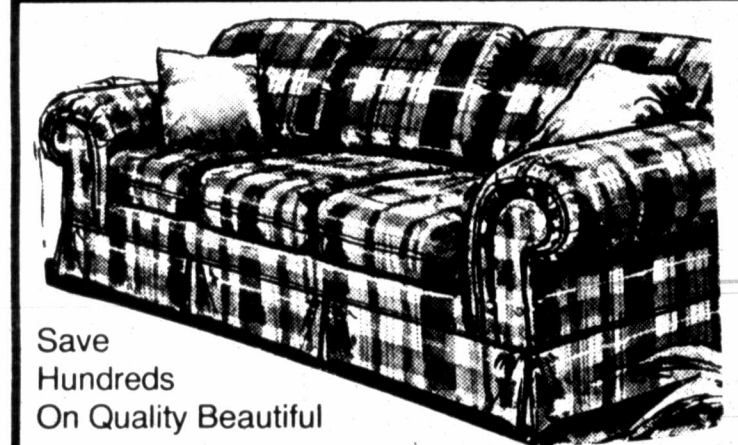




Michelle and Tim Andorfer (center and right) recently attended the New Image International, Inc., conference in Lexington, Ken. The three-day event included advanced leadership training and the introduction of several new products. With them is area director Dean Shealy.

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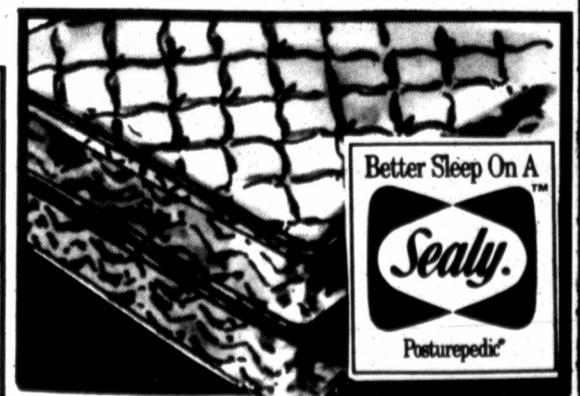
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dents suffer for the two who made bad choices last year," he said. "But we are doing these things for the safety of students at Pampa High School."

"Pampa students are exceptional students. The kids did great last year during the bomb threats," said Kendall. He explained that although he was criticized for turning school out early following the bomb threats, he felt it was the right thing to do. "The kids were upset and that's what I thought I should do."

Lockers will be available to students during the upcoming year if they sign up for them and pay \$5 for a lock to be secured from the school. The school is requiring all students who want lockers to have a school-approved lock. Kendall said he felt it would be mainly freshmen who will have the lockers as those students do not have cars where books may be kept. The majority of parents at the meeting were parents of freshmen.

He also told the group that the school has the right to search lockers without parental consent if there is reasonable cause, which includes concern about drugs, alcohol, weapons as well as explosive devices.

Backpacks will be permitted at the high school without requirements on type. However, in the event of a bomb threat or any type drill the backpacks must be taken from the school facility with the student.

Kendall said several meetings between school and

law enforcement over the summer have resulted in some changes to drill procedures at the high school. He said police will secure the area following evacuation of the students and barricades will be used. School personnel have also attended seminars over the summer on school safety.

"We will not put kids back in the building unless we think it is safe," said Kendall. "Also, students will not be released to anyone but their parents because we have to know where the students are." He said there were several incidents last spring of adults attempting to take high school students from school other than their own children following the bomb threats. Even though the students might be relatives or children of friends, the students are not allowed to go with them unless they have custody of the student.

Kendall urged parents to contact the school if they hear any rumors. "We had so many rumors circulating last year, and most were just rumors. We did check them out. Just let us know so we can check out any rumors," he said. He told the group he spent most of his time calling students in and checking out rumors during the final days of school. "If you hear anything, just let me know. We'll check it out. We need to know," said Kendall. "We also want the students to let us know of any rumors."

"I'll take all ideas on how to keep the school safe. Just let me know," said Kendall. "We don't want school to be a prison. We just want it to be safe for the students to learn."

Police chief stresses safety number one at high school

By NANCY YOUNG
Managing Editor

"The primary concern of the police department is the safety of the students at Pampa High," said Pampa Police Chief Charlie Morris.

He told parents at the parent-student meeting Monday night he did not want a police state at Pampa High School, but he wants the students to be safe while learning.

Morris and Officer Colby Brown, who is a police officer and high school resource officer, were at the meeting which outlined new procedures for the upcoming school year at Pampa High. He told the group he preferred to be proactive regarding potential problem situations.

He said the best defense is the parents, and said when they know of young people who are going through emotional problems and need help, to let someone know. The chief of police emphasized parental and student awareness.

He said police will be talking to students and trying to identify problem situations before they occur. "We want to know if we have kids who are depressed and need someone to talk to or professional help," said Morris.

"As chief of police, I don't want a police state at the school," said Morris. "I want them to be safe and sound."

"It is a crying shame we have second largest

prison system in the nation," said Morris. He said Texas is second only to California in the size of the prison system. "We need to take care of these problems before it gets to that."

Morris said Officer Brown along with Pampa firemen attended a bomb school over the summer months to increase their knowledge with the increasing acts of school violence across the country.

Brown explained that rewards are offered for information in connection with school activities. He said that the group disbursed \$2,500 last year from tips provided by high school students.

Pampa High Principal John Kendall said the identity of the tipsters is confidential, and related to the parents at the meeting of one rumor which circulated about Officer Brown in the spring. He said it was being circulated that the officer told who gave a tip as to the identity of the suspects in bomb threats at the high school. "However," he said, "the student who received the award went out the door of the school waving the cash money in the air saying 'Look what I got.'"

Morris said the trial is pending for the student who was classified as an adult involved in the bomb threat in the spring. He said the second offender is a juvenile.

"Kids know what is going on at school," said Kendall. "They know who is doing what. If they know something we need to know, they need to tell us. Let us check it out."

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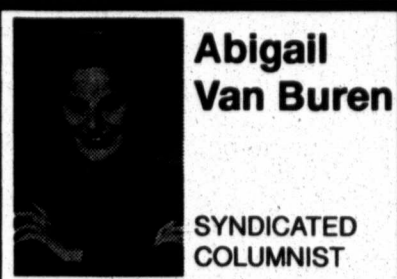
DEAR ABBY: Last March, my best friend, "Emma," and I opened a business together.

We had a falling out three weeks ago and haven't spoken since. She's very stubborn and can't admit when she's wrong. On a hunch, I called the 24-hour banking service for our business account. Lo and behold, the balance was zero. A week ago it held more than \$200. I checked further. There have been four ATM transactions in the last two weeks — all withdrawals. One was done at a store where business was more than likely done; however, the others were done at the supermarket.

Abby, we were best friends — or so I thought. I feel Emma stole the money. She didn't let me know we owed people who had helped us get started, so of course I have to pay them back.

I am so angry and hurt I don't know what to do. Our friendship is over. I'm really going to miss that because Emma was like a sister to me. I don't know what to do from here — take her to court, scream at her, tell the world or just let it go. Your thoughts, please.
STEPS ON AND USED IN N.J.

DEAR USED: Now that you have vented, call your former business partner and ask her to account for the money that was supposed to be in the business account. She may have had a legitimate reason for withdrawing the funds.



Abigail Van Buren

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You did not indicate how much money you feel obligated to pay back to the individuals who helped the two of you start the business. Since it was a partnership, you should not be on the hook for more than 50 percent of it. Add to it the money that should have been left in the joint account. If it's more than you can comfortably afford to lose, by all means take her to small claims court. If not, consider this an expensive introductory course in business accounting and safeguarding your investment — and write her off.

DEAR ABBY: My wife and I have been annoyed by something for some time. We have a few friends who visit us at least twice a week. They insist upon hugging at every greeting and goodbye. Whether at my house, in public or elsewhere — hugs are expected. Should we just grin and bear the excessive hugging? Or should we

avoid the hug and address the issue with them?

OVERHUGGED
IN LONG BEACH, CALIF.

DEAR OVERHUGGED: Tell your friends, as kindly as possible, that not all people are equally demonstrative — and that all the hugging they take for granted makes you uncomfortable. Assure them of your caring and friendship, and ask them to please understand. If they are true friends, they will.

DEAR ABBY: When writing thank-you notes, how do you deal with gifts from a group of people? Do you write an individual thank-you to each person who signed the card, or can you send a "group" thank-you?
TRAECY IN CLACKAMAS, ORE.

DEAR TRAECY: Much depends upon how many people make up the "group." For example, if the group comprises approximately 25 to 30 or more people, one thank-you note would be sufficient.

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Horoscope

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 11, 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) ★★★★★ Energy flows in and out. Expect a difference in children and loved ones. If you are single, you might find Mr. or Ms. Right charging into your life. Certainly, the status quo plunges into turmoil. Losing your temper with an associate over money isn't going to help. Tonight: Let others come to you.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★ If you feel like hiding your head in the sand and avoiding what is going on, you aren't far from wrong. Heavy energy does somersaults with your family and home life. You might not see this activity for a month, yet you sense its presence. Others push hard to have it their way. Tonight: Consider vanishing!

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★★ Communication generally sizzles around you, but it is likely to produce a cascade of feelings and ideas over the next few weeks. Use care when considering a major purchase, like a car or computer. You might not like what you get if you are impulsive. Tonight: Where the gang is.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★ Holding on to your wallet might be difficult, but is absolutely necessary for

the next few weeks. Others have different ideas about spending than you do. Maintain tight control in this area. A friend could be unusually difficult. Avoid an argument; give him space. Tonight: Head home.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★★ In a tense atmosphere, others turn to you for solutions, ideas and, most of all, some humor. Your perspective could be soured by a difficult authority figure. A roommate or family member wants some changes in his relationship with you and lets you know in no uncertain terms! Tonight: Beam in what you want.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★ You might want to kick up your heels and tell another off. If this behavior helps you, do it — but recognize the toll it takes on your relationships. Take some time off if you can, or leave work early. Structure more downtime into your life. A walk at lunch will help! Tonight: Do only what relaxes you.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★ You know where you are heading, or so you think! Disagreements revolving around money and spending could cause a schism in a relationship. Listen to news from a friend. You could have second thoughts about a long-term plan. Be careful with another. Tonight: Join friends, but be careful with spending.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★ Pressure at work weighs you down. Though you could act out in anger, you might be wiser to take an objective look at your situation. Be honest with yourself and make a long-overdue adjustment at work. You might be resisting the

inevitable. Who would you rather have make the first step? You or another? Tonight: Working late.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★★ Seeing the big picture really is your strength. However, how you process and obtain a viewpoint could change considerably over the next few months. Handle anger with diplomacy. See what is really ailing you. Schedule a vacation in the near future. Tonight: Exchange ideas with a friend.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★ A friend drives you hard to think and act like he does. A relationship with a child or loved-one seems to go south.

Be realistic about this person. Listen carefully to a partner; your relationship could grow in another direction. Establish stronger rapport. Tonight: With your best friend.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★ Carefully handle what needs to be done. Others reverse course in the next few weeks and months. How you see a relationship could change substantially. Tempers flare when dealing with those in charge. Are you being rebellious, or have you simply had enough? Make decisions accordingly. Tonight: Where the crowds are.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★ Work demands attention, though those at a distance could have you miffed. Listen and incorporate some of their ideas. You might be happiest if left alone, but in the long run, this isn't effective. Do your best to open up talks. Tonight: Burning the midnight oil.

Jacqueline Bigar is on the Internet at <http://www.coolpage.com/bigar>. © 1999 by King Features Syndicate Inc.

Crossword Puzzle

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS 43 Classifies

1 Aspirations

6 Rosary units

11 Glorify

12 "Dallas" matriarch

13 Singing heartthrob of the '50s

15 Keats poem

16 Convened

17 "... man — mouse?"

18 Bowlers

20 Scoundrel

21 Blushing

22 Arrived

23 Speedy

26 Food fishes

27 Wax-coated cheese

28 Blubber

29 Chess pieces

30 Llamas kin

34 In the style of

35 Scrooge cry

36 Boxing great

37 Singing heartthrob of the '90s

40 Leg features

41 The ones here

42 Astin and Penn

DOWN

1 Salome's father

2 Rust, e.g.

3 Harness-race horse of the '50s

4 Moose's kin

5 Thwarted

6 Red veggies

7 Building wing

8 Campaign loser

9 Museum display

10 Legislative groups

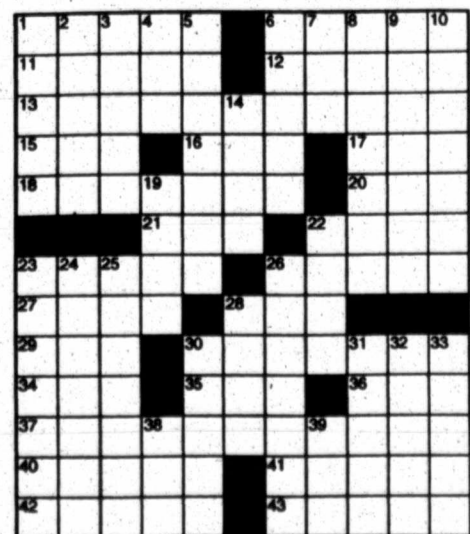
14 Call for

19 Hat part

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ANNUL EAGER
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Yesterday's answer

22 Castro's home
23 Comments for the food
24 Barbershop
25 Cure-all girl
26 They go with tails
28 Shut loudly
30 Deep ravine
31 Supply the food
32 Tilted
33 Trig functions
38 Actor Olin
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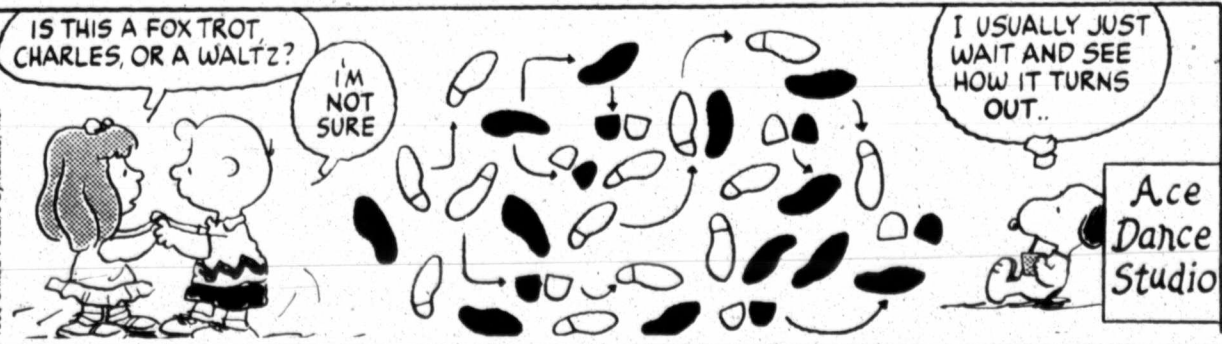
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News takes a holiday ...

I think I know why a lot of people take vacations around this time of year. I wonder why newspapers don't just take a little time off. There is nothing exciting going on.

Now there's a lot of stuff about to happen. School's about to start. Which is good because reporters can write all about the fact that school's about to start, lots and lots of articles. New TV shows are going to start soon. There will be a lot of national press coverage of that but hardly any of them shoot around here so that doesn't help here.

Congress just let out for their vacation which is normally a good thing. There has been lots of coverage of a tax reduction. Congress spent lots and lots of time making sure it made the most headlines, they know that it's not going to become law, but they had to do something, and its too hot to tackle any real issues.



Jeff West

Pampa News staff

The President has spent a lot of time talking about spending money lately. Of course, he knows they won't become law, but he had to do something, and it's too hot to tackle any real issues.

The Texas Legislature is gone for this term so not much news there, but they did leave parents and journalists a little gift. I'm sure you heard and even

took part in the tax free weekend last weekend. It seemed to be a big success. Especially for reporters who gave it a lot more publicity than it might have gotten if there had been big stories to write about.

Around the first of September some of the laws that the Legislature passed will be going into effect. There will probably be some stories about that, when it happens, but of course by then school will be going strong and the new TV shows will be starting and the temperatures will be changing and the hurricane season will be going strong, so the changes may not get as much mention.

A city official who shall remain nameless once said she was told the worst thing any government official could do was to mess up on a slow news period. I have to say that is probably right.

Be good to one another and be good to yourselves.

Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, Aug. 10, the 222nd day of 1999. There are 143 days left in the year.
Today's Highlight in History:

On Aug. 10, 1846, Congress chartered the Smithsonian Institution, named after English scientist James Smithson, whose bequest of \$500,000 had made it possible.

On this date:

In 1809, Ecuador struck its first blow for independence from Spain.
In 1821, Missouri became the 24th state.

In 1874, Herbert Clark Hoover, the 31st president of the United States, was born in West Branch, Iowa.
In 1885, Leo Daft opened

The George 'dubbayuh' frenzy

Have Republicans collectively fallen into a swoon for George W. Bush? Have they bet the farm on someone who is untested in national politics and almost utterly unknown to the American electorate?

Yep, as they say out there where his middle initial is pronounced "dubbayuh." Whether the gamble will pay off eventually remains to be seen. But it is not difficult to understand the secret of George W.'s appeal.

In the first place, in contrast to most of the other contenders for the Republican nomination, George W. Bush is a professional politician — the second-term governor of one of the largest states no less. He takes the field against a publishing heir, a columnist, a radio host and a social activist, in addition to a ridicule-plagued former vice president, a former education secretary and two sitting senators from states with 13 electoral college votes between them. (Arizona has eight; Utah has five.)

In light of this, George W. is being greeted the way an Air Force officer would be on a commercial plane that had just lost its two pilots: "Just tell us you can land this thing."

But the other reason George W. is creating such giddiness among Republicans is that he promises to release them from the "mean-spirited" tag the Democrats have so successfully hung around their necks for decades.

Here is a Republican, son of a president, white, Protestant and wealthy, who nonetheless was able to pull 49 percent of the Hispanic vote in the last election. Here is a Republican who believes in tax cuts, welfare reform and faith-based institutions but who speaks of "compassionate conservatism." Has the messiah come?



Mona Charen

Syndicated columnist

Many Republicans are prepared to say yes. They are panting to find a leader who will make conservatism cool again. They seethe at being misrepresented and disrespected by those whose ideas have failed over and over again. Some of this longing to be seen as "nice" was in evidence at the Republican convention of 1996. When Robert J. Dole announced that Jack Kemp would be his running mate, the delegates buzzed with excitement. Jack Kemp the quarter-back! Jack Kemp the tax cutter! Yes, all that. But above all, the buzz was for Jack Kemp, friend of minorities!

It has been the neat trick of Bill Clinton and company to get credit for Republican policies while simultaneously smearing Republicans as cruel and heartless. Though the Republican Congress had to drag Clinton kicking and screaming into signing a balanced budget, he blithely took credit for balancing the budget in his campaign.

It was the same with welfare reform. Though he had campaigned in 1992 to "end welfare as we know it," Clinton's original budget, submitted to the Democrat-controlled Congress, contained

huge increases for welfare spending stretched out over five years. After Republicans assumed control of Congress in 1994, they sent two welfare-reform measures to the president. He vetoed both. Only with the pressure of an upcoming election did he finally sign on — and then only because Dick Morris predicted that failure to do so could doom his re-election.

Still, reforming welfare and balancing the budget are always listed among the key accomplishments of the Clinton presidency. This is political larceny of a high order. And adding insult to injury was the Clinton tactic of name calling (also indulged by Vice President Gore). Republicans were hard-hearted and cruel. They were "mean-spirited." They chanted "Fee fi fo fum" on their way to work every day.

Will George W. be able to pull off a different kind of political jujitsu — appropriating the Democrats' favorite term of self-praise while implementing conservative reforms? The great danger is obvious: The desire to be seen as "compassionate," while understandable, has weakened the principles and good sense of many a Republican.

So far, George W. has shown an agreeable allergy to taxes, a sensible commitment to missile defense and a commendable dedication to free trade. But on the issues that are loaded with mine fields — abortion and affirmative action — he has been so guarded that skeptics may well wonder how much beyond lip service they can expect from him.

But even skeptics have to acknowledge a raw political fact: George W. may well be the Republicans' Citibank — too big to fail.



Inside the Beltway

with

Rep. Mac Thornberry

Obsolete agencies need to be retired

I've often said that part of my job in Congress is to bring a little bit of Texas common sense to Washington. The current debate over the budget surplus and the role of government in our lives is a good example.

As I mentioned recently, the federal bureaucracy is bigger now than it's ever been before. Federal regulations alone will cost us over \$800 billion this year, causing a lot of confusion and headaches along the way.

Take the way the government inspects some of the food that we eat. Pork and beans are inspected by the Food and Drug Administration, while baked beans with bacon are inspected by the Department of Agriculture. Pepperoni pizzas are inspected by the FDA, while cheese pizzas are inspected by the USDA. In all, 12 different federal agencies have jurisdiction in this area, but there's little rhyme or reason to how they get the job done.

In Texas, we've got a way to deal with this problem. It's called the Sunset Law, and it says that a government agency will expire after so many years unless a law is passed to renew it. Since it was enacted in Texas, the Sunset Law has helped our state eliminate 23 agencies, saving taxpayers \$630 million. It could also work well nationally, which is why I've signed onto a bill that would bring the Sunset Law to Washington.

At a time when we're debating the surplus and the size and scope of the federal government, the Sunset Law gives us a tool to not only make government smaller and smarter, but make sure our tax dollars work for us.

It also serves as a reminder that the best ideas don't always start in Washington.

Thought for today

"Whenever a man's friends begin to compliment him about looking young, he may be sure that they think he is growing old."

—Washington Irving

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Politicians should be better examples

Politicians seem to have discovered children and profess to be worried about them. Various nostrums for saving children will likely be the main theme of next year's political campaigns.

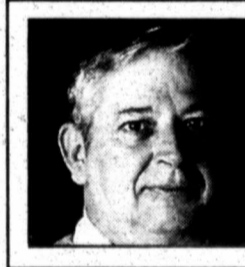
Here's a few the politicians will not want to consider:

Start a new campaign to get mothers out of the work force. Believe it or not, there was a huge public campaign at the turn of the century against women working, not in order to oppress women as the feminists like to think, but in recognition of the importance of motherhood.

Dumping newborns in a day-care facility until the state day-care system (commonly called K through 12 education) kicks in is one very bad practice. That's not to say all children who spend their formative years in institutional care eight to 10 hours a day will go bad. It is to say it is not the optimum situation by a long shot.

Of course, the obvious thing politicians could do would be to lighten the tax burden. When an American family has to labor practically half a year just to pay taxes, it is small wonder both parents are forced to work to maintain any kind of a standard of living.

Politicians need to reform the monetary system. Just because the inflation rate goes down doesn't mean that inflation is no longer a problem.



Charley Reese

Syndicated columnist

Inflation is cumulative and never evenly distributed. In many categories, wages have not inflated at the same rate as prices.

Divorce laws ought to be toughened. No-fault divorce, while well-intended, has had bad, unforeseen consequences, one of which is to encourage folks to think of marriage as a casual experiment. Kids need a papa and a mama, and there's no getting around it.

Politicians ought to look carefully at banning the practice of doping American children. About 6 million American kids, including, by the way, several of those involved in school shootings, are on mind-altering drugs.

Restless kids, who used to be calmed down with a hickory stick, are now given dope, and the government encourages it by providing a subsidy

in some cases. One of the consequences of dumping Christian morality is to view behavior as a disease to be cured by drugs. It relieves everyone of responsibility and provides profits to the drug companies and jobs for the psychological priesthood. Unfortunately, it creates problems instead of solving them.

Politicians could also engineer a real crack-down on pornography and start a real jawboning campaign to embarrass the entertainment industry into cleaning up its act. There is no such thing as a children's world and an adult world. Both inhabit the same world. Rating systems are just an excuse to continue intellectual and moral pollution and to slyly shift responsibility away from the producers.

There's no mystery about how to inculcate moral standards in children. The human race has been doing it for millennia. Moral standards and acceptable behavior have to be presented to children as absolutes, not as topics for discussion. Posting the Ten Commandments on a wall is a political gesture, not a solution for a child struggling to decide that great human question, how shall I live?

Finally, politicians could set a better example for children by living a virtuous life themselves.

Parts of the Lone Star state are still friendly

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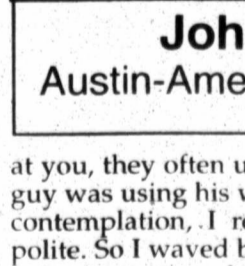
Waving at strangers and saying "howdy" is an acceptable Texan way to behave. Isn't it? Well, it used to be. And in some parts of the state, it still is.

So on Tuesday morning, as a little experiment for the Kelsonian Institute of Texas Studies, I stood at the corner of Congress Avenue and Fourth Street downtown for about 45 minutes, waving at strangers as they passed by.

During that time, I must have waved at about 100 strangers, and only three waved back. But from the funny looks I got, I suspect many people figured I was Looney Tunes.

Let me tell you what gave me the idea to conduct this test of basic Texas friendliness.

On Sunday morning, I was standing on the street in downtown Pampa (population around 20,000) in the Texas Panhandle, 513 miles northwest of here, in a part of the state where the nose rings are on the bulls. I was up there on business. A good old boy — a stranger — drove by in his pickup and waved at me. Being from Austin, at first this gesture caught me off guard. In Austin, when strangers wave



John Kelso
Austin-American Statesman

at you, they often use just one finger. And this guy was using his whole hand. But after quick contemplation, I realized he was just being polite. So I waved back.

A minute or so later, here came another guy in another truck, waving at me. Shortly after, yet another guy in yet another truck drove by and waved.

So I decided to conduct my experiment in downtown Austin, to see what would happen if I waved and spoke to strangers here. Let me say that waving at strangers in Austin isn't as simple as in Pampa. In Austin, you can't stand around waving just anywhere.

I had intended to conduct this experiment while standing at Sixth and Congress. But when I got to that corner around 9 a.m., a bearded guy in a black halter top and matching thong — a guy other than Leslie — was sitting on a bench waiting for the bus.

I was afraid if I waved at people going by on Congress from that corner with this clown sit-

ting behind me, people would think I was soliciting for him.

So I walked on down to Fourth and Congress, and began waving from there. From the response I got, I might as well have been in Newark.

As I was walking on the sidewalk in front of Oscar Snowden's TV & Appliance, a bearded hippie-looking guy on a bicycle was riding up the sidewalk. I waved at him. He ignored me.

At Fourth and Congress, a woman driving a Toyota up Congress was snarling at the vehicle in front of her. She whipped around it on the right-hand side and drove past me. As she went by, I waved. As I waved, she continued to talk to herself.

A young guy — around 20 — driving a beat-up Honda was sitting at the light with his windows rolled down. "Howzit goin'?" I asked from the sidewalk. He looked at me as if to say, "Whaddaya mean by that, grandpa?" "How yah doin'?" I said. He nodded slightly, looking at me as if I were about to sell him swampland.

That's the way it went, with three exceptions. One of them was a guy in a BMW who raised his fingers off the steering wheel West Texas style when I waved. He's probably from Marfa.

SPORTS

Notebook

RODEO

PAMPA — The Pampa High School Rodeo Club will meet at 7 tonight at the Annex building, located at the Top O' Texas rodeo grounds.

Persons interested in joining the club are urged to attend the meeting.

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 for more information is needed.

Head coach is Rick Urquhart. Todd Harrison and Brian Wall are assistant coaches.

GOLF

MEDINAH, Ill. (AP) — CBS Sports announcer Jim Nantz was walking the 18th fairway at Medinah Country Club, trying to get an idea how difficult a closing hole it will be for the PGA Championship. Perhaps he shouldn't have been watching Fred Couples.

When his game is on, Couples tends to make everything look easy. And when Couples plays with a sense of purpose, he can be downright dangerous.

"I expect to play well," Couples said Monday following his first practice round at Medinah. "I've been home practicing, working on my game. I'm ready to play."

He has a lot riding on how he plays this week.

Couples is the most experienced active American in the Ryder Cup, having played on every team since 1989. He would like to play on his sixth straight team, and told captain Ben Crenshaw as much in a meeting two weeks ago.

Now, he wants to prove he deserves it.

Currently 17th in the standings going into the final event for Ryder Cup points, Couples would have to finish at least fourth to have any chance of getting one of the 10 automatic berths. The more likely scenario is for him to make the team as a captain's choice.

Maybe.

"If I don't play well here, there's no way I'll be on the team," Couples said. "That doesn't mean I need to win here. But I need to feel as though I can beat anybody. If I play well, I can look at the guy and say, 'Hey, I'm hitting it where I'm looking. I'm going to be ready.'"

What kind of score will that take? Couples isn't sure.

In fact, he's not exactly sure what to make of Medinah, which hasn't seen the top players in the world since the 1990 U.S. Open.

All Couples and the rest of the field know is that at 7,401 yards, Medinah is the longest course for a major championship that wasn't played in high altitude. It might play shorter, depending on where the PGA of America puts the tees, but there is no mistaking the par-5s — three of them are at least 580 yards.

"They're fairly boring in a golf way," Couples said of the par-5s. "They're beautiful holes. But you hit a drive and then say, 'What do I have — 320 to the front?' Hit 4-iron and 80-yard shot. But they're very difficult. I wouldn't mind par on every other one, because you can make 6s on them."

Numbers are the main thing in six-man

Depth is a key component in building a winning high school football program, especially in the six-man ranks.

More often than not, a coach's main concern isn't developing a high scoring offense that can average 50 points per game. It's suiting up enough players to have an offense in the first place.

Injuries to two or three players or just a low student enrollment could mean the cancellation of the entire season.

It happened in 1997 when both Lefors and Fort Elliott had to cancel its seasons. Fort Elliott, in only its second year of fielding a football team, had only enough numbers for a starting lineup. At Lefors, the Pirates were able to suit up a junior high team, but not high school.

Schools like McLean haven't reached the crisis point yet. Second-year coach James Burch is expecting at least 13 players to suit up for the fast-approaching 1999 season. That's the same number he started out with last year, but the Tigers could see an improvement in that 5-6 record of '98.

"We've got six seniors on the team, so we are going to be more experienced," Burch said. "It's either feast or famine in six-man football."

Burch and other coaches would like nothing better than to field a team like Panther Creek, which has 20 let-



L.D. Strate
Sports Editor

termen listed on its roster this season. That's not counting the upcoming freshmen or the reserves who didn't see enough action to earn a letter.

Panther Creek has the most returning lettermen of any of the preseason top 10 teams in the *Texas Football* magazine rankings. It's no wonder the Panthers are favored to win the six-man state title.

McLean opens the season Sept. 3 against Miami, which had nine returning lettermen.

"We've got a tough schedule," Burch added. "We're going to be tested pretty good."

It may be a little early to be talking about hoops, but the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches have already released its 1999-2000 pre-season rankings.

Pampa's district (District 3-4A) in girls' basketball will be tough once again.

Palo Duro is ranked No. 2 and Hereford is No. 25.

It's no surprise that Canyon (District 3-4A) is the No. 1 team. If Canyon, doesn't win the state title, there's three other teams out of the same district that could. Plainview is No. 8, Randall is No. 13 and Levelland is No. 21.

Canyon suffered its only loss last season in the state finals against Dallas Lincoln.

In boys' Class 4A, Hereford has climbed into the TABC's top 25 at No. 22. Palo Duro, which was ranked No. 1 in the preseason poll a year ago, is No. 17.

Listed No. 1 is Austin LBJ, which reached the state semifinals last season.

I don't care about any more city parking ordinances. I'd just settle for having an empty dumpster.

Flashback, 1959: Terry Joe Harralson ran for two touchdowns as Pampa defeated Arlington Heights 12-0 in the first game of the season. Harralson scored on 1 and 14-yard runs.

Rowland Stone and Duke Garren each had a fumble recovery for the Harvesters.

Dallas loses in overtime

CANTON, Ohio (AP) — Their prized rookie quarterback played like a seasoned veteran. So did the first-year cornerback. The defense was as tough as advertised and their special teams were terrific.

Born again after three years, the Cleveland Browns aren't a typical expansion team. And in their debut Monday night on national TV, they didn't play like one.

Capping a night of pageantry and passion, the new Browns made a victorious return to the NFL with a 20-17 overtime victory against the Dallas Cowboys in the Hall of Fame game.

For the Browns and their fans, there couldn't be a sweeter ending to their three-year comeback.

"I think what was impressive is how we won it," said linebacker Chris Spielman, who played his first game in two years. "We competed. I'll tell you what, we're going to be a competitive football team."

Before the Browns start getting ahead of themselves, their performance wasn't flawless. For an expansion franchise given just 11 months to get ready for its first game — Jacksonville and Carolina had two years — the Browns are off to a flying start.

Phil Dawson kicked a 20-yard field goal with 8:06 remaining in overtime for the Browns, who had a chance to win in regulation. But Danny Kight missed a 47-yarder as time expired.

The winning drive was set up by rookie cornerback Daylon McCutcheon's second interception.

"This is a great start for me," said McCutcheon, whose father, Lawrence, a former NFL running back, was in the stands. "But that's all it was. Now, I have to build on this. We all have to build on this."

Browns rookie quarterback Tim Couch dazzled in his pro debut. Couch, the No. 1 overall pick in April's college draft, showed great poise in his first appearance in an NFL uniform.

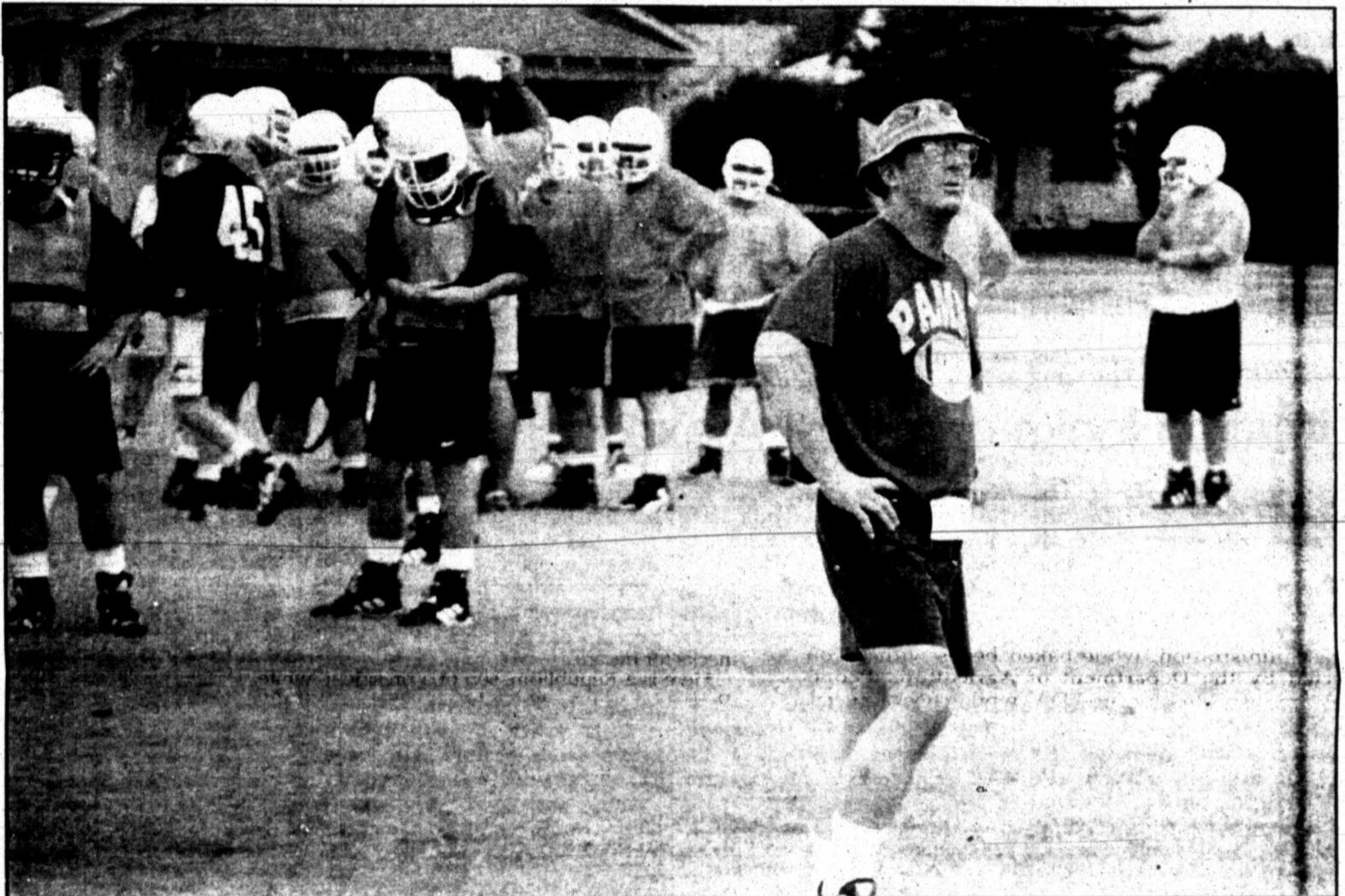
He completed 11 of 17 passes for 137 yards and a touchdown, and ran twice for 14 yards.

After replacing starter Ty Detmer early in the second quarter, Couch overthrew his first attempt before completing 10 straight. He and rookie Kevin Johnson hooked up for 24-yard scoring play in the second quarter, giving the Browns a 14-7 lead.

"It was good to get that first touchdown pass out of the way," Couch said. "Especially to get it to Kevin. Hopefully, that will be the first of many for us."

Cleveland president Carmen Policy grinned from ear to ear talking about Couch, signed by the Browns to a seven-year, \$59 million deal before draft day.

Football practice



Pampa High offensive coordinator and offensive line coach Scott Lewis looks on during a Harvester football practice. Lewis enters his 23rd year in the coaching field. The Harvesters are in their second week of practice and are getting ready for an Aug. 20 scrimmage against the Borger Bulldogs. That scrimmage starts at 8 p.m. at Borger.

Blue Jays begin AL hit parade against Rangers

By **BEN WALKER**
AP Baseball Writer

Carlos Delgado and the Toronto Blue Jays started the hit parade in Texas. Bernie Williams and Jay Buhner finished it on the West Coast.

The Blue Jays got a team-record 25 hits, including Delgado's fifth homer in four games, and routed the Rangers 19-4 Monday night.

"It was fun, you have to enjoy it," Delgado said. "Next time it could be the other way around."

Later, Williams hit a grand slam for the New York Yankees and Jay Buhner hit one for the Seattle Mariners.

Combined with earlier shots by Fernando Tatis of St. Louis, Jose Vidro of Montreal and Mike Lowell of Florida, the five grand slams were the most ever in one day in the majors. Buhner's slam at Safeco Field broke the record.

"I did," Buhner said. "Right on. That's cool."

In other AL games, Kansas City beat Boston 5-2, Cleveland downed Anaheim 4-0 and Tampa Bay defeated Baltimore 10-9.

Texas was 17-3 since the All-Star break until Toronto came to

town and won three of four.

Home runs by Borchard and Tony Batista capped a four-hits as the Blue Jays broke the club record of 24 set on June 26, 1978, against Baltimore.

Shawn Green and Tony Batista also homered for the Toronto. The 25 hits were the most ever allowed by the Rangers, and tied the AL season high set by Baltimore against Atlanta on June 13.

"It was one of those nights that everything they hit was either smoked or topped," Rangers manager Johnny Oates said. "Everything they hit fell in."

Texas reliever Doug Davis had a rough major league debut, getting tagged for 10 runs and 11 hits in 2 1/3 innings. He gave up a three-run homer to Green on his third pitch and later allowed home runs by Batista and Bush.

Yankees 12, Athletics 8
New York scored eight runs in the second inning, capped by Williams' sixth slam, to win at Oakland.

Williams took a 2-2 pitch that he thought was low and began trotting to first base. With his teammates laughing on the bench, Williams returned to the

plate and hit the next pitch over the right-field wall.

Chuck Knoblauch, Derek Jeter and Kirby Ledner also homered as the Yankees won their sixth in a row.

Yankees starter Hideki Irabu was given an 8-0 lead, but lasted only four innings and gave up six runs.

Mariners 6, White Sox 4
Buhner hit his eighth career slam, helping Seattle stop its five-game losing streak. Chicago lost its fifth in a row.

Buhner had been 0-for-4 with the bases loaded this year before homering off John Snyder.

Gil Meche (3-2) walked four early in the game, but the 20-year-old rookie settled down for the victory.

Royals 5, Red Sox 2
Jermaine Dye homered twice and Jeff Suppan pitched a four-hitter against his former team as Kansas City won at home.

Johnny Damon tripled, doubled, singled and drove in three runs as the Royals ended their four-game losing streak. Boston had won three in a row.

Suppan (7-6) was taken by

Arizona after the Red Sox did not protect him in the 1997 expansion draft.

Devil Rays 10, Orioles 9
Paul Sorrento homered for the second straight day and Tampa Bay beat Baltimore for the sixth straight time.

Sorrento hit a two-run shot off Jason Johnson, who made his first start against his former team.

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Matos lifts Braves by Astros

By JOSH DUBOW
AP Sports Writer

A reversed call by the umpires robbed Pascual Matos' of his first career home run.

All was not lost for the Atlanta Braves' rookie catcher, who was a hero twice in one at-bat and got to keep the ball from his first major league hit.

After umpires changed their call and turned a three-run homer into a foul ball, Matos followed with a two-run, tiebreaking single in the eighth inning to give Atlanta a 5-3 victory over the Houston Astros on Monday night.

"If I die tomorrow," Matos said, "that's OK."

Matos retrieved the ball after his two-run single and plans to send it to his parents in the Bronx.

The Braves, who spent the previous six days in second place, reclaimed the top spot in the NL East by a half-game over the New York Mets, who were routed 9-2 by Los Angeles.

In other NL games, it was Cincinnati 4, Pittsburgh 2; St. Louis 12, Philadelphia 6; Florida 5, San Francisco 4; Montreal 8, San Diego 0; Arizona 10, Chicago 7; and Milwaukee 7, Colorado 6.

Matos, 0-for-7 in his major league career, came up with one out and runners on second and third in a 3-3 game.

On the first pitch from Doug Henry (1-2), Matos sent a towering drive down the left-field line that was initially ruled a homer by third-base umpire Larry Vanover.

"I saw it curve in front of the foul pole five or seven inches," Matos said. "When he called it fair, I told myself to run the bases fast or maybe he'll change his mind."

Matos made it to the dugout and began celebrating with his teammates. The Astros argued and after a brief discussion between the umpires, Matos was called back

from the dugout. Matos then lined a single past a diving Russ Johnson at third to score Ryan Klesko and Andrew Jones with the tiebreaking runs.

"I told myself, 'Oh, man, I've got to try again,'" Matos recalled. "But I tried again to hit the ball hard and I got it between third and shortstop. I was still happy."

Dodgers 9, Mets 2
At New York, Kevin Brown (13-6) allowed two hits in seven scoreless innings before leaving with a blister on a finger on his right hand.

Brown won his fourth straight decision as the Dodgers took three of four from the Mets, who had led the NL East since Aug. 2. New York has lost three straight for the first time since an eight-game skid ended June 6.

Orel Hershiser (11-9) allowed three runs, six hits and five walks in five innings. Eric Karros had four RBIs.

Reds 4, Pirates 2
Denny Neagle (3-3) limited his former Pittsburgh teammate to one hit in seven-plus innings — his longest start in an injury-interrupted season.

Scott Williamson finished up the two-hitter for his 16th save. The Reds are 37-16 on the road.

Mike Cameron had a two-run single, his fifth hit in two games, in a three-run fifth against Todd Ritchie (10-8).

Cardinals 12, Phillies 6
At Philadelphia, Fernando Tatis hit his third grand slam of the season for St. Louis.

Tatis, who hit two grand slams in the same inning April 23 at Los Angeles, hit his third on Billy Brewer's first pitch in a five-run fourth.

J.D. Drew, the Cardinals outfielder who is disliked in Philadelphia because he refused to sign with the Phillies after the 1997 draft, did not play due to a bruised

right hand, but was booed loudly during batting practice.

Ron Gant homered twice for the Phillies.

Kent Mercker (5-4) allowed four hits in the first inning, but only two after that. Steve Schrenk (1-2) took the loss.

Diamondbacks 10, Cubs 7
Matt Williams keyed a six-run eighth with a go-ahead RBI single off Scott Sanders (4-6) as Arizona won in Chicago, overcoming Sammy Sosa's 43rd homer.

Williams also had a two-run single as Arizona won for the 15th time in 19 games. The Cubs have lost nine of 12.

Omar Daal (11-6) won for the eighth time in 10 decisions, giving up two runs and four hits in seven innings.

Marlins 5, Giants 4
At Miami, Mike Lowell hit his first career grand slam and Dave Berg hit an RBI single off John Johnstone (4-5) in the ninth as Florida rallied from a 4-0 deficit.

Lowell's slam tied the game in the eighth, spoiling what would have been a triumphant return for Livan Hernandez, traded by the Marlins last month.

Jesus Sanchez (3-4) got two outs for the win.

Expos 8, Padres 0
At Montreal, Jeremy Powell (1-4) allowed six hits in eight innings and Jose Vidro hit his first career grand slam as the Expos won for the eighth time in 10 games.

Matt Clement (5-11) took the loss.

Brewers 7, Rockies 6
At Milwaukee, Mark Loretta singled home the winning run in the ninth inning off Dave Veres (2-4) to hand Colorado its fourth straight loss.

Angel Echevarria hit a two-out, two-run homer in the ninth off Bob Wickman (3-5) to tie it at 6.

Situation looks grim for LA expansion team

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum Commission is facing a difficult decision — punt or play, one commission member said after a special meeting was called to discuss the stalled effort to bring an NFL expansion team to Los Angeles.

"I think it's fourth-and-long," commission member Zev Yaroslavsky said following the two-hour, closed-door meeting at the Coliseum offices Monday. "It's a long shot at this point. Right now, we're farther away

than we've ever been." And, Yaroslavsky might have added, the clock continues to tick.

Negotiations focusing on a remodeled Coliseum as home to the NFL's 32nd franchise broke down last week, with the league saying it would consider other potential stadium sites.

The sticking point in negotiations was over public money the NFL wants for parking and other improvements to the area.

The NFL decided in March to grant Los Angeles an expansion

team, but set a Sept. 15 deadline for details to be finalized, with Houston to be considered if that doesn't happen.

"I wouldn't bet the farm," Yaroslavsky said. "I wouldn't necessarily bet against it. This thing has more lives than a cat. There are a lot of keys, there are a lot of egos."

When asked if he thought it was possible for the NFL to come to an agreement with another venue, Yaroslavsky replied, "I don't know of any. I may be wrong"

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Poll: Texans say summer too short

SAN ANTONIO — According to Texans for a Traditional School Year, starting school in August provides no proven educational benefit, yet it undermines teacher development and student summer job opportunities. The coalition of teachers, parents, business leaders and school administrators kicked-off its public awareness efforts at the state capitol this week on the heels of the release of a new Texas Poll that found a strong majority of Texans favor starting school on or after Sept. 1.

TTSY reported the poll found a total of 60 percent of Texans favor starting school a week before, a week after or two weeks after Labor Day. The number was higher for Texans with children; a total of 64 percent of parents said they favor a school start date that falls a week before, a week after or two weeks after Labor Day.

"In recent years, the school calendar has been creeping earlier and earlier into August, though kids have no additional class time," said Tina Bruno, executive director of the coalition. "The result is a bloated school calendar that has created shorter summers. That means teachers have less time to pursue professional development and students who need to work have less time to do so."

"Texans dislike the early school start date — and rightly so," Bruno continued. "Starting school in August provides no educational benefit, yet it creates headaches, heartaches and hardships. Texans favor a change. It's time to return to the more traditional September through May calendar."

Traditionally, back to school meant a post-Sept. 1 start date. But in recent years, Texas school districts have moved the start of school to early or mid-August with the end of class falling in late May.

State law requires that school districts provide 180 instructional days a year for students, plus additional days for in-service teacher training. Five of those teaching days were added by law in 1993, contributing to the pressure for an early start to the school year. However, this alone does not account for the two- to three-week shift in start dates.

"Years of tinkering and experimenting with calendars have produced only distraction, controversy and confusion," said Debbie Norton, a coalition supporter who taught English in the San Antonio ISD for 15 years. "But the fact remains that the new school calendars provide no educational benefit whatsoever."

"The early school start date deserves an 'F' — a failing grade for failing to benefit education," Norton said. "Non-traditional school calendars mean less time for teachers to continue their education. They undermine students' opportunities to gain valuable experience in the workplace."

Norton said teachers work daily to bring real-world applications into the classroom, knowing it sheds a new light on academics for many students. Many teachers encourage internships and summer work experience for students. Yet, she said, the shrinking summer is taking this hands-on education away from students.

A 1994 study by the Washington, D.C.-based Employment Policies Institute found that youth who work are more likely to land better jobs upon graduation. "Summer employment not only allows many students to afford college, but it often opens their eyes to the opportunities awaiting them," Bruno said.

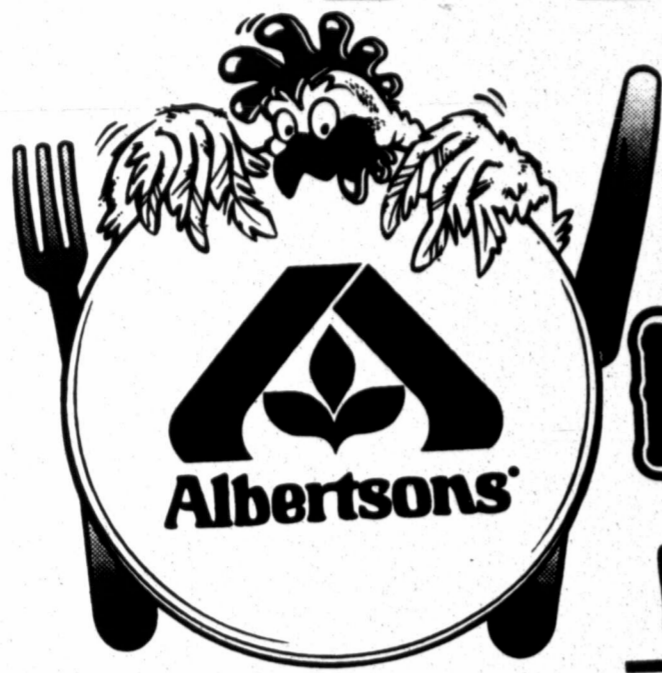
Further, Norton added, the non-traditional school calendar means teachers no longer have a full three months to pursue advanced degrees, continuing education or additional certification. "For all practical purposes," Norton said, "the early start date means teachers now only have a single summer semester to advance their skills and enhance their training."

"By shrinking our summer," Norton said, "we are asking our teachers to remain competitive without giving them the time needed to update their skills."

Just as there is no proven educational gain to starting the school year early, there are advantages to starting later.

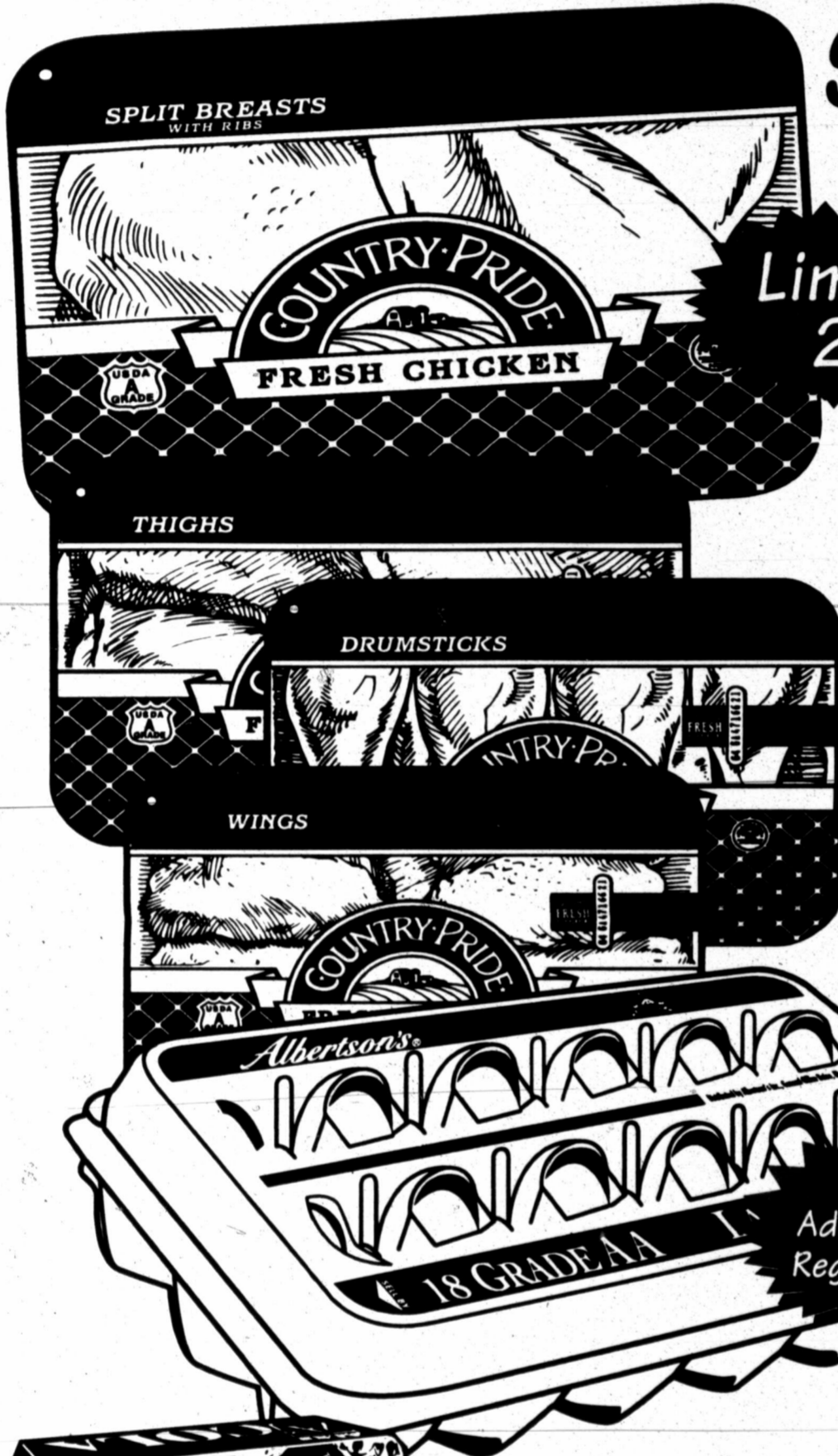
Based in San Antonio, TTSY is a non-profit coalition dedicated to raising awareness about the consequences of a non-traditional school calendar. The coalition plans to take its message across the state, raising the issue through community meetings, speeches to civic and educator groups, newsletters and news events.

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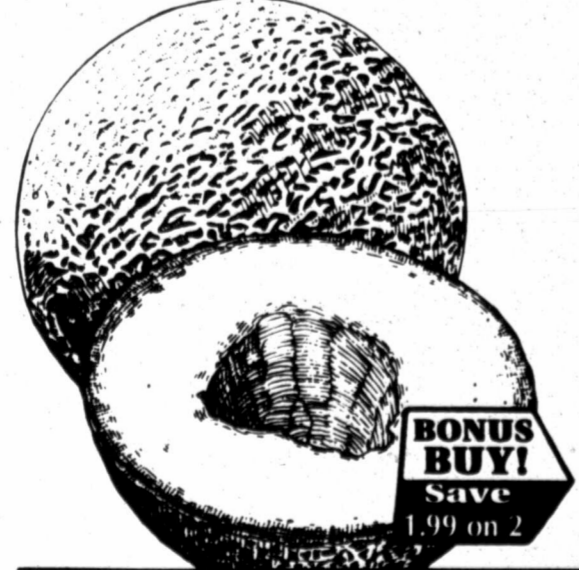


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