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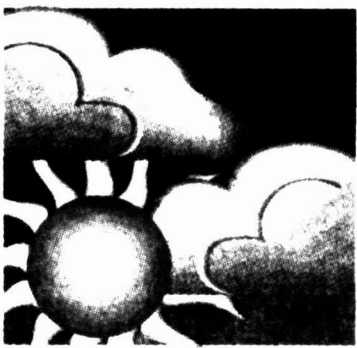
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PAMPA — The Pampa High School Class of 1990 is planning a reunion and needs interested members to help on the committee. The first meeting is Thursday at 7 p.m. at 2711 Aspen. More information is available by contacting Jennifer Massick Clay, 883-2054. Misty Clendennen Baten at 665-6173 or bmbaten@centramedia.net, or Dori Kidwell Miller, 665-4918.

PAMPA — A recent study on U.S. Highway 60 east of Pampa has resulted in a lower speed limit. The 70 mph speed limit has been cut to 55 mph. As you leave the city limits of Pampa, the 55 mph continues beyond Loop 171 to Rabbit Lane, said Jerry Raines Pampa Area TxDOT engineer. Increased development and residential growth are two of the factors leading to the change.

PAMPA — The Coronado Center's 10th Annual Car Show will be Saturday in the mall area of Coronado Center. All proceeds will benefit Meals on Wheels. All area car clubs and individuals in seven categories are invited to register. Categories include Muscle Machine, Antique, Convertible, Pickup, Special Interest, Street Rod, Sports Car and People's Choice. A special model car show will be held as well. There will be prizes and a Treasure Chest promotion in which keys must be obtained from Coronado Center merchants.

- Lester Hodges, 81, retired assistant city manager of Canadian.
- Elaine Oden, 81, retired Sears employee, artist.
- Minnie Pearl Poole, 92, retired Southwestern Bell Telephone Co. employee.

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County plans tax increase for new year

By JEFF WEST
Staff Writer

Even with a proposed higher effective tax rate Gray County will not have quite as much money to operate with as last year.

Gray County Commissioners were handed the proposed county budget for 2000 for the first time at this week's commissioners meeting.

The proposed budget calls for an increased effective tax rate of .4599 per \$100 for the new year instead of the current .4276. The increase in the effective rate is necessary if the county is to bring in about the same amount of money as last year, according to County Judge Richard Peet. He said that rate would still bring in about \$20,000 less next year.

For land owners whose property values have gone down, the increase will mean that property taxes will remain about the same but for those who have property valued about the same the rates would rise. Taxes on a \$30,000 house would rise \$9.70 and a \$40,000 house would rise \$12.93 according to Deputy Tax Assessor Gave Guiliani. On a \$75,000 home taxes would increase \$24.

The reason for the change is Gray County property values dropped by about \$78 million over last year, primarily due to lower mineral values. There was some good news for county officials, Peet said the original estimate from the Gray County Appraisal District was an \$84 million loss, but that has been revised.

The potential increase of 3.3 cents is less than in Ochiltree and Roberts where an approximately six-cent raise is proposed and Carbon County where a nickel increase has been suggested, according to Peet.

Panhandle woman dies after accident Troopers: Truck made turn from shoulder in front of her

By NANCY YOUNG
Managing Editor

PANHANDLE — A 41-year old Panhandle woman died at 8:09 p.m. Wednesday in Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo following injuries she received three hours earlier in a crash on U.S. 60, when a 1995 Freightliner pulled in front of her 1995 Oldsmobile.

Christy Sams was traveling eastbound at 5:17 p.m. Wednesday as she was returning to her home in Panhandle after leaving her human relations assistant position at the Clements Unit near Amarillo.

As Sams traveled in the passing lane on U.S. 60, the 18-wheeler, driven by Robert Wilhelm was traveling on the right shoulder when he made a left turn in front of the Sams vehicle, according to Trooper Wayne Beighle with the Department of Public Safety. Sams then struck the left back quarter panel of the truck.

DPS troopers investigating the fatality were Bobby Ivler and Gary Davis out of the Groom office. Trooper Chris Ray of Panhandle assisted in the investigation. Information regarding citations in the car-truck collision was not available, according to Beighle.

Karen Daniels, who is secretary to Warden Keith Price at the Clements Unit, told *The Pampa News* this morning Sams had been employed in human relations since Sept. 1994. "She was very well-liked here," said Daniels. "She will be tremendously missed."

Daniels said Sams was the mother of two children, Alyson and Aaron. Her husband, Junior Sams, died 14 months ago of organ failure. Several years before he died, the wreck victim had donated a kidney to her husband.

Services are pending with Minton-Chatwell Funeral Home in Panhandle.

Man going to prison after probation pulled

A Pampa resident will soon be headed back to prison after having his probation revoked Wednesday.

Walter Wayne Lewis, 49, Pampa, was sentenced to two years in prison in a plea bargain arrangement with the District Attorney's office. He had originally been sentenced to five years probation Aug. 12, 1993 after being convicted of driving while intoxicated; subsequent offense. That probation was extended in June 1998 for several violations of his probation.

Lewis was back in court on charges he violated his probation by (See MAN, Page 2)

Museum street party Aug. 28

As the countdown continues to next week's "Evening Under The Stars IV" event organizers are busy putting the final touches on their plans.

Sponsored by the White Deer Land Museum, the event is a fundraiser for the museum, according to curator Anne Davidson. Tickets are \$15 per person and can be bought in advance at the museum or purchased at the event. Advance purchases are encouraged.

The annual dinner and street dance takes

place in front of the museum at 112-116 Cuyler. Social hour starts at 7 p.m. followed by a brisket dinner to be served beginning at 7:45 p.m. There will also be chips and salsa.

All during the event, which ends at 11 p.m., there will be tours of the museum.

And to provide lots of music, District Attorney John Mann and "The Music City Cowboy Band" will play as will rancher Bill Arrington and "The Rocking Chair Cowboys."

Summer beauty



(Special photo)



(Pampa News photos by Danny Cowan)

Carrie Hughes of 941 S. Wells enjoys gardening and brightens up her neighborhood with an array of colorful flowers, including hollyhocks, in her front yard. Doug Smith of 726 Lefors has a way with flowers, too, as the beautiful hollyhock and day lily blooms (right) attest.

Juvenile department gets salary hikes per state law

By JEFF WEST
Staff Writer

While work on the new Gray County budget, which goes into effect Jan. 1, is just getting under way, the budget for one agency has already been approved.

The plan of the Gray County Juvenile Probation Department had to be approved early because it has to coincide with the state fiscal year which begins Sept. 1 each year.

Part of this year's Juvenile Probation budget was mandated by state law to include a pay raise for employees. The state legislature has ordered counties to pay employees of that department a wage similar to the wages paid by the state to adult probation employees. While the state mandated the changes, and pays a portion of some salaries, it provided no extra funds for the raises.

Even with the raises, and increased insurance premiums that will plague all county departments, the Juvenile Probation Department's 2000 budget will be less than the final figures for 1999.

The reason is that earlier this year the County

While the state mandated the changes, and pays a portion of some salaries, it provided no extra funds for the raises.

Commission appropriated an extra \$100,000 for drug treatment for Gray County juveniles who have run afoul of the law. So far, the department has used only about \$30,000 of that, although more will be needed before the end of the current budget year, according to Chief Juvenile Probation Officer Albert Nichols.

Commissioners asked Nichols if he thinks he can get by with half of the \$100,000 for next year. Nichols said he thinks he can since the Texas legislature has allotted new funds he can apply for to treat "level 5" or some of the most severe cases.

With that deletion the Juvenile Probation Department's 2000 budget was set at \$185,448 more than \$34,000 less than the amended 1999 (See JUVENILE, Page 2)

Assault charge downgraded, woman gets probated term

A Pampa woman originally accused of aggravated assault on a peace officer received probation after pleading guilty to lesser charges.

Dianne Sue Austin, 39, 831 S. Barnes was involved in a high speed chase on Saturday, March 20 after Officer Corey Powell tried to stop her on a traffic violation, according to a police report.

She led Powell and other police and sheriff's units through parking lots and back and forth across the city before being boxed in on Barnes Street, Powell said. Powell pulled up behind her 1987 Pontiac to prevent her from fleeing again. As he was exiting his police cruiser (See ASSAULT, Page 2)

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Services tomorrow

HODGES, Lester — 11 a.m., First United Methodist Church, Canadian.
ODEN, Elaine — Graveside services, 10 a.m., The Field of Honor, Westlawn Memorial Park, Borger.
ROBLES, Teresa — 10:30 a.m., Wheeler First Baptist Church, Wheeler.

Obituaries

LESTER HODGES
 CANADIAN — Lester Hodges, 81, died Wednesday, Aug. 18, 1999. Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday in First United Methodist Church with Dr. Lewis Holland, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in Edith Ford Memorial Cemetery under the direction of Stickle-Hill Funeral Directors of Canadian.

Mr. Hodges was born in Wheeler County. He married Ruth Wilder in 1938 at Arnett. He had been a Canadian resident since 1938, moving from Shamrock. He retired from the City of Canadian as assistant city manager in 1985, after 41 years of service. He was fire marshal for several years and served on the Canadian Volunteer Fire Department for a total of 24 years. He was Fireman of the Year in 1976.

He belonged to First United Methodist Church. He was preceded in death by a daughter, Jerry Lee Hodges, in 1967.

Survivors include his wife, Ruth; two daughters, Maxine Nolan, and Jackie McPherson of Canadian; a brother, Arthur Hodges of Dumas; four grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to American Cancer Society of Hemphill County Hospice, 1020 S. 4th, Canadian, TX 79014.

ELAINE ODEN
BORGER — Elaine Oden, 81, died Tuesday, Aug. 17, 1999, at Wylie. Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Friday in Westlawn Memorial Park Cemetery with Mike Smith, pastor of Fellowship Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be in The Field of Honor at Westlawn Memorial Park under the direction of Minton/Chatwell Funeral Directors of Borger.

Mrs. Oden was born at Kirkland. She married Milburn H. Oden on Dec. 24, 1939, at Petersburg; he died Sept. 18, 1991. She had lived at Borger for 47 years prior to moving to Wylie in 1994. She retired from Telephone Sales at Sears Catalogue Office and was an artist.

She was a Sunday school teacher and member of Fellowship Baptist Church.

Survivors include a daughter and son-in-law, JoCarol and Jim Laramore of Princeton; a son and daughter-in-law, Spencer H. and Janet Oden of Georgetown; a sister, Marie Oden of Borger; two brothers, Loel D. Box and Kenneth D. Box, both of Pampa; three grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

MINNIE PEARL POOLE
 Minnie Pearl Poole, 92, of Pampa, died Wednesday, Aug. 18, 1999. Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. today in Fairview Cemetery with Pastor Lonny Robbins, of Trinity Fellowship Church, officiating. Burial will be under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Poole was born April 5, 1907, in Indian Territory, Okla. She married Bill Poole. She worked for Southwestern Bell Telephone Company for 38 years as a supervisor and a trainer, retiring in 1956.

She was preceded in death by her husband; and by a sister, Grace Poe, on April 21, 1993.

Survivors include a foster son, Dan Mahanay of Pampa; and two sisters-in-law, Garnet Poole and Jackie Poole, both of Pampa.

The family requests memorials be to American Cancer Society.

Police report

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

Wednesday, Aug. 18
 James A. Degroff-Johnson, 33, no address available, was arrested on charges of public intoxication, disorderly conduct, resisting arrest and assault on a public servant.

Lindsey Ann Morgan, 19, 1601 W. Somerville #A10, was arrested on municipal warrants.

Theft of \$110 cash was reported in the 1700 block of West 19th.

Domestic Assault was reported in the 100 block of S. Sumner.

Sheriff's Office

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

Wednesday, Aug. 18
 Diana Hoyt Roosa, 23, no address, was arrested on charges of theft in Potter County.

William Clark Miller, 47, Lefors, was arrested on charges of terroristic threats.

Ambulance

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

Wednesday, Aug. 18
 11:23 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to Pampa Regional Medical Center and transported one to Baptist St. Anthony West in Amarillo.
 3:22 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to a local nursing facility and transported one to PRMC.
 5:53 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported one to BSAW.

8:09 P.M. - A mobile ICU responded to the 300 block of Starkweather; no transport.

9:22 P.M. - A mobile ICU responded to the 800 block of East Frederic; no transport.

10:32 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1000 block of South Faulkner and transported one to PRMC.

Fires

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

Wednesday, Aug. 18
 3:37 p.m. - One unit and three personnel responded to the 1500 block of West Kentucky on a medical assist.

4:35 p.m. - Two units and seven personnel responded to the 2100 North Dwight on a backyard fire.

8:14 p.m. - One unit and three personnel responded to the 1300 block of North Russell on a propane fire.

Stocks

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

Coca Cola	58 1/16	dn 7/16
Columbia/HCA	22 5/16	dn 1/8
Enron	43 1/2	dn 3/16
Halliburton	48 1/16	up 1/2
IRI	5	NC
KNE	19 5/16	dn 1/4
Kerr McGee	57 1/2	up 1/8
Limited	43 3/4	dn 1/4
McDonald's	41 5/8	dn 7/16
Mobil	105 3/4	dn 1/2
New Atmos	25 3/16	dn 1/4
NCE	33 5/16	dn 1/16
Pennys	41 3/8	dn 1/2
Phillips	52 1/2	up 1/16
Pioneer Nat. Res.	12 3/8	dn 1/16
SLB	67	up 1 3/16
Tenneco	21 1/8	NC
Texasco	63 13/16	up 7/16
Ultramar	26	up 1/8
Wal-Mart	45 3/8	dn 1
Williams	41 13/16	up 3/16
New York Gold	259.65	
Silver	5.21	
West Texas Crude	21.52	

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

Occidental	20 1/4	up 1/4
Magellan	125.13	
Puritan	20.23	

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

Amoco	117 3/8	dn 1 1/16
Arco	92	dn 15/16
Cabot	23 1/4	up 1/4
Cabot O&G	18 3/4	NC
Chevron	94 7/16	NC

MAN

being behind in paying his probation fees, court costs and attorneys fees.

The state also accused him of not performing community service as provided in his probation or attending counseling sessions that had been

ordered.

Finally, he was accused of not entering a halfway house last year after being ordered to do so.

Lewis was given a credit of 178 days for time he has already served in the Gray County Jail and is to be transported as soon as possible.

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ASSAULT

er the Pontiac backed up and struck the car in the front left panel near the door.

On the stand, Austin said she didn't know why she ran but claimed her brakes were not working properly, a statement even defense attorney Harold Comer questioned. She also said she did not intend to hit the police car but found out that her car

would go into reverse when she attempted to put it in park. She said she never intended to hurt any of the officers.

Austin pled guilty to charges of deadly conduct and was sentenced by 223rd District Judge Lee Waters to a year in Gray County Jail with the sentence commuted to two years on probation, a \$500 fine, \$393.48 in restitution for damage to the police vehicle and 80 hours of community service.

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JUVENILE

budget of \$220,000. The new budget includes raises for the employees to bring them into compliance with state standards.

Nichols received a \$100 a month raise. His four officers each received an additional \$358 a month. Nichols points out that his officers are required to have college degrees and some have teachers' certificates as well. They also take turns being on call so that someone is on call 24 hours every day of the

year.

Sharon Greene, who has been promoted to Assistant Chief and taken on additional responsibilities, will receive a \$500 a month raise. A receptionist will also get a \$100 a month raise.

Part of the salaries of Juvenile Probation employees is paid by the state. The majority of the salary for the Chief and Assistant Chief as well as one of the officers is state funded. About half of the \$179,200 in salaries for the department is paid for by the state.

Search on for body of missing Dallas child

SAGINAW, Texas (AP) — For the second day, authorities hunting for 6-year-old Opal Jo Jennings targeted underbrush and fields close to the spot where she was kidnapped.

Almost five months after the child's disappearance, tracking dog were brought in to look for Opal's corpse, FBI spokesperson Marjorie Poche said.

"It might be a body, it might be clothes or a scent," Poche said. "But I assume it's a body."

Opal's playmates last saw the child near her grandmother's house this spring, when a stranger with a ponytail scooped her up, tossed her into a dark car and drove off.

Police now believe the unknown man was convicted sex offender Richard Lee Franks.

Franks was charged Thursday with kidnapping and child molestation. He is being held on \$1.5 million bail.

Officials from neighboring Wise County, where Franks was registered as a resident sex offender, first suggested April 1 that Franks was a possible suspect in the kidnapping, sheriff Phil Ryan said.

That was just days after the child's kidnapping. But a backlog of thousands of leads bogged police down, and kept them from investigating Franks until a few weeks ago, Ryan said.

Fort Worth police arrested Frank, 30, earlier this week on an unrelated traffic warrant, Saginaw police spokesman Karl Johnson said.

News of Franks' arrest had law officers in Arlington poring back over evidence in another young girl's abduction and slaying three years ago.

"We're damn sure going to take a look at this guy," said Sgt. Mark Simpson, the investigator with the Arlington violent-crimes unit who led Amber Hagerman's investigation.

Two Arlington detectives reviewed five bookshelves of police reports in Amber's case and also searched a database of more than 31,000 names of possible suspects — but didn't find Franks' name

listed.

"And the similarities in these two cases are striking," Simpson told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram. "The type of attack was very similar. The suspect descriptions are very close. The infrastructure of the neighborhoods were very similar. The social demographics of those neighborhoods were similar."

Franks reportedly admitted to luring the child away, but claimed he released her a while later after buying her a soft drink.

Opal was playing with friends near the curb in this town of 12,000 people when an unknown man grabbed her March 26. Her friends said the man threw the small girl into the front seat of his car and drove away.

About 20 searchers, mostly from the FBI, spread out Wednesday across a brushy area near Saginaw Airfield north of Fort Worth. Franks narrowed down the area for officials, Poche said.

A Wise County court-ordered psychological examination concluded that Franks was a pedophile with mild mental retardation, the Fort Worth Star-Telegram reported.

Court psychologist Darrell Horton said Franks told him the suspect constantly wants to have sex with little girls.

In early 1991, Franks faced two counts of aggravated sexual assault involving two children in Wise County. He later pleaded guilty to a lesser offense of one count of indecency with a child and was sentenced to seven years probation.

The probation was extended until April 13 of this year — just weeks after Opal's disappearance.

Authorities wouldn't say whether Franks confessed to Opal's kidnapping, but Greg Miller, an assistant Tarrant County district attorney, said it is reasonable to conclude that the information used to obtain the kidnapping warrant came after Franks' arrest.

City Briefs

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Kennedy flight came close to jet before fatal crash

PROVIDENCE, R.I. (AP) — An hour before it crashed, John F. Kennedy Jr.'s plane came close enough to an American Airlines plane that a radar controller alerted the crew on the jetliner, investigators said.

The National Transportation Safety Board confirmed the incident but it was not clear how close the planes came to each other. The Providence Journal reported Wednesday.

The planes were close enough to prompt the traffic advisory to the commercial plane, but there was "no apparent risk of collision," according to NTSB spokesman Paul Schlamm.

Such advisories are not rare, Schlamm said. He said the incident was not serious enough to require

a course adjustment.

Kennedy's plane went down off Martha's Vineyard, Mass., on July 16. Kennedy, his wife and his sister-in-law died. One possible explanation for the crash is that Kennedy was disoriented by nighttime haze.

A radar controller on New York's Long Island issued the traffic advisory to the American Airlines crew while the two planes were northwest of White Plains, N.Y., 150 miles from the crash site. The pilot told the radar controller that he could see the smaller plane from his cockpit.

Kennedy's Piper Saratoga, which was heading from New Jersey to Massachusetts, did not receive an advisory, Schlamm said.

Bank mistake nets man surprise fortune, federal investigation

HUNTSVILLE, Ala. (AP) — Roger Dudley made the most of the \$1.6 million that showed up in his checking account: He invested, bought gifts for his wife, and paid off his truck and credit cards.

Now he may face federal charges.

The Secret Service and federal prosecutors are reviewing the case. Officials at AmSouth Bank said no charges had been filed as of Wednesday.

Dudley, 21, told WAAY-TV he discovered the extra money in his AmSouth account when he asked for his balance about two weeks ago.

"It's a dream and a nightmare at the same time," he said. "Reality didn't set in for a couple of days. It mixes you up bad."

Dudley kept most of the money in the bank. But he still spent plenty, buying 7,000 shares of

AmSouth mutual funds and an airplane ticket and earrings for his wife.

The fortune vanished almost as quickly as it appeared: Federal agents met Dudley at the bank on Monday, and the account was frozen.

AmSouth Bank spokesman Jim Underwood said the mistake apparently resulted from a printing error when another customer ordered new deposit slips. Underwood did not identify the customer whose money went into Dudley's account, but WAAY reported it was a hospital in Mobile.

Underwood said customers must notify the bank if extra money shows up in an account.

"It was nice while it lasted," Dudley said. "Someday I'll say, 'I remember when I was a millionaire.'"

Weather focus

PAMPA — Partly sunny with a high of 90-95 today with light and variable winds. Tonight, clear with a low in the mid 60s. Tomorrow, partly sunny with a high of 90-95. Yesterday's high was 97; the overnight low 68.

PANHANDLE — Tonight, mostly clear. Low in the lower 60s. Light southeast wind. Friday, partly cloudy. High in the lower 90s. South wind 5-15 mph. Friday night, partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms. Low in the mid 60s.

STATEWIDE — More heat advisories are posted around Texas as a string of century-plus

temperatures continues into the weekend.

A heat advisory remains in effect for all of Southeast Texas today, the National Weather Service says. An ozone watch is posted for the Houston/Galveston/Brazoria area today.

Early-morning temperatures ranged from the 70s to 80s. It was 82 degrees at Laughlin Air Force Base and Del Rio, with 74 at Harlingen and Bryan-College Station.

Winds were generally light and variable. There's a slight chance of thunderstorms developing over the western and southern portions of North Texas through Friday.

Afternoon temperatures were expected to climb back into 90s and 100s, with near 102 at Laredo and lows overnight from the mid-60s to lower 70s.

On Wednesday, highs ranged from 103 degrees at Laredo to 91 at Palacios with heat indices up to 110.

Some showers formed along the sea breeze during the afternoon hours, resulting in brief heavy downpours for a few locations. Almost a tenth of an inch was reported at Palacios with 0.03 inches reported at Angleton.

Two tropical depressions formed Wednesday, with one 300 miles southeast of Tampico, Mexico.

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Pampa music duo to play at event honoring astronaut

By JEFF WEST
Staff Writer

Pampa's own duo of Gene whatever else suits their style.

NASA's best and brightest will be in Amarillo this week to honor astronaut Rick Husband, however the entertainment will be provided by two Grumpy Old Men, but that's a good thing. Grumpy Old Men is

"We were just a couple of pickers and I liked the way we sounded," Jones said.

Jones and Jay Riley who perform a combination of country, western swing, jazz and

Neither are newcomers to the music business. Jones has stayed closer to home having been in

the printing business for 31 years, most of it at Texas Printing. He has always loved the music however and has been in a number of bands around the area including a group called Wells Fargo that was popular for several years. He has even sat in with the Texas Playboys for a few gigs. Around 1993 he met Riley, he doesn't remember exactly when or how.

He's happy these days though just to take it easy and perform occasionally without so much touring.

"When you get our age even those shorter tours kind of wear you out," he said.

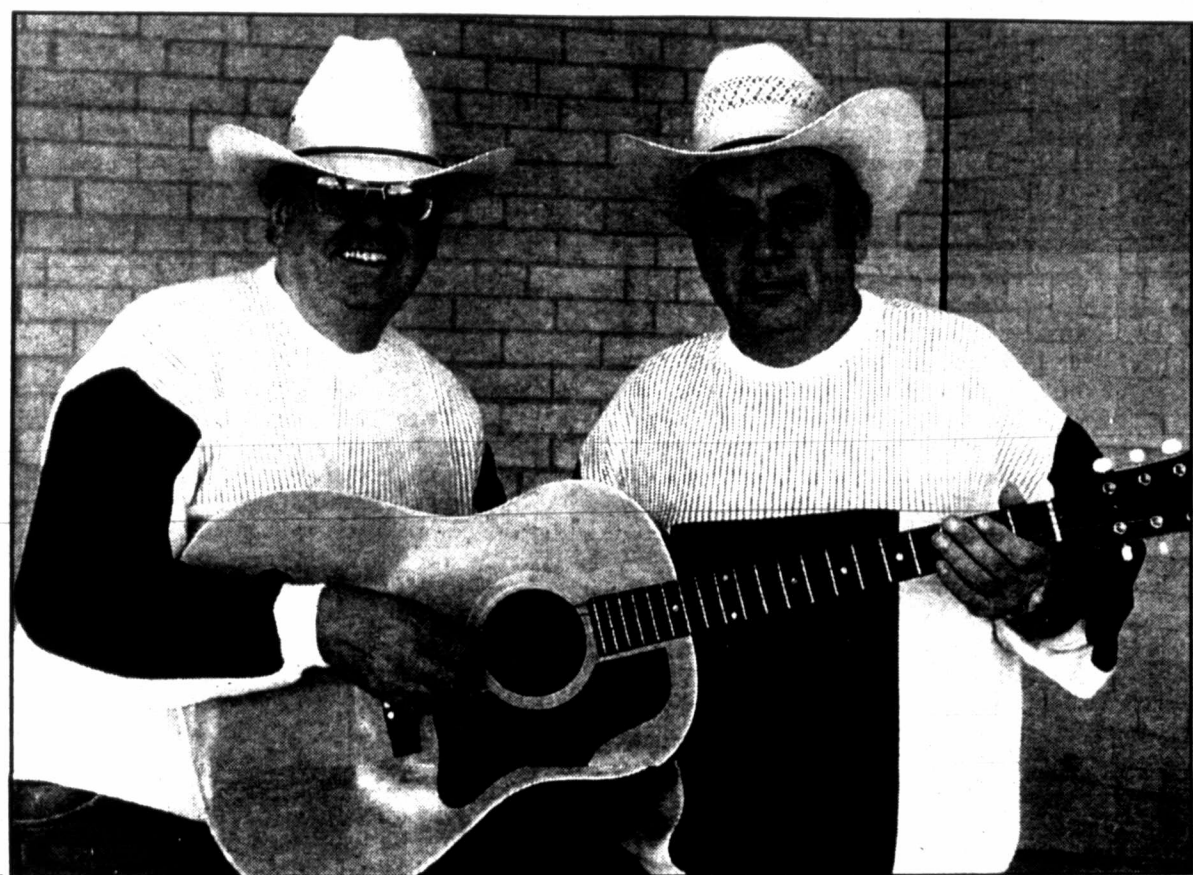
The pair has performed fairly regularly at the Knife and Fork Club here in Pampa and

wouldn't mind more paying gigs in the area either. They prefer the old songs and think most of their audiences do too.

In fact for NASA they are considering opening up with "Fly Me to the Moon."

Jones just said, "Seems kind of appropriate, don't you think?"

Grumpy Old Men



(Pampa News photo by Jeff West)

A couple of Grumpy Old Men, Gene Jones and Jay Riley, will be performing Friday at a NASA banquet in Amarillo in honor of shuttle pilot Rick Husband.

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CBS acquires large equity in Dallas based Internet help wanted service

DALLAS (AP) — CBS Corp. said Wednesday it has acquired a 38 percent equity stake in Dallas-based jobs.com Inc., an Internet help-wanted service.

In exchange, the broadcasting giant said it agreed to give jobs.com \$62 million in advertising and other considerations on CBS television and radio stations and billboard properties over the next five years.

Privately held jobs.com

accepts on-line advertisements from employers and job seekers. Started in 1992, it claims to be used by nearly 2,000 companies nationwide.

CBS officials said classified advertising is moving from newspapers to the Internet and that jobs.com is well-positioned to profit from the shift. They said jobs.com's software system, Resumail, could become the standard for

receiving resumes over the Internet.

CBS will hold two seats on jobs.com's board.

CBS Corp. includes CBS Television, cable and a majority stake in Infinity Broadcasting Corp., which operates radio stations and billboards. CBS has made investments in several Internet companies, including SportsLine USA Inc. and MarketWatch.com Inc.

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

Veterans Salute

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Schools strive for excellence

The first day of school has changed. Used to be the main focus was what to wear, where are my classes, who are my teachers, and how much homework am I going to have. The anticipation of the first football game hung in the air. Of course, the first day of school was in September, not August.

Cheerleaders were busy practicing yells, building school spirit and decorating the school, community and cars with the school colors. Twirlers spent many hours perfecting their twirling routines before the first pep rally. The band was practicing the favorite John Philip Sousa marches while learning to march at the same time.

Today most of the same activities go on, but there is concern about school safety following the April shooting at Columbine High in Colorado and the resulting bomb threats and pranks at other schools across the nation.

Some types of behavior weren't taken very seriously until Columbine occurred, but now that has changed.

This week students across the area and nation filed back into schools. Attired in the latest styles and anxious to learn, Pampa students joined the student population from across the nation in returning to the classrooms.

Wide-eyed younger students were anxious to meet their new teachers and establish new friends as well as see their friends which they haven't seen over the summer months. Older students were beginning new classes which will get them closer to college classes, vocational training and jobs.



Nancy Young
managing editor

As local and area students return to classes, school administrators have made more changes than others over the summer in establishing and expanding security measures at the schools. Changes made at area schools include installing metal detectors, guidelines which limit locker use, special see through tote bags, and changes in dress codes.

Local administrators and school personnel have worked throughout the summer to take increased measures in consideration of the safety of the students. These measures have also helped to alleviate concern of parents.

A few students were apprehensive on the first day back to class, but most seemed to just want to put the 1999 spring of school shootings and bomb threats behind them and become "just students" again.

A return to homework, tests and an earlier bedtime has also greeted most students.

Pampa and area students returning to normal activities learned this week the results of the statewide ACT college entrance exam as well as the accountability

ratings of schools throughout the state.

Texas students learned they were within .7 of reaching the national average composite score on the ACT college entrance exam. Texas' composite score was 20.3 out of a possible 36 while the national average is 21. These students are to be congratulated.

The number of Texas students taking the test increased over last year by 1,030 — 65,094 out of 212,773 seniors graduating from public and private high schools took the test last year compared to 64,064 from the previous year.

Student scores are going up. The students who took a core curriculum which is at least four years of English and three years each of math, social sciences and natural sciences, scored an average of 21.2, compared to 18.2 for those who didn't. The state average score on the English part of the test increased by .2 as the science increased by .1.

Three local elementary schools and the local middle school attained the second highest rating of recognized in the Texas Education Agency scoring based on the formula devised by that agency. The high school was acceptable and one elementary campus was low-performing. Pampa Learning Center, an alternative high school, received an acceptable rating.

While the students are increasing their knowledge and the teachers are working very hard for the knowledge to be acquired, Pampa ISD Superintendent has stated that he expects the normal district to be named exemplary next year. Let's support the school district and the students as they work to meet the challenge.

Texas Editorials

By The Associated Press

A sampling of editorial opinion from Texas newspapers: Denton Record-Chronicle on making teachers scapegoats: Consider Miss Thelma Lou Dunce.

She's that unfortunate creature, a poorly educated, poorly trained teacher.

She puts in her hours in the classroom, but if her students learn anything, it's because they are smart enough to teach themselves.

We all know Ms. Dunce is in some American classrooms, and we all want to do something about her.

President Clinton wants to make her class size smaller. Republicans in Congress want to give the state that employs her more money to train and educate her, and if she can't be brought up to standard, to replace her.

Both sides of this issue are fiercely holding their ground, asking Americans to decide which is likely to result in better educated kids, smaller class sizes or better trained teachers.

Even Ms. Dunce can probably see that if she doesn't know how to educate the 22 children she currently has in her classroom, reducing the number to 18 isn't going to make her a better teacher.

The federal money Mr. Clinton wants to earmark only for programs that reduce class sizes will be much better spent if handed over to local school districts to use where there is the most need.

If local school districts for example, needed to use federal grants to hire more teachers and with growth rates in many Texas cities that very well might be the case then they could choose that option.

But if administrators believe that teacher training in math and science is the most pressing need this year, then the money could be used for this training. It comes down to this: Who knows best what will improve education in any American city, a bureaucrat in Washington or a local school board and school administration?

San Antonio Express-News on which refugees get most sympathy:

Last month on the ABC News program "20/20," NAACP President Kweisi Mfume pondered a question Rwandan children may one day ask: "What was it about me that caused the world to move so slowly in my greatest moment of need?"

At issue is the disparity in attention and resources the West has given Rwandan refugees as opposed to Kosovo refugees, a disparity that exists, on the face of it, because of skin color.

The sincerity of President Clinton's and others' concern for Rwanda must be questioned. Few heeded the savagery unleashed there in April 1994 when Hutus slaughtered a half-million Tutsis and moderate Hutus, a scale of bloodshed many times greater than the estimated 12,000 people killed in Kosovo.

The massacre in Rwanda didn't evoke demands for intervention.

Those, including this newspaper, who supported the Kosovo mission did so for humanitarian reasons and a belief that NATO was morally obligated to stop the suffering of ethnic Albanians. Although Rwandans suffered more horribly and in far greater numbers, the West is spending \$1.50 per Kosovo refugee and 11 cents per African refugee.

The question that must be asked, however uncomfortable and unsettling, is whether it's because one group is white and the other black.

Many questions still need to be asked about how the international community responds to the internal strife of other nations, but the answer must never be race. The cry of pain and the heartbreak of loss transcends nationality and skin color.

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By The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, Aug. 19, the 231st day of 1999. There are 134 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Aug. 19, 1848, the New York Herald reported the discovery of gold in California.

On this date:

In 1812, the USS Constitution defeated the British frigate Guerriere east of Nova Scotia during the War of 1812.

In 1934, a plebiscite in Germany approved the vesting of sole executive power in Adolf Hitler.

In 1929, the comedy program "Amos and Andy," starring Freeman Gosden and Charles Correll, made its network radio debut on NBC.

In 1942, about 6,000 Canadian and British soldiers launched a disastrous raid against the Germans at Dieppe, France, suffering about 50 percent casualties.

In 1955, severe flooding in the Northeast claimed some 200 lives.

In 1960, a tribunal in Moscow convicted American U-2 pilot Francis Gary Powers of espionage.

In 1974, U.S. Ambassador Roger P. Davies was shot and killed at the American embassy in Nicosia, Cyprus, during a protest by Greek Cypriots.

In 1976, President Ford won the Republican presidential nomination at the party's convention in Kansas City.

In 1977, comedian Groucho Marx died in Los Angeles at age 86.

In 1980, 301 people aboard a Saudi Arabian L-1011 died as the jetliner made a fiery emergency landing at the Riyadh airport.

Ten years ago: Polish President Wojciech Jaruzelski formally nominated Tadeusz Mazowiecki to become Poland's first non-Communist prime minister in four decades.

Five years ago: President Clinton abruptly halted the nation's three-decade open-door policy for Cuban refugees.

One year ago: President Clinton spent a quiet 52nd birthday with his family on Martha's Vineyard as controversy continued to swirl over his admissions to a grand jury concerning his relationship with Monica Lewinsky.

Today's Birthdays: Author Ring Lardner Jr. is 84. Actor L.Q. Jones is 72. Former jockey Willie Shoemaker is 68. Actress Debra Paget is 66. Tennis coach Renee Richards is 65. Actress Diana Muldaur is 61. Rock musician Ginger Baker (Cream, Blind Faith) is 60. Singer Johnny Nash is 59. Actress Jill St. John is 59. Sen. Fred Thompson, R-Tenn., is 57. Singer Billy J. Kramer is 56. Country singer-songwriter Eddy Raven is 55. President Clinton is 53. Tipper Gore, wife of Vice President Al Gore, is 51. Actor Gerald McRaney is 51. Rock musician John Deacon (Queen) is 48. Actor Jonathan Frakes is 47. Political consultant Mary Matalin is 46. Actor Peter Gallagher is 44.

Today in history

There was no 'cost' in JFK search

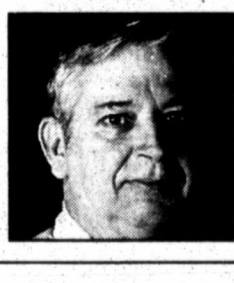
Sooner or later it was inevitable that there would be a news story about how much the government spent trying to find young John F. Kennedy Jr.'s body and plane. Now I've seen it, and I want to tell you it's nonsense.

The search, the salvage operation and the burial at sea did not cost U.S. taxpayers one additional red cent. It's too much to expect journalists to study accounting, but how about a college freshman course in basic logic?

Once a Navy or Coast Guard ship is commissioned and crewed, the cost to the taxpayers is the same whether the ship is tied up at a dock, out on training maneuvers or looking for a crashed airplane. The cost of a destroyer and its crew is the same whether the ship is on patrol or being used to provide a burial at sea. Ditto for aircraft, salvage ships, divers or whatever.

Even a military ship at dockside with most of its crew on leave costs the same. Military personnel on leave don't go off the payroll. The amortized cost of a ship doesn't start and stop depending on how it is being used. Whether fuel is used for this reason or that reason, the cost is the same.

You can argue whether the ships and men should have been used to assist the Kennedy family or not, but you can't argue that their use "cost the taxpayers." If they had not assisted the Kennedy family, the cost of ships, equipment and personnel would have been the same.



Charley Reese
Syndicated columnist

Personally, I think President Clinton for once did the right thing when he ordered the Coast Guard and the Navy to provide the extra assistance. I think the last son of an assassinated president and the nephew of an assassinated U.S. senator deserves some special consideration from the government. I thought it a gesture of kindness.

Would they do the same for anyone? The answer is yes, but not quite. The Coast Guard and Civil Air Patrol spend their whole year searching for missing ships and planes and, if possible, rescuing the people. That's what they do. They will fish the humblest drunken fisherman out of the drink if they can find him. When someone calls in about a missing boat, ship or airplane, the Coast Guard doesn't say, "Well, who's on it?" They just go.

And I've never seen a story that says, "Rescue of yacht crew costs taxpayers." Naturally, the president is not going to provide

a Navy ship for a burial at sea to anyone who asks, and, normally, once a downed private aircraft is located, any salvage operation is usually done privately. Ordinarily, sonar-equipped ships would not be sent to search for a crashed private plane. So the president ordered a little extra because of who they were.

I don't have a problem with that, and I've been politically opposed to the Kennedys' brand of politics on most issues most of my life. But a death in the family is not politics. And political disagreement should not translate into personal hatred in a democratic society, though it certainly does for some people on both the left and the right.

If you are surprised that prominent people get a little extra attention from the government, then it's educational that you discover that they do. That's human nature. It's always been so. It will always be so. A telephone call to the White House by you or me will not be treated the same way a telephone call from Steven Spielberg or David Rockefeller will be treated. And it doesn't matter who is president.

People would have to be extraordinarily fortunate and satisfied with the world as it is in order to have nothing better to do than to get upset over a gracious gesture to an American family by an American president. Even Clinton can do some things right, and, in this case, he did.

Best thing parents can do is stay married

What's the best thing parents can do to ensure their children's future prosperity? Stay married.

No, you haven't wandered into the middle of a sermon, and this isn't just my opinion. The latest social science research shows children from divorced homes are far more likely than children from married homes to live in poverty. They are also less likely to earn a decent income themselves when they become adults.

In fact, the marital status of a child's parents largely determines whether that child lives above or below the poverty line, according to my colleague Patrick Fagan, a cultural expert and former family counselor. "Poverty is the result of many factors," he writes in a recent report, "but most have to do with marriage, sex before marriage, living together outside of marriage, and divorce after marriage."

Among his findings:

—Divorce reduces the income of families with children by an average of 42 percent. Almost 50 percent of these families live in poverty.

—Nearly 75 percent of families in the bottom fifth of income have only one parent, while 95 percent of families in the highest fifth are headed by married couples.

—Three-quarters of all women applying for welfare do so either because of a divorce or because a live-in relationship has ended. The



Edwin Feulner
Syndicated columnist

ones who leave the welfare system when they get married are the least likely to return.

—Married couples in their mid-50s amass four times the wealth of divorced individuals (an average of \$132,000 versus \$33,600).

The harmful effects of divorce go beyond lost income. The children of divorced parents are more likely to have out-of-wedlock children and twice as likely to "shack up," as they used to say, than are the children of married parents. They are also twice as likely to drop out of high school and 25 percent to 50 percent more likely to develop behavioral problems such as anxiety, depression and hyperactivity.

And contrary to popular belief, so-called "trial marriages" (a euphemism for shacking up) actually lead to more divorces — and hence more poverty. Couples who live together before marriage are twice as likely to end a marriage. The divorce rate quadruples for those who have lived together with

someone other than a future spouse.

Uncovering the link between poverty and divorce raises a question: What can we do about it? We've seen the results of Washington's so-called war on poverty: a "great society" wracked by welfare dependency and single-parent homes. If lawmakers really want to help poor children, they should promote policies that support marriage, such as changing the Earned Income Tax Credit so women who wed the fathers of their children don't lose their benefits. Perversely enough, the current law actually gives poor women a reason not to get married.

State governments can help by enforcing child-support laws and making divorces harder to obtain when children are involved. But local efforts can have the largest impact. For example, church leaders and nonprofit organizations can prepare couples for marriage by fostering local "community marriage covenants." Such groups should also encourage regular religious worship by families — which research shows reduces the risk of divorce.

The stakes are high. "The effects of marital breakdown on national prosperity and the well-being of individual children are like the action of termites on the beams in a home's foundations," Fagan says. "They are weakening, quietly but seriously, the structural underpinnings of society."

Bush answers more questions about personal use of drugs

ROANOKE, Va. (AP)—George W. Bush said today that he could have passed stringent background checks for illegal drug use when his father was president, from 1989-1993.

In his most specific comments to date about an issue he insists he doesn't want to discuss, Bush told reporters today, "Not only could I have passed in today's White House, I could have passed the standards applied under the most stringent conditions when my dad was president, a 15-year period."

Bush spokeswoman Mindy Tucker said the Republican presidential front-runner was saying that he has not done illegal drugs at any time since 1974, when the 53-year-old Bush was 28.

"Over 20 years ago, I did some things ... I made some mistakes and I learned from those," Bush said today. "That's all I intend to talk about."

Asked if Bush could have met the standard when his father was vice president, from 1981-1989, Tucker said, "My understanding is he was answering questions regarding when his dad was president, not vice president."

She said Bush would not go into any more detail about his earlier years.

Boyden Gray, White House counsel for President Bush, said the younger Bush never was asked to undergo a background check while his father was president. The Bush White House asked staff members if they had done any illegal drugs in the last 15 years.

Bush was peppered for the second straight day with questions about whether he had ever used illegal drugs.

"I'm going to tell people that we need to clean up the process. I'm going to tell people that the politics of personal destruction have got to end," he said. "I'm going to tell people that I made mistakes and that I've learned from those mistakes. And if they like it, I hope they give me a chance, and if they don't like it, they can find somebody else to vote for."

Bush, who has avoided talking about the drug issue, said he thought it was relevant to ask

whether he could pass a federal background check that he would subject his own employees to. "The answer is absolutely," he said.

The drug questions came as the Texas governor visited the West End Center for Youth. "You can be governor too, but you've got to make the right choices," he told one child. "When someone says drugs are cool, you've got to say drugs are not cool."

Afterward, Bush toured the city market area downtown. A man, carrying a big green sign with the word "snort," yelled, "Just answer the question. Did you do it? Don't feed the frenzy, just answer the question. Al Gore answered the question."

Bush testily refused to answer questions Wednesday about whether he had ever used illegal drugs, insisting that such personal issues have no place in the 2000 presidential race.

But later in the day, The Dallas Morning News asked him about the requirement that federal employees answer questions about drug use to get high-level security clearances.

"As I understand it, the current form asks the question, 'Did somebody use drugs within the last seven years?' and I will be glad to answer that question, and the answer is 'No,'" he told the newspaper.

At Wednesday's news conference, Bush said rumors about his personal life were "ridiculous and absurd," possibly planted by political opponents.

"You know what happens? Somebody floats a rumor and that causes you to ask a ques-

tion," Bush told reporters. "And that's the game in American politics, and I refuse to play it."

Since his first campaign for Texas governor in 1994, Bush has declined to answer some questions about his past.

Bush has said he quit drinking alcohol 13 years ago, when he turned 40. And in the wake of the President Clinton-Monica Lewinsky scandal, Bush said he's been faithful to his wife of more than 20 years.

The governor's campaign says Bush believes there is a line to be drawn between legitimate questions about his record and other inquiries.

"Important facts that people deserve to know about are how he's fulfilled his duties as governor, father, husband and employer. Those are relevant questions," said Bush spokesman Scott McClellan.

"He is going to take this on and say, 'Enough is enough.' If that leads to mistaken assumptions about his past, that's fine with him. He's not going to itemize for the children of America and his daughters, who are watching, everything he did or did not do in the past," McClellan said.

Comedians have capitalized on Bush's refusal to answer the drug question.

An Aug. 11 monologue by Jay Leno on "The Tonight Show": "Bush has come under fire lately for not answering questions about possible cocaine use. Well, today, he came out for mandatory drug testing. He says he is for it. In fact, he said, 'Look, whatever drugs you've got, bring them by. I will test them.'"

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FOR the proposal: Frank Simms, Charles Bowers, Jim Thompson, Robert A. Clark, Danny Hardcastle

AGAINST the proposal:

PRESENT and not voting: Phillip Smith

ABSENT: John Spearman, Jason Green

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Tax Rate	0.012347	0.021300
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Under this proposal taxes on the average homestead would increase by \$3.94 or 64.70 percent compared with last year's taxes. Comparing tax rates without adjusting for changes in property value, the tax rate would increase by \$0.008953 per \$100 of taxable value or 72.51 percent compared to last year's tax rate. These tax rate figures are not adjusted for changes in the taxable value of property.

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PPHM to host final Red River War lecture

CANYON — On Saturday, Aug. 21, the Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum will host the final lecture in a series entitled "From There to Here ... 125 Years After the Red River War" from 2:30-3:30 p.m. in Hazlewood Lecture Hall at the museum. The lecture will be conducted by Dr. T. Lindsay Baker, co-author of "Adobe Walls: The History and Archeology of the 1874 Trading Post."

In his presentation "Sifting Fact from Fiction in Evaluating Accounts of the 1874 Battle of Adobe Walls," Dr. Baker will examine a number of aspects of the June 27, 1874 battle, considering such topics as the "secret warning," multiple feats of marksmanship, the number of white and Native American participants in the engagement and determine which individuals actually were present at the event. Following the lecture, Baker will be available to autograph his books.

Baker received a bachelor of arts degree in history and geography, a masters of arts degree in history and a Ph.D. in history from Texas Tech University. He is currently the director of the Texas Heritage Museum, Hill College, in Hillsboro. His accomplishments include a vast list of publications on a wide variety of topics and numerous awards. Other interests include photography, backpacking, antique automobile restoration and historical interpretation.

On Sunday, Aug. 22, Dr. Baker will lead a group to the Adobe



Dr. T. Lindsay Baker

Walls battle site, where he will identify and interpret the archeological remains. Reservations are required for the bus trip. The lectures and bus trip are made possible in part by a grant from the Texas Council for the Humanities, a state partner of the National Endowment for the Humanities.

During the same weekend, The Texas Inter-Tribal Indian Organization will host its Ninth Annual Homecoming Pow Wow Aug. 21-22 at the Tri-State Fairgrounds, Rex Baxter Building in Amarillo. Billy Turpin, president of the organization, will provide pow wow interpretation at 11:30 a.m. To attend this interpretative presentation, call the museum at (806) 651-2245 for reservations.

TDH: ABCs of school safety first lesson children should learn

AUSTIN — The army of yellow buses snakes through urban neighborhoods and bumps along

Even though school buses are one of the safest forms of transportation in the nation ... injuries and deaths do occur ...

"Most children injured while riding school buses are actually hurt outside of the bus," said Gene Weatherall, chief of the TDH Bureau of Emergency Management. "A bus is surrounded by danger zones — areas directly in front of and at the rear of the bus where the driver may not be able to see people, especially small children."

Weatherall suggests teaching children to stay on the sidewalk when the bus stops to pick them up and to take five giant steps away from the bus when they exit. Children should never touch the outside of a bus when it is moving. And parents need to shorten or remove all loose or dangling drawstrings, ties, scarves and straps on clothes, backpacks and other items so children will not be caught by bus doors or hand railings.

Teaching children to walk safely also will help them get on and off the bus safely, Weatherall said. "In general, children under age nine cannot cross streets safely by themselves. They can't judge traffic conditions accurately, nor do they have the field of vision adults have."

TDH advises adults help children learn these safety lessons:

- Waiting for the bus:
 - Arrive at the bus stop at least five minutes early.
 - Walk on the sidewalk, not the road. Walk facing traffic if there is no sidewalk.
 - Stay away from the street while waiting for the bus and avoid horseplay.
 - Stay out of the danger zones directly in front or in back of the bus where the driver may not see you. Take five giant steps away from the bus until you see the driver and the driver sees you.
 - Stay away from the bus until it stops completely.
- Riding the bus:
 - Always use the handrail.
 - Sit down right away and stay seated. Keep hands, arms and head inside the bus.
 - Always follow the driver's instructions.
 - Don't throw things and don't yell or distract the driver.
 - Keep the bus clean. Keep belongings out of aisles and away from emergency exits.
 - Wait until the bus comes to a complete stop before getting up to leave.

- Boarding and leaving the bus:
 - Never crawl under or around a bus. If you drop something, tell the driver.
 - If you must cross the street, wait for the driver to signal you to go.
 - Cross the street in front of the bus — not the back — and look both ways for traffic.
 - Don't walk out from between parked cars.

Adults, too, need to be especially cautious when driving near schools, since children may forget their safety lessons.

When backing out of a driveway, watch for children walking or riding a bicycle, especially if there are no sidewalks in the neighborhood.

Slow down in school neighborhoods.

Be especially alert around the start and end of a school day. Children may be running across streets without looking. Pay close attention around school bus stops.

Obey school bus signals. Yellow flashing lights mean a bus is preparing to stop. Red flashing lights and/or extended STOP arms mean the bus has stopped to let children on or off. Drivers in all directions must stop until the lights quit flashing, the STOP arm is withdrawn and the bus begins moving or until the bus driver signals other drivers to go.

"Stop, look and listen are still the best rules for children to remember," Archer said. "Safety lessons are among the first and most important students will ever learn."

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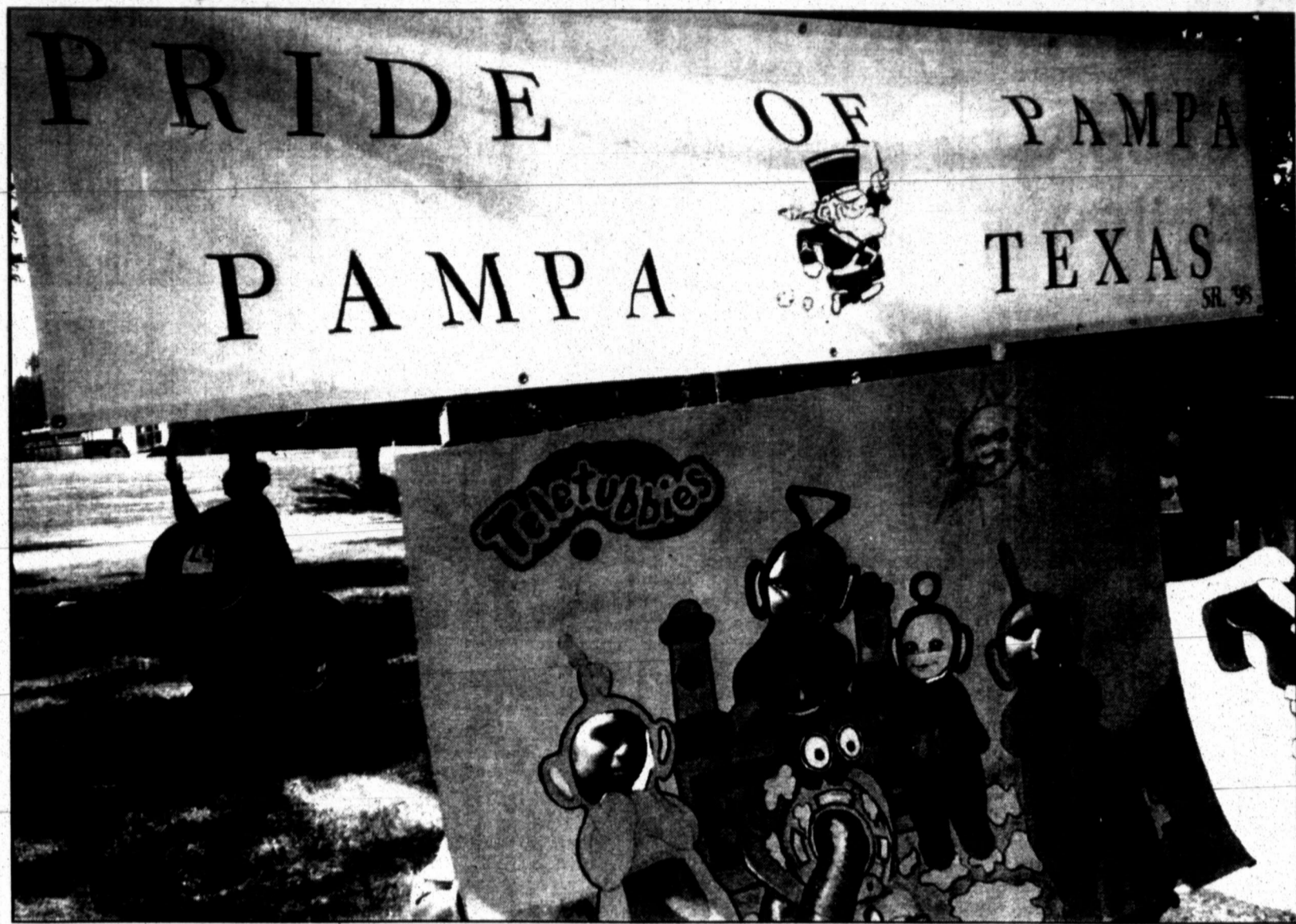
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 2nd Week
The Haunting (PG-13)
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 Sat. & Sun. Matinee 1:45

Chautauqua



Chautauqua '99 slated Labor Day in Central Park will include a variety of activities for children such as the "Teletubbies" booth provided by Pampa High Band at Chautauqua '98. (Special photo)

Mission ST S-96 Space Shuttle crew to visit area

AMARILLO — Five of the seven members of the Space Shuttle crew from mission STS-96 will visit Amarillo Aug. 20-22. It will be a homecoming for shuttle pilot and Amarillo native Rick Husband who will be joined by crew members Dan Barry, Ellen Ochoa, Julie Payette and Kent Rominger.

Husband attended several Amarillo public schools and graduated from Amarillo High School. He holds mechanical engineering degrees from Texas Texas University and California State University at Fresno. His mother, Jane Husband, and his wife's parents, Dan and Jean Neely, all live in Amarillo.

As part of the STS-96 mission, Husband carried several items on the shuttle for Amarillo schools and organizations. All five members of the crew visiting Amarillo will present those items to the respective Amarillo organizations during a public ceremony at 10 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 21 in the Grand Plaza of the Amarillo Civic Center. The crew will also discuss details of their mission last May to supply the International Space Station.

Following the 10 a.m. presentation, the astronauts will be available for questions in the Grand Plaza.

During the astronauts' visit to Amarillo, they will receive the keys to the city, see a performance of the play "TEXAS," enjoy dinner at the Big Texan Steak Ranch and receive a VIP tour of Bell Helicopter Tiltrotor Facility.

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Calendar of events

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THEE PLACE

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

ADHD/ADD SUPPORT GROUP

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

EMMAUS REUNION

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

OPEN DOOR ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

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

TRALEE CRISIS CENTER

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

RED CROSS

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

MACEDONIA BAPTIST CHURCH BREAKFAST

Macedonia Baptist Church, 441 Elm, will serve breakfast from 8-11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 21. For a donation, participants may enjoy

bacon, sausage, eggs, pancakes, coffee and juice. The Rev. I.L. Patrick and the congregation invites the public to attend. For more information, call 665-4926.

QUILT GUILD

Panhandle Piecemakers Quilt Guild will hold its regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. Aug. 26 at Pampa Senior Citizens Center, 500 W. Francis. For more information, call (806) 779-2115 or (806) 665-8062. Visitors are welcome.

PAS DANCE

Pampa Area Singles will hold a potluck dinner and dance Aug. 28 at M.K. Brown Auditorium. Dinner will be served at 7 p.m. and the dance will be from 8-11 p.m. Entertainment will be by Dee O'Kelley (Karoake Country). Cost is \$5 per person. The event will be alcohol and smoke free.

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

THE FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN COWBOYS

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

MUSEUM OF THE PLAINS

Museum of the Plains will host a Pioneer Day Celebration Saturday, Aug. 22 at the museum at 1200 N. Main in Perryton. The event will include live entertainment, exhibits, a raffle drawing and other activities for all ages. The museum will also present Cha' Tullis, Indian artist of Hominy, Okla., from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Aug. 21 and from 1-5 p.m. Aug. 22. For more information, call (806) 435-6400.

FPC CHOIR

Frank Phillips College in Borger will hold Community Choir rehearsals from 6:30-9:30 p.m. Monday evenings begin-

ning Aug. 23 in FPC Fine Arts Building, Room FA-28. Auditions for new members will be from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 14 or may be arranged. To schedule an appointment or for more information, call Dr. Judy Strecker, Music Department chair and Choir director at (806) 274-5311 or 1-800-687-2056, ext. 728.

TRIPP CONCERT

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



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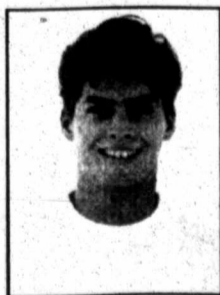
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DEAR ABBY: It's been more than 20 years since I sprawled on the grass, discussing dandelions with my daughter, who was not yet 10. Our headline news was filled with trouble in some Middle Eastern country.

As we lay together in the grass, my daughter asked, "What happens to dandelion seeds when they blow away?" I explained that they plant themselves and grow to make new dandelions. Before I could tell her that's why Daddy doesn't want them in our grass, she excitedly said, "Wouldn't it be great if we could put love on the seeds and blow them to the people fighting with each other, so love could grow instead?"

Her innocent, loving thought inspired me to write the following: "If I could blow my thoughts like dandelions to the wind, "Thoughts of love, peace and hope I'd send

"To seed hearts and souls the world therein"

Twenty years later our moment shared and my little poem came to mind yet again. I still have a loving daughter and still have the same dream. Perhaps these loving thoughts of my little girl will seed and inspire yet other loving thoughts to grow in this complex world we share. I pray that God will give our love seeds to grow.

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DEAR ANN: The sentiments



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of your inspirational poem are a heartwarming reminder that we reap what we sow. Thank you for sharing it.

DEAR ABBY: I have read with interest the letters you have printed from readers about the difficulties they encountered when trying to settle the farly estate after the parents pass on.

Before Mom and Dad died, they let it be known they didn't want any arguments or hard feelings during or after we kids divided up their worldly possessions. As executor of the estate, I felt responsible but had not yet devised a method for dividing the estate.

The day we six brothers and sisters arrived at the homestead in Oconto, Wis., Mom and Dad must have been watching over us. During the preliminary discussion, one of my sisters suggested that we put our names in a bowl for anything we wanted in the house and simply draw for it with no limitations. The next two days we spent together

turned out to be the most heartwarming, enjoyable experience for all of us. I still remember my sisters ordering me to put my name in the bowl for an antique dish that I wasn't interested in but they thought my wife might like.

I still have the small aluminum bowl with all our names engraved on it. I also still have the note my wife gave me as I left our house for Oconto: "Dear Abby, please remember that there is no material thing on this Earth more important than family."

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your life. Tonight: Take off for the weekend as soon as you can.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Others seek you, but you respond to one individual in particular. Money and love could merge. Deal with partnership matters. Talks bring smiles all around. Be careful about how much you are willing to invest. Tonight: Take some time off.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

Pursue goals, though you might need to jump a hurdle or two to get there. Clear your desk and finish chores. You have a renewed sense of accomplishment as you tidy up. You might not have plans for the weekend, but trust your spontaneity. Tonight: Fun, no matter what.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

Magic happens when you least expect it. Allow others to express their ideas. Listen to a boss. You're a candidate for a promotion or pay raise. Willingly incorporate new ideas and methods. Ultimately, you are getting more freedom. Tonight: Make weekend plans.

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Horoscope

FRIDAY, AUG. 20, 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)

Another pays a heartfelt compliment, perhaps not verbally but by a look or action—single, a flirtation could lead to a lot more. Attend a meeting, but don't be surprised by a quirky turn of events. Be spontaneous. Know what you want. Tonight: Take off ASAP.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

Build on established ground. Count on a special partnership. Seek financing or support for a domestic or real-estate investment. Working as a team pleases you enormously. Even someone you find unpredictable pitches in. Tonight: An old-fashioned date.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

Express exactly what you feel—you could be pleasantly surprised by another's response. Your words convey the message you intend. A new item to help your daily life and communication works better than anticipated. Unexpected news comes your way. Tonight: Take off ASAP.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

Finish work early, then take a stroll at lunchtime and buy yourself or another a gift. Good will naturally come out of your actions. An associate surprises

es you. Use care in joint financial matters. Tonight: Run an errand or two, then join friends.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

Dynamic energy surrounds you. Express and act upon your feelings. Unexpected decisions from an associate no longer throw you into a tizzy. You feel most centered. Investigate an opportunity. Worry less about constancy. Tonight: Whatever pleases you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Pressure to break past restrictions is intense. Be open to new information and methods; work is streamlined as a result. Follow your intuition with a loved one. You could fall madly in love with someone you meet today. Still, proceed with caution! Tonight: Home.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

You finally connect with another. Know what you want and what works for you. Make calls and reach out for others. Know what your expectations are. A friendship deepens if you are ready. Children may be willful. Tonight: Catch up on a friend's news.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

Indulgence marks your work and life in general. You could easily go overboard to impress another. What seems like a great buy now might become an albatross later. Check it out carefully. Declare greater independence and freedom on the homefront. Tonight: Your great!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Go for what you want. Don't do anything halfway. Others are quirky and capricious. Make plans. A trip in the near future could provide a lot of pleasure. Someone quite exotic strolls into

Crossword Puzzle

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS DOWN

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- 11 Bard's river
- 12 Colorful bird
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- 14 Most unusual
- 15 Got
- 17 Fancy planter
- 18 Patriot Ethan
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- 24 Flat paper
- 25 Mongrel
- 26 Cleaveland player, for short
- 27 Wide awake
- 30 Irritate
- 32 Consumerist
- 33 Flightless bird
- 34 Castle parts
- 38 Lessen
- 41 Scope
- 42 Ecstatic
- 43 Camera part
- 44 Rope parts
- 45 Tacks on

DENY GOSPEL
AMIE OBLIGE
WIGS TOOTOO
NTH SUIT
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SOFAR TRIBE
IVAN OGLE
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AGENCY ULINA
DODGES GLAD

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GOLF

PLANO — Perry Arthur, the head professional at Stonebridge Country Club, came from three strokes behind to claim the Northern Texas PGA Club Professional Championship. The victory is Arthur's second consecutive NTPGA individual stroke play major championship. In June, he won the Lynn Alexander Autogroup Western Championship held at Quicksand Golf Course in San Angelo.

Arthur fired rounds of 69-67 for a two-round total of 136 (8 under par) on the par 72,649-yard layout at Prestonwood Country Club.

Pampa Country Club professional Mickey Piersall tied for 31st with a two-round total of 145.

BASEBALL

CLEVELAND (AP) — Based on the explosive way the Texas Rangers have been hitting lately, it was just a matter of time until they overwhelmed the suddenly slumping Cleveland Indians.

Rafael Palmeiro hit a three-run homer and Royce Clayton had a two-run shot in a five-run seventh inning Wednesday night, giving the Rangers a 6-1 victory.

The Rangers have 44 runs and 60 hits during a four-game winning streak that has helped them to a 6 1/2-game lead in the AL West.

Texas has pounded Cleveland pitching, hitting 10 homers in winning the first three games of the four-game series by a combined 34-10 score.

John Burkett (4-6) pitched eight strong innings to get his first victory since July 22. He held Cleveland's lineup to one run and five hits and had a season-high eight strikeouts.

Burkett lowered his ERA from 6.30 to 5.90.

"I felt more comfortable than I have all year," Burkett said. "When it is an important game, I believe I'm going to do it. I was confident and felt good."

Palmeiro snapped a 1-1 tie in the seventh with his 33rd homer of the season. Rusty Greer opened the inning with a single and went to third on a double by Juan Gonzalez before Palmeiro homered off Charles Nagy (13-8).

"Nagy always pitches me tough. He just made a mistake and left a pitch up in the zone. I looked at their defensive alignment, and the second baseman and first baseman were back. I was just trying to hit it their way and score the runner from third," said Palmeiro, who has nine homers in his last 20 games.

After Todd Zeile singled, Nagy was replaced by Ricardo Rincon, who was helped by two sensational fielding plays.

Roberto Alomar made a diving stop of a sharp grounder and flipped the ball over his back to shortstop Omar Vizquel to force Zeile. Clayton then hit his seventh homer for a 6-1 lead.

After Tom Goodwin walked, Mark McLemore hit a drive into the gap in right-center, but Manny Ramirez made a running, backhanded catch and doubled Goodwin off first base to end the inning.

Texas, which has 17 homers in its last five games, scratched out a first-inning run when McLemore singled, went to third on a one-out single by Greer and scored on a groundout by Gonzalez.

Cleveland tied it in the sixth. Vizquel got a bunt single, stole second and scored on Ramirez's one-out single.

Ramirez went to third on David Justice's single, but Burkett struck out Jim Thome and Richie Sexson to end the rally.

Nagy said he had experienced flu-like symptoms all week and might have gotten a bit weak in the seventh.

Pampa to have first scrimmage

PAMPA — Head coach Dennis Cavalier is hoping for a highly-productive scrimmage when the Pampa Harvesters go against the Borger Bulldogs at 7:30 Friday night in Borger. What transpires on the field tomorrow night will lay the groundwork for next week's Pampa practice sessions.

"The scrimmage is a wonderful opportunity to record all of our players in the program and it also gives the players an opportunity to see themselves in action. From a varsity standpoint, it's (video tape) a great teaching tool for the individual players," Cavalier said.

The controlled scrimmage will have Pampa and Borger's first-team units running 12 consecutive plays before switching the offense and defense. The second group will run 15 plays and the third unit 12.

The teams will also play one quarter like a regulation game. Punt protection, overtime tiebreakers, field goal and extra point situations will also be worked on.

"We're excited about playing a team with different-colored jerseys, much like everyone else is," Cavalier said. "There's always a heightened anticipation about that first scrimmage, especially when the opponent is Borger."

Cavalier is hoping the scrimmage will revive an offense that has been struggling the last few workouts.

"I said earlier that the offense and defense seemed to be about even, but right now the offense is far behind compared to the defense. It's not that we don't know what to do. Remembering what to do is the problem."

Cavalier sees Borger as the team to beat in District 3-4A.

"In the pre-season rankings, Borger is regarded as the odds-on favorite to win district," Cavalier said. "Fortunately, we don't have to play them until the last game of the season. That will give us a chance to formulate a game plan against them."

Cubs slump continues

PHOENIX (AP) — The Arizona Diamondbacks swept three games from reeling Chicago for the second time in 10 days Wednesday night, beating the Cubs 3-1 behind the pitching of Andy Benes and solo home runs by Erubiel Durazo and Steve Finley.

The Cubs lost for the 10th time in 11 games amid increasing speculation that manager Jim Riggleman will soon be fired.

Benes (8-11) was the fourth consecutive Diamondback starter to have a strong outing. Omar Daal pitched a 4-0 shutout over Milwaukee on Sunday, Randy Johnson struck out 11 in a 10-3 win over the Cubs on Monday and Brian Anderson threw a three-hitter in a 4-0 victory over Chicago on Tuesday.

Benes allowed four hits, walked two and struck out three in eight innings. Sammy Sosa went 0-for-4 against Benes, including two strikeouts.

The Cubs loaded the bases in the ninth with one out, but Matt Mantei struck out Glenallen Hill and caught Chad Meyers' soft liner to the mound to earn his 20th save.

Kevin Tapani (6-11) lost his sixth consecutive start and is 0-8 in his last nine outings.

Returning starters



The Fort Elliott Cougars return four starters — C.J. Bryant (from left), Nathan Hefley, Curt Smith and Clay Zybach — to the 1999 football team. The Cougars kick off the season Sept. 3 at Lefors. (Pampa News photo)

Palmer entered in National Masters meet

PAMPA — Wendell Palmer of Pampa warmed up for the National Masters meet in a big way last weekend.

Competing in the Senior Games in Lubbock, Palmer swept the shot (39-10), discus (151-0) and javelin (110) in the 65-69 age group, winning the gold medal in all three events. He cleared 5-6 to take second in the standing broad jump.

It was the year's final meet in senior track and field before the Nationals, set for Aug. 26-29 in Orlando, Fla. Palmer, a local school teacher, is the defending National champion in the shot and discus. He won both of those events last year in Orono, Maine. He placed third in the hammer throw.

Palmer has been named Field Athlete of the Year in his age group two years in a row by the National Masters News.

Wendell Palmer is hoping to bring the National Weight Pentathlon to Pampa in September of 2000.

"We'd like to see in put in the central of the United States, so

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more people from both coasts can participate," he said.

The pentathlon consists of five throwing events: hammer, shot, discus, javelin and weight.

SEVILLE, Spain (AP) — On the eve of the World Championships, track and field got the last thing it needed — another drug scandal.

Already reeling from a series of high-profile doping cases, the sport took a massive blow Wednesday with the news that one of its most prolific stars, sprinter Merlene Ottey, had tested positive for a banned steroid.

The 39-year-old Jamaican pulled out of the championships, which open Saturday, after learning that traces of Nandrolone were found in her urine sample at a meet in Lucerne, Switzerland, on July 5.

Nandrolone, a performance-enhancer that goes back to the 1970s and has been detectable for years in conventional drug con-

ness in sports and adamantly oppose the use of banned substances." The International Amateur Athletic Federation, the sport's world governing body, confirmed that Ottey's "A" sample turned up positive for Nandrolone. The backup "B" sample is due to be analyzed in the next few days at the IOC-accredited laboratory in Lausanne, Switzerland.

Experts said this could be the result of more sensitive testing procedures or a sign that Nandrolone is being ingested unwittingly in other products or food supplements.

Ottey, who has won more World Championship medals (14) than any other male, or female athlete, said she was the victim of a "terrible mistake" and would fight to prove her innocence. She offered to undergo another test.

"To write this statement has been the most difficult and emotionally draining experience of my life," Ottey said in announcing her withdrawal. "I have lived my personal and athletic life with the utmost honesty and integrity."

"I have applied only the highest ethical standards to myself and expect the same from others. I have always proclaimed fair-

ness in sports and adamantly oppose the use of banned substances."

The International Amateur Athletic Federation, the sport's world governing body, confirmed that Ottey's "A" sample turned up positive for Nandrolone. The backup "B" sample is due to be analyzed in the next few days at the IOC-accredited laboratory in Lausanne, Switzerland.

If the "B" sample is also positive, Ottey faces a possible two-year ban that would effectively end her career and erase her hopes of competing in her sixth Olympics next year in Sydney.

"It was a shock to me," said IAAF general secretary Istvan Gyulai, who was notified of the positive test earlier this week. "It was also a personal disaster (for Ottey). ... You can say it is sad, it is disappointing, that at a rather mature age, some athletes believe this is the way to continue at center stage."

Ottey's agent, Daniel Zimmerman, said the sprinter was adamant that the test result was wrong.

Deion uncertain about return

WICHITA FALLS, Texas (AP) — If Deion Sanders knows when his left big toe will stop hurting enough to let him return to the Dallas Cowboys, he's not saying. He is willing to joke about it, though.

When told Wednesday that trainer Jim Maurer has said he's aiming for Sanders to be back for the Sept. 12 opener against Washington, Sanders raised his eyebrows and said: "Yeah? On the sideline? Coaching?"

When reminded that Cowboys owner Jerry Jones has said Sanders could be back by October, Sanders said: "I would think people must confer with me before speaking their goals." He then cackled and added, "My goal is just whatever the Lord will have me to do, brother."

So, is there a chance he'll be ready for the opener?

"I don't know. You'll have to ask Him," Sanders said, once again cracking himself up.

The 31-year-old Sanders has a financial incentive to return quickly. If he plays 70 percent of Dallas' defensive snaps and makes the Pro Bowl, he'll get a \$1.5 million bonus. He's already made \$3.5 million in bonuses and has a \$3 million base salary as part of a five-year deal that pays him the highest annual salary (\$10.5 million a year) in league history.

But the guy once known as Neon and who still answers to the name Prime Time was uncharacteristically hush-mouthed about the specifics of his rehabilitation.

"I can't let you in on all the things I do," he said.

He was even secretive about how long he spends doing whatever it is he won't say that he does.

"I can't reveal that," Sanders said. "I'll just tell you I'm doing what I must do to get back to the manner I'm accustomed to playing."

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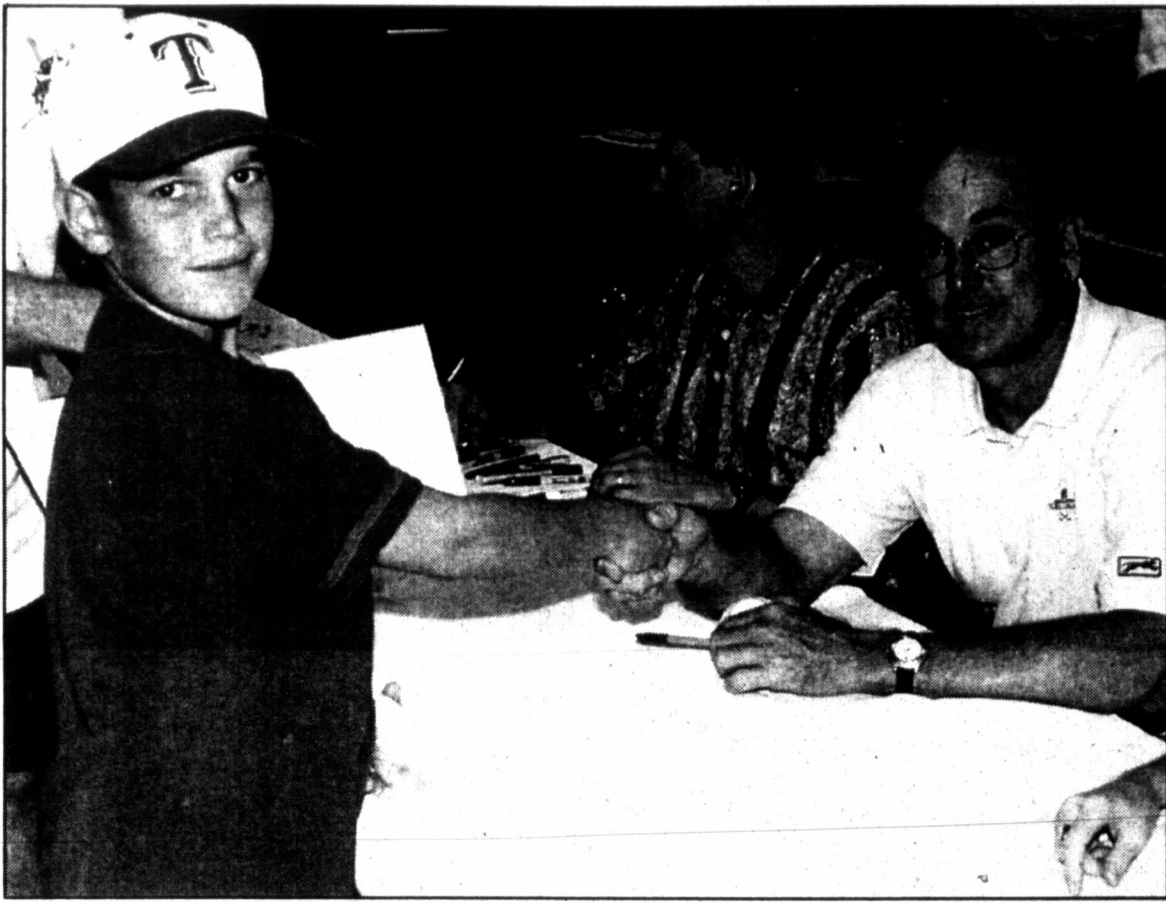
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Robby meets Ryan



(Special photo)

Robby Dixon, 10, of Pampa gets a handshake from Baseball Hall of Fame pitcher Nolan Ryan during an autograph session recently in Arlington. Ryan, the major league's all-time strikeout leader, was inducted into the Hall of Fame last month in Cooperstown, N.Y. Robby is the son of Robert Jr. and Debbie Dixon of Pampa.

Everett's hit sparks Astros' rally

HOUSTON (AP) — It took the Houston Astros until the eighth inning to finally crack the Milwaukee Brewers, and when they did, it was Carl Everett who got the big hit.

Everett hit a two-run double that highlighted a five-run rally Wednesday night as the Astros beat the Brewers 6-4 and took sole possession of first place in the NL Central.

"Being back in first place by any margin is better than no margin at all," Astros manager Larry Dierker said. "We get to rest on that for 24 hours and be out there again."

Everett is hitting .475 and has hit in eight of his 10 games since returning from a hamstring injury Aug. 6.

"This was a team victory," Everett said. "Russ Johnson has been spectacular for us. He came up with the big hit to start us off. Then we just kept going."

Houston moved one game ahead of Cincinnati with its third straight victory. The Reds lost 12-6 to Pittsburgh. Milwaukee dropped its fourth in a row.

Hideo Nomo took a 4-1 lead into the eighth, but singles by pinch-hitter Johnson and Craig Biggio and a walk to pinch-hitter Ken Caminiti loaded the bases.

"I was mainly just throwing straight pitches and they were swinging at them," Nomo said. "This is my second-toughest type of defeat. The first type is when I

get the loss." With Jeff Bagwell at the plate, a wild pitch by reliever Eric Plunk (2-3) scored a run. After Bagwell struck out, Everett followed with a double down the right-field line that tied it at 4.

"What really hurt us was the wild pitch," Brewers manager Jim Lefebvre said. "We got the strike-out on Bagwell and then Everett came back that with big hit."

Everett stole third, and Lance Berkman walked with one out. Reliever Bob Wickman struck out Bill Spiers before Paul Bako singled home the go-ahead run. Ricky Gutierrez also delivered an RBI single to complete the five-run eighth.

Johnson is hitting .666 in his last nine at-bats as a pinch-hitter, including a double, stolen base and three runs scored.

"I was just trying to get on base and do my part," Johnson said. "This is a great team. Nomo pitched a great game and we had to fight back to win this game."

Brian Williams (2-1) pitched the eighth for Houston and got the victory. Billy Wagner got his 30th save in 32 opportunities, striking out three in the ninth.

Nomo allowed six hits in seven strong innings. At one stretch, he retired five batters on five pitches.

"He pitched really well against this lineup," Brewers manager Jim Lefebvre said. "We have a lot of confidence when he pitches, so I think we play better behind

him." Houston starter Mike Hampton failed to become the first 17-game winner in the NL. Hampton remained tied for the lead with teammate Jose Lima and Kent Bottenfield of the St. Louis Cardinals.

Hampton, who has won his last seven decisions, allowed five hits and struck out nine in seven innings.

Everett walked to start the second inning and scored on Spiers' double. After that, Nomo was in control — he retired the side on three pitches in third, then needed just six pitches to get through the fourth.

The Brewers got to Hampton in the first inning with three hits and two runs. A sacrifice fly by Alex Ochoa and a single by Marquis Grissom — his 1,500th career hit — produced the runs.

Grissom went 3-for-4 and also had an RBI single in the eighth inning off Williams.

After Lou Collier got the Brewers' third hit in the first, Hampton retired 15 of the next 16 batters until Grissom tripled with two outs in the sixth and scored on Collier's single.

Notes: Hampton has a 35-18 record in 96 starts at home. ... Nomo has allowed an average of five hits per game and has not given up more than nine hits this season. ... Wagner's last seven outs have come on strikeouts.

'Boys of Summer' gather to remember Reese

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — When Jackie Robinson's widow remembers Pee Wee Reese, she thinks of the spot at the Dodgertown training facility in Vero Beach, Fla., where Pee Wee Reese Street meets Jackie Robinson Lane.

To Mrs. Rachel Robinson, the crossing perfectly symbolizes the fortuitous intersection of Reese and Robinson's baseball careers in 1947, the year Robinson joined the Brooklyn Dodgers and broke major league baseball's color barrier.

"Each of them grew from that experience," Mrs. Robinson said Wednesday at the funeral for Reese, the Hall of Fame shortstop and captain of the Dodgers' "Boys of Summer" teams of the 1940s and '50s.

Reese died Saturday in Louisville at 81 after a two-year fight with lung cancer.

In 1947, though a native of Jim Crow-era Kentucky, Reese refused to sign a petition that threatened a boycott if Robinson joined the team. Then, as Robinson was being heckled by fans in Cincinnati during the Dodgers' first road trip, Reese went over to talk to the second baseman, putting his arm around Robinson's shoulder in a gesture of inclusion and support.

Mrs. Robinson, who was home in New York, recalled hearing what Reese had done. "I thought it was a very supportive gesture, and very instinctive on Pee Wee's part," she said. "You shouldn't forget that Pee Wee was the captain, and he led the way."

Pitcher Carl Erskine will never forget Reese's bravery.

"Think of the guts that took," he said. "Pee Wee had to go home (to segregated Louisville) and answer to his friends. ... I told Jackie later that (Reese's gesture) helped my race more than his."

Some 2,000 people attended the service at Southeast Christian Church for Reese, including nearly all the surviving Boys of Summer: Erskine; Duke Snider; Don Zimmer (who took a temporary leave from his post as bench coach of the New York Yankees); Joe Black; Don Newcombe; Ralph Branca; Clyde King — even the deeply private Sandy Koufax.

"He was a teammate for four years, a friend for 40," Koufax said. "What is there to say?"

Southeast minister Bob Russell eulogized Reese, an eight-time All-Star who played on seven pennant winners and one World Series winner, and who followed his playing career with one in broadcasting. The 45-minute service included video clips and a rendition of "Amazing Grace."

"There have been a lot of great baseball players, a lot of well-known announcers," Russell said. "Pee Wee Reese is more remembered for being a good man, a gentleman, a leader, a competitor, a courageous person."

Russell noted that "Roommates," a book about Reese and Robinson and the friendship that grew between them, is now used to teach racial tolerance in some elementary schools.

Former Dodgers owner Peter O'Malley, whose father Walter moved the team from Brooklyn to Los Angeles, was impressed as a teen-ager by the esteem in which Reese's Boys of Summer teammates held their captain.

"Pee Wee had something, today you'd call it people skills," O'Malley said. "He knew how to communicate. I think he would have been an extraordinary manager."

Former Green Bay Packers running back Paul Hornung, a fellow Louisvillian, remembered playing golf with Reese and traveling with him to sign autographs at sports shows.

"It was really something special when we went to New York," he said. "His lines were as long as Joe DiMaggio's."

"He was the tradition, he was the greatest Dodger of them all," Snider said, remembering a trip to Hawaii with Reese and Zimmer to attend the baseball winter meetings.

"They had a big chair there that was called the 'Kahuna chair,'" Snider said. "Zimmer said to him, 'Captain, that's your chair.'"

"I'm not all that analytical to be able to put into words what it was," Snider added. "Whenever anyone needed any help, you went to Pee Wee, or he went to them. He was very concerned about each individual on the ball club and their happiness. Whenever anyone was having family problems, or in a slump, he'd help them out."

"It was the way he handled himself."

Scoreboard

BASEBALL

National League At A Glance

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East Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
New York	74	48	.607	—
Atlanta	73	49	.598	1
Philadelphia	64	58	.523	9
Florida	50	71	.413	23 1/2
Montreal	49	71	.408	24

Central Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Houston	73	49	.598	—
Cincinnati	70	48	.583	1
St. Louis	62	60	.508	11
Pittsburgh	60	60	.500	12
Milwaukee	54	64	.458	17
Chicago	51	68	.429	20 1/2

West Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Arizona	70	51	.579	—
San Francisco	61	59	.508	8 1/2
San Diego	55	65	.458	15
Los Angeles	54	67	.446	16
Colorado	54	68	.443	16 1/2

Tuesday's Games

Montreal 2, San Francisco 1, 12 innings
Houston 8, Milwaukee 6
Cincinnati 7, Pittsburgh 4, 12 innings

St. Louis 6, Philadelphia 5
Colorado 3, Atlanta 2, 3:20 p.m.
Arizona 4, Chicago 0

San Diego 3, New York 2
Florida 6, Los Angeles 1
Pittsburgh 12, Cincinnati 4

Wednesday's Games
Colorado 4, Atlanta 1
San Francisco 5, Montreal 6
Pittsburgh 12, Cincinnati 4
Houston 6, Milwaukee 4
Philadelphia 6, St. Louis 5
Los Angeles 7, Florida 0

Thursday's Games
Arizona 3, Chicago 1
New York 9, San Diego 1
Thursday's Games
Milwaukee (Karl 8-10) at Houston (Holt 3-11), 1:35 p.m.

Atlanta (Smoltz 8-6) at Colorado (Kile 7-11), 4:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Benson 10-8) at Cincinnati (Harnisch 12-6), 7:05 p.m.

Friday's Games
Colorado (Astacio 13-9) at Chicago (Famsworth 2-8), 3:20 p.m.
Houston (Floyd 14-9) at Florida (Dempsie 5-6), 7:05 p.m.

Arizona (Stottlemyre 4-1) at Pittsburgh (Ritchie 11-8), 7:05 p.m.
Montreal (Powell 1-5) at Cincinnati (Neagle 3-4), 7:05 p.m.

Los Angeles (K-Brown 14-6) at Philadelphia (Person 7-3), 7:35 p.m.
St. Louis (Oliver 7-8) at New York (Hershiser 12-9), 7:40 p.m.

San Diego (Clement 6-11) at Atlanta (Glavin 10-9), 7:40 p.m.
San Francisco (Rutler 10-7) at Milwaukee (Pulsipher 3-3), 8:05 p.m.

American League At A Glance

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East Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
New York	73	46	.613	—
Boston	67	53	.558	6 1/2
Toronto	65	58	.528	10
Baltimore	53	66	.445	20
Tampa Bay	52	69	.430	22

Central Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Cleveland	72	47	.605	—
Chicago	57	62	.479	15
Minnesota	50	68	.424	21 1/2
Kansas City	48	71	.403	24
Detroit	47	73	.392	25 1/2

West Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Texas	72	49	.595	—

NEW YORK JETS—Signed WR Quinn Early.

HOCKEY

National Hockey League

ATLANTA THRASHERS—Agreed to terms with F Kelly Buchberger on a three-year contract.

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OTTAWA SENATORS—Named Andre Sevard assistant coach, Jarmo Kekalainen director of player personnel, Frank Jay chief amateur scout, Ken Williamson western U.S. amateur scout, and Lewis Morgenthaler U.S. amateur scout.

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x-Los Angeles 19 11 633 8
x-Sacramento 19 12 613 6 1/2
Phoenix 15 16 484 10 1/2
Minnesota 14 16 467 11
Utah 13 17 433 12

TRANSACTIONS

Wednesday's Sports Transactions

By The Associated Press

BASEBALL
American League
CLEVELAND INDIANS—Placed LHP Mark Langston on the 15-day disabled list.

Optioned LHP Tom Martin to Buffalo of the International League. Purchased the contract of LHP Chris Haney and recalled RHP Jason Rakers from Buffalo.

PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES—Acquired OF Rich Becker from the Milwaukee Brewers for a player to be named. Optioned OF Jason McDonald to Midland of the Texas League.

NATIONAL LEAGUE
CHICAGO CUBS—Signed 1B Mark Grace to a one-year contract extension.

PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES—Signed 1B Rico Brogna to a one-year contract extension.

BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
CHARLOTTE HORNETS—Signed C Todd Fuller.

MIAMI HEAT—Signed Pat Riley, coach, to a contract extension.

SEATTLE SUPERSONICS—Re-signed F Vin Baker to a seven-year contract.

WASHINGTON WIZARDS—Agreed to terms with G Mitch Richmond on a four-year contract.

FOOTBALL
National Football League
ARIZONA CARDINALS—Waived WR Ronnie Anderson. Signed OT Todd Stewart.

CHICAGO BEARS—Released LB Andre Collins and LB Jim Schwartz. Signed LB Anthony Jordan.

CINCINNATI BENGALS—Waived NT Marcus Dow and WR Geoff Noisy.

CLEVELAND BROWNS—Signed OG Alex Bernstein.

NEW YORK GIANTS—Announced the retirement of CB Mark Collins. Signed DE Hunter Adams.

Penn State the pick in tough Big 10

CHICAGO (AP) — After 33 years as a head coach, five unbeaten teams, two national titles and four near-misses, Penn State coach Joe Paterno knows something about good teams.

So when he says he feels better about his No. 2 Nittany Lions than the 1997 version, which started the season No. 1 and spent most of the year there, that says a lot.

"There is all kinds of potential there," he said. "But as an old coach at Maryland said to a kid, 'Your potential is going to cost me my job.' So we need more than potential."

At 72 and with 307 victories, Paterno doesn't know how much longer he'll coach. He doesn't play golf, and the idea of traveling, playing shuffleboard or whatever else retirees are supposed to do doesn't appeal much either.

But it's what he's not saying these days that has everyone wondering if Paterno is a top-five season away from calling it quits. After years of telling recruits he'd be at Penn State for their four years, he won't make that promise anymore.

"I still like to go out there and horse around and demonstrate," he said. "I'm going to retire when I feel like it. It may be two years, four years, eight years or 10 years. I don't know. How do you like that?"

If Paterno is looking to leave with a national title, this is probably his best shot. With 19 starters back, the Nittany Lions are their strongest since 1994, when they went 12-0 and finished No. 2 only because of that pre-bowl alliance nonsense.

Like most of Paterno's great teams — they don't call it Linebacker U for nothing — this one starts with defense. Nine starters return from last year's team that allowed less than 100 yards rushing a game and led the Big Ten with 47 sacks.

Linebacker LaVar Arrington is everybody's preseason All-American. Though he started last season as a backup, he was among the Big Ten's leaders in tackles for loss, sacks, pass breakups and fumbles forced.

Then there's linebacker Brandon Short, who put the NFL on hold for another shot at a national title.

"Arrington is, obviously, a tremendous athlete and has the

potential to be a really great football player," Paterno said. "He is not there yet. He is a little bit inconsistent in some things he does in his techniques."

"On the other hand, Brandon Short is really a fine, solid, all-around linebacker. You know what you are going to get out of him on every play."

Penn State also has defensive end Courtney Brown and cornerback David Macklin, both of whom are future NFL draft picks.

"To go down as one of the good defenses we have had around here, they have got to every once in awhile just take over the football game when the going gets tough," Paterno said. "I think they are ready to do that."

Penn State's passing game — Kevin Thompson threw eight interceptions to six touchdowns last year — is going to have to improve if the Nittany Lions have any shot at the Sugar Bowl.

They open against No. 4 Arizona in the Piggskin Classic and also play No. 12 Miami. They don't get any breaks in the Big Ten schedule, either, playing both No. 8 Michigan and No. 9 Ohio State.

Michigan and Ohio State didn't get any help from the schedule gods, either. The Wolverines play Notre Dame and Syracuse in non-conference games, while the Buckeyes get Miami and UCLA.

Michigan is determined to prove that last season, which started with two losses, was a fluke. Tom Brady, who got better as the season went on, returns at quarterback, and he'll be pushed by Drew Henson.

Though Tai Streets is a big loss, DiAllo Johnson and Marcus Knight are ready to step up, and former prep standout David Terrell is itching to show he's worth all his hype.

The Buckeyes lost, well, just about everything. Joe Germaine and his favorite targets, David Boston and Dee Miller, are gone. So, too, are 1997 Butkus winner Andy Katzenmoyer, second-team All-American defensive back Damon Moore and Antoine Winfield.

And Rob Murphy, expected to anchor the offensive line, flunked out of school last spring.

"We probably lost more key players than at any other time that I've been at Ohio State," coach John Cooper said.

But Ohio State still has running

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BASKETBALL

Women's National Basketball Association

At A Glance

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Eastern Conference	W	L	Pct.	GB
yx-New York	17	13	.567	—
Charlotte	15	16	.484	2 1/2
Orlando	14	16	.467	3
Detroit	13	17	.433	4
Washington	12	19	.387	5 1/2
Cleveland	6	24	.200	11

Western Conference	W	L	Pct.	GB
yx-Houston	25	5	.833	—
x-Los Angeles	19	11	.633	6
x-Sacramento	19	12	.613	6 1/2
Phoenix	15	16	.484	10 1/2
Minnesota	14	16	.467	11
Utah	13	17	.433	12

yx-clinched conference title
x-clinched playoff berth

Wednesday's Games
Orlando 93, Detroit 81
Houston 70, Phoenix 60
Los Angeles 72, Minnesota 54

Thursday's Game
Cleveland at New York, 7:30 p.m.

Friday's Games
Detroit at Charlotte, 8 p.m.
Orlando at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Utah at Phoenix, 10 p.m.
Houston at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.

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'High School of the Week' program to showcase schools statewide

CORPUS CHRISTI — Whataburger and the Texas State Networks are once again teaming up for the third year of the "Whataburger Texas High School of the Week" program. The "High School of the Week" program recognizes outstanding Texas high school athletic and scholastic programs.

Throughout the school year, the TSN sports staff will select one high school each week to be showcased over the 137 TSN affiliate stations, through daily features profiling the school, a coach, one of their teams (which vary by season), and a male and female scholar/athlete. Additionally, each high school will receive a banner to display their selection as "High School of the Week."

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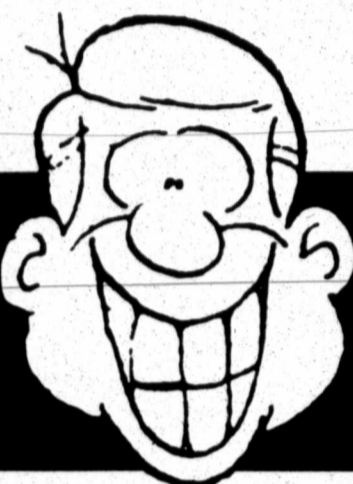
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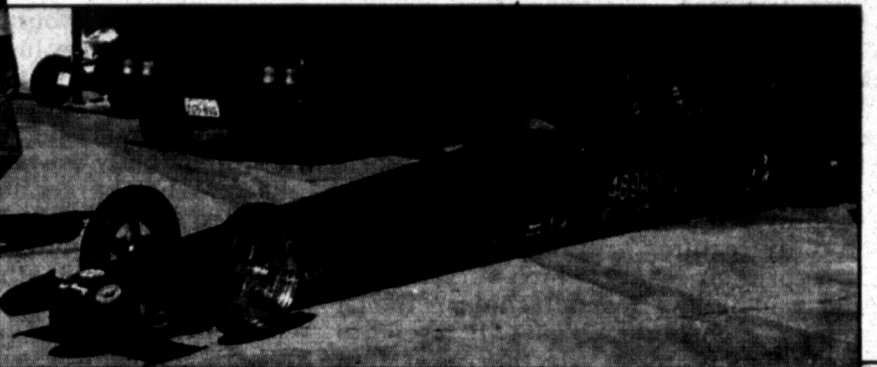
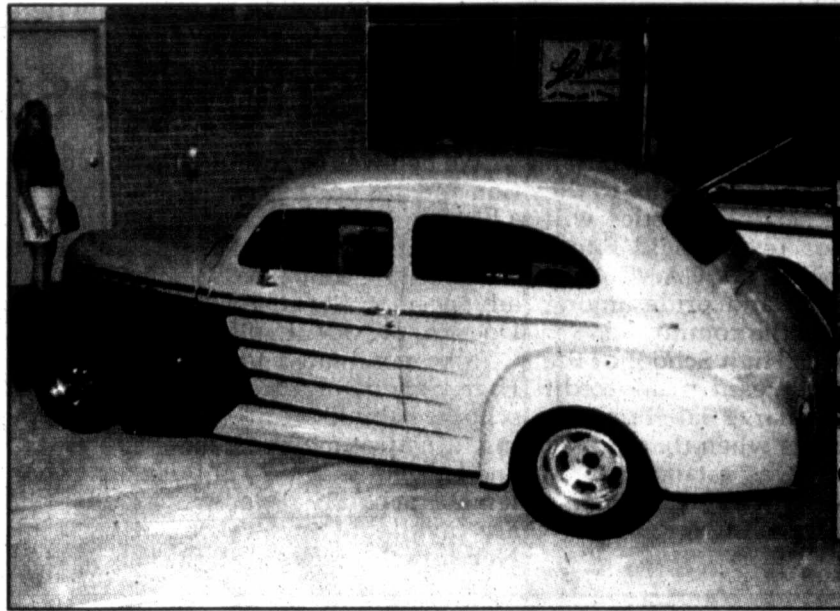
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