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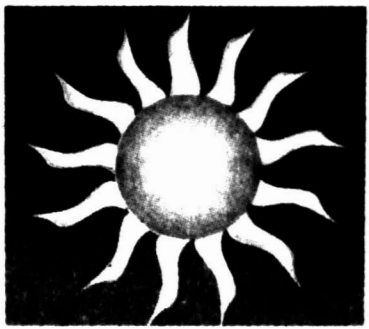
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LUBBOCK (AP) — It took a jury less than an hour Monday to convict a 29-year-old man of killing his parents.

A defense attorney said Michael Yowell was insane when he shot his father in the head, strangled his mother with a lamp cord and blew up the family home.

Jurors didn't buy the argument. They will decide Tuesday whether Yowell should spend life in prison or receive lethal injection for the May 1998 slayings.

The charred corpses of John Yowell, 55, and Carol Yowell, 53, were strewn amid the rubble of their home after an early morning explosion.

Carol Yowell's mother, 89-year-old Viola Davis, also was in the house when her grandson opened a gas valve and took off into the night. The elderly woman died two weeks later of burns and smoke inhalation. That case has not gone to trial.

Prosecutor Matt Powell said Yowell originally planned to shoot both his parents, but his gun broke during the confrontation.

Instead, Yowell attacked his mother with a knife, then wrapped a cord around her neck and strangled her for at least five minutes, Powell said.

Yowell was an alcoholic and a junkie desperate for drug money at the time of the slayings, defense lawyer Jack Stoffregen told the courtroom.

- Hillmer Koch, 89, farmer, rancher.
- K.S. 'Tommy' Lee, 75, former district office manager for Skelly/Getty Oil Company.
- Deanna Luverne Mixon, 49, homemaker, Mobeetie City Council member.
- Inez R. Smith, 84, homemaker.

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Southside clean-up day rated a success 32 tons of trash collected

Saturday may have dawned blustery and cold but it did not dampen the spirits and efforts of volunteers who gathered at Prairie Village Park to start the Southside Clean-up Project.

In all, about 45 volunteers — ranging from small children to teenagers to adults — took part in the effort that was to have concluded at noon, but instead lasted until 4:30 p.m.

The volunteers split into two groups to begin cleaning alleys. One group moved to the Prairie Drive alley and the other worked the Huff Road alley.

Working with the volunteers were city crews who ran front end loaders and trucks and landfill employees worked to make sure all the trash was taken into the landfill and buried.

And what a load it was. The landfill recorded about 32 tons of trash brought in from the effort.

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Ward IV Commissioner Faustina Curry, who was part of the volunteer group, said there was good support and work from city staff members. "But the real credit for pulling off this clean-up day goes to the residents of Prairie Village and the Southside

(See SOUTHSIDE, Page 2)

Deputies turning to anthropologist for murder clues

By DAVID BOWSER
Staff Writer

Gray County officers are hoping that a forensic anthropologist can help shed light on the identity of a woman whose decayed body was found near McLean last summer.

A contractor mowing grass near McLean on Business 1-40 (Old Route 66) discovered the remains of the woman the morning of Aug. 12. He notified the Gray County Sheriff's office that the body was along a fence line near the highway about a half mile west its intersection with Texas Highway 273.

Gray County Sheriff's deputies said the remains were to be sent to a forensic anthropologist down state this week. They had been taken to the Texas Tech Medical School by Texas Rangers for examination by a pathologist and anthropologist in Lubbock.

The Lubbock anthropologist was able to give officers some help, deputies said, but was unable to come up with any details that might help with the identification of the woman.

Identification, officers said, was difficult because the body was so badly decomposed when it was found.

Sheriff Don Copeland said the condition of the body prevented officials from determining the cause of death.

There were no apparent gunshot wounds or other indications of what might have killed the woman.

Initial reports put the woman's age between 20 and 40 years old. Officers said she was dressed in cutoff blue jeans and size 7 1/2 Reebok tennis shoes. She wore orthopedic inserts in each shoe. Her blue tank top was up around her neck. No identification was found

(See MURDER, Page 2)



The changing of the guard at Buckingham Palace in London was witnessed by the Pampa travelers.

European diary London, then back home

By LOIS STRATE
For The News

(Editor's note: This is the final installment in a series, "The Essence of Europe," about a Pampa group's summer trip.)

We are beginning the last leg of our trip — we are headed to Great Britain.

Eddy drives us to the shore of the English Channel at Calais, France. This is where we say goodbye to him and he heads home to Belgium. Wanetta had bought a Harvester T-shirt for Eddy and we all signed the shirt. When we gave it to him, it was all he could do to keep from crying.

Eddy had been so much a part of our group — he laughed with us and at us.

He protected us and drove us safely through all kinds of traffic and in all kinds of situations. It was hard to say goodbye to him, we felt we had made a friend.

We board Vier Waldstattersee, a huge ferry, for the trip across the English Channel. The ferry was at least four stories high and contained several restaurants. We scrambled to find something to eat, got in some shopping and before we knew it we could see the white cliffs of Dover. Jo and lean told us about the soldiers in World War II knowing that they were safe at home when they saw the cliffs.

Departing from the ferry, we had to go through Customs at Dover. This process took a long time and we grew hot and tired waiting to be processed (I don't know how many people the ferry held but it was a whole bunch!) Anyway,



Westminster Abbey was one of many London landmarks the group visited.

we board our new bus and meet our new bus driver — John.

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Quite frankly... As leaves turn and the air cools, what's your favorite season?



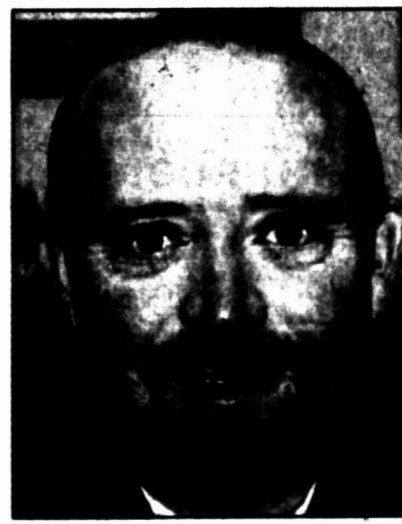
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-- Thurmelda Moore



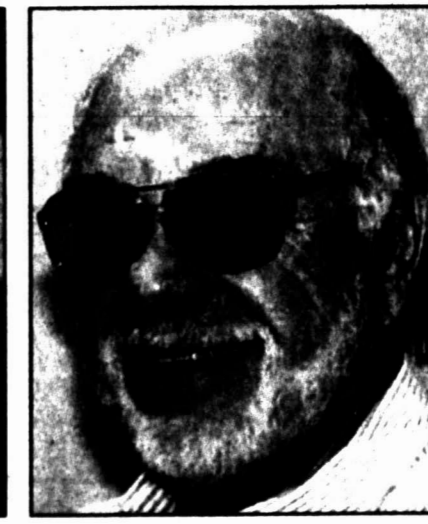
"I love which ever season it is."

-- Cheryl Jennings



"I like fall because of the baseball playoffs."

-- Tim Hutto



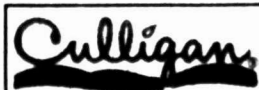
"I like fall because basketball is about to start."

-- Bill Weatherbee

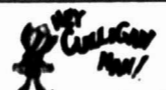


"I love the season I'm in. I was raised in Miami, Fla. and lived in Houston for 12 years. This is my first experience with seasons."

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Services tomorrow

KOCH, Hillmer — 2:30 p.m., St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Darrrouzett.
LEE, K.S. "Tommy" — 11 a.m., St. Joseph Catholic Church, Hays, Kan.
MIXON, Deanna Luverne — 10 a.m., First Baptist Church, Mobeetie.
SMITH, Inez R. — 1:30 p.m., First Baptist Church, Silverton.
WALL, Mazie — Graveside services, 10:30 a.m., Memorial Heights Cemetery, Lefors.

Obituaries

HILLMER KOCH

LIPSCOMB — Hillmer Koch, 89, died Monday, Oct. 4, 1999, at Canadian. Services will be at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday in St. Paul's Lutheran Church at Darrrouzett with Bill Griffin, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in St. John's Lutheran Cemetery in Lipscomb under the direction of Stickle-Hill Funeral Directors of Canadian.

Mr. Koch was born June 2, 1910, at Shattuck, Okla., to Jacob and Amalia Peil Koch. He had been a Lipscomb County resident since 1916, moving from Shattuck. He married Charlotte "Lottie" Meller on April 23, 1933, at Lipscomb. He was a farmer and rancher and belonged to Farm Bureau, serving on the Lipscomb board of trustees.

He was a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church.

Survivors include his wife, Lottie, of Lipscomb; three daughters, Luella Miller of Darrrouzett, Diana Born of Lipscomb and Linda Rader of Canadian; four sons, Alfred Koch of Pampa, Ervin Koch of Lipscomb, Merlin Koch of Amarillo and Vernon Koch of Guyton, Okla.; three sisters, Martha Klein of Durham, Kan., Gertrude Hanshu of Darrrouzett and Linda Wiederstein of Shattuck; 21 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Darrrouzett, Hemphill County Hospice or Edward Abraham Memorial Home.

The body will be available for viewing until 8 p.m. today at the funeral home and from 1 p.m. until service time Wednesday at the church.

K.S. 'TOMMY' LEE

HAYS, Kan. — K.S. "Tommy" Lee, 75, died Sunday, Oct. 3, 1999, at Hays Medical Center at Hays. Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday in St. Joseph Catholic Church with Father Michael Suchnicki officiating. Vigil services will be at 7 p.m. today in Hays Memorial Chapel Funeral Home.

Mr. Lee was born Aug. 27, 1924, at Ardmore, Okla., to Eivan and Annie Bradshaw Lee. He married Peggy J. Presley on July 7, 1951, at Marlow, Okla. He held a degree from the University of Oklahoma at Edmond and was district office manager for Skelly/Getty Oil Company, working at Murfin Oil Company of Russell for several years.

He belonged to St. Joseph Catholic Church of Hays.

He was a U.S. Navy veteran, serving during World War II.

He was preceded in death by a son, Mark; four sisters; and two brothers.

Survivors include his wife, Peggy, of the home; two sons, Shane Lee of Lawrence, Kan., and Dane Lee of Fairway, Kan.; and two grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to Thomas More Prep-Marian High School or Parish Center of St. Joseph Catholic Church.

Visitation will be from 6-8 p.m. today and from 9:30-10:30 a.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

DEANNA LUVERNE MIXON

MOBEETIE — Deanna Luverne Mixon, 49, died Sunday, Oct. 3, 1999, at SunBridge Care Center in Wheeler. Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday in First Baptist Church with the Rev. Dinzal Leonard officiating. Burial will be in Mobeetie Cemetery under the direction of Wright Funeral Home of Wheeler.

Mrs. Mixon was born March 30, 1950, at Wagner, S.D., to Sylvester and Clara Brookshire Gleich. She had been a Mobeetie resident since 1991, moving from Pampa. She was a homemaker and was serving on the Mobeetie City Council at the time of her death. She was a member of Old Mobeetie Museum Association and attended Church of Christ of Stratford.

She was preceded in death by a stepgreat-granddaughter, Tracy Brooks, in 1999.

Survivors include her husband, Jess Mixon, of Mobeetie; a daughter, Jerry Martinez of Mobeetie; a son, Leonard Mixon of Tishomingo, Okla.; two stepdaughters, Juanell Brooks of Amarillo and Bobbie Burchfield of Minco, Okla.; a half-sister, Denise Whitmire of Oregon; two half-brothers, James Edward Jones of California and Curt Walker of Oregon; three grandchildren; eight stepgrandchildren; and 11 stepgreat-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to a favorite charity.

INEZ R. SMITH

LUBBOCK — Inez R. Smith, 84, sister of a Canadian resident, died Sunday, Oct. 3, 1999. Services will be at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday in First

Baptist Church at Silverton with the Rev. Edwin Norris officiating. Burial will be in Silverton Cemetery under the direction of Myers-Long Funeral Directors of Silverton.

Mrs. Smith was born at Silverton. She married C.L. Smith in 1938 at Camp Wood.

Survivors include her husband, C.L.; a daughter, Sherry Walden of Richardson; two sons, Donnie Smith of Lubbock and Clinton R. Smith of Garland; five sisters, Opal Woods of Cleveland, Ga., Daphne Lytle of Kinta, Okla., Jean Sweat of Silverton, Wanda Morris of Barksdale and Shirlene Vines of Canadian; a brother, Donald Rhea of Auburn, Wash.; four grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

Accidents

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

Monday, Oct. 4

Ruby McDowell Swenson, 52, 2700 N. Hobart, was cited for failure to yield right of way after she pulled into the intersection at 400 E. Brown and 400 S. Houston, striking a 1990 Buick Electra driven by Bernice Beals Smith, 72, 232 Canadian, in the right passenger side. Swenson was driving a 1985 Chevy Camaro.

No injuries were reported.

Sheriff's Office

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

Monday, Oct. 4

Curtis Andrew Camp, 26, Pampa, was arrested for probation violation with the original charge deadly conduct. He was also arrested for possession of drug paraphernalia.

Police report

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

Monday, October 4, 1999

Brent E. Dickinson, 25, Fritch, was arrested on charges of possession of marijuana under two ounces, possession of drug paraphernalia, disorderly conduct by language, and public intoxication.

James Daniel Ketchum, 40, Pampa, was arrested on two charges of possession of drug paraphernalia. Deadly conduct was reported in 1500 block of Dogwood.

Burglary of habitation is being investigated in the 600 block of North Sumner.

Possession of Marijuana was reported in the 600 block of East Fredric.

Possession of drug paraphernalia was reported in the 900 block of Huff.

Fires

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

Monday, Oct. 4

8:45 a.m. — Two vehicles and six personnel responded to a Fire Prevention Week program at Austin Elementary School, 1900 N. Duncan.

4:27 p.m. — Two engines and six personnel responded to a smoke scare at 409 W. Brown.

6:47 p.m. — Two vehicles and five personnel responded to a fuel fire at FM 750 West.

Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by Attebury Grain of Pampa			
Wheat	2.11	Coca-Cola	47 13/16 dn 7/16
Milo	2.67	Columbia/HCA	21 1/2 NC
Corn	3.20	Enron	40 dn 3/16
Soybeans	4.08	Halliburton	34 3/4 dn 5
The following show the prices for which these mutual funds were bid at the time of compilation			
Occidental	23 1/16 NC	IRE	4 11/16 NC
Magellan	124.01	KNE	22 11/16 dn 1/8
Puritan	18.73	Kerr-McGee	54 7/16 dn 3/8
The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. Stock Market quotations are furnished by Edward Jones & Co. of Pampa			
Arco	55 3/4 dn 7/8	Limited	40 3/8 up 5/16
Ames	89 9/16 dn 1 1/4	McDonald's	44 1/8 dn 3/8
Cabot O&G	16 1 1/16 dn 1/4	Mobil	96 7/16 dn 1/16
Chevron	85 9/16 dn 7/16	New Atmos	25 up 5/16
		NEC	34 NC
		Penny's	36 3/16 up 5/16
		Phillips	45 1/4 dn 1 1/2
		Pioneer Nat.	10 5/16 NC
		SLB	59 dn 2 3/4
		Tenneco	17 1/4 dn 1/16
		Texasco	62 15/16 NC
		Ultramar	25 7/16 NC
		Wal-Mart	50 13/16 up 1/2
		Williams	38 up 5/16
		New York Gold	317.35
		Silver	5.62
		West Texas Crude	23.77

Emergency numbers

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Energas	665-5777
Fire	911
Police (emergency)	911
Police (non-emergency)	669-5700
SPS	1-800-750-2520
Water	669-5830

Uninsured Texans caught in the middle

SAN BENITO, Texas (AP) — When Teddy Gonzalez gets sick, her mom, Celia, often plays doctor, relying on home remedies like Vicks VapoRub or hot lemon drinks to cure some ailments. "Sometimes she can't take me a lot (to the doctor)," the cheerful, bespectacled 10-year-old girl said as she waited with her mother in a hallway at the Garza Clinic.

Meanwhile, Celia Gonzalez ignores a persistent shooting pain in her own leg and an occasional heart flutter. Ms. Gonzalez has been without health insurance since her husband died and she quit her job as a substance abuse counselor to care for her daughter. The mother and daughter are among the 24.5 percent of Texans who have no health insurance. A

recent Census report showed Texas leads the country in the proportion of people without health coverage. The amount of Ms. Gonzalez' unemployment benefits combined with her daughter's survivor's benefits — about \$1,400 a month — was too much income to qualify for Medicaid, but too little to pay for a private health insurance plan.

Fritch man jailed on drug charges

A Fritch man was in Gray County jail today on drug charges. Brent E. Dickinson, 25, was in jail today in lieu of bonds totaling \$2,500 after being charged with possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia, disorderly conduct and public intoxication.

Authorities said Pampa Police Officer Andy Alaniz was called to the 600 block of Frederic early Monday afternoon on what had been reported to be a domestic dispute. Alaniz said he found Dickinson, who appeared to be intoxicated, using

abusive language. Dickinson was arrested about 1:30 p.m. Monday for public intoxication and disorderly conduct. Following the arrest, officers found what they believed to be drug paraphernalia and a small amount of what appeared to be marijuana in Dickinson's 1997 Dodge Ram pickup.

Justice of the Peace Kurt Curfman set bond this morning at \$1,000 on a charge of possession of less than two ounces of marijuana and \$500 on each of the other counts.

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Southside

Clean-up Committee members. Their dedication and drive made this day a big success.

Special thanks went out from the group to Robert and Judy Ellison who provided refreshments for the volunteers.

While Saturday's effort was a success, it is only the beginning of the project the Committee sees as

an ongoing one to reclaim, clean up and take pride in their neighborhood. The next clean-up day is Oct. 23 at 8 a.m. The area targeted is Barrett Street to Somerville.

"I see real hope in this project as we had good participation and there were many people working in their own yards cleaning them up," Curry said. "We hope that more southside citizens and church groups will commit to this project and keep it alive."

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Murder

on her body. Officers said there were no tattoos or identifying marks on the body.

The Lubbock anthropologist, officers said, indicated that the woman was older than first thought. He said she was probably between 35 and 60 years old. She was between 5-foot-1 and 5-

foot-6. Chief Deputy Jim Scott said she probably weighed between 120 and 140 pounds.

Officers said they have been able to get finger prints and dental impressions from the body but have not been able to match them with records to establish an identity for the woman.

Copeland said the case is being handled as a homicide.

FCC chief expressing concern over consumers, quotes

NEW YORK (AP) — In what would be the largest corporate takeover to date, MCI WorldCom Inc. agreed to pay \$115 billion for Sprint Corp., the nation's No. 3 long distance carrier, the companies announced today.

The nation's top telephone regulator immediately warned the companies that they "bear a heavy burden" to show how consumers would benefit from the merger.

The combined company would be called WorldCom, and would control 30 percent of the U.S. long-distance market and offer wireless phone and paging services and an Internet network. WorldCom also would be a stronger competitor to AT&T Corp., the nation's largest long-distance and cable TV company. William E. Kennard, chairman of the Federal Communications Commission, said MCI WorldCom and Sprint will have to make a strong case for approval of the deal.

"American consumers are enjoying the lowest long-distance rates in history and the lowest Internet rates in the world for one reason: competition," Kennard said in Washington. "Competition has produced a price war in the long-distance market."

"This merger appears to be a surrender. How can this be good for consumers?"

Bernard J. Ebberts, president and chief executive of MCI WorldCom, told reporters in New York, that "we understand from day one it is our burden of proof to show this is pro-competitive." He added, "We look forward to the opportunity of doing that."

MCI WorldCom late Monday sweetened its offer to \$76 per share in stock, up from \$63, rather than risk losing Sprint to rival BellSouth Corp., which had offered \$72 per share in cash and stock, or \$100 billion.

Both companies' boards voted to approve the deal Monday evening, and it was formally announced this morning.

In trading this afternoon, Sprint was down 62 1/2 cents at \$60.25 a share on the New York Stock Exchange, while MCI WorldCom fell \$3.43 3/4 to \$68.18 3/4 on the Nasdaq Stock Market.

The deal would be the largest corporate merger ever, eclipsing the pending \$82 billion deal between Exxon Corp. and Mobil Corp.

MCI WorldCom is the nation's second biggest long-distance company and one of the world's biggest operators of the networks that make up the Internet, but has no wireless calling business. Sprint PCS would fill that hole nicely.

The merger with Sprint is particularly timely as wireless communications emerges as a critical component of full-service offerings," said Ebberts. "Increasingly, wireless will be used for Internet access and data services, two areas in which both companies excel."

In a statement today, BellSouth said talks with Sprint had concluded without any agreement. "We owed it to our shareholders and employees to explore this opportunity," said Duane Ackerman, chairman and chief executive officer of BellSouth.

BellSouth had sought Sprint's long-distance business to complement its local telephone business in nine Southeastern states. Like the other Baby Bells, the Atlanta-based company hopes that federal regulators will soon allow it to offer long-distance service in its home region.

Even the mightiest telecommunications companies are racing to grab an edge in technology and geographic reach so they can compete in a market where distinctions between telephones, television, radio and computers are disappearing.

Ebberts, a former basketball coach and motel operator, has proved again to be a master dealmaker. Ebberts, 58, built a small Jackson, Miss. communications company into a powerhouse. Two years ago, he won a bidding war for what was then MCI, beating out foreign rival British Telecommunications PLC.

Ebberts will be president and chief executive of the new WorldCom. William T. Esrey, chairman and chief executive of Sprint, will be chairman of WorldCom.

Sprint shareholders will get \$76 worth of MCI WorldCom's stock, as long as the shares trade between \$62.15 and \$80.85 a share.

Congress passed the Telecommunications Act of 1996 to spur competition, but mergers have greatly reduced the number of major players in the industry.

Not counting Sprint-MCI WorldCom, there have been 233 telecom deals this year totaling \$195 billion, according to Thomson Securities Data Co. With today's announcement, this year's total would far surpass the \$220 billion in telecom deals last year.

Principal injured

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — A high school assistant principal was shot in the thigh Monday while confronting a 17-year-old student suspected of carrying a gun.

William Burke, 61, was hospitalized but was not badly hurt in the shooting at John Bartram High School in southwest Philadelphia, a racially mixed, blue-collar part of town.

Metal detectors had been delivered recently to the 3,100-student school but were not yet in operation.

Police said that a teacher suspected the student had a gun and called Burke. Burke told the boy to leave class and go into the hallway, where the two began struggling, police said. A

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Weather focus

PAMPA — Mostly sunny today with a high in the mid 80s and south winds at 10-15 mph. Tonight, clear with a low in the upper 50s and south winds at 15 mph. Tomorrow, partly cloudy with a high of 85-90 and south winds at 15-25 mph.

PANHANDLE — Tonight, clear with a low 50 to 55. South wind 10-15 mph. Wednesday, partly cloudy with a high in the mid 80s. South to southwest wind 15-20 mph with higher gusts. Wednesday night, increasing cloudiness, a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms. A low in the mid 50s.

STATEWIDE — While storms associated with a tropical depression in Mexico dumped heavy rain today along the Texas

coast, a high-pressure system kept rainfall away from much of the remainder.

Mild temperatures were expected through the weekend.

Early-morning temperatures ranged from the middle 40s in the Panhandle through the 50s and lower 60s in the north to lower 70s over the lower Rio Grande Valley.

It was 77 degrees at Junction, 94 at Laredo and Cotulla, and 78 at Port Isabel.

The National Weather Service posted a coastal flood warning from Baffin Bay to the Rio Grande. A coastal flood warning was in effect from the Matagorda ship channel to Baffin Bay, with heavy surf and dangerous currents.

A small craft advisory was in effect for the entire Texas coast. A strong northeasterly flow

between the high-pressure in the north and the tropical depression in the Bay of Campeche, east of Veracruz, Mexico, has created very rough sea conditions along the Texas coast.

Remnants of a weak cool front were also bringing rain to the region. A few scattered showers and thunderstorms developed ahead of the front. Both Brownsville and McAllen reported just over a tenth of an inch of rain.

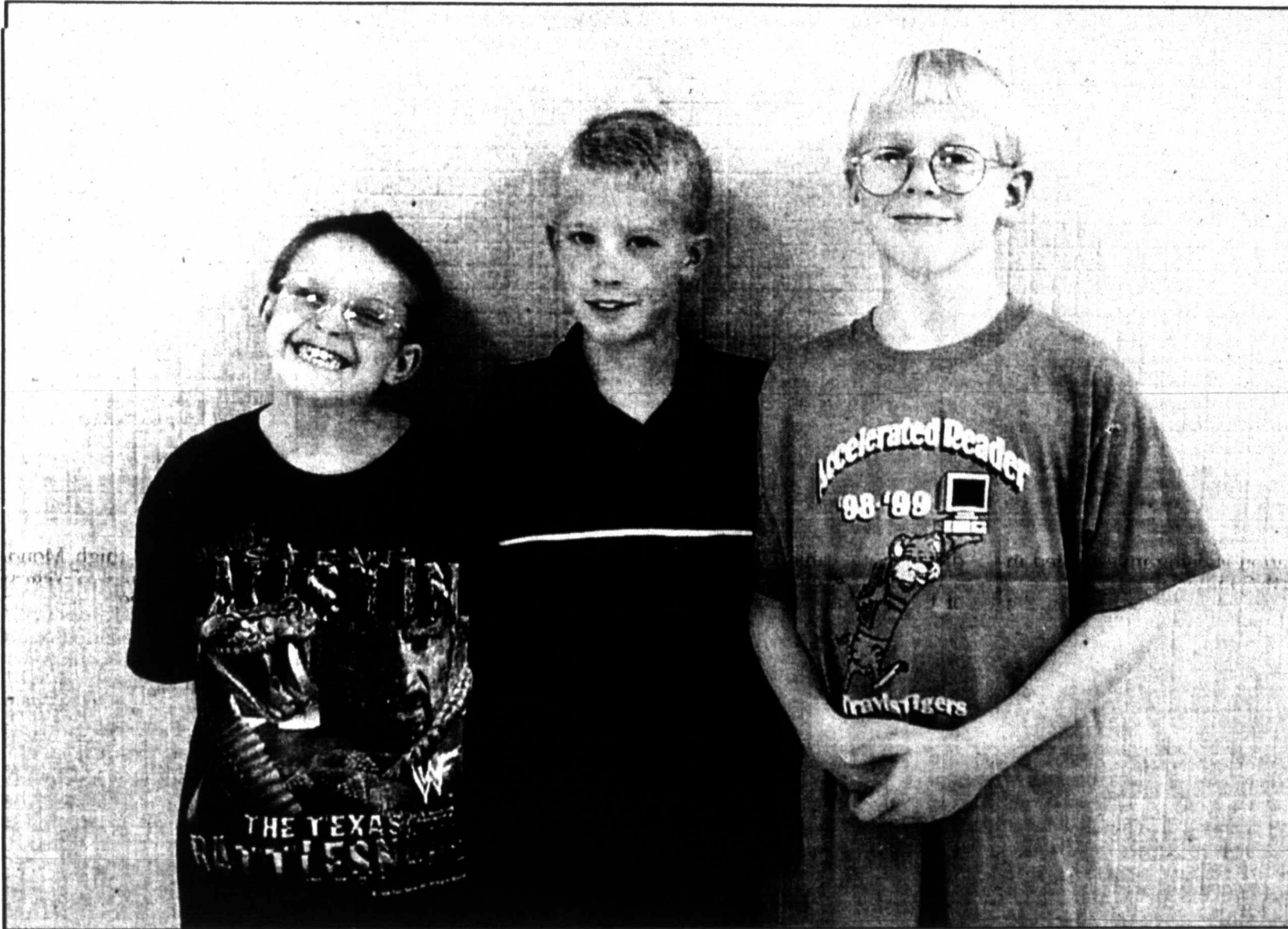
Only high-level cirrus covered North Texas.

Winds were generally northerly at less than 10 mph.

More fair and mild conditions were expected through Friday.

Daytime highs will be mainly in the 80s, with overnight lows in the 50s and a chance of rain in the deep south.

Perfect TAAS scores



Austin Elementary School students who earned a perfect score on their TAAS tests were Kailee Intemann, Nicole Hurama, Toby Smith and Landon McNeely. Not pictured but also earning a perfect score was Aaron Pepper. Travis Elementary students, bottom, who earned a perfect score on the TAAS scores were from left, Jake Russell, Brody Russell and Andrew Roy.

VA proposes birth defects benefits legislation

According to Robert Dixon, Veterans County Service Officer for Gray County, the Department of Veterans Affairs is developing legislation that would benefit children with birth defects, which may be related to their mothers' service in Vietnam.

The proposal is part of Secretary West's response to a VA-commissioned report on Vietnam veterans and Agent Orange from the National Academy of Sciences. While the NAS concluded in the report, that there is inadequate/insufficient evidence that children of Vietnam veterans faced an elevated risk of birth defects, Secretary West said an internal VA study completed after the NAS review provided "compelling evidence" associating women's Vietnam service with birth defects.

Women Vietnam veterans were excluded from many birth defect studies reviewed by NAS because of their relatively small number. The results of a VA study of 90 percent of the 4,410 women Vietnam veterans surviving as of Jan. 1, 1992, showed the risks of having a child with certain birth defects were significantly elevated.

Approximately 2.6 million veterans, 7,484 of them women, served within the borders of South Vietnam and in adjacent waters.

VA already provides benefits for spina bifida, a congenital defect of the spine, in children of veterans who served in the Republic of Vietnam during the Vietnam War. The Department also presumes service-connection for chloracne, porphyria cutanea tarda (a liver disorder), prostate cancer, acute and subacute peripheral neuropathy (nerve impairment), soft-tissue sarcoma, Hodgkin's disease, multiple myeloma, respiratory cancers (lung, bronchus, larynx and trachea), and non-Hodgkin's lymphoma in Vietnam veterans.

Dioxin is a compound found in certain herbicides, including Agent Orange, used in Vietnam. The law presumes that all military personnel who served in Vietnam and later suffer certain diseases were exposed to herbicides.

Vietnam veterans who believe they have health problems that may be related to their Vietnam service or exposure to herbicides while serving in Vietnam should contact the nearest VA medical center or regional office, the nearest Texas Veterans Commission office or Veterans County Service Officer. Phone numbers are in the government section of your local directory.

Calendar of events

- TOASTMASTERS**
The Toastmasters will meet every Wednesday night from 5:45 to 6:45 p.m. at the Furrs Cafeteria.
- PAMPA PRISON MINISTRY**
The Pampa Prison Ministry meets the first Tuesday of every month at Central Baptist Church located at Francis and Starkweather at 7 p.m. sharp. For further information call Bob Andersen 665-4252 or J.B. Walker at 669-2266.
- PANHANDLE ALLIANCE FOR THE MENTALLY ILL**
A support group for the mentally ill and family members meet the second Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. at 218 N. Russell. There is no charge. For more information or if you need a ride call Sharon King, 665-2818.
- ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR**
Pampa Chapter No. 65, Order of the Eastern Star, has changed their meeting nights from the first and third Tuesdays to the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month. Meeting starts at 7:30 p.m. at 420 West Kingsmill.
- OPEN DOOR ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS**
Open Door Alcoholics Anonymous at 910 Kentucky (across from Albertson's) meeting schedule - seven days a week - two meetings a day - noon till 1 p.m. no smoking, and Tuesday and Thursday 8-9 p.m. call 665-9702 for information.
- TRALEE CRISIS CENTER**
Womens Support Group for Child Management offers parenting skills to assist parents and children in dealing with anger and behavioral issues resulting from peer pressure, sibling rivalry, family violence and/or sexual abuse from 7-8 p.m. Thursdays. For more information, call Tralee Crisis Center, 669-1131.
- LOVETT MEMORIAL LIBRARY**
Lovett Memorial Library will offer the Fall 1999 Pre-School Story
- Hour beginning at 10 a.m. every Tuesday from Sept. 7-Dec. 14. All children between 18 months and 5 years of age are welcome to participate. Stories, crafts and activities are planned. Special programs will be announced. All programs are free and no registration is required. For more information, call the library at 669-5780.
- WHITE DEER LAND MUSEUM**
Commercial and portrait photographer, Leo Shuler, is showing some of his award-winning photographs at the White Deer Land Museum, 112 S. Cuyler. Shuler has been a photographer for 35 years and his specialty is portraits and wedding pictures. The museum is open from 1-4 p.m. Tuesday-Sunday. Admission is free.
- CROWN OF TEXAS HOSPICE**
Crown of Texas Hospice will present "Hospice - Living Life to the Fullest" from 1-4 p.m., Tuesdays and Fridays, Sept. 28-Oct. 29 at the Meredith House, 812 W. 25th St. For more information, call (806) 372-7696 or 1-800-572-6365. This educational series is being offered free as a service to the community. Contact hours are available for nurses and the course is worth 3.0 CEUs for other professionals.
- FALL HOME LANDSCAPE SEMINAR**
Potter County Extension Horticulture Committee will sponsor the second annual Fall Landscape Seminar from 9 a.m.-12 noon Oct. 9 at Texas A&M Research and Extension Center, 6500 Amarillo Blvd. West. The seminar will spotlight winter management of home landscape. Guest speakers will be Dr. Lanny Dreesen, Extension forestry specialist; Dr. Brent Bean, TAEX agronomist; Dr. Carl Patrick, TAEX entomologist; Dr. Leon New, TAEX irrigation specialist; and Kristi Wright, director of Programs, Amarillo Botanical Gardens.

United Way funds benefit local Red Cross

This article is one in a series of profiles on the agencies and organizations supported by Pampa United Way. This information is being provided by Pampa United Way as part of its 1999 "Caring Hearts Build Hope" fund-raising campaign.

The Gray County American Red Cross is known for doing several activities in our community. With your generous donations through the United Way and through your local chapter, the Red Cross has been able to bring the community disaster services, health and safety services, and service to military families.

In its last fiscal year, 10 Gray County and surrounding area families were given emergency disaster assistance. Trained and dedicated volunteers helped with emergency needs such as temporary shelter, food, new clothes and shoes, prescriptions, basic household furnishings — such as beds, linens and kitchen utensils — and occupational supplies. The American Red Cross assists those who have no resources of their own to begin their lives again.

These services are available 24-hours a day, every single day of the year. All Red Cross assistance to disaster clients is free. It is given because of the generous financial and volunteer support of people like yourselves. The

Gray County Chapter also responded to several wildfires. It was there to provide food and drinks to the firemen.

The Gray County Chapter also serves as the communications link between local citizens and their families in military services, stationed around the world. Red Cross volunteers and staff verify deaths, serious illnesses, financial problems and births. Emergency messages are then relayed through a worldwide communications network to military personnel. In the last fiscal year, 32 services were provided to servicemen and women. Like Disaster Services, this program is available 24-hours a day, and is given without charge to the family or the service person.

Health education programs are a vital part of the American Red Cross mission. A total of 526 people enrolled in first aid and CPR classes while 154 enrolled in Aquatics and Water Safety programs ranging from beginner level swimming to life guarding. Certified volunteer instructors taught these life saving skills for the community at large as well as in workplaces throughout the county.

Every Friday, the Red Cross offers free blood pressures, and blood sugar tests from 10 a.m.- 12 p.m. Another available service is a free medical loan closet. There are wheel chairs, potty chairs, crutches, canes and hospital beds just to name a few. Red Cross also accepts donated items to add to its loan closet.

The Gray County American Red Cross relies solely on the United Way and public donations. So, please remember to give to the United Way this campaign season to help continue the much needed services in our own community.



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UW holds check-in luncheon

United Way reported receiving \$118,282 — including \$112,000 for Celanese employees and company matching funds — during its recent check-in luncheon. The total is now \$165,240, 48 percent of the goal. The event was sponsored by Tralee Crisis Center, American Red Cross and Gray County Latch Key. The next check-in luncheon will be at 12 noon, Thursday, Oct. 7 in the large meeting room at Pampa Community Building, 200 N. Ballard. For those unable to attend the luncheon, pledge cards will be accepted at the local United Way office. The agencies sponsoring the Oct. 7 luncheon are Amarillo Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse, the Salvation Army and Gray Co. Child Protective Services.

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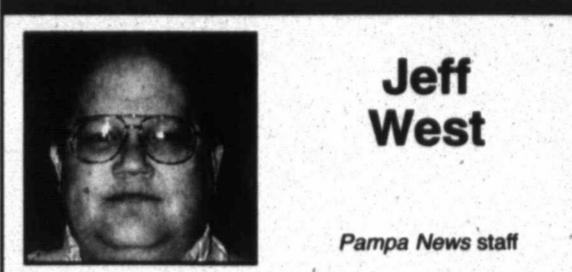
Survey: We will survive 2000

Apparently the world's not going to end on January 1 after all.

At least not if Armageddon believes in majority rules. A survey just out said that six out of 10 Americans polled don't believe there will be any major problems when we enter the new year. Luckily for marketers of panic and gloom and doom 40 percent ain't a bad audience.

There are still books on the shelf about what to do when the entire utility industry collapses and no one can get food. The food thing is one of my favorites because whenever I see the migrant workers picking grapes or oranges or whatever I never noticed them using laptops. I've known a trucker or two and some of them don't even have auto pilot built into those trucks. And while they have scanners at the market I'm guessing that if they wouldn't work store managers would break out a few calculators and Big Chief tablets.

So far those books telling everyone how to survive the coming date change aren't even on the discount rack so I guess people are still buying them. Of course, they've just replaced the books on how to survive the coming stock



Jeff West
Pampa News staff

market crash or coming depression or runaway inflation of 1976 or 1984 or almost any other year.

Gold is apparently a good investment for the end of civilization as we know it. At least that's the message from the people who sell gold on TV. As I recall it's also a good investment to fight inflation, depression and foot fungus if the previous ads are true. I'm not sure how gold is going to help if your starving to death in the dark with no

heat. Who can tell if it's real gold in the dark? I haven't heard as much from the religious whack.... I mean the religious zealots who think it will be the end of time and God will pick that moment to come. Maybe some of

them figured out that He may be using the Jewish calendar. I hear there are still some preaching that line however.

My favorite thing I've seen lately kinda jumped up at me the other day as I was pushing a cart through a store in Amarillo. It was a big ol'

four-or-five-foot wide electric sign that labeled itself as a "millennium countdown clock." It showed the number of days, hours, minutes and seconds until the new year. Actually it had a dual purpose with the countdown. It also showed the exact number of hours, minutes and seconds until it became an incredibly useless piece of junk.

Although now that I think about that clock might not be totally useless, maybe it could be programmed to count down until the next "end of civilization as we know it" fad starts up. We could then already have books written with just the year and exact cause of the calamity left out until the last second. Whoops, better not say last second, the clock is ticking.

Be good to one another and be good to yourselves.

Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, Oct. 5, the 278th day of 1999. There are 87 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Oct. 5, 1892, the Dalton Gang, notorious for its train robberies, lost several of its members in an attempt to rob two banks in Coffeyville, Kan.

On this date:

In 1830, Chester Arthur, 21st president of the United States, was born in Fairfield, Vt.

In 1921, the World Series was broadcast on radio for the first time.

In 1937, President Roosevelt called for a "quarantine" of aggressor nations.

In 1941, former Supreme Court Justice Louis D. Brandeis, the first Jewish member of the nation's highest court, died in

Washington at age 84.

In 1947, President Truman delivered the first televised address from the White House.

In 1953, Earl Warren was sworn in as the 14th chief justice of the United States, succeeding Fred M. Vinson.

In 1962, the Beatles' first hit, "Love Me Do," was released in the United Kingdom.

In 1969, "Monty Python's Flying Circus" made its debut on BBC-TV.

In 1986, American Eugene Hasenfus was captured by Sandinista soldiers after the weapons plane he was riding in was shot down over southern Nicaragua.

In 1988, Democrat Lloyd Bentsen lambasted Republican Dan Quayle during their vice-presidential debate, telling Quayle, "Senator, you're no Jack Kennedy."

Ten years ago: A jury in Charlotte, N.C., convicted former PTL evangelist Jim Bakker of using his television show to defraud followers. The Dalai Lama, the spiritual and temporal leader of Tibet, was named winner of the Nobel Peace Prize.

Five years ago: 48 members of a secret religious doomsday cult were found dead in apparent murder-suicides carried out simultaneously in two Swiss villages; five other bodies were found in a sect apartment in Montreal, Canada.

One year ago: The House Judiciary Committee voted along hardened partisan lines to investigate whether President Clinton should be removed from office. Michael Carneal pleaded guilty but mentally ill to shooting to death three fellow students and wounding five other people at

Heath High School in West Paducah, Ky. (Carneal was later sentenced to life in prison without the chance of parole for 25 years.)

Today's Birthdays: "Family Circus" cartoonist Bill Keane is 77. Actress Glynis Johns is 76. Comedian Bill Dana is 75. Actress Diane Cilento is 66. Vaclav Havel, president of the Czech Republic, is 63. Country singer Johnny Duncan is 61. Rhythm-and-blues singer Arlene Smith (The Chantels) is 58. Singer Richard Street is 57. Singer-musician Steve Miller is 56. Actor Jeff Conaway is 49. Actress Karen Allen is 48. Writer-producer-director Clive Barker is 47. Rock singer and famine-relief organizer Bob Geldof is 45. Rock singer-musician Dave Dederer (Presidents of the United States of America) is 35. Actor Guy Pearce ("L.A. Confidential") is 32.



Inside the Beltway

with
Sen. Hutchison

First aid for hospitals could be on the way

Texas' rural hospitals, and all hospitals for that matter, operate on very slim margins yet manage to bring cutting-edge medical care to the communities they serve. But changes in Medicare payments to hospitals have put many institutions in a bind. Others are fighting for their lives.

Rural communities across Texas have felt the impact of hospital closures for more than a decade now. When a rural hospital closes, local residents lose access to routine, preventative care, not to mention emergency services that can save life and limb. Doctors and other highly trained professionals move away. Then people must drive a hundred of miles or more in some cases to get the care city dwellers take for granted. Local economies suffer when jobs are lost. Existing businesses may have to move, and new businesses won't locate in places where health care is unavailable. Hospital closure can be a death knell for struggling towns.

Now the Health Care Finance Administration says it will make cuts in its payments to hospitals that are much greater than what Congress expected in its 1997 Medicare bill. At the same time, hospitals face Y2K costs, higher blood supply costs and higher prescription drugs prices — increases in operating expenses that were not anticipated in 1997.

The biggest single dollar issue facing these institutions is a scheduled reduction in the annual inflation adjustment for standard, inpatient Medicare payments (what hospitals are paid for treating Medicare patients diagnosed with specific illnesses). Until now, Medicare has provided annual increases in payments to make up for increased hospital costs due to inflation. But hospitals are no longer going to receive that annual inflation adjustment.

To address this looming crisis, I am introducing legislation to restore some of the planned rollbacks in Medicare payments to health-care facilities.

This will provide a temporary shot in the arm to hospitals already hard hit by overall Medicare provider reimbursements cuts, and particularly cuts in outpatient services. As hospitals learn to adjust to the new reimbursement system for outpatient services, continuing to receive inflation adjustments might just mean the difference between disaster and survival.

Other rescue efforts for hospitals are underway, as well, and I am co-sponsoring a number of bills that have been introduced to strengthen hospitals' financial position. One would limit hospitals' losses under the new outpatient reimbursement system; another would increase the reimbursements made to rural hospitals for seniors in Medicare Choice-Plus (managed care) plans.

Finally, my successful effort to ensure that Texas' tobacco settlement funds stay in our state and out of the clutches of the federal government has meant that many rural hospital districts are receiving a financial boost. My bill keeping the federal government's hand out of the tobacco settlement cookie jar passed into law as part of a larger emergency spending bill signed by the President in May. As a result, Texas counties are in line to receive more than \$2 billion, including a lump sum payment of \$300 million from the fund this year. A \$1.8 billion permanent trust account also has been established by the state so that each county will get its share, every year, in perpetuity.

Texas hospitals aren't out of the woods yet, by a long way. But I don't believe Congress will stand by and watch them close. First aid is on the way.

Carter's folly soon to bear fruit

One little Y2K surprise for many Americans, I suspect, will be to wake up and find out the Panama Canal is completely out of American hands and control.

This is a belated gift of the Jimmy Carter administration, which obligingly signed away America's rights to the canal. The final transfer takes place Dec. 31.

According to Sen. Trent Lott, R-Miss., and several others, the Panamanian government has contracted with a Chinese company to administer the canal. Those who think the Panama Canal is no longer important may find out if they are right or wrong if we have military trouble with China one day.

The importance of sea transport is one more of the basics of life that has slipped off the American media's radar screen. Nevertheless, despite the big birds the Air Force has, most heavy stuff for military operations still travels by ship. And, if the Panama Canal should not be available, it's a long trip around the South American continent. Avoiding that long sea voyage was the justification for building the canal in the first place.

Reducing the size of the American Navy, which is also being done, makes the canal even more important. While the big carriers can't squeeze through the canal, most of the fleet's ships can.

Buchanan is slightly out of step

It is hard to imagine that Pat Buchanan wants to help elect a liberal Democrat to the White House next year by splitting the conservative vote. That would allow another liberal president to appoint three or more liberals to the Supreme Court, to spend decades of the next millennium turning criminals loose to commit more muggings, rapes and murders.

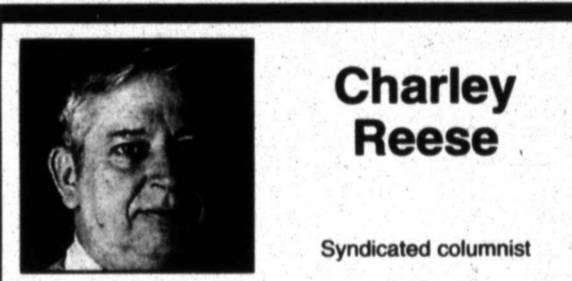
That is surely not what Pat Buchanan wants. Nor is he likely to relish what a resurgence of liberalism in Washington would mean to our military security, our failing schools and the continuing degeneration of American culture.

Buchanan has referred to the possibility of building up the Reform Party as a long run challenger to the Democrats and Republicans. But you have to get through the short run to get to the long run — and the lasting damage done in the short run may be irreparable, even if Buchanan's long run scenario works out.

Pat Buchanan refers to himself as a "nationalist." But nationalists have usually been of two sorts — those trying to create a nation by gaining independence from an imperial power and those trying to impose their nation's will on other nations. Nehru was a nationalist in the first sense and Hitler in the second.

Buchanan is like neither of these. He wants to preserve the United States as a sovereign nation and to restore a sense of its special achievements as a free country and a decent and humane society. He believes that the American government exists to serve the American people, not to engage in global adventures or promote world government. Buchanan is a patriot, not a nationalist.

Unfortunately, patriots are not immune to



Charley Reese
Syndicated columnist

Most Americans opposed the Panama Canal give-away, but Carter negotiated the treaty, and the Senate ratified it anyway. I've noticed that, since the 1940s, what the American public thinks has slim-to-no influence on foreign policy, the president or Congress.

The canal is what is known in think-tank jargon as a strategic choke point. The Suez Canal is another. So are the Dardanelles, the narrow strait separating Asia from Europe. It's true that the airplane has made sea routes relatively less important — but only relatively. I don't think the United States, relying entirely on air, could mount any sizable military operation, such as the Gulf War.

There is no point in rehashing the canal give-away. It's a done deal. The same combination of lack of foresight and backbone that gave it away will make sure it isn't retaken.

Thomas Sowell

Syndicated columnist

being very wrong on particular issues, as Buchanan is painfully wrong on international trade. It is one thing to be against the global adventurism implied in the phrase "new world order" — a phrase left over from the Nazis — and it is something else to be confused about the economics of international trade.

Contrary to what Pat Buchanan, Ross Perot and other opponents of free trade said before the North American Free Trade Agreement was passed, there has been no "giant sucking sound" as American jobs left for Mexico and other countries with lower wages. We have had more jobs created since NAFTA was passed and lower unemployment rates than we have seen in years.

None of this should be surprising to anyone familiar with either economics or history. International trade is not a zero-sum game, where one nation loses what the other gains. Like other trade, international trade takes place only when both parties benefit. There is no fixed number of jobs to fight over.

When one country becomes more prosperous, it creates more jobs producing the things it can buy with its greater affluence. When two countries become more prosperous by trading with each other, they both create more jobs.

Nor does it do any good to scare people with bogey-man words like "trade deficit" or "debtor nation." The benefits of international

trade do not depend on whether you have more imports or exports. Countries have prospered with either an import surplus or an export surplus — or have failed to prosper with either one.

As for being a debtor nation, this is an accounting technicality that is completely misleading when applied to international transactions, as if it was like an individual going into hock. The United States has been a debtor nation for most of its history — and it has had the highest standard of living in the world for most of its history.

Every time someone in another country sends his money to the United States, we are automatically in debt to that person, since it is still his money. The more prosperous and safe the American economy is, the more people in other countries want to put their money in American banks and buy stocks in American corporations.

Foreigners invested \$12 billion dollars in U.S. businesses in 1980 and more than \$200 billion by 1998. This growing "debt" created more American wealth and more American jobs. This too was not a zero-sum game, since both the American economy and the foreign investors gained, because there was a bigger pie to slice.

While Pat Buchanan is out of step with the prevailing views of the Republican Party, neither would he be in the mainstream of the Reform Party. He is a man of words and ideas — some of them ideas much needed to counter dangerous trends in American society. It is hard to see what he can accomplish as a politician that is more important than what he can accomplish as a man of ideas.

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DIARY

John was a big guy, but had a wonderful voice and accent. Since he sometimes guides tours himself, he knew lots of stories and interesting facts about England. We viewed the beautiful Canterbury Castle at Dover. Winston Churchill had lived here and they are in the process of restoring the ballrooms.

Canterbury is 54 miles south of London and sits on the Stour River. It is one of the oldest cities in Great Britain. The Canterbury Cathedral, considered one of the glories of England, was our next stop. The Cathedral was built in stages, beginning in 597 through the 12th century. The Cathedral is 522-feet long and has two towers that are 235-feet high. Today, this church is the Mother Church of England and the Mother Church of eighty million Anglicans throughout the world. The Archbishop of Canterbury is still a Royal appointment, and is the Head of the Anglican Church.

Time for some shopping. I finally got a Britannia Beanie Baby — yeah! Actually, it wasn't in yet but I paid for it and they shipped it to me. Turns out that I received the Beanie before most of my postcards made it to the United States (and most of them were sent the first part of the trip).

Departing Canterbury, we head for London. Our destination is the Bayswater Inn Hotel, located on Princess Square and not far from Hyde Park.

Hyde Park consists of 590-acres and was opened to the public in the 17th century. One area of the park is called "Speakers Corner" and it used to be home to the Tyburn gallows where condemned prisoners could offer their final words before being publicly hanged. Today, it is called the "Lungs of London" and is famous for the "soap-box" speakers on Sundays. Everybody and everybody can get up on a stool and start talking about whatever they choose. And, everyone seems to attract an audience.

As we drive around London this evening, we pass Parliament, Buckingham Castle, Westminster Abbey and the tower of London (Tower of Big Ben). Big Ben is actually a 13-ton chime and was built in 1858. The numbers are each two feet high and they are illuminated at night when Parliament is in session.

London suffered a disastrous fire in 1666 which destroyed most of the city. Sir Christopher

Most of the credit, however, goes to Wanetta Hill. She worked with us for about a year, preparing us for the trip. She was so organized and so motivating and she took very good care of us during the entire trip. She is a jewel and I am so glad that my son and I had the opportunity to travel with Wanetta and each of the individuals on the trip. We count it a privilege to have been a part of this group and to have gotten to know the others better. This was a trip that neither Shawn nor I will ever forget. Ask us to see our pictures — we took 33 rolls of film!

Wren (creator of St. Paul's Cathedral) was chiefly responsible for the reconstruction. As the bus goes around the city at night, this is our first experience driving on the "wrong" side of the road. England is the only country that we have encountered that drives on the left. This takes a bit of getting used to when we are on the bus. But it takes a WHOLE BUNCH of getting used to when you are trying to cross the street. This got us into a lot of trouble.

Up early the next morning we begin our guided tour of London with the licensed tour guide. We stop at Westminster Abbey. This place is fantastic, it is the tallest Gothic building in the British Isles. It was built in the 10th century by the authority of the Saxon King Edward. Most people know Westminster Abbey because Prince Charles and Princess Diana were married here and Diana's funeral was held here. But, there is much more to the cathedral than that. There are many kings and queens buried inside the church in the House of Kings and the Lady Chapel. Most are buried in marble crypts and on top of the crypt there is a statue of the person lying on top with hands folded and pointed to heaven. So, you can know what the person looked like who is buried inside.

Westminster Abbey contains a Poets Corner and many famous poets including Chaucer and Handel are buried there. There is a memorial to Shakespeare here; however, he is actually buried at Stratford-on-Avon about 100 miles from London.

The coronation throne is housed here, the last time that it was used was in 1953 when Queen Elizabeth was crowned. The Coronation Chair was made in 1301 and has been used at coronations ever since. This was probably my favorite cathedral, mainly because it is continuously used — many of the cathedrals that we went through had very few pews and had a coldness and emptiness about them, even

though they were beautiful. But Westminster Abbey just seemed to surround me and made me feel a part of the history that was represented there.

We now drive as close to Buckingham Palace as we can get on the bus, so we take out running (literally running) to get in place so that we can see the changing of the guard. A band of approximately 60-75 musicians in bright red uniforms parade down the street to the palace. Then, we had to run around the block to catch the guards on horseback that come from a different direction. It was quite impressive and a large crowd was on hand to witness the guard change. Then, we ran again, this time a few blocks to St. James Palace, home of Prince Charles. We are fortunate to catch the changing of the guard here also, although there was only one guard at a time. The teens were able to have their picture taken with the guard at St. James Palace.

Now, we have free time and it is time to explore and shop. Our meeting place is Piccadilly Circus, a center where the old meets the new. Most of the buildings are very old and architecturally beautiful, but across the street there are huge Coca-Cola and McDonald's and Sanyo signs that flash like Las Vegas signs. The teens checked out the SegaWorld which was about a seven-story building that featured six interactive rides and 400 of the latest video games.

London features the famous red phone booths and the large double-decker buses — and they are everywhere. The large black taxis are prevalent also.

Street entertainment is everywhere and the variety is captivating. A lot of people make their living doing this and they have their "spot" staked out each day.

Shopping in London netted us a lot of purchases — we are using pounds and pence now. Great Britain is a member of the European Economic Community;



Shawn Strate mimicks a guard at St. James Palace, London, the home of Prince Charles.

however, they have not yet committed to switching over to the EuroDollar in 2002 as have most of the other European countries. In the other countries, when we got a receipt for a purchase, it would show the local currency and would also show the Euro equivalent. This is to try to get the people used to the Euro and will be used to peg a value on the day the transition takes place.

The group walks from Piccadilly Circus to our restaurant in the China Town portion of London for Chinese food. This is our final meal together as the St. Louis and Chicago groups will be departing early the next morning. We enjoyed reminiscing about the trip and said our good-byes and filled out our evaluation forms for EF Tours.

Our last excursion is to The Dominion Theatre at Tottenham Court to see "Beauty and the Beast." This is London's version of "Broadway." The play was excellent with brilliant costuming and professional actors and production staff. After the play, we learn the trick to hailing a cab and we jump in, five at a time, and the large black cab maneuvers its way through London — it was quite a ride, especially when everything is going the wrong direction for us. But, at

least our cab driver speaks English!

Our final morning in Europe, we sleep a little later than usual, have our breakfast and load the bus for the final time. We are on our way to Gatwick Airport for our return flight.

Stefanie has been with us every step of the way. She has taught us and protected us and we are grateful to her. Wanetta had a Harvester T-shirt for Stefanie and she was most grateful.

The flight home will actually be longer than our flight to Germany, because we will be going against the jet stream. We will have 10 1/2 hours on the plane before our direct flight lands in Dallas. A pleasant surprise was that this WAS a wide-body 777 and all had their own TV that was nestled in the seat back in front of them. So, we had more room and more entertainment so the flight went much better.

We arrived at Amarillo International Airport at about 8 p.m. after having been up for about 28 hours straight. We are a tired and sad looking bunch. Our families are there to greet us with banners and balloons and we are GLAD to see them. It was good that no one took any pictures this

time, it wouldn't have been pretty!

I want to thank EF Tours for an exceptionally well-run tour. Stefanie was a wonderful guide and Eddy was the greatest of bus drivers. Our accommodations were adequate, if not the standard to which we are used to having. Our bus was in top shape and the air-conditioning worked great. Our group got along with the St. Louis and Chicago people very well. If you ever get a chance to travel with EF, I would highly recommend this company that has been in business for over 30 years and has taken millions to all parts of the world.

Most of the credit, however, goes to Wanetta Hill. She worked with us for about a year, preparing us for the trip. She was so organized and so motivating and she took very good care of us during the entire trip. She is a jewel and I am so glad that my son and I had the opportunity to travel with Wanetta and each of the individuals on the trip. We count it a privilege to have been a part of this group and to have gotten to know the others better. This was a trip that neither Shawn nor I will ever forget. Ask us to see our pictures — we took 33 rolls of film!

Killer suspect in new slaying; captured after fatal smashup

VARNER, Ark. (AP) — Arkansas authorities hope to get escaped killer Kenneth D. Williams back soon from Missouri, where his 24 hours of freedom ended after a traffic smashup fatal to another driver. Police say Williams, 20, is also a suspect in the shooting death of the Arkansas man who owned the pickup truck Williams was driving.

Arkansas State Police sent two investigators to Buffalo, Mo., on Monday, where Williams was being held in the Dallas County Jail, according to state police spokesman Bill Sadler. The two will begin extradition proceedings to return Williams to Arkansas.

Meanwhile, officials at the Cummins Unit of the state prison system, from which Williams fled on Sunday, were trying to discover how he escaped and why his absence wasn't noticed for several hours.

Williams' escapade added to the notoriety he gained when he taunted his victim's family after being spared the death penalty at the conclusion of his trial last month in Pine Bluff. Convicted of capital murder for killing a college cheerleader, Williams gloated when the jury recommended that he be sentenced to life without parole, instead of execution.

"You thought I was going to die, didn't you?" he asked the family of Dominique Hurd, 19, of Fort Worth, Texas.

The cheerleader's father remembered Williams' behavior on Monday.

"He was cold, he had no remorse, he had no feelings for anything," Rick Hurd said. "He turned around and he cursed at us several times. Then one time he just totally turned around and smiled as if, 'I'm going to get away,' and that's exactly what he did, he got away."

In Missouri, Williams was arrested at the end of a chase in

which he traveled the wrong way on Interstate 44 and tried to hit other vehicles.

"He didn't care what he was doing. He was going to do whatever it took to try to get away," Missouri State Highway Patrol Sgt. Terry Moore said.

Missouri police spotted the stolen truck Monday morning in Lebanon, Mo., about 140 miles southeast of Kansas City and more than 300 miles northwest of the prison from which Williams had fled. During the ensuing chase, the truck briefly went west in the eastbound lanes of I-44 and then topped 100 mph on two-lane blacktops.

Police said Williams rammed a water delivery truck at the end of the chase, in Urbana, Mo., killing the truck's driver, Michael J. Greenwood, 24, of Springfield, Mo. Williams then fled on foot from the pickup truck toward a house, but was arrested in a field.

After his Sept. 14 sentencing, Williams was assigned to the same maximum-security prison, the Cummins Unit, where Arkansas executes death-row prisoners. He escaped at midday Sunday, Correction Department spokeswoman Dina Tyler said.

By the time the escape was noticed, Cecil Boren, 57, had been

found dead on his farm about four miles northwest of the prison, shot in the head and back. His pickup truck was stolen and several guns and credit cards were missing from his home.

Boren was a former Internal Revenue Service agent and a former assistant warden at the Cummins Unit. His past connection to the prison was not likely to have been a factor in his death, police said.

More than 7 1/2 hours elapsed between the times when guards last counted Williams on his way to lunch and when his absence was noted, Tyler said. Another two hours elapsed before officers investigating Boren's death were notified, Sadler said.

Because a number of prison activities are held on Sundays, including visiting hours and most religious services, it is difficult to get everyone to stop moving so guards can count the inmates, Tyler said.

She said the prison system had not determined whether any policies need to be changed.

"We have to take our time and figure out what happened to determine what to do next," she said. "It could be that no one remembers where he said he was going (after lunch)."

Young boy saw father attack mother who died, officer testifies

DALLAS (AP) — The young son of a man accused of stabbing his wife to death told police that he witnessed the alleged attack and tried to help his mother, a University Park officer testified on Monday.

Capt. Michael Brock said one of the 5- and 6-year-old sons of Patrick Timothy Richardson and Mary Williams Richardson told investigators that they saw their father wrap a lamp cord around their mother's neck and stab her with scissors as their 8-year-old sister called 911 on Sept. 19.

Brock testified that one of the boys said "that he saw his father cut his mother."

"He said there was a cord on her neck," Brock said. "He got scissors to help Mama, and Daddy knocked them out of his hand."

Brock, who was the only witness to testify on Monday in Richardson's examining trial, said the boy told police that his father then

attacked his mother with the scissors.

The case will now go to a Dallas County grand jury after Chief Magistrate Boyd Patterson ruled there was sufficient evidence to do so.

Richardson, 39, was arrested and charged with murder after police reached the home. He is being electronically monitored while he is free on \$1 million bond. Richardson is under a court order to stay away from his children.

Brock also testified that he "personally saw one large cut all the way across the neck." He added that when police and paramedics arrived at the house, Richardson was covered in blood from his knees down.

According to a preliminary autopsy report, Mrs. Richardson, 35, died from strangulation and wounds to the throat and neck.



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DEAR MR. MILLER: This week is Fire Prevention Week, and I hope my readers will use this week as a reminder to plan and practice their home fire drills.

Readers, tomorrow is The Great Escape, a unified fire drill in which you should participate. Please make a commitment to find out about it today from notices in your newspaper or radio, or by calling your local fire department for information, and tomorrow take part in the drill.

DEAR ABBY: Please help settle

a family dispute. Recently my brother and his wife visited my family at our summer home in New York state. They presented us with a gift of wine upon their arrival.

The next afternoon my brother's family departed as scheduled. The following week, I was informed by another family member that my brother had been insulted by my "greed and inconsideration" for not opening his gift bottle and offering it around. Abby, what's the rule here? Was I a poor host?

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Horoscope

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 6, 1999 BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Pressure builds to break patterns and come up with better ideas. A friend reveals another way that delights you.

will come. Friends remain pivotal. Tonight: Out and about. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Financial blocks will appear if you are prone to risk.

aren't happy. You could be overwhelmed by work. Let go of worry. Tonight: Be willing to put in the extra hours needed.

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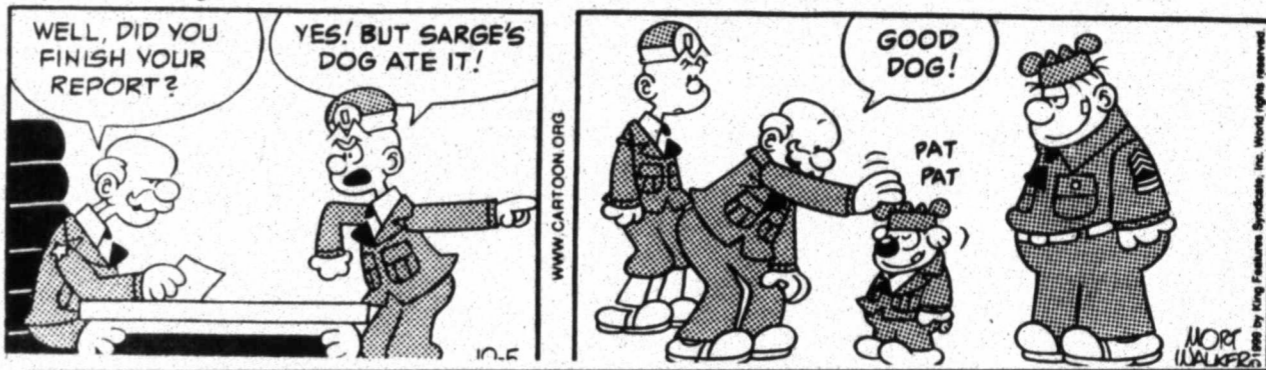
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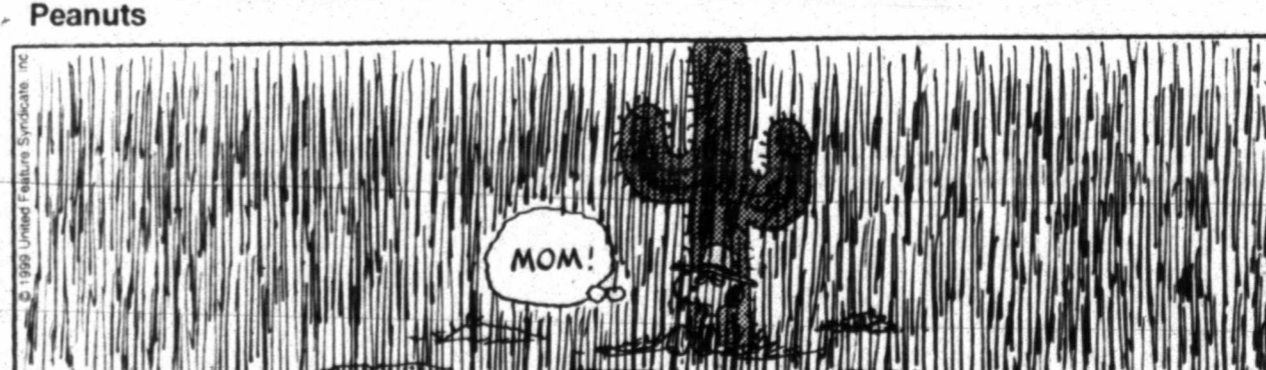
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SPORTS

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SOFTBALL

PAMPA — The City of Pampa's Recreation Department will host the fourth annual Duck Soup Mixed Softball Tournament at Recreation Park on Saturday, Oct. 10. The tournament is designed to be fun for all teams. In each inning different rules will be used, such as batting with the opposite hand, running the bases backwards, drawing defensive positions from a hat, etc. The entry fee is \$99.95 per team and the entry deadline is Oct. 8 at 5 p.m. For more information, or to enter a team, call the Recreation Office at 669-5770.

BASKETBALL

PAMPA — Pampa Optimist girls' basketball signups are set for Oct. 11-13 at the Optimist Club. Signups times are from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. each night. Signup fee is \$35. Scholarships are available. The league is for girls in the third through sixth grades. Each team is limited to a certain number of players and interested girls are urged to sign up as soon as possible. More coaches are also needed and interested persons should contact Monty Covalt at 669-3615.

VOLLEYBALL

PAMPA — The Pampa-Caprock volleyball match will be played at 6 p.m. Friday at McNeely Fieldhouse instead of Saturday. The match was rescheduled because of the football game between the two schools at 1 p.m. Saturday in Amarillo. Pampa hosts Borger at 6 tonight in a District 3-4A match.

FOOTBALL

PORTALES, N.M. — Burger King Corporation has named Floyd White of Eastern New Mexico University, a Division II College Football Scholar-Athlete. White, of Pampa, is a senior who has maintained a 3.611 GPA as a Biology Major, while starting as a linebacker for the ENMU football team. In addition to his academic and athletic endeavors, White is also a volunteer, participating in Help One Student to Succeed mentoring program. In honor of White, Burger King donated \$10,000 to the Eastern New Mexico University general scholarship fund in his name. The award was presented during last weekend's game between Eastern New Mexico University and Abilene Christian University. Each week throughout the 10-week program, Burger King names eight scholar-athlete award winners, two each from Division I and Division II. Last month, White was selected as the Lone Star Conference South Division Player of the Week after the Greyhounds 20-14 win over Oklahoma Northeastern State.

BASEBALL

CINCINNATI (AP) — The New York Mets cleansed their reputation with champagne that was fully aged when it was finally popped. For one excruciating week, the Mets did nothing but lose games and reinforce their label as a team that folds when the playoffs are on the line. For one joyous hour Monday night, they finally got their hands on the champagne and alternately sprayed and toasted each other as a playoff team after all. The Mets clinched the last remaining postseason berth by beating the Cincinnati Reds 5-0 Monday night in a one-game playoff for the NL wild card. Their first playoff appearance since 1988 begins tonight in Arizona, where Masato Yoshii (12-8) will face Randy Johnson (17-9) in the opener of the best-of-5 series.

NEW YORK (AP) — The Texas Rangers didn't do anything in the playoffs against last year's New York Yankees, who could legitimately claim to be the best team ever. Now Texas gets a shot against a Yankees team that was simply the best in the American League. "I think the main thing is they're human this year," said Rangers manager Johnny Oates, whose team opens its division series against the Yankees tonight. "Last year, that was not only a team of the decade, it was the team of the century." That team won an AL-record 114 games in the regular season, swept Texas in the first round of the playoffs, beat Cleveland in the AL championship series and swept San Diego in the World Series. The only time they were even threatened came against the

Indians, when New York fell behind 2-1 before winning the final three games. Orlando Hernandez, this year's Game 1 starter, won the pivotal fourth game in that series. "The Yankees had a sense of invincibility last year," Todd Zeile said. "They were the best team in the history of the game. They are still a good club, but we are confident playing against them." The Rangers lacked confidence last year against New York. More importantly, they lacked offense. They brought one of the best offenses in the game to the playoffs, but scored just one run and hit .141 in the three-game sweep. Overall, New York has won six straight playoff games against Texas since losing the opener of their series in 1996. "We know they will be ready for us," New York's David Cone said. "Their whole goal this season has

been to beat us. Now they get the chance. And we are ready for it." The Yankees won 27 of 35 meetings between the two teams before dropping three of the last five this year. To advance beyond the first round for the first time in club history, the Rangers need to win three of the next five as well. "It's important for us not to get caught up in the past few series or the last three or four years," Oates said. "We're trying to talk about our guys focusing on the opportunity as opposed to the obstacle. Sometimes you start looking at the obstacle and it becomes too big to overcome." The biggest obstacle for the Rangers will be the Yankees' starting pitching, which held Texas down last year. Manager Joe Torre will send out Hernandez (17-9, 4.12 ERA) in Game 1, followed by Andy Pettitte, Roger Clemens and, if necessary, Cone.

That quartet has 13 postseason wins — 13 more than Texas starters Aaron Sele (18-9, 4.79), Rick Helling and Esteban Loaiza. "We've all pitched big games, we all have experience," Cone said. "We feel good about our overall depth of pitching. That has been the hallmark of our teams, and it has to be again if we want to move on." Shutting down the Texas offense won't be as easy this season. The addition of Rafael Palmeiro (.324, 47 HR, 148 RBIs) has added balance and depth to the lineup, which was second in the AL in runs scored this year. They had four players with at least 100 RBIs, six with at least 20 homers, and led the league with a .293 average. "It's really made that ballclub a lot more potent," Torre said. "I didn't think they needed that, but they certainly have added to their

offensive output with him." But it is not nearly enough to scare the Yankees. They have been waiting for the playoffs to start ever since they arrived at spring training. Now that it is nearly here, they're ready. "We're the world champs," Torre said. "That's the way people look at us. That doesn't mean we assume we are going to win. We know we have a fight on our hands." **Notes:** Yankees OF Shane Spencer, who hit two homers in six at-bats in last year's series against Texas, did not make the roster. INF Clay Bellinger took his place. ... Yankees fifth starter Hideki Irabu will pitch out of the bullpen, while RHP Jason Grimsley did not make the team. ... Texas LHP Jeff Fassero is taking the place of Mike Munoz, who was sidelined after dropping a computer monitor on his foot.

Pampa favored by two TDs over 'Horns

PAMPA — Pampa has got that old momentum gathered going into the District 3-4A football opener against Caprock. Kickoff is 1 p.m. Saturday at Dick Bivins Stadium in Amarillo. The Harvesters (3-2) are riding a two-game winning streak and are favored by 14 points over Caprock (1-4) by the Harris Report.

Despite only one win, the Longhorns have some decent numbers. Their offense is averaging 299 yards per game, compared to 275 yards for the Harvesters. Pampa has the edge on defense, allowing 323 yards per game compared to 399 for Caprock. Pampa has scored 86 points in five games and has allowed 105. Caprock has scored 75 points and surrendered 168. Caprock should be well-rested coming off an open date while Pampa was putting together a solid 27-14 win over Randall last Friday night. Pampa's offense, sparked by tight end-kicker Justin Barnes and running back Ramon

Martinez, rolled up 346 yards of offense against the Raiders. Barnes caught 5 passes for 87 yards, including a 48-yard touchdown reception from quarterback Caleb Snelgrooves. Barnes also booted field goals of 37 and 38 yards. Martinez rushed for 118 yards on 27 carries and scored on a 13-yard run. The outcome could have easily been more one-sided. Barnes and Snelgrooves had combined for another touchdown covering 49 yards, but the play was nullified due to an off-sides penalty. An interception by defensive back Johnny Cortez late in the second quarter could have led to another TD, but that play was also nullified because of a Pampa holding penalty. Cortez had picked off a Randall pass near at midfield and had a 12-yard return to the Pampa 38. Pampa safety Orlando Madrid finished off Randall with a 22-yard interception return for a touchdown in the second half. It came with 4:51 left in the third quarter and would be the final touchdown of the game.

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HIGH SCHOOL TENNIS

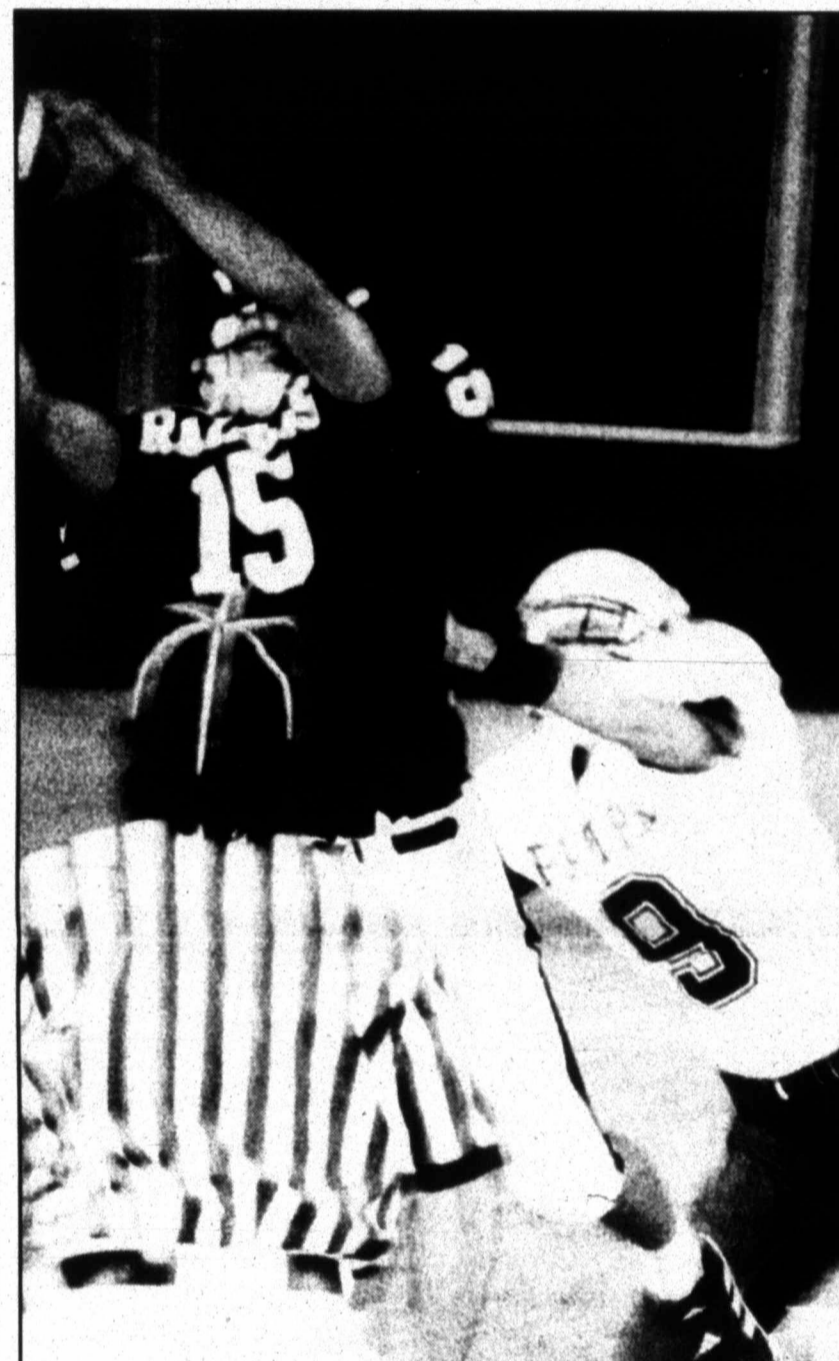
PAMPA — The Pampa tennis team travels to Dumas today for more District 3-4A action. The Harvesters are 6-0 in district play and are 12-4 for the season in Team Tennis competition.

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- Boys' Singles**
 Michael Cornelison (P) def. Nelson Beville 4-6, 6-3, 6-3.
 Ryan Mills (P) def. Riley Hall, 6-7 (7-1), 6-2, 6-1.
 Matt Rains (P) def. Ian Isaacson, 6-2, 6-3.
 Bryce Jordan (P) def. Harrison Hoffman, 6-1, 6-1.
 David Philips (P) def. Clay Cosby, 6-1, 6-0.
 A.J. Smith (P) def. Clayton Blacksher, 6-0, 6-1.
- Girls' Singles**
 Emily Waters (P) def. Kimberly Scott, 6-1, 6-0.
 Emily Curtis (P) def. Ivory Isaacson, 6-3, 6-2.
 Helen Orr (P) def. Tyler Ruckerman, 6-3, 6-4.
 Ashley Stucki (P) def. Lindsey Goforth, 6-3, 6-2.
 Stacie Carter (P) def. Denae Brinkman, 6-4, 6-2.
 Brittany Kindle (P) def. Katherine Ivy, 6-3, 6-0.
- Boys' Doubles**
 Cornelison-Jordan (P) def. Beville-Hall, 6-4, 6-3.
 Rains-Smith (P) def. Isaacson-Hoffman, 6-0, 6-0.
 Kerry Turner-Mills (P) def. Blacksher-Alade, 6-4, 6-1.
- Girls' Doubles**
 Waters-Curtis (P) def. Kimberly Scott-Ivory Isaacson, 6-2, 6-1.
 Orr-Ashlei Jordan (P) def. Goforth-Ivy, 6-2, 6-0.
 Stucki-Michelle Lee (P) def. Brinkman-Finley, 6-2, 6-0.
- Mixed:** Tyler Ruckerman-Clay Cosby (H) def. Jennifer Muns-Nathanael Hill, 6-4, 6-4.

Pampa Individual Records

Girls				
Name	Class	Singles	Doubles	
Emily Waters	Sr.	11-5	11-5	
Emily Curtis	Sr.	12-5	12-5	
Helen Orr	Sr.	12-4	10-7	
Ashley Stucki	Soph.	10-3	9-7	
Stacie Carter	Soph.	7-6	2-3	
Jennifer Muns	Sr.	2-4	9-7	
Brittany Kindle	Soph.	5-5	1-1	
Michelle Lee	Soph.	2-3	11-6	
Ashlei Jordan	Soph.	0-0	6-6	
Total:		61-35	71-47	
Boys				
Name	Class	Singles	Doubles	
Michael Cornelison	Jr.	6-11	9-8	
Ryan Mills	Sr.	8-9	12-5	
Matt Rains	Sr.	8-8	10-7	
Bryce Jordan	Jr.	13-3	9-8	
David Philips	Soph.	14-1	5-8	
A.J. Smith	Soph.	13-2	12-5	
Kerry Turner	Sr.	0-0	14-3	
Jared Spearman	Soph.	0-0	1-0	
Eric Scroggins	Fr.	0	1-0	
Nathanael Hill	Soph.	0-0	0-1	
Total:		62-34	73-45	



(Pampa News photo)

Pampa cornerback J.J. Roark (9) goes up against Randall receiver Trevor Babbitt in last week's 27-14 Harvester win. The pass fell incomplete as Babbitt tried to make the catch before going out of bounds. Roark has 3 interceptions to rank second individually among District 3-4A teams in that category.

Davis out for year as Bronco woes continue

DENVER (AP) — A season-ending injury to 1998 league MVP Terrell Davis is forcing the Denver Broncos to adjust their backfield, and the changes might not stop there. Hoping to pull the winless Broncos out of an unprecedented tailspin, Denver coach Mike Shanahan is seriously considering replacing starting quarterback Brian Griese. "We're going to have to do something since we're 0-4. Exactly what we're going to do, I can't tell you because I don't know right now," Shanahan said Monday. "We'll definitely look at a few different things to shake the team up and see if we can get back on the right track." Denver's train wreck of a season took another wrong turn Sunday when Davis tore two ligaments in his right knee while making a tackle after an interception in the first quarter of a 21-13 loss to the New York Jets. Davis is scheduled to have reconstructive surgery in the next 10 days to repair the anterior cruciate ligament and the medial collateral ligament and cartilage. The recovery time is 4-6 months. "Right now, my spirits are high," Davis said in an interview on ABC's "Monday Night Football." "I know I'll be back

100 percent and I'll be as good as new. The type of person I am, my mentality, I'm a workhorse and I just want to get back and play with my teammates." Davis' injury is the same one suffered by Atlanta running back Jamal Anderson in the first week of the season, leaving the NFL's two top rushers from a year ago out for the season. "Obviously, he's working through it right now," Shanahan said. "I said, 'Hey, I love you. You've done everything we've asked you to do. Just hang in there.'" After becoming the fourth player in NFL history to run for 2,000 yards in a season last year, Davis was faced with the challenge of succeeding without quarterback John Elway, who retired in May. He had 211 yards on 67 carries in Denver's four games. He averaged 3.1 yards per rush, 1.7 yards below his career average. In Davis' absence, the Broncos will turn to Derek Loville, whose last stint as a starter was with San Francisco in 1995. "I didn't want it this way," Loville said. "I'd rather be 0-6 and have Terrell in there. That's my man. ... I spoke to him when he was getting a little treatment. He said, 'Hey, you've got to be a soldier.'" "They have more experience but we have enough experience now to feel this is not an overwhelming situation," Astros manager Larry Dierker said. "We've scored some runs on them this season but we've kicked the ball around too much." The Astros wanted to get in the air as quickly as possible, once their first round opponent was determined. "We want to get away as quickly as possible," general manager Gerry Hunsicker said before the team left the Astrodome. "This won't bother them. I don't think anything can happen to this club that hasn't already happened." Dierker anticipates a rugged first round against the Braves, who have won eight consecutive division titles and had baseball's best record this year at 103-59. "They have the most complete team," Dierker said. "They can out-pitch you or they can out-hit you." The Astros lost six of seven games to the Braves in the regular season, including three of four in the Astrodome, where Game 3 will be played Friday night. "We all know how we've fared against the Braves," closer Billy Wagner said. "Their reputation seems to beat us before we get out there. We seem to try to do too much against them."

Golf scramble results listed

The annual Harvester Basketball Golf Scramble was held last weekend at Hidden Hills Public Course. Scramble proceeds went to the Pampa High boys basketball program. Results are as follows:
Sutton Flight
 First place: Steve Cox, Sam Maples, Scott Wiseman and Scott Harrellson, 59.
 Second place: Bill Hammer, Jerry Stephens, Ken Maples and Martin Stevens, 59.
 Third place: Larry Etchison, Mike Hargus, Craig Tanner and Don Alexander, 63.
 Fourth place: Steve Williams, Rick Foster, Donny Nail and Bennie Horton, 63.
Leonard Flight
 First place: Mike Soukup, Mike Crain, Pat Darling and Rick Valingo, 64.
 Second place: Jason Marlar, Shawn Fraley, Pat Montoya and David McGill, 64.
 Third place: Oscar Sargent, Jerry Davis, Jerry Steed and Bob Young, 66.
 Fourth place: Bob Julian, Chuong Pham, Doug Earl and Ron Rongillos, 67.

Astros head for Atlanta

HOUSTON (AP) — Everything has gone down to the wire for the Houston Astros this season, so it was fitting that they sat on the runway waiting to know whether they would fly to Arizona or Atlanta to begin the playoffs. The Astros won their third straight NL Central Division title on the final day of the regular season on Sunday and it wasn't until late Monday night that they learned that regular season nemesis Atlanta would be their first round playoff foe. Houston wound up with a first-round matchup against the Braves, thanks to the New York Mets' 5-0 win over Cincinnati on Monday night. "They have more experience but we have enough experience now to feel this is not an overwhelming situation," Astros manager Larry Dierker said. "We've scored some runs on them this season but we've kicked the ball around too much." The Astros wanted to get in the air as quickly as possible, once their first round opponent was determined. "We want to get away as quickly as possible," general manager Gerry Hunsicker said before the team left the Astrodome. "This won't bother them. I don't think anything can happen to this club that hasn't already happened." Dierker anticipates a rugged first round against the Braves, who have won eight consecutive division titles and had baseball's best record this year at 103-59. "They have the most complete team," Dierker said. "They can out-pitch you or they can out-hit you." The Astros lost six of seven games to the Braves in the regular season, including three of four in the Astrodome, where Game 3 will be played Friday night. "We all know how we've fared against the Braves," closer Billy Wagner said. "Their reputation seems to beat us before we get out there. We seem to try to do too much against them."

Smith, Bills have fun against the Dolphins

MIAMI (AP) — In his 15th NFL season, Bruce Smith still regards defensive dominance as something to savor.

The perennial Pro Bowl end loves turnovers, sacks, third-down stops and jarring hits, and there were plenty Monday night when the Buffalo Bills beat the Miami Dolphins 23-18.

"I had a lot of fun," Smith said. "I had the most fun out there that I've had in a long time."

The Dolphins allowed the fewest points in the NFL last season, but their defense was second best against the Bills. Miami converted only one of 14 third-down situations, and Buffalo forced Dan Marino into three turnovers, including a fumble that Gabe Northern returned 59 yards for a touchdown.

Miami's only touchdown followed a 93-yard kickoff return late in the game. It was the first TD allowed by the Bills in 13 quarters.

"Our defense was outstanding," coach Wade Phillips said. "Everybody talks about their defense, but ours is playing tremendous."

The Bills reversed a 24-17 loss at Miami in last season's playoffs. After that game, Dolphins coach Jimmy Johnson celebrated in the locker room by stomping on a box of Flutie Flakes.

This time, the Buffalo defense did the stomping.

"We have good players, and we had a great game plan," said linebacker John Holecek, who forced the fumble that resulted in Northern's TD. "The sky's the limit for us."

The Bills (3-1) won their third game in a row.

"I think we're up with the elite in the AFC," quarterback Doug Flutie said.

The loss by Miami (2-1) left the NFL with just three undefeated teams.

"It's very simple," Johnson said. "If you turn the ball over and don't convert on third downs, you're going to have a tough time winning."

Buffalo took a 23-12 lead on Steve Christie's third field goal with 6:56 left, but Miami's Brock Marion returned the ensuing kickoff to the Buffalo 4. O.J. McDuffie then caught a 9-yard touchdown pass from Marino.

The Dolphins got the ball back with 2:59 to go, but Marino threw four consecutive incompletions from the Miami 43. He finished 22-for-44 for 251 yards with two interceptions and two sacks, his first of the year.

Marino grudgingly gave credit to the Bills and longtime nemesis Smith.

"We're the ones that made the mistakes that really cost us the game," Marino said. "But they're pretty good on defense. No. 78 is pretty good."

Smith made five tackles and attracted frequent double-teaming, freeing teammates on the pass rush.

Late in the first half, Holecek came through free on a third-down blitz and blindsided Marino to jar the ball loose. Northern scooped it up, escaped the grasp of Miami's Cecil Collins and ran untouched for a touchdown.

Holecek returned an interception of Marino 35 yards to set up Christie's final field goal, a 31-yarder.

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Panhellenic Scholarship



(Community Camera photo)

Pampa Panhellenic President Shannon Buck presents Mindee Stowers with a \$100 scholarship. Stowers is a sophomore at Texas Tech University and belongs to Zeta Tau Alpha. Also receiving a scholarship but not pictured was Laura Miller, a senior at Oklahoma State University and a member of Gamma Phi Beta. The Panhellenic Scholarship is awarded to exemplary area college women active in sorority life.

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Texas Department of Health working toward smooth transition to 2000

AUSTIN — The Texas Department of Health, charged with protecting and improving the health and safety of Texans, has overcome great obstacles in fulfilling its mission in the past. Logistics throughout the state, a diverse population with varied health needs, the ever-present threat that old diseases may return or new ones might emerge, environmental and human caused health crises — all have tested TDH's resourcefulness in the cause of public health. And according to Dr. William R. Archer, Texas Commissioner of Health, "Ensuring that quality public health services remain constant this year and into the next century has been a challenge for TDH, and one that still is not finished."

Preventing the so-called Y2K computer problem from compromising public health and safety has been a unique project but that task is almost done. The remaining needed technological changes are planned to be complete well before the new year.

Dr. Archer explained the basic Y2K problem as follows:

Without modifications and actual replacement, some older computers which help to calculate or manage Medicaid payments, process applications for WIC food vouchers, and other TDH "mission critical" programs and projects might mistake the year 2000 for the year 1900. Their

programs use only the last two digits of a year date in their memories. The resulting computer confusion theoretically could

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lead to computer failure or inaccurate data.

Dr. Archer added, "What we next need to achieve regarding Y2K is public understanding and confidence that critical health and medical services throughout Texas will not be disabled by out-of-date computers on Jan. 1, 2000."

—Medicaid, the state program for reimbursing medical providers for care of eligible patients. The Y2K-adapted computer system for Medicaid payments underwent testing and went on-line in July. TDH, the Texas Department of Human Services and the National Heritage Insurance Corporation share responsibility for reimbursements to medical providers. They have coordinated their business continuity plans to ensure that timely payments will

continue beyond December.

—Hospitals, TDH's two state hospitals, one in San Antonio and the other in Harlingen. TDH has verified that all of the 183 "embedded" computer systems in its two hospitals will work correctly in the next century.

—Mission-Critical Projects, major programs and projects which are vital to TDH's commitment to protect and enhance public health and safety. Forty-nine of TDH's 54 mission critical systems are now compliant. The final system is a development project to add new features to a system that will work in 2000. Implementation of this project can be delayed as long as necessary without affecting service.

—Embedded systems, devices or equipment which contain some form of date-sensitive microchip, such as a long-range timer or automatic reminder for periodic servicing. Throughout TDH, 96 percent of the agency's mission-critical embedded systems are compatible with Y2K requirements. And business continuity plans have been written for all mission-critical embedded systems.

—Work in progress. All critical systems and adaptations are being verified and audited independently, and audits were to be finished before Sept. 1. TDH information resources and emergency preparedness staffs will work through the end of the year with other state agencies to educate the public about Y2K to prevent fear and dispel rumors. The agency continues to monitor the readiness of other state agencies, TDH trading partners, and local health and emergency resources.

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TDMHMR brochure helps Texans assess mental health

AUSTIN — Texas health care providers and mental health practitioners have a new resource to help individuals recognize and understand the potential warning signs of emotional or mental illnesses. The publication, "Taking Care of Your Mental Health," collaboratively published by the Hogg Foundation for Mental Health and the Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation, takes an easy-to-understand approach to the issues and symptoms associated with mental health disorders. One of the most difficult aspects of experiencing emotional or behavioral troubles is deciding whether you, or a loved one, truly has a problem. The onset of mental health conditions can come upon us so gradually, and with symptoms so susceptible to misdiagnosis, that it's difficult to recognize problems before they come severe. "Taking Care of Your Mental Health" also provides a simple

definition of mental health, offers tips on recognizing and addressing problems, outlines types of mental disorders and suggests places to seek help and obtain an evaluation from a qualified medical practitioner.

"It was by chance that we and TXMHMR simultaneously reached the same conclusion about the public need for a basic primer focused on 'what is mental health?'" said Jeff Patterson, director of communications for the Hogg Foundation.

"Taking Care of Your Mental Health" is currently available at no cost to medical practitioners, health care providers, social service agencies, public libraries, mental health organizations and other public outlets or forums. The brochure also is available online at www.hogg.lac.utexas.edu/. For more information about the brochure, or to obtain copies, contact the Hogg Foundation for Mental Health by phone at (512) 471-5041 or by e-mail at hfcomm@mail.utexas.edu.

CACFP program open to area Registered Day Home Providers

AMARILLO — Hi-Plains Day Care Services, Inc., a non-profit organization, recently announced sponsorship of Child and Adult Care Food Program which is administered by Texas Department of Human Services and is funded by United States Department of Agriculture.

CACFP reimburses the Registered Day Home Provider for the cost of food served to children from birth through age 12 who are enrolled in their care. There is no charge to the provider to participate in this program nor to the parents. Neither the provider nor the children have to qualify by income to participate in the program. The Day Home Provider can

be reimbursed for up to two meals and one snack or one meal and two snacks per child in attendance each day. For more information about CACFP, contact: Hi-Plains Day Care Services, Inc., P.O. Box 32020, Amarillo, TX 79120, or call (806) 622-1096.

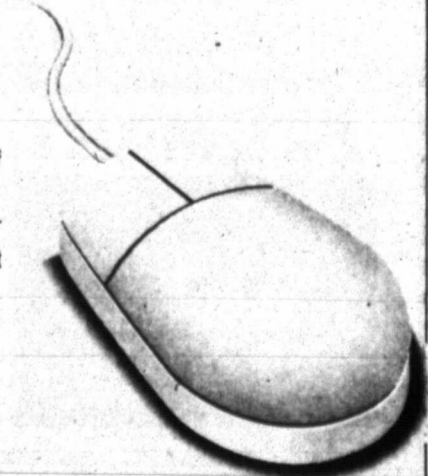
All are eligible to participate in this program. CACFP does not discriminate against race, color, national origin, sex, age, disability, religion or political belief. Anyone who believes they have been discriminated against should write: Texas Department of Human Services, Director, Civil Rights Division, MCE-609, P.O. Box 149030, Austin, TX 78714-9030, or Secretary of Agriculture, Washington, DC 202050.

Keeping an eye on Texas

New tax exemptions click with Internet

Starting on October 1, 1999, changes in the sales tax law will benefit one of the fastest growing sectors of the Texas economy.

- One section exempts the first \$25 of a monthly charge for Internet access service from state and local sales tax.
- Another section exempts 20 percent of the value of data processing and information services from state and local sales taxes. These services include such Internet-related activities as designing and maintaining Web pages.



SOURCE: Carole Keeton Rylander, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, (www.window.state.tx.us)