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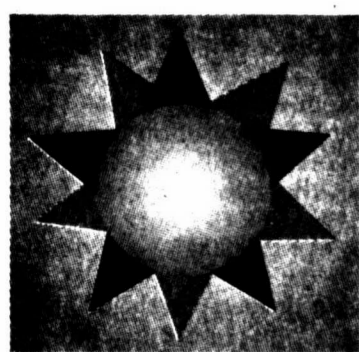
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**Lefors Class of '50 plans fall reunion**  
 LEFORS — Lefors High School Class of 1950 will hold its 50th anniversary class reunion Oct. 13 and 14. Current addresses for the following class members are sought: Ruth Ann Bogard, Joy Jean Hunnicutt, Oneta Laurence, Ann Phillips, Vivian Turner and Frances Lorrain. To notify the reunion committee of the whereabouts of these classmates, contact Wanda Carter, (806) 665-1760, or Barbara Lemke, (806) 883-8461.

**Exleben avoids jail pending appeal**  
 AUSTIN (AP) — A former kicker for the New Orleans Saints and Texas Longhorns who was found guilty in a contempt of court case will remain out of jail pending his appeal.  
 A judge last week sentenced Russell Exleben to six months in jail after impeding efforts to recover assets from his failed foreign currency trading firm, Austin Forex International Inc.  
 He was scheduled to report to Travis County jail Monday, but in a court hearing Friday, Exleben argued that he would have served most of his sentence before the 3rd Court of Appeals could hear his case.  
 Davis agreed and allowed Exleben to pay a \$2,500 cash bond and remain free pending his appeal.  
 Exleben's freedom could be short-lived. Exleben pleaded guilty in November to federal conspiracy and securities fraud and is slated to be sentenced in U.S. District Court on Sept. 19. He faces up to seven years in prison.  
 A trustee has been appointed to recover Austin Forex's assets, liquidate them and return money to investors. The trustee will continue to press for jail time on the contempt charges, lawyer Michael Shaunessy told the Austin American-Statesman.  
 "Depending on what happens with his sentence, he may be in federal custody when the Court of Appeals rules," Shaunessy said.

• Leslie Arnold, 84, retired employee of H&P Drilling

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## First vote: 4-1 for city tax increase

By KATE B. DICKSON  
 Associate Publisher

A property tax increase to 67 cents per one hundred valuation has been approved by the Pampa City Commission on first reading by a 4-to-1 vote. It will take two readings and two affirmative votes to make the tax effective.

Before a second vote is taken, a public hearing will be held at 6 p.m. Sept. 5 in the commission chambers at Pampa City Hall.

"The general fund balance drops year-to-year," said Mayor Bob Neslage. "We have to stop the bleeding. We've cut and cut. The cost of doing business keeps going up. If we go any farther we will have to cut services even more than we have."

During this fiscal year, the commission cut \$85,000 worth of recurring annual

## Second vote required; public hearing Sept. 5

expenses and eliminated 11 positions bringing personnel cuts to 32 in the past few years. These, said City Manager Bob Eskridge, are considered "permanent" cuts.

The general fund finances a variety of services including the police and fire departments, engineering, recreation, code enforcement, emergency management, parks, data processing, streets and others.

The vote came Tuesday during the regular City Commission meeting that was preceded by an all-day session in which

commissioners and city staff went over the proposed 2000-01 budget. A budget must be adopted before Oct. 1.

Commissioners agreed, after consulting with City Attorney Don Lane, they can drop the rate if they decide it's best to do so but they can't exceed the 67-cent level they approved on first reading.

Mayor Neslage, Commissioner Bob Dixon, Commissioner Faustina Curry and Commissioner Jeff Andrews cast votes for the tax increase. Commissioner Jeff McCormick cast the no vote. Curry made the motion and the mayor seconded it.

Without dipping into the city's dwindling general fund savings, the 2000-01 general fund budget stands at \$165,000 in the red, said City Finance Director John Horst.

Money can be taken from the \$705,000 in savings but Horst says that would be "very dangerous" because the city should have cash on hand to handle emergencies. It's recommended, he said, that cities keep three months worth of operating funds available. For Pampa that would mean a savings account of \$1.8 million.

The general fund is losing one and one-half cents of property tax dollars because commissioners agreed previously to shift that amount to debt service funds, the finance director said. These funds are paying for previous infrastructure improvements, the completed street project and the settlement of a wrongful termination suit.

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## Drug dog 'Nick' makes meth bust

### Two Area men behind bars

By DEE DEE LARAMORE  
 Staff Writer

Pampa Police Department's new drug dog, racked up another bust early today, leading to the arrests of two men on felony possession of a controlled substance charges and seizure of 19 grams of methamphetamine.

Kerry Layne Zeek, 30, of Lefors and Frank Pechacek, 33, of Amarillo remained in Gray County Jail today awaiting arraignment on a variety of charges by Justice of the Peace Bob Muns.

Zeek was arrested for possession of a controlled substance over four grams and under 200 grams with intent to deliver, unlawfully carrying a weapon, probation violation for theft out of Randall County, possession of drug paraphernalia, failure to identify, and fugitive from justice.

Charges against Pechacek include possession of a controlled substance under four grams and under 200 grams, unlawfully carrying a weapon, and possession of drug paraphernalia.

At approximately 12:30 a.m. today, Canine Officer David Conner stopped a 1996 red Honda Accord with California license plates on a traffic violation, according to a Pampa Police Department news release. Two men and a boxer-mix dog were inside the Honda, Conner said.

After gaining a consent to search the car, Officer Conner said he saw a pink plastic bag on the console between the driver and passenger seats that appeared to be methamphetamine.

Fearing a fight between "Nick," the drug dog and the dog in the

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## PISD budget, tax hike hearing on tap

By DEE DEE LARAMORE  
 Staff Writer

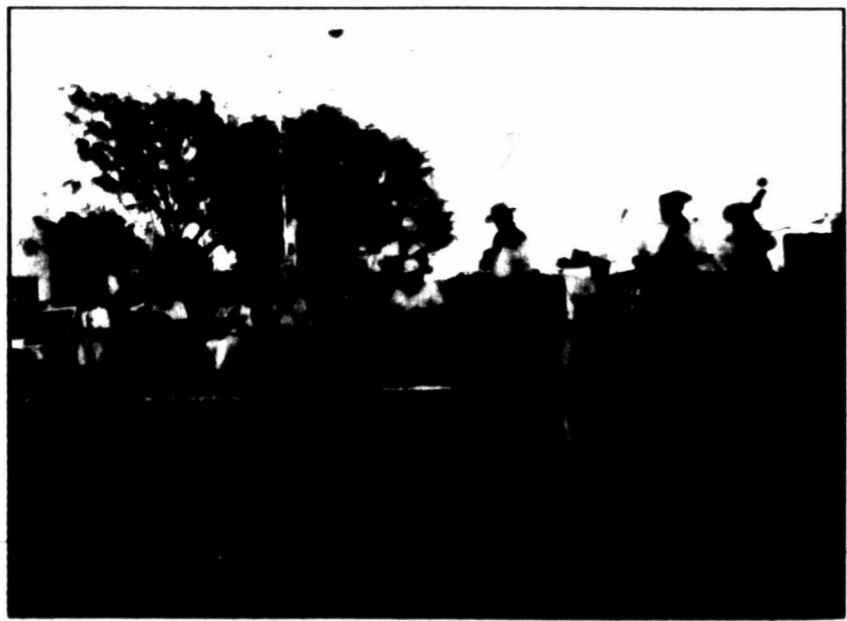
Board of Education members are to conduct public hearings on the Pampa Independent School District (PISD) 2000-2001 budget and proposed 2000 tax rate during the regular meeting Thursday, Aug. 24, at Carver Center, 321 W. Albert.

The school board meeting and public hearings will take place in the board conference room at 6 p.m.

School officials presented a revised 2000-2001 budget of \$19,369,440 to the board at the July 27 meeting. The revised budget reflects a proposed tax rate of \$1.525 per \$100 valuation, to generate \$19,378,000 in revenues. After cutting approximately \$200,00 from the initial budget proposal, officials anticipate expenditures of \$19,369,440 for the coming year, leaving an excess of \$8,560.

The publicized tentative tax rate is \$1.535, an amount higher than needed to balance the budget and six cents above last year's rate of

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(Special photo)

Two local bands, Magic City Country Band, right, and Rocking Chair Cowboys, will be playing for the annual "Evening Under The Stars" street dance and dinner. The White Deer Land Museum Foundation Board will sponsor the event from 7-11 p.m. Aug. 26 on Cuyler Street.

## Saddle up!



(Pampa News, photo by Dee Dee Laramore)

Mark McMinn, left, on "Goldie" and Randy Swires, right, on "Oreo" practice their riding skills in preparation for the Gray County Association for Retarded Citizens ninth annual benefit trail ride Sept. 16. The saddle, foreground, is to be awarded for the person raising the most money over \$1,500 and the handmade spurs are to be given to the person raising the most over \$300.

## GCARC benefit trail ride Sept. 16 on Reynolds Ranch

Gray County Association for Retarded Citizens (GCARC) ninth annual benefit trail ride is set for Saturday, Sept. 16, at the Reynolds Ranch north of Pampa.

Proceeds from this annual event support local Special Olympics programs, the Pampa Sheltered Workshop facility and activities, and provide for special needs of retarded citizens in the community.

A minimum donation of \$15 is needed to ride. Organizers encourage prospective riders to get as many sponsors as possible to give a one-time donation.

Each rider raising \$1,500 or more will win a saddle. One saddle will be at the trail ride with the person bringing in the most over \$1,500 to take the saddle home that day. All other saddles won will be delivered to the winner at a later date.

Second prize for the most money over \$300 is a pickup load of feed and third prize for the most money over \$200 is a pair of spurs hand-

made by Floyd McMinn. Fourth prize for most money raised over \$100 will be three round bales of hay delivered. All riders raising \$35 or more will receive a t-shirt. Many other prizes have been donated by area businesses. All prizes will be awarded at the lunch break.

Registration for the trail ride begins at 8 a.m. that morning. All horses must have a current negative Coggins original certificate in order to ride. Coggins certificates will be checked that morning. All riders under 18 must have signature of a parent or guardian on the registration form giving permission to ride.

Coffee and doughnuts will be served prior to the ride at 9 a.m., followed by a barbecue lunch prepared and served by GCARC members at noon. The ride ends at 3 p.m.

The area of the Reynolds Ranch covered in the trail ride is not only scenic with abundant trees and wildlife, but also holds much historical significance for this region. Roberts

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## Thornberry gets Vanguard Award

WICHITA FALLS (AP) — A national group representing enlisted military personnel gave U.S. Rep. Mac Thornberry, R-Texas, an award Tuesday for work he's done to improve health care and other benefits for members of the military.

The Non Commissioned Officers Association of America chose Thornberry to receive its Legislative Vanguard Award this year. The award has been given since 1977 to a legislator who has worked on behalf of military personnel. Previous recipients include former astronaut and former Sen. John Glenn, Secretary of Defense William

Cohen and Sen. John McCain, R-Arizona.

Thornberry is the 20th recipient of the award. The group has about 100,000 members.

Thornberry, whose district includes far North Texas and the Panhandle, including Pampa, serves on the House Armed Services Committee. He is working for passage of improvements in military retiree health care.

"This is a big deal for me," Thornberry said in a telephone interview. "It emphasizes the people part of the military and that is something I've worked on and am proud about."

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# Daily Record

## Obituaries

### LESLIE ARNOLD

Leslie Arnold, 84, of Pampa, died Tuesday, Aug. 22, 2000, at Canadian. Graveside services will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday in Edith Ford Memorial Cemetery at Canadian with Mike Heatwole, former minister of Canadian Church of Christ, officiating. Burial will be under the direction of Carmichael-Whitely Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Arnold was born Feb. 28, 1916, at Lepanto, Ark. He married Margaret Oliver in 1938 at Okemah, Okla. The couple divorced and he later married Elaine Harrell McCraw in 1961 at Canadian. He had been a Pampa resident for the past two years. He previously resided at Canute, Okla., for about 20 years and before that was a resident of Canadian for about 20 years. He worked in the oil field most of his life, retiring from H&P Drilling Company.

He was a member of First Baptist Church of Canute.

Survivors include his wife, Elaine, of Abraham Memorial Home in Canadian; a daughter, Annette Arnold Walser of Canadian; a son, Duane Arnold of Kerrville; six grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to Abraham Memorial Home, 803 Birch, Canadian, TX 79014.

The body will lie-in-state until 8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home in Pampa and from 8:30 a.m.-8 p.m. Thursday and from 8:30 a.m. until service time Friday at Stickley-Hill Funeral Home in Canadian.

## Stocks

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

Wheat	2.21	Columbia HCA	33.56	up 7.8
Milo	2.24	Enron	38.14	up 3.4
Corn	2.69	Halliburton	53.13	up 1.2
Soybeans	3.74	KMI	38.12	dn 3.16
		Kerr McGee	63.16	up 13.16
		Limited	19.56	NC
		McDonald's	31.36	dn 1.8
		Evon-Mobil	84.12	up 1.8
		New Atmos	21.34	dn 1.16
		NEC	40.12	dn 1.16
		NOI	35.58	up 3.16
		OKI	31.34	up 5.16
		Pennyc	15.12	up 1.16
		Phillips	61.14	up 17.16
		Pioneer Nat	13.34	up 1.4
		SIB	87.78	up 1.58
		Tenneco	7	NC
		Wal-Mart	53.38	up 1.16
		Ultramar	24.916	up 3.8
		Wal-Mart	49.716	up 5.16
		Williams	46.916	up 1.16

The following show the prices for which these mineral funds were bid at the time of completion:

Occidental	21.13	up 5.16
Ludcity Magellan	139.63	up 1.58
Puritan	19.51	up 1.16

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

HP Amco	57.56	up 11.16
Labco	37.11	dn 15.32
Labco OAG	20.34	up 1.2
Chevron	88.716	up 13.16
Coca Cola	58.34	up 3.4

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

New York Gold	273.75
Silver	4.83
West Texas Crude	31.57

## Accidents

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

### Friday or Saturday, Aug. 18 or 19

A hit and run collision was reported in the 400 block of Jupiter. An unknown vehicle appeared to have cut the corner turning east from the 400 block of Jupiter, struck a Neighborhood Watch sign and pole, and left the scene. Damage to the sign, owned by the City of Pampa, is estimated at \$50.

## Correction

In a front page article Monday, Aug. 21, the dates were incorrectly reported for Pampa Police Department police cadet program and Amarillo College Police Academy tests. According to City Secretary Phyllis Jeffers, testing for prospective Pampa police cadets is scheduled for Aug. 30 at Clarendon College - Pampa Center and Amarillo College Police Academy entrance tests are set for Aug. 31 at M.K. Brown Auditorium. We regret any inconvenience this error may have caused.

## Police report

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

### Friday, Aug. 18

Theft over \$50/ under \$500 was reported at the Texas Railroad Commission, 200 W. Kingsmill. A cell phone valued at \$179.95, and \$12.18 of use charges to the phone was reported stolen.

### Sunday, Aug. 20

Disorderly conduct - fighting was reported in the 1500 block of North Faulkner. Minor injuries were reported. No arrest had been made at the time of the report.

Burglary of a habitation was reported in the 700 block of North Frost. A woman's watch valued at \$25 and an automatic pistol valued at \$135 were reported stolen. Damage to a window where entry was gained was set at \$25.

### Tuesday, Aug. 22

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 1600 block of North Sumner.

Simple assault was reported to have occurred on Aug. 1 in the 300 block of North Ballard. Minor injuries were reported. No arrest had been made by the time of the report.

### Wednesday, Aug. 23

Assault with bodily injury was reported in the 700 block of East Kingsmill. Minor injuries were reported. No arrest had been made by the time of the report.

Kerry Layne Zeek, 30, Lefors, was arrested for possession of a controlled substance over four grams/ under 200 grams with intent to deliver, unlawfully carrying a weapon, probation violation warrants from Randall County, failure to identify, and fugitive from justice.

Frank Pechacek, 33, Amarillo, was arrested for possession of a controlled substance over four grams/ under 200 grams with intent to deliver, unlawfully carrying a weapon, and possession of drug paraphernalia.

## Sheriff's Office

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

### Tuesday, Aug. 22

Kenneth Douglas Mote, 44, Dumas, was arrested by Texas Department of Public Safety on DPS warrants for overweight load and failure to appear.

## Fires

Pampa Fire Department responded to the following call during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

### Tuesday, Aug. 22

3:26 p.m. - Four units and eight firefighters responded to a structure fire in the 2500 block of Milliron Road. A small amount of gasoline in the shop of G & W Services, 2510 Milliron Road, had ignited. Employees put out the fire with an extinguisher before fire units arrived. One person received minor burns and was taken to the hospital by private vehicle, according to the fire report.

## Emergency numbers

Ambulance	911
Crime Stoppers	669-2222
Energas	1-888-Energas
Fire	911
Police (emergency)	911
Police (non-emergency)	669-5700
SPS	1-800-750-2520
Water	669-5830

## Hip-Hop music awards show ends abruptly when audience gets violent

PASADENA, Calif. (AP) - An awards show honoring the best in rap music had to be cut short when a fight broke out in the audience and scores of people tried to rush the stage.

When police tried to quell the disturbance Tuesday night at the Pasadena Civic Auditorium, several in the audience turned on them and began pelting officers with bottles and compact discs.

No one was arrested and no one was reported hurt.

The second annual The Source Hip-Hop Awards Show was being taped for broadcast on UPN next week, but network officials said the fate of that broadcast is now in doubt.

Last year's awards show produced the highest ratings the network had ever drawn for a Friday night. That show also ranked No. 1 in New York and Miami and No. 1 among teen-age viewers, the network said.

Among those being honored at this year's show were Dr. Dre and Ice Cube, who received lifetime achievement awards.

The show was sponsored by The Source magazine.

## Lt. governor: Traffic woes hurt Texans' quality of life

HOUSTON (AP) - Clogged traffic is adversely affecting Texans' quality of life, says Lt. Gov. Rick Perry in proposing that the state consider using bonds to help speed up construction.

The pay-as-you-go system through federal transportation fund allocations for highway construction is running out of steam, Perry told city, county, state and federal officials at a Greater Houston Partnership luncheon Tuesday.

"It is clear that we need to get traffic moving in this state," said Perry, adding that the Texas Department of Transportation estimated that only 40 percent of the state's infrastructure needs are being met.

"The pay-as-you-go system has done much, but by itself I'm not convinced it will continue to be (sufficient)," he told the Houston Chronicle.

The resulting congestion, Perry said, is hurting economic development, safety and air quality in the state.

Also, the Clean Air Act will require a plan of action and a collective effort with government officials on all levels to reduce emissions, he said. Failure to meet the standards would allow the federal government to withhold more than \$1 billion annually in transportation funds as authorized by the Congress in the act.

The nation's fourth largest city, Houston is also the smoggiest and must comply with the current federal standard for ground-level ozone by 2007.

But U.S. Rep. Gene Green was not so sure that bonds are the best alternative for road construction.

"The biggest problem is that we end up paying money for interest," said Green, D-Houston. "I'd rather put the 6 (percent) or 7 percent into (building) highways instead of paying interest on it."

**Crime Stoppers - 669-2222**

## CITY TAX

mination suit filed by some police officers.

"We went through a time when we built up the fund balance," Horst said. "We projected we would have these times ... now the fund balance is getting pretty lean."

If the rate is raised to 67 cents, it will generate an additional \$140,000 during the fiscal year, Horst said. Another rate discussed, 64.5 cents, would

bring in an additional \$55,595.

Under the current tax rate of 63.67 per one hundred valuation, the city property tax bill on a \$20,000 house is \$125.86. If taxes are raised to 67 cents, that amount would increase to \$134, Horst said.

Other comparisons using the above figures would have the city tax portion on a \$35,000 home rising from \$220.26 to \$234.50 a year. For a \$50,000 home the \$314.65 tax would rise to \$335, Horst said.

## DRUG

vehicle, Conner said he called for a Pampa Animal Control officer to pick up the other dog. With the other dog secured, Conner said "Nick" searched the Honda and indicated drugs were in a black bag on the floor board of the driver's side.

Inside the black bag, officers found a plastic bag containing four grams of methamphetamines, and

an Altoid container holding five grams of methamphetamines divided into one-gram plastic bags.

A total of 19 gross grams of methamphetamines, with an estimated street value of \$2,000 to \$2,500, was found in the search, according to the news release.

A further search of the vehicle revealed an unloaded Italian-made .22 caliber pistol in a large bag in the passenger side floor board and various kinds of drug paraphernalia, police said.

## PISD

\$1,475. Board members agreed to use this rate as the publicized rate in case the extra \$.01 was needed to cover unforeseen costs not included in the present budget proposal.

Members of the community can comment on the school district's 2000-2001 budget and 2000 tax rate during the public hearings. Following the hearings, the board plans to consider adopting the budget.

Also scheduled for consideration is a five-year facilities management plan at a cost to the district of approximately \$300,000 per year. The plan is intended primarily to repair and replace deteriorating roofs, exteriors and floors in several school district buildings. Other features of the plan include resurfacing parking lots, some remodeling, replacing various equipment, and upgrading.

Board members will consider proposed extended trips for Pampa High School's band and choir. Bruce Collins, PHS band director, is asking for the board to approve a band trip to Branson, Mo., April 27-30, 2001. High School Choir Director Fred Mays

is requesting the board's approval on a spring choir trip to New York City, May 3-7, 2001.

Other items listed on the agenda for school board action include the following:

- amendments to the 1999-2000 budget;
- paper bids of \$17,424 for letter size copy paper from Miller Paper Co.; \$522 for legal size copy paper from Unisource; and \$472.50 for computer paper to XPEDIX;
- tuition rate of \$3,105 for eligible transfer students;
- health insurance premiums;
- an Unemployment Compensation agreement with Texas Association of School Boards (TASB);
- replacement of tile flooring at Travis Elementary;
- early dismissal on Sept. 12, 2000;
- TASB Policy Update 63; and
- sale of tax delinquent property in the 500 block of Elm.

An administrative report on the accreditation status of Pampa Independent School District is planned, in addition to monthly financial reports.

## TRAIL

County's first settlers built homes and the first water well was dug on this ranch. A building used for the county seat, post office and community

gatherings still stands there. Evidence of pioneers who passed through the area on their way west can still be seen.

The Reynolds family - Wiley, Phoebe and Tennie Reynolds - has donated use of the ranch for the trail ride since 1992.

## City Briefs

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**BABYSITTER NEEDED** for 18 mo. old, in your home, 8:30-5:30 p.m. Mon.-Fri. Reply to Box 97, c/o Pampa News, Po Box 2198, Pampa, Tx. 79066.

**BACK OFF** Ladies Self Defense Classes. Contact Willoughby @pan-tex.net or Joanne 665-1131.

**BEEN TO** Market- come see! 40% off trees & shrubs. Pond plants 50% off. Watson's Garden Center 516 S. Russell.

**CARDIO KICKBOXING** Classes Mon. & Thurs. 7:30-8:15 p.m. Tae Kwon Do: Martial Arts, adults & children's classes. Call 665-8554, Gale.

**CELEBRATIONS WILL** be having a Sidewalk Sale during the Car Show, Aug. 26. We will have a 15% sale inside and we can start taking orders for Homecoming mums. Coronado Center 665-3100, we deliver.

**CHANEY'S CAFE,** 716 W. Foster, Wed. 5-8p.m., meat loaf, liver & onions, fr. chicken, ch. fr. steak.

**HELP! VOLUNTEER** drivers needed. Meals on Wheels. Call 669-1007.

**HOLIDAY GREETERS** taking orders for Lighted Pumpkins, 669-1986.

**I AM** looking for full time work, dishwashing, custodian, will work any hrs. Roy 665-4075.

**KILLARNEY BAR & Grill** End of Summer hours: Mon.-Fri. 4 p.m.-midnight. Mon.- 2 for 1 burgers. Mon. Night Football w/ Snacks. Tues.-Ribeye San. 2 for 1. Wed.-Karaoke. Thurs.-King Crab. Fri.-Shrimp Night. Cindy's Surprise Birthday Party, Fri. eve.

**NANNY NEEDED!!** Teachers looking for child care in our home. One infant 7:30-4:00 and two older children 3:00-4:00. Weekdays only-All School Holidays. Please Call 665-4864-Laura

**GARAGE SALE:** 905 S. Schneider, Thursday 8-?

**PAINTING WITH** Mary Cook. Limited class, ages 8-100. New students welcome. 669-3766.

**PLANT SALE**, also related items, bulbs, seeds, vases, etc. Pampa Garden Club, 1611 Fir, encl. patio in back. Fri, Sat. 8-1.

**QUILTS & Comforters** 1/2 Price. Comet Cleaners.

**REWARD!!! LOST** at First Baptist Church on Sun., Aug. 20, 2000, large ring of keys. Please call 886-2122.

**SILVER CITY,** 419 W. Foster, Pampa-Drawings for \$50 Aug. 25, 26, 27. Mon.-Thurs. 6-7 p.m. match 1st \$5, Fri. 25th. Pot Luck for 1st-\$5. Register every day for Free Trip for 2 to Elko, drawing Sept. 2nd, 11 p.m., must be present to win. Free meal every Fri. & Sat. Free snacks & drinks every day. New machines. New staff. Spin to Win!!

**SUNSET BAR & Grill-Now** open daily! To be given away for each Dallas Cowboys Home Game, tickets for 2!! 1st game Sept. 3rd. Drawing will be Aug. 28. Every time you visit, you have 1 more chance!! Must be present to win. Call 665-7119 for more info.

## Weather focus

**PAMPA** - Mostly sunny and hot today with a high of 100 and south-southwest winds at 10-20 mph. Tonight, mostly clear with a low in the low 70s and south winds at 10-15 mph. Tomorrow, mostly sunny with a high in the upper 90s and south-southwest winds at 10-20 mph.

**STATEWIDE** - There's no immediate end in sight for Texas' hot, dry weather, with some coastal moisture the only exception.

Showers and thunderstorms that moved into Southeast Texas overnight have dissipated. Cloudy skies covered Houston and Beaumont, with some showers over the middle and upper Coastal Plains. Mid- and high clouds were the rule over

the Piney Woods and south central parts of the state.

Early-morning temperatures Wednesday ranged from the 60s to 80s. It was 63 degrees at Marfa and 83 at Galveston.

It was also 81 degrees at Wichita Falls, Dallas Love Field, Rockport and at Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport. Other readings were 71 degrees at Conroe, 72 at Lufkin and Nacogdoches and 77 at Childress.

Surface winds varied from southeasterly to southwesterly at 5 to 15 mph, and easterly in far West Texas. Winds were northeasterly at 15 to 25 mph at Guadalupe Pass.

The string of 53 consecutive days without measurable rainfall at Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport moves into fifth place in the record

books.

If no rain falls through Sunday, the area will break a drought record set in 1934 and tied in 1950.

The National Weather Service said the current hot spell is eight consecutive days of triple-digit readings, with a total of 31 this summer.

Light fog was reported south of a line from Lufkin to Austin.

Another slight chance of afternoon thunderstorms was forecast through Thursday in the north, with scattered showers in the south. Afternoon and evening storms were possible for the Big Bend and Guadalupe Mountains.

Daytime highs should once again range from the 90s to 103 in the Big Bend, with lows overnight in the 60s to 80s, with one 50s in the mountains.

*Stumped for a gift idea? Don't buy something that will just sit around waiting to be dusted. Give a gift every day. Give a subscription to The Pampa News. Call Carrie at 669-2525 for details.*

# Calendar of events

## WHITE DEER LAND MUSEUM

The White Deer Land Museum (112-116 S. Cuyler) visiting hours are Tuesday-Sunday, 1 p.m.- 4 p.m. There will be history of the White Deer Land Co., and the early area settlers and outstanding arrow-head collection and art gallery. Elevator.

## CLARENDON COLLEGE

Clarendon College-Pampa Center will offer GED testing on the fourth Monday and Tuesday of each month. Registration will be at 9 a.m. each day. Cost will be \$45 including a \$20 deposit. For more information, call 665-8801.

## LAS PAMPA WATER GARDEN AND KOI SOCIETY

Las Pampa Water Garden and Koi Society meets the second Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at Austin Elementary School. For more information, contact Sharron Andrew at 665-6138 or Lance DeFever.

## HIGH PLAINS EPILEPSY ASSOCIATION

High Plains Epilepsy Association of Amarillo, funded in part by Pampa United Way, will have a licensed social worker in Pampa from 9:30-12 noon the second Tuesday of each month at Pampa Community Building, 200 N. Ballard. The program assists people with epilepsy and their families. To make an appointment, contact the Amarillo office at 1-800-806-7236.

## GED TESTING

Clarendon College-Pampa Center conducts GED testing the fourth Monday and Tuesday of every month except for May and June. Test dates for these two months are May 22 and 23 and June 19 and 20. Those taking the full test must attend both days. Preregistration is required. For more information, call Jana Wesson-Martin at 665-8801.

## MACEDONIA BAPTIST

Macedonia Baptist Church, 441 Elm, will present evangelist Mike Stevens of Shreveport, La., at 11 a.m., Sunday, Aug. 20. All are cordially invited to attend this special service.

## PAMPA GIRL SCOUT SUNDAY PARTY

Pampa Girl Scout Sunday Party will be at 7 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 24 at Girl Scout Little House, 720 E. Kingsmill. The event is being sponsored by Texas Plains Girl Scout Council for girls in grades K-12th. Registration forms will be available for parents to sign.

## CMBC GOLF TOURNAMENT

The Second Annual Coffee Memorial Blood Center Golf Tournament fund-raiser is slated Friday, Aug. 25 at Arrowhead Course at Comanche Trail Golf Course. The four-person scramble will begin at 1:30 p.m. The entry fee is \$50 and will include green fees, cart, goody bag, beverage tickets and a dinner donated by Haffbrau Steaks. Only 32 teams may enter. The deadline for entry is Friday, Aug. 18. For more information call, Linda Guthrie at (806) 358-4563.

## FIRST BAPTIST WOMEN'S RETREAT

First Baptist Church "Choices of the Heart" Women's Retreat is slated Sept. 29-Oct. 1 at New Beginnings Retreat Center in Channing with retreat leader Martha Baker. Total cost of the retreat is \$87 (two per room). Twenty-five dollars is due Aug. 25 to reserve a spot. The balance must be paid by Sept. 15. Fees refundable upon request by Sept. 21. To register or for more information, call 669-1155.

## CCPC SCHOLARSHIPS

Clarendon College-Pampa Center is currently accepting applications for fall 2000 semester scholarships in the amount of \$500 through Aug. 21. Scholarships are also available to students attending CCPC AP/TECH Center, a certified machinists school. Students must complete the application form and provide three recommendations along with a copy of their last grade transcript. Applications may be obtained at the CCPC campus, 1601 W. Kentucky, or by calling (806) 665-8801. Completed applications should be mailed to: Pampa Center Foundation, c/o Clarendon College-Pampa Center, 1601 W. Kentucky, Pampa, TX 79065.

## PAS DANCE

Pampa Area Singles will hold a dance from 8-11 p.m. Aug. 26 at M.K. Brown Auditorium. Indian Summer will perform. Cost is \$6 per person. The event will be alcohol and smoke free. For more information, call 665-7059.

## EVENING UNDER THE STARS

The White Deer Land Museum Foundation will hold "Evening Under the Stars V" from 7-11 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 26 on Cuyler Street north of the railroad tracks. The dinner and dance will include music by Magic City Cowboy Band and The

Rocking Chair Cowboys and will feature a tour of the museum's newest exhibit, "As Time Goes By 1900-2000."

## CASA OF THE HIGH PLAINS

CASA of the High Plains, Inc. (Court Appointed Special Advocates) is seeking a way to reach potential volunteers. CASA recruits and trains volunteers to go to court on behalf of abused and neglected children in the communities it serves. CASA will hold a training session at 7 p.m., Tuesday, Aug. 29 at 600 W. Francis in Pampa. This first training will cover the history and introduction of CASA. If you would be interested in learning more about the program, CASA representatives are available to make presentations to any church or community group. For more information or to register for the training, call (806) 669-7638.

## ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP

The local Alzheimer's Support Group will conduct a four-part series this fall. The series will kick-off Sept. 7 with Dr. Bruce Harrow presenting an overview of the disease. Topics will include: Communication and Activities of Daily Living, Oct. 5; and Community Resources and Caregiving Planning, Nov. 2. The series will conclude Dec. 7 with a panel discussion. The group meets regularly at 7 p.m. the first Thursday of each month at Shepard's Crook Nursing Agency, 916 N. Crest. For more information, call Dauna Wilkinson, 665-0356.

## MUSEUM OF THE PLAINS PIONEER DAYS

Museum of the Plains, 1200 N. Main, Perryton, will host "Pioneer Day" Saturday, Aug. 26 directly following the Perryton Celebration. Frankie McWhother and The Over the Hill Gang will provide live entertainment beginning at 1 p.m. and two \$500 raffles from Duncan and Boyd Jewelers will be held. The celebration will include exhibits and fun as well as burgers and homemade ice cream.

## CLARENDON COLLEGE

Clarendon College is accepting applications for its Licensed Vocational Nursing Program of the 2000-01 school year. Early applications are encouraged to insure prospective students get a place in the fall class. Students may attend nursing classes on either the Clarendon or the Shamrock campuses. For an application, contact CC (806) 874-3571. For more information, call Director Vickie Moore on the CC campus or 1-800-687-9737.

## TEXAS WILD BUNCH

The Calvert Chamber of Commerce will co-sponsor the second annual Texas Wild Bunch Fine Art Show and Sale from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 26 and from 12 noon-4 p.m., Sunday, Aug. 27 in the Historic Old Town, Calvert, Texas. A dinner and dance will also be held in conjunction with the show and sale from 6-10 p.m. Saturday. Tickets are \$7. For more information, call Sandy Hudson at (979) 364-2868.

## IMMUNIZATION CLINIC

The Texas Department of Health will be offering immunization clinics for vaccines that give protection against several childhood diseases including polio, diphtheria, lock jaw (tetanus), whooping cough (pertussis), measles, rubella, mumps, HIB (haemophilus influenzae Type B) and chickenpox

(varicella). The TDH will charge money to help with the cost of keeping the clinic open. The amount charged will be based on family income and size, and the ability to pay. The following clinics will be offered: 10 a.m.-12 p.m., 1-4:30 p.m., Aug. 2, 9 and 12, Family Health Care, 600 W. Kentucky, Pampa; 1-4 p.m., Aug. 22, Family Clinic, McLean.

## WRITERS FOUNDATION, INC.

The Writers Foundation, Inc., is sponsoring a screenplay and play contest. Categories include: screenwriting, playwriting, novel, sitcom, original TV drama, children's picture book, poetry and short fiction. Deadline for entries is Sept. 23. Mail entries to: America's Best, c/o The Writers Foundation, P.O. Box 5360, Winter Park, FL 32793-5360. Finalists will posted on the Internet at <http://www.writersfoundation.com>.

## POWER WHEELCHAIRS

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The Butterfly Garden Club of America is offering free butterfly garden seeds (with growing instructions). To receive a packet, send a long SASE with two stamps to: The Butterfly Garden Club of America, P.O. Box 629, Burgin, KY 40310. Limit one free packet per household. Additional packets are available for \$1 each.

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## West Texas A&M August Service Award-winner

**CANYON** — A two-mile stretch of Hwy 60 west of Canyon has for the past two years been a tidier portion of highway thanks to the Division of Student Services at West Texas A&M University.

Due to their selfless volunteer efforts on behalf of the surrounding community through the Adopt-A-Highway program, the Division of Student Services has been named the August recipient of the WTAMU President's Community Service Award.

"It was just something that a

lot of us were willing to pitch in and do," Linda Blackshear, project coordinator and executive secretary to the vice president for student services, said. "We picked up trash along the highway four times a year for the past two years. Sometimes there would be seven of us and sometimes as many as 12 showed up to help." The group last turned out in May to police the area, she said.

The Division of Student Services also devotes time each year to the campus and community beautification project, Work-A-Thon.

The President's Community Service Award was established in 1996 by University President Russell C. Long to recognize the good-faith community efforts of WTAMU students, faculty and staff; offices and departments/divisions; and chartered/registered student organizations. The WTAMU Foundation donates \$100 to the student scholarship fund in the name of each individual or organization that receives the award. For more information or to request a nomination form, call (806) 651-2121.

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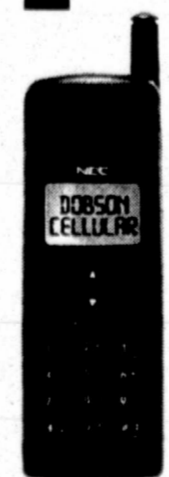
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# Texas Roundup

## Former nursing aide set to die for rape-slaying where two women killed.

HUNTSVILLE, Texas (AP) — Condemned killer David Earl Gibbs once described himself as a country gentleman. His record indicates otherwise. Gibbs, 39, faced lethal injection Wednesday evening for breaking into the Conroe apartment of Marietta Bryant, 29, and slitting her throat with a knife after raping her 15 years ago. Bryant's roommate, Carol Ackland, 46, was killed in the same fashion July 1, 1985, although Gibbs was not tried for that slaying. Prosecutors described him as a cold cunning killer who smoked a cigarette over the

body of one of his victims. "It was at the time — and still is today — one of the worst crimes in the history of Conroe," Russell Reynolds, one of Conroe police detectives who investigated the case, told The Courier, Montgomery County's daily newspaper, this week. And while on death row, Gibbs picked up an additional 20-year sentence for manslaughter for killing another condemned murderer. Gibbs would be the 31st Texas prisoner put to death this year, the fifth this month and second in as many days. Another convicted murderer, Richard Wayne Jones, was executed Tuesday evening for the abduction and stabbing death of

Tammy Livingston, a 27-year-old Tarrant County woman, 14 years ago.

## Family remembers loved ones killed in explosion

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) — After days of trying to make sense of why a pipeline would explode in southeastern New Mexico, killing 11 members of her family and leaving one in critical condition, Martha Chapman has only one explanation — togetherness. "This family has lived together, loved together, camped together, fought together, but never once been without love," Chapman said Tuesday as she and other relatives kept a vigil for sole survivor Amanda

Smith, who remains in critical condition at University Medical Center in Lubbock.

The explosion caused a fireball to sweep through the family's campsite along the Pecos River early Saturday morning. The heat of the blast was so intense, it turned sand into glass and parts of a bridge the family had camped near into powder. "That is why so many of us have left this earth together," Chapman said. "When we were placed on this earth, we were already genetically linked. Our lives were already intertwined by God." And those who died are now back with one another after ending their lives doing what they loved best: camping, fishing and being with family, Smith's brother, Jerry Rackley said. Amanda Smith lost her parents, Don and Glenda Sumler; her father-in-law, Bobby Smith; her husband, Terry Smith; her 5-year-old daughter, Kirsten; her 3-year-old son, Dustin; her brother- and sister-in-law, Royle and Amy Heady; and their three daughters to the blast. The losses have been huge for everyone involved, but they will most likely be the hardest for Amanda Smith, her brother said. She still doesn't know what happened and Rackley says when the time comes months from now, he'll be the one to tell her.

presidential candidate George W. Bush wants to better defend his proposed \$1.3 trillion tax cut from Democratic attacks. But even some Republicans remain lukewarm to the prospect of emphasizing such a huge break.

"I think there's some appetite for it," Rep. Ray LaHood, R-Ill., told reporters Tuesday after introducing Bush at a campaign event in Peoria, Ill. "But I think he should also be talking about (being) able to pay down the debt." Bush said he is trying to "do a better job" of explaining the plan, the centerpiece of which is a tax cut for everyone, even the wealthiest individuals. Then, "people will buy into the tax relief plan even more," the Texas governor said. But first, Bush was spending Wednesday in Austin before leaving for a two-day trip through Louisiana and Florida — Hurricane Debby permitting. Democratic presidential rival Al Gore and running mate Joe Lieberman have attacked Bush's plan almost daily since the end of the Democratic convention last week. For instance, Gore told a veterans' convention in Milwaukee on Tuesday that Bush's plan "would wreck our good economy." Some recent national polls have suggested that a growing number of Americans think Gore could better deal with the U.S. economy than Bush.

## Tire maker to ship tires from Japan

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Bridgestone/Firestone Inc. plans to airlift thousands of tires to the United States from its plants in Japan to alleviate a nationwide shortage caused by a recall of 6.5 million tires.

The first shipment of 5,000 tires was to leave Wednesday, and the company planned at least 10 more through Sunday. Earlier this month, Nashville-based Bridgestone/Firestone recalled P235/75R15 ATX and ATX II tires as well as 15-inch Wilderness AT tires made at a Decatur, Ill., plant. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration is investigating 62 deaths and more than 100 injuries possibly linked to the tires. In many cases, the tread separated from the tire, causing a blowout and a rollover accident. Retired employees of the company's Decatur plant were expected to testify Wednesday that inspectors were pressed to examine 100 tires an hour — too many to do an adequate job, The Wall Street Journal reported Wednesday.

The testimony was to be given as lawyers begin taking depositions in a Florida personal-injury case against the company. Firestone spokeswoman Christine Karbowiak said the former employees are "disgruntled."

"Obviously we stand by our processes and procedures," she told the newspaper. "Out of 2,100 Decatur employees, we have a small handful of folks who are making allegations."

Several attorneys have filed lawsuits seeking class-action status to represent consumers affected by the recall, which is expected to cost the company \$350 million. Attorneys general in several states also are investigating the safety of the tires and the expediency of the recall.

The Center for Auto Safety has filed a lawsuit contending 12 million more Firestone tires — all ATX, ATX II and Wilderness ATs still on the road — should be recalled.

The safety advocacy group successfully pushed for 1970s recalls of the Ford Pinto and 14.5 million Firestone 500 tires. Additionally, Bridgestone/Firestone is facing the threat of a strike at nine of its plants.

On Monday, Ford Motor Co. said it would temporarily halt production at three plants to make more than 70,000 replacement tires available to consumers.

The tires were standard equipment on some Ford trucks and sports utility vehicles, including the Explorer.

Barry Green, executive vice president of Lippincott & Margulies Inc., an image consultant firm based in New York, said the troubles facing Bridgestone/Firestone mean the company must work to regain the trust of corporations and consumers.

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## Rylander delivers sales tax rebates

AUSTIN — Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander allocated \$275.5 million in sales tax revenue to 1,107 Texas cities and 119 counties. August sales tax rebates are up 1.2 percent compared to August 1999. Year-to-date, payments to cities and counties are running 7.7 percent ahead of 1999.

The sales tax rebates Rylander delivered include \$254.9 million to Texas cities, up 1.2 percent compared to August 1999. Texas counties received August rebates of \$20.6 million, up 1.2 percent compared to a year ago.

In addition to city and county sales tax rebates, \$96.2 million went to Texas' six metropolitan transit authorities and two city transit systems, and \$8.7 million was paid to 51 special purpose districts.

August sales tax rebates represent sales taxes collected in April, May and June and reported to the Comptroller in July.

For details of August sales tax payments to individual cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose districts, locate the Monthly Sales and Use Tax Allocation Comparison Summary Report on the Comptroller's web site at <www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/allocsum/compsum.html> Due to the Labor Day holiday, the Comptroller's next sales tax allocation is scheduled for Monday, Sept. 11.

## Chautauqua



(Special photo)

Pampa High School choir members Greg Hartman, left, Patrick Parsons and Dillon Hill work the sound equipment for the stage events at last year's Chautauqua, held Labor Day each year in Central Park. The choir oversees the sound equipment for Pampa Fine Arts Association which sponsors the annual event.

## Officials post fire ban at Lake Meredith

FRITCH — A ban on all open fires at Lake Meredith National Recreation Area and Alibates Flint Quarries National Monument was recently posted by Superintendent John Benjamin. Fire danger readings are high to extreme and are expected to remain high until precipitation arrives. Extended

hot and dry weather temperatures, steady winds on the rise, and low relative humidity have created serious fire danger conditions through the Texas Panhandle. Charcoal in grills may be used in 10 designated campgrounds: Bugbee, Blue Creek, Blue West, Cedar Canyon, Chimney Hollow, Fritch

Fortress, Harbor Bay, Rosita Flats, Sanford-Yake and Spring Canyon. Fires of all kinds are banned outside these designated areas. Visitors may use only self-contained cooking stoves (i.e. Coleman stoves) in areas outside the 10 designated campgrounds. The fire ban may be lifted as soon as conditions permit.

## State crops hurt by drought

AUSTIN (AP) — Blistering heat and dry conditions are keeping agricultural and rural communities in the state from sharing in the booming economy, the Texas Agricultural Extension Service said.

The losses will continue without a speedy turnaround that could come from a tropical storm, the extension service said in a summary of estimated drought losses to date.

According to the extension service, the projected losses to farmers and ranchers from the dry weather will be close to \$595 million. Losses last year totaled \$223 million.

Temperatures have averaged about 5 degrees above normal in parts of Texas though mid-August and most of the central to western areas of the state received less than 25 percent of normal rainfall in July.

Last month, Gov. George W. Bush even declared a state of disaster for 195 counties stricken by drought.

The extension service says the largest losses will be in cotton crops, which covered 6.3 million acres this spring. The loss is expected to reach \$285 million.

Since July, sustained high temperatures and lack of rainfall has caused a setback across about five million acres of cotton planted in the Rolling Plains and Southern High Plains of West Texas.

The Texas Agricultural Statistics Service estimated that a million acres already had been lost by the beginning of August.

The reduced Texas crop likely will have minimal impact on the overall price level as production appears to be sufficient to hold U.S. prices down, the extension service said.

## Bush tends to state business off campaign trail

AUSTIN (AP) — Republican

## Bush, Gore offer major tax cuts with huge differences

WASHINGTON (AP) — On tax cut plans, the differences between Democrat Al Gore and Republican George W. Bush go way beyond size: Gore's \$500 billion tax plan is aimed at the middle class but has many strings attached. Bush would cut \$1.3 trillion in taxes for everybody, from the very wealthiest on down.

In part, the differences reflect attempts by Democrats and Republicans to satisfy their base supporters while appealing to swing voter groups such as small-business owners and stressed suburbanites, said David Rohde, political science professor at Michigan State University.

"Upper middle-class and wealthy people are a much smaller part of the Democratic coalition than they are of the Republican coalition," Rohde said. "Each program is shaped by the nature of the constituencies, both in terms of the activists and the voters."

The presidential campaign is also the latest installment in the 1990s debate about taxes and the size of government. President Clinton has vetoed several major GOP tax cuts while pushing smaller-bore breaks similar to those embraced by Gore.

In terms of raw cash, there is no doubt the wealthy would benefit mightily under the Texas governor's plan: About 60 percent of the \$1.3 trillion would go to taxpayers earning \$92,500 or more, with only 12 percent going to those with incomes of \$39,300 or less.

The richest of all, those earning over \$319,000 a year, would get an average \$46,000 tax cut, according to Citizens for Tax Justice, a labor-funded research group that studies how taxes affect middle-class people.

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## SENIOR SCENES

### Grandfathers have quite a bit of time on their hands

EXCELSIOR, Minn. (AP) — Harry Carlson may be 90 years old, but he knows he's not likely to be forced into retirement any time soon.

Carlson repairs cuckoo clocks at Kuempel Chime Clockworks and Studio. Even though his colleagues kid him about being cuckoo himself, he's not much older than the rest of them. And he's not worried about his faculties, either.

"I'm not any master clockmaker or anything, but there's lots of things I can do," he said. "You're doing something that you like to do and it's useful."

The average age for employees at Kuempel is 72 1/2. The company has made a habit of employing grandfathers for decades. Why grandfathers — and the occasional grandmother?

Not, as some have suggested, because they have a lot of time on their hands.

Nor is it because they make clocks named for one of their own — a grandfather immortalized in the popular post-Civil War song "Grandfather's Clock." The song by Henry C. Work was about his grandfather, for whom a clock "bought on the morn of the day that he was born" was "a servant so faithful" but eventually "stopp'd short never to go again, when the old man died."

It's not a gimmick, either. The company's founder, Reuben Kuempel, first hired retired men when he started the business in his family's hardware store in 1916 in Gutenberg, Iowa. They'd hang around his workshop and Kuempel eventually put them to work when his business started growing.

"It's a great use of a tremendous resource," said John Swon, the company's current owner. "I think we give people a real reason to get up in the morning, to get excited about what they do, to interact with people, to work on something that means some-

thing." Kuempel, which sells ready-to-assemble kits and hand-crafted clocks that range from wall clocks for \$995 to \$7,000 grandfather clocks, doesn't turn its back on modern business practices.

Sales have increased dramatically since the company's Web site was launched 4 1/2 years ago. The new technology has kept Swon's staff of senior citizens busy building clocks modeled after the timepieces that were popularized as status symbols in 17th-century Europe.

Gayle Anderson, 68, who started at Kuempel a week after he retired as a manager from Unisys Corp., said the chance to be responsible for something as intricate as a grandfather clock can't be underestimated.

"It's a real luxury to make my own decisions and work on the clock and then see the finished product," he said. "It's something you can be proud of."

The grandfathers don't work at Kuempel for the money; new employees start at \$7 an hour. Salaries are kept low so those earning Social Security don't go over the threshold for earned income.

Schedules are flexible and the senior citizen staff works an average of about 20 hours a week. And the elderly employees can go home any time after about 3 p.m. to catch an early bird dinner, go fishing, or visit with friends and family.

"There's no time clock here," said Swon, 58. "It's important to keep those habits that you build."

New workers need training, but Swon said most of his staff has an aptitude for crafts and only a handful require more than on-the-job experience before they can do most of the tasks involved in building the clocks.

The workshop supervisors are in their 40s and they make sure to ease their elderly charges into the

more complicated tasks.

Bryan Van Horn, 42, who runs the woodshop, came to Kuempel after running his own custom furniture business. Van Horn has new workers do finishing and sanding so they become familiar with the final product.

Van Horn said in his 1 1/2 at Kuempel, he's been pleasantly surprised that his staff quickly wants to get into the more advanced jobs.

"They're quick to pick things up, maybe because they have a lifetime of experience," Van Horn said.

As the company grows, it may hire younger workers more often but won't abandon its strategy of hiring senior citizens, Swon said.

Carlson is happy at Kuempel and has no intention of being replaced by someone younger.

"Who knows how long I can stay? I'm fairly healthy," Carlson said. "I'll keep going as long as I can, as long as they want me to show up, if they let me."

On the Net:  
<http://www.kuempelchime-clock.com>

### Senior snapshot ...



Name: Lena Watson.  
Birth Date & Place: June 25, 1935, Harrisburg, Ark.  
Family: Three boys, two girls.  
Favorite Childhood Memory: Playing in the woods with my cousin.  
When I Grew Up I Wanted To Be: A wife and mother.  
My Best Friend was: Geraldine Britton.  
People Remember Me As Being: Pain in the

neck.

My Favorite Toy: Set of toy dishes (tea set).

My Favorite Game: Spin the bottle.

The First Movie I Ever Saw & The Cost: A western, cost 50-cents.

The First Phone I Ever Used Belonged To: Myself.

The Person That Most Influenced My Life: My husband.

The Historical Event That Most Affected My Life & Why: JFK assassination — because he was the president and it seemed so bad.

The Thing I Remember Most About The Depression Was: Don't remember.

The Biggest Honor I've Ever Received Is: Completing Bible school.

If I Could Change One Thing About My Past It

Would Be: I would have been rich — instead of so pretty.

My Whole Family Enjoyed: Playing games together.

The Person From My Childhood I Wish I Could Visit With Today Is: June Mack, a friend.

My First Job Was: Chopping cotton.

Year & Make of The First Vehicle I Drove: 1942 Ford.

Cost of Gasoline When I First Drove: 35-cents a gallon.

On My First Date I Went To: The movies.

My Favorite Hang Out Spot Was: Cafe in Arkansas, before and after movie.

The Fashion Trend Was: Bobby socks, penny loafers.

My Favorite Song Was: "Sweet Little Suzie."

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### Hospitals hope ad campaign will build support for Medicare

WASHINGTON (AP) — Hospital groups kicked off a nationwide advertising campaign recently aimed at building support for the extra billions of federal dollars they say are needed to prevent cuts in services.

The American Hospital Association, Association of American Medical Colleges and other groups have formed the Coalition to Protect America's Health Care.

Over the next 18 months, the coalition expects to spend about \$30 million lobbying for more Medicare money.

"We are facing really drastic times and drastic times call for drastic measures," said Dr. Jordan J. Cohen, president of the Association of American Medical Colleges.

The coalition has bought \$1.6 million worth of air time for a television ad featuring a hospital nurse at work who says: "America has a huge budget surplus. But the hospital cuts continue and it hurt my patients' care."

The ad will run this week, during next week's Republican National Convention and during the Democratic National Convention in August.

The campaign takes a page from the successful playbook of the insurance industry, whose "Harry and Louise" ad campaign was widely credited with building opposition to the Clinton health reform plan in 1994.

The hospital groups say that Congress dug too deeply when it imposed limits on Medicare spending as part of the 1997 Balanced Budget Act and that the \$16 billion restored last fall was not enough to prevent hospitals from having to cut back on satellite clinics and community service work.

How much more money gets restored before the fall elections is an open question.

President Clinton has proposed a \$21 billion boost over five years. The coalition wants to see \$30 billion to \$50 billion added.

Leo Petit, who runs Bladen County Hospital in Elizabethtown, N.C., said the curbs on fees from Medicare, the nation's health insurance program for the elderly and disabled, are having unanticipated consequences in rural communities such as the one he serves.

His hospital dropped an innovative telemedicine program and is looking at layoffs and other cost-cutting measures.

"If the doctors do not have adequate medical support, they will leave," he said at a National Press Club news conference. "Industry will not come and will not stay if they don't have adequate medical services."

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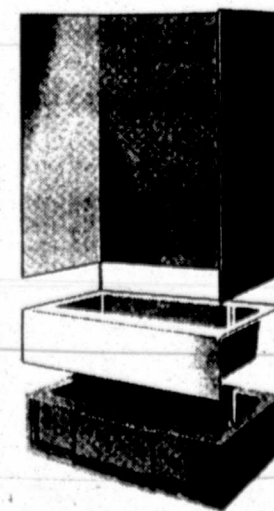
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## SENIOR SCENES

### RV owners use dummy Montana firms to avoid home-state taxes

By TOM LACEKY  
Associated Press Writer

HELENA, Mont. (AP) — Montana, with its starkly beautiful landscape, may be the perfect place to buy and drive a recreational vehicle — even just on paper.

The state has become a nationwide haven for some RV owners trying to avoid thousands of dollars in taxes and fees, sometimes with the encouragement of dealers and lawyers.

Montana has no sales tax on RV purchases, and charges relatively low registration fees for often expensive motor homes. Residency is required to register, but some lawyers are happy to set up dummy Montana corporations as "owners," meeting the legal requirement.

But some may be setting themselves up for big trouble back home. While the process is perfectly legal in Montana, for both dealers and buyers, it generally is not legal in the buyer's home state.

Still, ads on the Internet and in national RV magazines are luring RV registrations from New York to California regardless of whether the rigs have ever left a tire track in Montana.

"We think there's probably 500 to 600 a year," said Dean Roberts, head of Montana's Division of Motor Vehicles.

Each dummy corporation means thousands of dollars in tax losses to the true home state of the owner.

Roberts cited the example of a Texas man who bought a motor home for \$511,975 in Oklahoma, then registered it to his newly created Montana limited liability corporation (LLC) for \$7,679. The owner saved \$24,471, but the loss to Texas on the registration fee and tax totaled \$32,150.

Some states are getting downright testy about it.

"If I catch you in California, you're going to hurt," warned Garand Gruber, chief of investigations for California's Department of Motor Vehicles.

The registrations are no problem to Montana, and even gen-

erate a little revenue for the state. Missoula attorneys John Bennett and Jared Heggen advertise Montana's low licensing fees in two national RV magazines. Records show that, in January and February, the two lawyers filed 193 LLCs for out-of-state clients.

Both say they check their clients' home-state statutes and advise them to consult a lawyer or tax specialist about registering in that state as well, but they have no way of knowing if the clients do so.

Some don't qualify, Heggen said. He recently turned away a California man who said he takes his RV out of California only a couple of times a year.

"I just said, 'That's not going to work for you. The vehicle cannot be used primarily in California.'"

On the Net:  
Montana's Motor Vehicle:  
<http://www.doj.state.mt.us/mvd/vehitrg.htm>

### Scientists say putting brain to use can slow deterioration

WASHINGTON (AP) — The brain is like a muscle: Use it or lose it.

That's the growing conclusion of research that shows fogged memory and slowed wit are not inevitable consequences of getting old, and there are steps people can take to protect their brains.

Mental exercise seems crucial. Benefits start when parents read to tots and depend heavily on education, but scientists say it's never too late to start jogging the gray matter.

People have to get physical, too. Bad memory is linked to heart disease, diabetes and a high-fat diet, all risks people can counter by living healthier lives.

In fact, provocative new research suggests these brain-protective steps, mental and physical, may be strong enough even to help influence who gets Alzheimer's disease.

"There are some things that, if you know you have a family history (of Alzheimer's) and you're just 20 to 30 years old, you can start doing to increase your protective factors," said Dr. Amir Soas of Case Western Reserve University Medical School in Cleveland.

It's also good advice for the average baby boomer hoping to stay sharp, or the mom priming her child for a lifelong healthy brain.

Most important: "Read, read, read," Soas said. Do crossword puzzles. Pull out the chessboard or Scrabble. Learn a foreign language or a new hobby. "Anything that stimulates the brain to think," he said.

And cut back on TV, Soas insists. "When you watch television, your brain goes into neutral," he said. So much so that Case Western plans to study whether people who contract Alzheimer's watched more TV throughout life than healthier seniors.

The stereotype of the forgetful grandma has its roots in now-outdated dogma. Just a few years ago, scientists believed the brain was wired forever before age 5, and that over the ensuing decades a person irrevocably lost neurons and crucial brain circuitry until eventually mental decline became noticeable.

Not quite. Scientists now know the brain continually rewires and adapts itself, even in old age; large brain-cell growth continues into the teen years; and even the elderly can grow at least some new neurons.

So cognitive decline doesn't have to be inevitable. Indeed, mental tests given for 10 years to almost 6,000 older people found 70 percent maintained brain power as they aged, lead researcher Mary Haan of the University of Michigan told an international Alzheimer's meeting this month.

What keeps brains healthy? Clues come from Alzheimer's research.

Case Western scientists studied 550 people and found those less mentally and physically active in middle age were three times more likely to get Alzheimer's as they grayed. Particularly protective: increasing intellectual activity during adulthood.

Numerous studies show people with less education have higher risks of Alzheimer's than the better-educated. Haan found less than a ninth-grade education a key threshold; other studies suggest a difference even between holders of bachelor's and master's degrees.

It's not just formal education. Reading habits between ages 6 and 18 appear crucial predictors of cognitive function decades later, said Dr. David Bennett of Chicago's Rush University. The theory: Challenge the brain early to build up more "cognitive reserve" to counter brain-damaging disease later. Bennett is preparing to test that by counting neurons in autopsied brains.

And remember that brain-muscle analogy? Brain scans show mentally "exercising," which London cabbies do while navigating without a map or pianists do when practicing, makes regions used for those intellectual challenges grow, while less-used areas shrink.

But physical health is important, too. A healthy brain needs lots of oxygen pumped through healthy arteries. Haan studied people who have a gene called ApoE4, which significantly increases the risk of Alzheimer's. Brain function of gene carriers declined four times faster with age if they also had hardened arteries or diabetes. High-fat diets increased the risk seven times, Case Western researchers found.

That means exercising and eating right — the very things that prevent heart disease and diabetes — helps the brain, too. And Haan said it spotlights the next research frontier: Testing whether cholesterol and blood pressure treatments might prevent dementia. Stay tuned.

EDITOR'S NOTE — Lauran Neergaard covers health and medical issues for The Associated Press.

On the Net: American Geriatrics Society:  
<http://www.americangeriatrics.org/education/forum/memoloss.shtml>

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### Lip reading program helps seniors

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Anabeth Calkins expected to hear mumbling from time to time — a medical condition caused her to lose hearing in her left ear.

Only when it seemed that nearly everyone was muttering did Calkins decide to seek help.

Calkins, 58, who manages the city's popular Forest Park, with its ball fields, golf courses, ice rinks and an outdoor theater, was among the first to enroll in the Word of Mouth lip-reading program by Central Institute for the Deaf. The program is aimed at older executives who are leading more active lives while coping with age-related hearing loss.

"As you age, you lose the ability to translate sound — a person

can still hear, but they can't understand what others are saying," said Elizabeth Mauze, an audiologist who helps run the lip-reading program.

For Calkins, whose hearing in her right ear was unaffected, the program was a form of "preventive maintenance."

"People's careers often depend on interpreting and communicating spoken language," she said.

The program, which currently is aimed at the St. Louis community, runs one hour a week for four weeks. Classes are limited to four people so that instructors can provide more one-on-one attention.

For half of the class time, participants watch interactive videos on a computer in an effort to hone their lip-reading skills. They try to decipher sentences mouthed by an expressionless woman. Some mouth the words along with the woman on the computer screen.

When students are stumped, they can ask the computer to give them a single word clue or to have the sentence rephrased. Both are important lip-reading tricks, Mauze said.

Age-related hearing loss, known as presbycusis, occurs as a part of the inner ear slowly loses its ability to transmit certain

sounds, such as the letters S, T or F.

"People lose the high-pitched sounds first," said Nancy Tye Murray, the institute's director of research. "Typically, they will start turning up the TV, and they'll complain that people are mumbling."

A hearing aid can help amplify sounds, but it doesn't necessarily help people with presbycusis, she said. It becomes especially troublesome in situations where there is a lot of background noise, such as at parties or at the movies. Some people begin isolating themselves and become depressed, feeling they can't compete with younger colleagues.

"We're growing up in a much noisier society," Murray said. "The ambient noise that we're exposed to is causing more significant hearing loss, and hearing loss is showing up at an earlier age."

Hearing impairment is the country's No. 1 disability, affecting 28 million Americans, said William W. Clark, an authority on noise-induced hearing loss and the institute's director of professional services. By the age of 65, one in four adults suffers from permanent hearing impairment.

The institute hopes the Word of Mouth program will help people lead happier, more fulfilling lives.

"Whether or not they wear hearing aids, people are surprised by how some focused communication training can make them feel younger and sharper," Mauze said.

Participants in the program, which started in 1998, are encouraged to practice lip reading with friends, family and coworkers. Some even spend time watching TV without the volume.

"They're not going to become great lip readers in four weeks," Mauze said. "If anything, they see that it is very, very difficult and that they are going to have to learn other ways to compensate for not hearing."

### Study: Stroke patients fare better after early discharge from hospital

DALLAS (AP) — Stroke victims appear to make a faster recovery if they are sent home earlier from the hospital, a study found.

Stroke patients undergoing at-home therapy mastered simple tasks such as walking up stairs, doing housework or working in the garden more quickly than those who had longer hospital stays, the researchers said.

"This is about being at home and being reintegrated back into society, which we've shown actually improves the physical well-being of these survivors," said Nancy E. Mayo, an epidemiologist at McGill University in Montreal who led the study.

The findings were published in the latest issue of Stroke, a journal of the American Heart Association.

Mayo and her team followed 58 patients who chosen at random to go home early and 56 others, then tested both groups three months later to see how their rehabilitation was going.

The average hospital stay for the patients who were dis-

charged early was 10 days — six days shorter than the patients who underwent conventional rehabilitation in the hospital or at an outpatient clinic.

At the three-month mark, the stroke patients who went home early were already back to doing chores around the house and even walking several blocks for therapy. They also did better at resuming their roles as a parent or spouse and kept in closer touch with friends and neighbors.

The patients who underwent therapy at home all had a caregiver in the house and were visited by physical therapists and other aides.

Patients who received the traditional post-stroke care at hospitals or outpatient clinics were about five points behind the home-rehabilitation group

when ranked on a physical well-being scale of one to 50.

The findings support other research that seem to point toward early hospital discharge once the patient is medically stable as the best way to get people back to a normal life, Mayo said. "Rehabilitation should get people back to playing golf, back to work and driving the car," she said.

The study clearly points the way toward changing post-stroke care toward more home rehabilitation, said University of Kansas Medical Center epidemiologist Pamela Duncan, director of research at the hospital's center on aging.

"It just means that if you can get the support at home, it really improves the quality of life for these patients," Duncan said.

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## Economists: Fed's tightening days done for now

WASHINGTON (AP) — For the second straight meeting, the Federal Reserve elected not to raise interest rates, a move that led some economists to predict the Fed's 14-month string of interest rate boosts to ward off inflation is nearing an end.

Fed Chairman Alan Greenspan and his colleagues opted to leave short-term interest rates unchanged Tuesday, citing a moderating economy and strong productivity growth, a key to helping keep inflation in check.

In explaining their decision, Fed policy-makers used what many economists described as more upbeat language.

That prompted the most optimistic economists to declare that — barring surges in inflation or economic growth — the central bank is done with its latest cycle

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of raising interest rates, which started in June 1999.

"We believe that the Fed is finished-tightening," said Merrill Lynch's chief economist Bruce Steinberg.

Others expressed a more cautious outlook.

"For now, it sounds as if the Fed is uncertain that it will have to tighten again, in contrast to the certainty it felt in the second half of 1999 and early 2000," said David Orr, First Union's chief

economist. "Bottom line: less likelihood of further rate hikes this year."

Other analysts said they still expected at least one more rate hike, probably at the Nov. 15 or Dec. 19 meetings.

No economists predicted a rate boost at the next meeting on Oct. 3, citing the Fed's long-standing preference to remain on the sidelines if possible in the closing weeks of a presidential campaign. The presi-

dential election is Nov. 7.

Over the past 14 months, the Fed has raised rates six times, pushing its target for the federal funds rate, the interest that banks charge on loans to each other, up to 6.5 percent, including a half-point increase on May 16.

Those increases have raised the borrowing costs for millions of Americans with banks' prime lending rate, a benchmark rate for many consumer and business loans, which is now at a nine-year high of 9.5 percent. The prime rate stood at 7.75 percent before the Fed began its drive to push rates higher in June 1999.

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"Recent data have indicated that the expansion of aggregate demand is moderating toward a pace closer to the rate of growth of the economy's potential to produce," the Fed said.

In June, the central bank had only said that the expansion "may" be moderating and that signs of a slowdown were still "tentative and preliminary."

Fed policy-makers in Tuesday's statement were "less circumspect about the signs of moderation, apparently believing the cooling in the data is more certain," said Robert V. DiClemente, managing director of economic and market analysis for Salomon Smith Barney.

Also in the new statement, the Fed said that "rapid advances in productivity have been raising the potential growth rate" of the economy, a bullish comment missing from the June statement.

Many analysts believe the economy, which grew at a surprisingly strong 5.2 percent annual rate in the April-June quarter, has slowed to a growth rate of around 3.5 percent to 4 percent in the current quarter.

Business groups, which have been warning that the Fed was in danger of risking the current record-long expansion with higher rates, expressed pleasure with the Fed's stand-pat decision.

"We have not yet seen all the effects from the past six rate increases and so it is imperative that the Fed continues its wait-and-see policy over the next several months," said Martin Regalia, chief economist at the U.S. Chamber of Commerce.

## Officials close more land in Montana

HELENA, Mont. (AP) — In yet another effort to protect against the danger of raging wildfires, federal authorities have closed an additional 1.3 million acres of land in Montana.

The federal Bureau of Land Management's decision comes as 29 large fires burn more than 600,000 acres in the state. Some 6 million to 8 million acres of state, federal, tribal and private land in western Montana were ordered closed last week. The latest shut-down extends to the east.

Meanwhile, in the Bitterroot Valley of southwestern Montana, officials said Tuesday that the fires have damaged or destroyed 210 buildings — including 65 homes, trailers or cabins — and about 75 vehicles.

"These figures will continue to change" as firefighters get into additional areas burned, said Leanne Marten of the U.S. Forest Service.

More than a third of the blackened land in Montana is in the Bitterroot Valley.

Nationwide, 79 fires are burning on 1.4 million acres in Arizona, California, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Oklahoma, Texas, Utah and Wyoming, according to the National Interagency Fire Center in Idaho.

The agency said wildfires have burned 5.7 million acres this year, or about 8,900 square miles, approximately the land size of New Hampshire.

The BLM's decision to close additional lands in Montana is likely to further rankle outdoor enthusiasts who have seen the amount of land available for hiking, camping and fishing shrink.

"With extreme fire conditions and limited firefighting resources, we want to provide for public safety and minimize the possibility of new fires," Mat Millenbach, the Montana director of the Bureau of Land Management, said Tuesday.

The land will not be open to the public for activities such as hiking, camping or fishing, mainstays of summer recreation in Montana, but the bureau order allowed exceptions for specified campgrounds and recreation areas. People still can cross the federal land for access to their homes.

In the month since Montana's fire season began, the burning has disrupted major industries such as tourism and agriculture, drawn thousands of firefighters and sent smoke miles from the flames. On Tuesday, haze from Montana fires hung over Reno, Nev.

Forest Service spokesman Ed Nesselroed said that agency also was preparing to shut more of its Montana land, and Gov. Marc Racicot is considering a recommendation to keep people off of state land in 16 counties from Wyoming to the Canadian border.

In California, fire officials started precautionary evacuations Tuesday of three communities near the Plumas National Forest, 70 miles north of Sacramento, as a blaze fanned by wind grew to almost 23,000 acres. Investigators said the fire was likely started by maintenance crews working on railroad tracks.



(Special photo)

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This year, one of Annie's and Rufo's grandchildren has joined the act. "That makes three generations," says Raul proudly. The rambunctious young sheepdog named "Ringling" was born during Raul's first tour with Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey and now joins along in the fur-flying fun.

Raul has the only Old English sheepdog presentation in the world. He has been featured on the Ringling Show for several years. For many years, Raul delighted audiences throughout Central and South America with his clowning. Then Annie and Rufo, and their children,

Tramp, Gaucho, Benji, Negro, Emma, Lady and Trixie, entered his life. Now, he no longer clowns alone.

Circus audiences definitely see that sheepdogs are naturally comic animals. In the course of the fast-paced act, Raul's canines swoop down slides, leap through hoops, do flips, dance with their trainer and generally make furry, frolicsome mischief. Raul himself goes through four costume changes while giving commands to the dogs in Portuguese.

"They're so enthusiastic," he says, "my most frequent command to them is 'Wait!'" Raul wants audiences to know that his animals are intelligent and he loves showing them off.

Raul's wife and two sons assist him in the care, feeding and exercising of the dogs. They enjoy traveling together as a family.

Tickets for the circus will be \$8 for adults and \$6 for children 12 and under. Tickets will be on sale at the Rodeo Arena on show day. Proceeds from this shrine circus benefits Khiva Shrine.

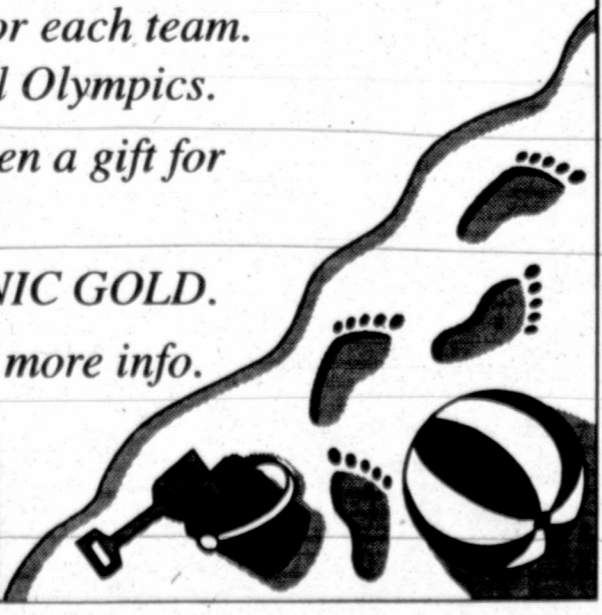
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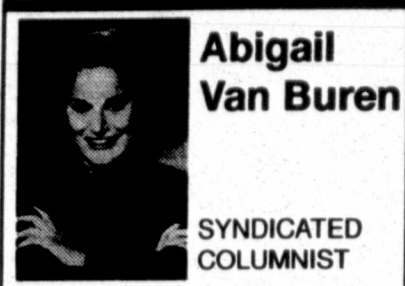
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# Aunt Welcomes Big Family But Not All Their Friends



**Abigail Van Buren**

SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

**DEAR ABBY:** I am a single woman (no children) who hosts several family parties during the year. I have six brothers and sisters. All are married, and they have a total of 16 children. Everyone in the family is invited to these family get-togethers — and I used to looking forward to seeing them. The problem is, my brother's five children each bring a boyfriend or girlfriend. I never know when these "extra five" people are coming, and it makes planning a party difficult. (If all the nieces and nephews started bringing their friends, there would be 32 children!)

My brother never tells me that their kids' friends are coming — and when they do come, they socialize only with each other. When I was a teen-ager, if we did not want to attend a family gathering, we stayed home; we did not invite our friends. Isn't it inconsiderate to bring uninvited guests to someone's home?

My mother tells me not to say anything, just to be happy we all get together and get along. My feeling is if others approve of uninvited guests at their parties, that is their decision. I believe it is my choice who attends a party I host. Do you think I am being old-fashioned?

**IRRITATED AUNT IN OHIO**  
**DEAR IRRITATED:** There's nothing old-fashioned about good manners. Inform your siblings you would prefer that your parties be "family only" —

then relax the rule once a year and make it an open house where everyone is invited.

You are fortunate to have a large, loving family. Not everyone is so blessed.

**DEAR ABBY:** I am trying to find out what "business casual" means. The dress code for men has just changed in my office, and ties and suits are now optional. Most wear dress shirts and khaki pants. Some men are sporting neckties. Where do you draw the line?

**FASHION-CONFUSED IN LA.**

**DEAR FASHION-CONFUSED:** You've asked an intelligent question. Everyone would be better served if some guidelines were issued. The problem lies in the hesitance of many employers to issue a specific dress code, which has left many people confused. What is or is not acceptable attire is a line that must be drawn by the employers.

Whether employees wear a suit and tie, slacks and a sport coat, or khakis and a casual shirt, attire in the workplace should always look neat and professional. While some employers feel that casual dress improves productivity, I have received mail from readers telling me just the opposite.

**DEAR ABBY:** My brother has asked me to be his best man. The problem is, I am not a man — I am a girl. I am honored to have been asked, but I don't know what to wear. I don't want to wear what the bridesmaids are wearing because I will look like I walked the wrong way or something. Are there tuxedos for women?

**STUCK IN FRANKLIN, TENN.**

**DEAR STUCK:** Yes, there are elegant tuxedos for women — some with pants and some with skirts. If the wedding isn't formal, a simple, elegant dinner suit would also be appropriate. Ask your brother and future sister-in-law which they would prefer.

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## Horoscope

THURSDAY, AUG. 24, 2000

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) \*\*\*\*\* Sometimes it is how you convey your message. Spruce up on your diplomacy. Make calls using your "best behavior." Results come back that please you. Emphasize home and security matters. Your productivity counts. Tonight: Be nurturing.  
**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20) \*\*\*\*\* Financial possibilities make you starry-eyed. Not everyone views a situation as you do. Be open and listen to others. You might be a bit overwhelmed by all that you need to absorb. Refuse to make a decision before you are ready. Tonight: Out and about.  
**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20) \*\*\*\*\* Get an early start, and you'll achieve far more. Don't pull back and refuse to deal with an intensely personal issue. Express your willingness to spend more on or give more to your family or immediate circle. Your words bring a sense of security to others. Tonight: Your treat.  
**CANCER** (June 21-July 22) \*\*\*\*\* Get past an immediate difficulty in focusing. Know that you can do it. Your skills and willingness to talk through problems help others gain confidence. You radiate confidence after a dis-

cussion. Make calls, clear your desk and call it an early day, if possible. Tonight: What makes you smile.  
**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) \*\*\*\*\* Get an early start. Use your positive ways and attitudes. Listen to feedback later in the afternoon. You evaluate a money matter carefully. You also might not be satisfied with what you hear. Your sixth sense serves you in an unprecedented way. Tonight: Lots of R&R.  
**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) \*\*\*\*\* Listen to a friend who has much to share. You nail a problem at work early on. A boss wants to reward you. Evaluate what you want. You don't need to have the same objectives as your friends. Do not lose sight of your bigger goals. Tonight: Where your friends are.  
**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) \*\*\*\*\* Happy news causes a lot of daydreaming. You have a difficult time isolating the pros and cons of a work-related matter. Listen less to others and follow your intuition. As a result, you take the right action. Others look to you for advice and help. Tonight: In the limelight.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) \*\*\*\*\* A discussion with a partner leaves you beaming. Realize how much this person means to you. Deal with basics when planning an important trip or opting for a special opportunity. Others listen when you present your ideas. Seek out as much information as possible. Tonight: Try something very different.  
**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) \*\*\*\*\* Good news greets you.

Others want to please you and go out of their way for you. Listen to a partner who discloses key facts that affect business. You make a good team. Another needs your praise and acknowledgment. Ask a boss what he expects. Tonight: Dinner for two.  
**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) \*\*\*\*\* Let others make important decisions. You need to back off and allow others to show their hands. A work project proves to be unusually successful. Listen to others. Your responsiveness does make a difference. Allow others to present their ideas. Tonight: Say yes.  
**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) \*\*\*\*\* Your playfulness allows more freedom and self-expression, not only for you but also for others. Your spontaneity charges work with new interest. Another makes an effort. Be more nurturing with a child or loved one. Discussions are animated. Tonight: Relax.  
**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20) \*\*\*\*\* Family takes higher priority. Your generosity comes through with family and close associates. Creativity surges forth when dealing with work in the afternoon. Others might wonder where all your ideas come from. Carefully update an idea. Tonight: Play the night away.

**BORN TODAY**  
Arab leader Yasir Arafat (1929), baseball player Cal Ripken Jr. (1960), model Claudia Schiffer (1970)

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## Crossword Puzzle

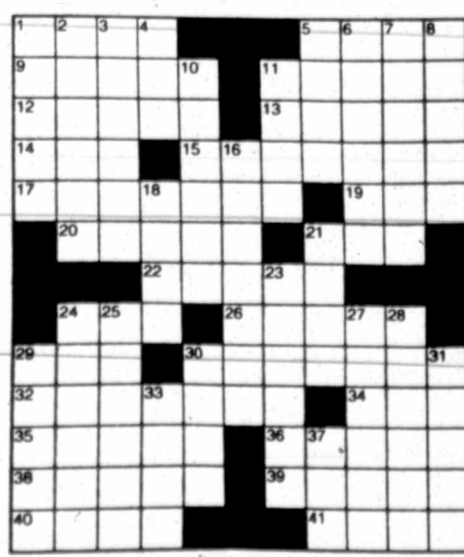
By THOMAS JOSEPH

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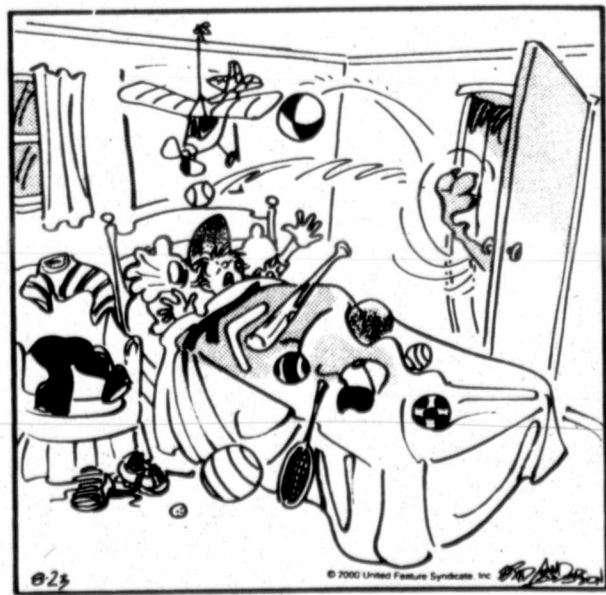
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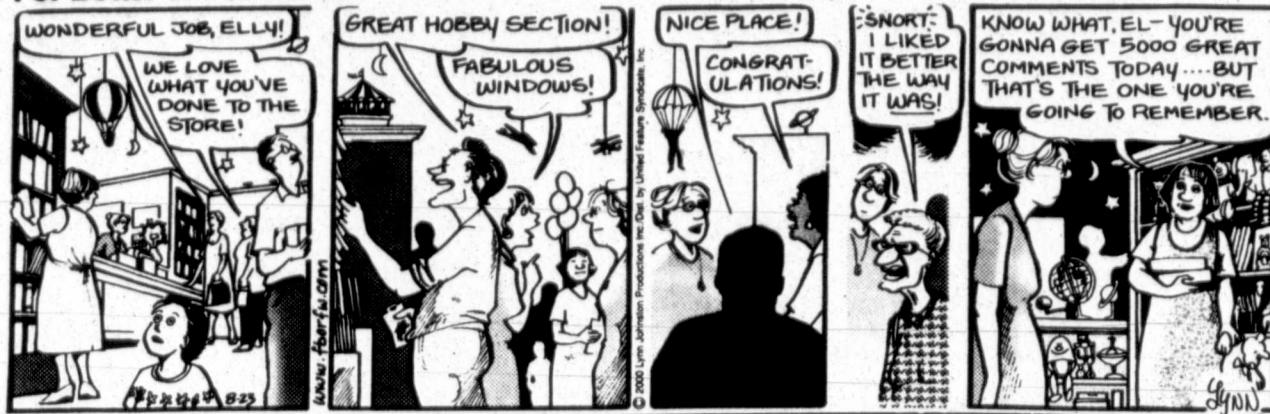
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## The Family Circus



"Daddy, which is this — soil or dirt?"

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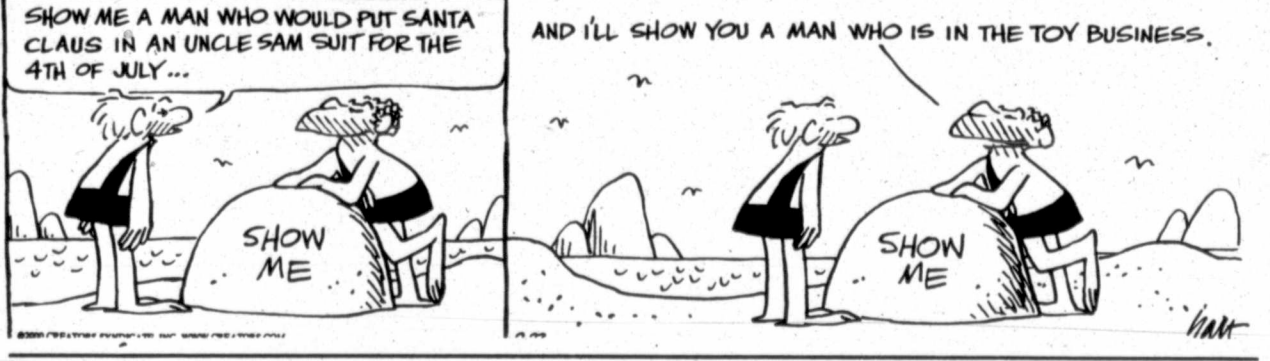
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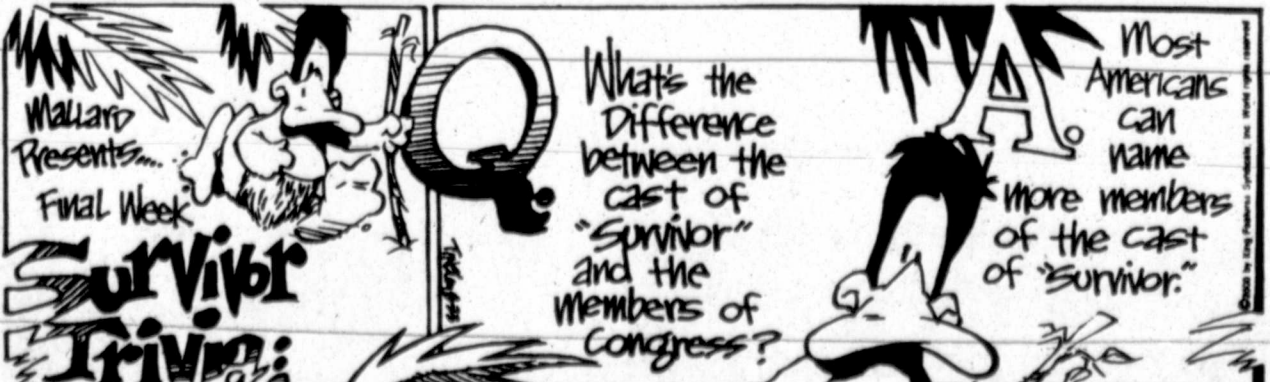
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# SPORTS

## Notebook FLAG FOOTBALL

**PAMPA** — Pampa Kids & Youth Club is having an organizational meeting for a flag football league grades kindergarten through the sixth grade.

Anyone interested in helping with the activities, please come by The Donut Stop at 1330 North Hobart at 3 p.m. Sunday.

If you can't attend the meeting, call 669-8236 and leave a message.

## BOWLING

**PAMPA** — The fall bowling season will soon begin at Harvester Lanes.

Beginning dates for the various leagues are as follows:

**Sept. 11**  
7 p.m., Scratch Trio-Peterson Point System (any combination).

**Aug. 29**  
9:30 a.m., Harvester Women's League (ladies).

**Aug. 29**  
7 p.m., Casino (any combination).

**Aug. 29**  
7 p.m., Hits & Mrs. (mixed).

**Aug. 30**  
7 p.m., Wednesday Nite Mixed (mixed).

**Aug. 30**  
8 p.m., Ladies Trio (ladies).

**Aug. 31**  
6:25 p.m., Lone Star (ladies).

**Sept. 7**  
6:25 p.m., Chamber Merchants (any combination).

**Aug. 24**  
8:30 p.m., Caprock (ABC).

**Aug. 25**  
7 p.m., Harvester Couples (mixed).

**Sept. 9**  
10:30 a.m., Youth Leagues (any combination).

**Sept. 9**  
1 p.m., Mutt & Jeff (Adult-youth).

**Aug. 26**  
6:30 p.m., Church League (any combination).

**Sept. 10**  
6 p.m., Newcomers League (any combination).

## GOLF

**SAN FRANCISCO (AP)** — Tiger Woods endorses "Nike Tour Accuracy" golf balls in TV and magazine ads, but he really plays with custom-made balls unavailable to everyday duffers, Nike acknowledged after being sued in federal court.

Nike Inc. said the balls used by Woods, who is one of the longest hitters in golf with drives that travel 300-plus yards, have a slightly harder inner and outer core than the balls sold to the public.

## Cowboys take on the Rams

**IRVING, Texas (AP)** — Three preseason games in 11 days is no way to treat the Super Bowl champions.

"That's pretty impressive, eh?" said St. Louis Rams offensive lineman Adam Timmerman. "Getting out healthy is the most important thing right now."

The Rams (1-2) wrap up their tortuous close to the preseason Thursday night against the Dallas Cowboys (0-4).

St. Louis is playing it so safe that Kurt Warner won't take a snap and Marshall Faulk and Isaac Bruce won't take many. Dallas will use quarterback Troy Aikman for most of the first quarter, but Emmitt Smith won't break a sweat.

For Dallas, the up-close look at the Rams could be quite instructive. The defense will get to test itself against an offense that shattered records last season, while the Cowboys' offense will see the system it is trying to mimic.

New offensive coordinator Jack Reilly essentially re-installed the formula Dallas used in the mid-1990s, but with some new twists. Many of the changes are similar to what Mike Martz called last season as St. Louis' offensive coordinator and continues to use now that he's the Rams' head coach.

Despite some encouraging signs this preseason, the Cowboys have continued to stumble once they get close to the end zone.

"We've got to make plays in the scoring areas," coach Dave Campo said. "A lot of our red-zone attack has not been shown, but that's no excuse. When you're first-and-goal from the 3-yard line, you need to get the ball in the end zone."

Offensive lineman Erik Williams will make his first preseason debut. Coaches will make a game-time decision on whether to use tight end David LaFleur for the first time this summer.

The Rams' vaunted offense pumped out just three points in a loss to Tennessee a week ago Monday, then seemed to snap back into shape with 335 yards and 24 points in the first half Saturday night against Buffalo.

"I think the only times we were stopped were the times we stopped ourselves," said Warner, who was 14-of-21 for 196 yards and two touchdowns after throwing just six passes in the previous two games. "It felt good to get into a rhythm and be out there moving the football up and down the field like we did last year."



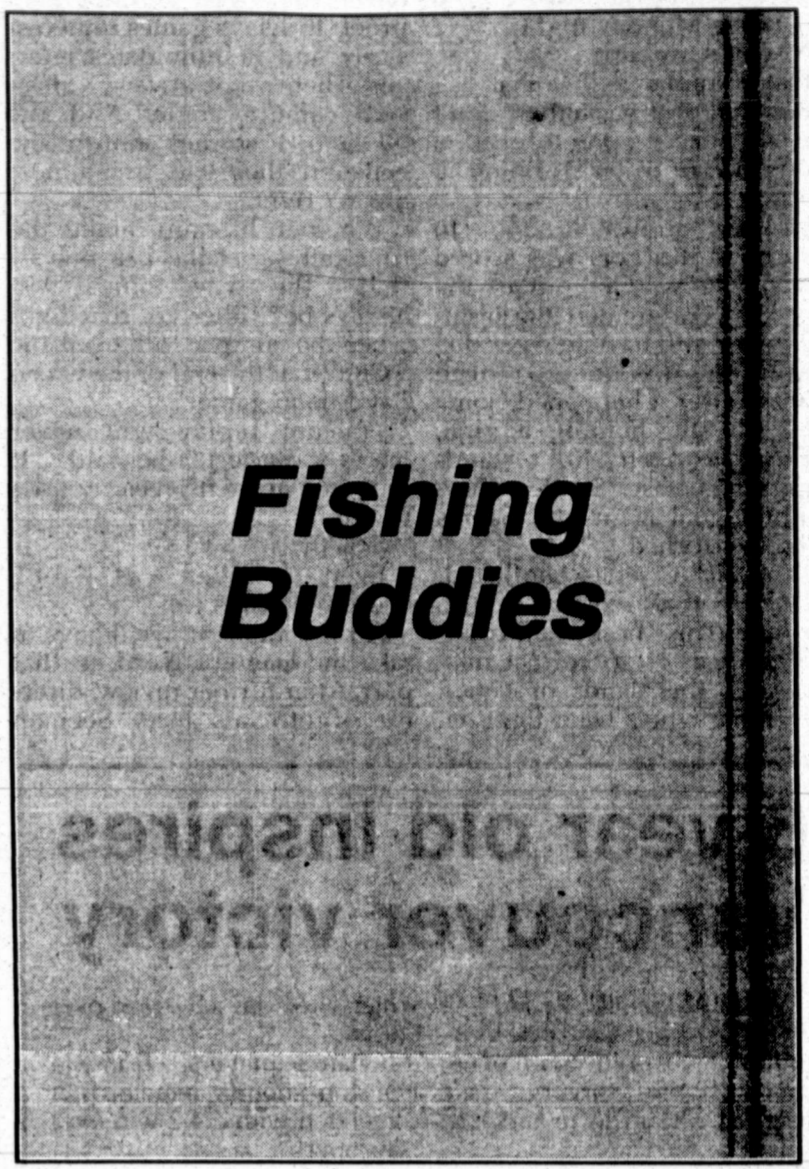
**Matt Hudson (above) displays a large mouth bass weighing approximately 7 pounds that he recently pulled from a farm pond.**

**Also pictured is Matt's four-year-old son, Daniel, with his grandfather, pastor Bob Hudson, and the first fish he ever caught.**

**Matt and his family have been living in the Ukraine for over three years as Baptist missionaries and are in Pampa for a brief furlough while his wife gives birth to their third child.**

**He caught the big bass with a red plastic worm fishing in water three to four feet deep in the middle of the day.**

**Daniel was using a live worm with a bobber.**



## Rangers trim Yankees, 5-4

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Had the Texas Rangers played like this all season, they might be returning to New York for another October showdown.

Instead they can only take solace with a rare regular-season win at Yankee Stadium.

Rafael Palmeiro hit a tiebreaking homer in the eighth inning after Tim Lincecum got out of a bases-loaded jam to give Texas a 5-4 win over the Yankees on Tuesday night.

"That was pretty much our playoffs there," Crabtree said. "In that situation, with the game on the line and the crowd really excited, it really had a playoff atmosphere."

The Rangers, who were swept out of the first round the past two seasons by the Yankees, are last in the AL West and will likely be sitting at home when the playoffs start.

Injuries, poor pitching and an offense that hasn't been as explosive as in recent years have given Texas as many losses this year as it had in all of 1999.

"A lot of things have gone wrong this year," Crabtree said. "This was a reflection of what went right last year."

The Rangers wasted a 4-0 lead and appeared to be on the way to their 32nd loss in 40 games at Yankee Stadium when New York loaded the bases with two outs in the seventh.

Crabtree (2-6) relieved Rick Helling and fell behind Derek Jeter 3-1 before striking him out on a high fastball. Crabtree pumped his fist as he left the mound, retiring Jeter for only the fourth time in 12 career at-bats.

"That wasn't really the matchup I wanted," Texas manager Johnny Oates said. "Jeter has had some success against Crabtree."

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# National Football League should dump instant replay

By JIM LITKE  
AP Sports Writer

Dennis Miller did his rant on officiating Monday night. Now it's my turn. Instant replay still stinks. Baseball and basketball don't use it. Soccer spared itself a thousand riots by banning it worldwide. Hockey allows it only to determine if a goal was scored — and how. (Of course, the guys who originated the original policy still have to wear disguises to visit Buffalo. Fourteen months after it happened, some fans are still holding a vigil, waiting for Brett Hull's standing-in-the-crease, Stanley Cup-winning goal against the Sabres to be overturned.) The college set is conflicted. NCAA football refs can't go to the tape. Their basketball counterparts can — to correct mistakes by the scorer or timer, determine who's been fighting

and make sure the right guy goes to the free-throw line. The arguments against replay haven't changed: It's not fool-proof, it delays games unnecessarily and it intimidates referees. There's not always a decisive camera angle. And the NFL's own studies confirm the calls on the field are almost always right. Whether humans make the first call — or the last one — that's the way things will always be. Miller got that right when he jumped all over the VCR fest at the end of the Green Bay-Miami game. "Instant replay will never make it perfect," he said. "It will only make it precisely frustrating." Exactly. Even if Miller was wrong about both calls. For the moment, we'll have to take the league's word on that part. After further review, director of officials Jerry Seeman

says his guys got it right. So much so that a league spokesman said, "Chalk it up to a rookie mistake on Dennis Miller's part." "And," he added, "tell him we'll forgive him." OK. (Rage on, Dennis.) Because the two calls happened in a fast-emptying stadium at the end of an exhibition game, nobody except Miller minded all that much. Had the same thing happened in a regular season game or the playoffs, he might have had serious company. The first call came with Miami trailing 14-10 late, on a slant pass from Dolphins quarterback Mike Quinn to Damon Savage. Savage caught the ball and raced toward the near sideline, trying to get out of bounds. So intent was he on stopping the clock that Savage angled away from would-be tacklers, losing yardage with every step.

When he crossed the sideline, Savage was at least a yard short of the orange first-down marker. Once he realized it, Savage popped himself in the helmet, hard. A veteran shrugs off that mistake with an embarrassed grin. But Savage was a rookie free agent trying to make the team; he only gets so many slippups and his face revealed he'd just made a whopper. Or had he? The officials ruled first down. Because more than two minutes remained, Green Bay coach Mike Sherman challenged the call. He lost. Why? According to the official explanation, that bright orange pole is the "auxiliary" marker. The official marker, the chain used to measure first downs, was on the other side of the field. The refs do their best to make sure the auxiliary marker is correct, but when push comes to shove, the marker is just a visual aid. It's the chains that

called for the review. The ABC crew and the audience, looking at the same evidence Lockett saw, reached one conclusion: that Kelly stepped out. Lockett reached another. Miami got the call, went on to score a touchdown, and won 17-14. "The toe, the ball of the foot, the heel — there's no proof any of them came down on the line," Seeman said. "At least nothing conclusive." Sherman, as well as his assistant coaches looking down from the press-box level, disagreed. "I did see it," he said. "I thought he stepped on the line and so did my guys up top." The NFL brought replay back last season with the argument that technology would get rid of arguments. But it's just like the old, ailing bluesman said the day he was released from the hospital. "I may be better, but I'll never get well."

## 6-year old inspires Vancouver victory

WILLIAMSPORT, Pa. (AP) — Tyler "TJ" Jacobs is a cute-as-a-button 6-year-old who overcame brain surgery and inspired a team to remarkable heights. That's how the Vancouver, Wash., Little Leaguers refer to TJ, who's initials are penned on their caps. And after Tuesday's dramatic, come-from-behind victory over Goffstown, N.H., who can doubt them? With TJ, his mom and brother watching for the first time from the stands after arriving in town in the wee hours of the morning, Dustin Corl hit a two-run homer in the seventh inning to lift Vancouver to a 6-4 victory and to the brink of the Little League World Series U.S. Pool championship game. "To the team, TJ is a symbol of fighting adversity," said Vancouver manager Tom Peavey, whose team rallied from a 4-0 fifth-inning deficit. "And as we struggled through that game, we struggled through adversity and won." Added Corl, who presented TJ with the home-run ball: "We didn't want to lose this game because TJ had traveled all the way across the country just to see us play. "He gave us the spirit to come back and work out there." At 2-0, Vancouver is in the driver's seat to reach the pool final, needing only a win against Davenport, Iowa, in Wednesday's preliminary round finale. A loss wouldn't entirely eliminate Vancouver, as it would leave three teams — Davenport and Bellaire, Texas, the others — with 2-1 records. Under the tiebreaking format, the team with the fewest runs allowed per inning advances. The No. 2 seed is determined by head-to-head competition between the two remaining teams that are tied. In other games, Tokyo won its third straight, beating Dhahran, Saudi Arabia, 9-0 to clinch its sixth consecutive berth in the International Pool final. Tokyo will face Maracaibo, Venezuela,

which eked out a 5-4 win over Toronto. Bellaire players, from a Houston suburb, remained in contention with a 4-2 win over Davenport. Whatever happens, Vancouver has already made its mark. It is only the third team from Washington to compete in the Series, and first since Kirkland National won the title in 1982. Then again, nothing compares to what TJ has gone through in recovering from surgery last June to remove a benign brain tumor. The team learned of TJ's plight after his mother wrote a letter asking if the squad could dedicate a game to him. Peavey read the note to the team and asked player Jay Ponciano what he thought of the idea. Ponciano suggested dedicating the rest of the season to TJ. Fittingly, Ponciano sparked the comeback with a three-run homer in the fifth, and Jesse McLean scored the game-tying run on an error with two out in the sixth. Goffstown manager Frank Szumiesz, whose team finished 0-3, only had praise for his opponents. "They did exactly what we did all the way through, never gave up," Szumiesz said. **Bellaire 4, Davenport 2** Bellaire looks to Michael Johnson for offense, and this time he delivered. Johnson hit two homers, including the go-ahead two-run shot in the third, while Ross Haggard added a solo homer in the win. "I really wanted to come back today and hit the ball real hard and hope we win," Johnson said after going 0-for-3 in Monday's 5-0 loss to Vancouver. Davenport manager Matt Kolar knew it wasn't going to be easy to make it to the pool finals, but still plans to get there. "Our best plan is to go out and try to beat (Vancouver) as best we can," Kolar said.

## Liberty gets another shot at Comets

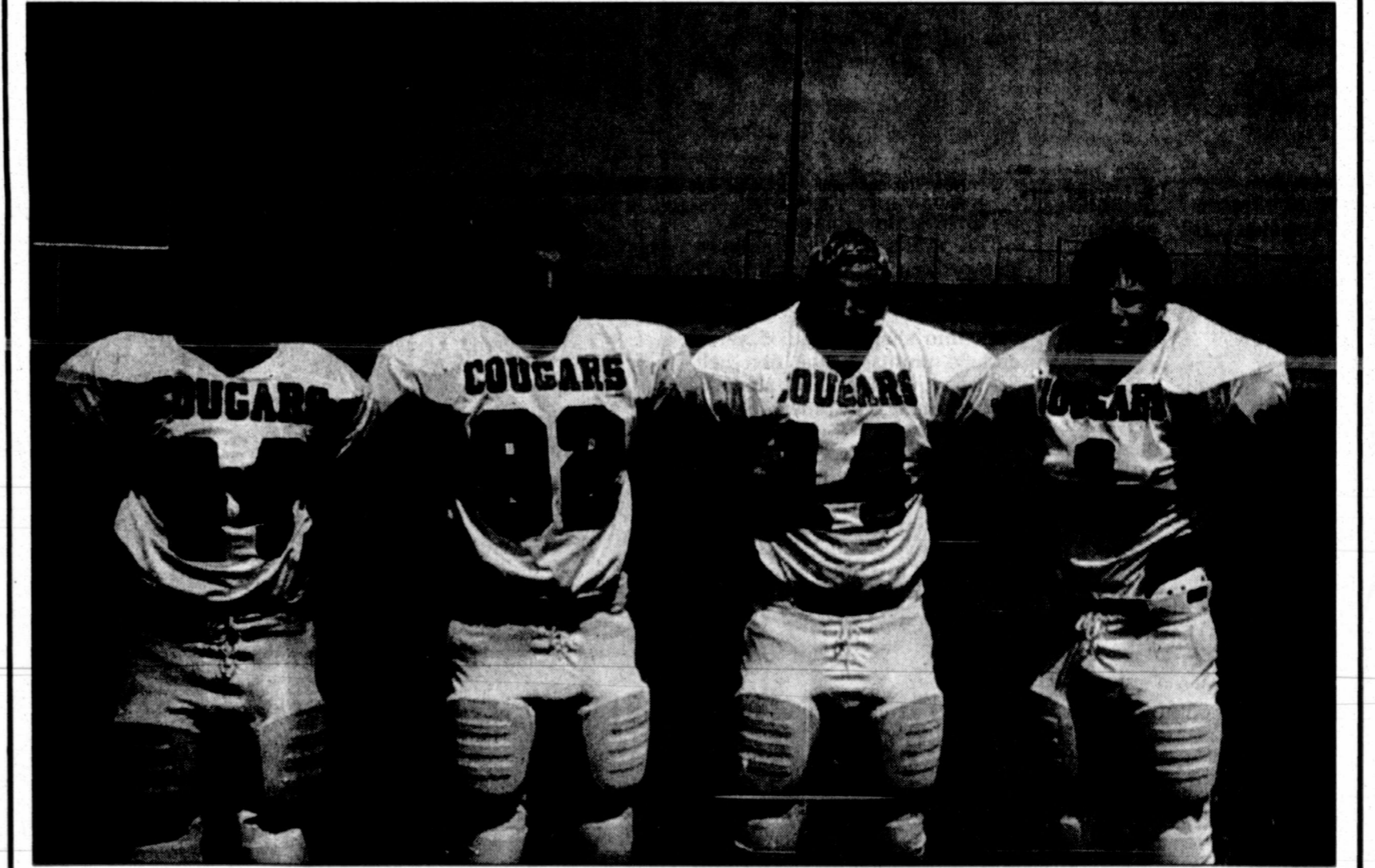
NEW YORK (AP) — If the New York Liberty are going to win the WNBA title, they're going to have to take it from the only team to ever own it. That team is the three-time champion Houston Comets, who have already beaten the Liberty in the finals twice. "We began this season with a slogan that we had unfinished business that we had to do because last year we came up short one game," Liberty coach Richie Adubato said. "Now we have an opportunity to continue towards our goal." New York captain Teresa Weatherspoon did everything she

could last year. But her halfcourt heave that beat the final buzzer in Game 2 only won one game. The Eastern Conference champs couldn't extend the magic into the decisive game of the best-of-three series. "We were ready last year, we just fell short," said Weatherspoon, after the Liberty eliminated Cleveland to return to the finals. "Hopefully we'll take advantage of the opportunity to play against such a great basketball team. But, we're not just in it to play, we want to win," Weatherspoon said. The Comets (31-5) knocked off regular-season champion Los

Angeles in the West finals and will travel to Madison Square Garden, where the Liberty (24-13) have won 13 straight, for Thursday night's opening game. Game 2 and then Game 3, if necessary, will be played in Houston this weekend. "That's the happiest I've seen us in the locker room since I've been here," Comets coach Van Chancellor said of the celebration in Los Angeles. "I don't know that they were that happy after we won a championship." Adubato is quite familiar with the WNBA's brief history. "We know Houston very well and we understand that they're

the three-time champions," he said. "They have tremendous talent and we will have to play as good as we've played all year to beat them." The teams split their regular-season series, each winning once at home. The Comets took the season opener 84-68 and the Liberty won 69-64 on July 23. "We were very proud of ourselves because of what we had to go through the entire season with nobody believing in us," Weatherspoon said. "We're very happy with what we've accomplished, but we haven't accomplished anything yet — our ultimate goal."

## Senior Cougars



Fort Elliott seniors (from left) Charly Helton, Chad Thompson, Richard Rowe and Nathan Hefley get ready for their final football season. The Cougars open against Higgins on Sept. 15 at home. They have a three-way scrimmage with Lefors and McLean on Friday at McLean.

## Position player notches mound victory against Braves

By The Associated Press

The winning hit was by an outfielder, who hit for the pitcher, who usually is a catcher. So much for trying to make sense of the Colorado Rockies' 7-6, 12-inning victory over the Atlanta Braves on Tuesday night. "I'd never been on the mound before in my life," Brent Mayne said after becoming the first position player to win a major league game in 38 years. "I was just firing it as hard as I could throw it and trying not to get killed." Adam Melhuse's first career hit, an RBI single with two outs in the 12th, won it at Coors Field. Melhuse pinch-hit with the bases loaded for Mayne, who was unable to bat because of a sore left wrist. "Most bizarre," Mayne said after his historic scoreless

inning. Mayne (1-0) wound up as the first major league position player with a win since outfielder Rocky Colavito threw 2 2-3 shutout innings for the New York Yankees against Detroit in the first game of a doubleheader on Aug. 25, 1968. In other games it was San Diego 16, New York 1; Los Angeles 14, Montreal 6; Philadelphia 5, Cincinnati 4; Houston 10, Chicago 7; Milwaukee 4, Arizona 3; Florida 7, San Francisco 5; and Pittsburgh 6, St. Louis 2. Mayne, Colorado's NL record-tying 10th pitcher, retired pinch-hitter Tom Glavine — that's right — on a comebacker and Walt Weiss on a flyout. Rafael Furcal singled, Mayne threw a wild pitch and Chipper Jones grounded to third. John Rocker (1-1) entered in the bottom half and gave up

singles to Neifi Perez and Todd Helton. Jeffrey Hammonds hit a soft liner to short center, Stan Belinda relieved and struck out Terry Shumpert, then intentionally walked Jeff Cirillo. Melhuse, 0-for-6 in his career, singled to left on the first pitch. "I'm sure stranger things will happen throughout the course of time," Rockies manager Buddy Bell said, "but this probably ranks up as one of the stranger things that I've ever been involved with." Andres Galarraga, who spent five seasons in Colorado, charged the mound in the 11th after being hit in the shoulder by John Wasdin on a 3-2 pitch. Wasdin, Galarraga and Rockies manager Buddy Bell were ejected. **Padres 16, Mets 1** Damian Jackson hit his first career grand slam, and Phil

Nevin and John Mabry hit consecutive second-deck homers at San Diego. Mets right fielder Derek Bell made his first career pitching appearance, allowing five runs, three hits and four walks in the eighth. Rookie Adam Eaton (5-2) won his third straight decision. Pat Mahomes (4-2) was pounded for 10 runs, seven hits and five walks in four innings. **Dodgers 14, Expos 6** At Los Angeles, Eric Karros became the first player in the Dodgers' 111-year history to hit two homers in an inning, connecting for a solo shot off Julio Santana (0-4) for a 6-5 lead in the sixth and adding a three-run drive in a nine-run sixth. Terry Adams (6-6) pitched 1 1-3 innings. **Phillies 5, Reds 4** Ken Griffey Jr. was doubled

up for the final out after right fielder Dante Bichette's error let in the go-ahead run in the ninth at Cincinnati. Bobby Abreu and Scott Rolen hit two-run homers as the Phillies got only their second win in nine games. They overcame Alex Ochoa's first-inning grand slam, the record-setting 142nd in the major leagues this season. Vicente Padilla (3-3) pitched two perfect innings and Jeff Brantley got three outs for his 19th save. Larry Luebbers (0-2) lost. **Astros 10, Cubs 7** Jeff Bagwell homered and doubled twice in Kerry Wood's return from the disabled list, sending visiting Chicago to its seventh straight loss. Wood, sidelined since July 30 because of a strained muscle in his left rib cage, struck out eight in four innings, giv-

ing up four runs, three hits and four walks. Moises Alou hit a three-run homer off Kyle Farnsworth (1-7). Marc Valdes (4-4) pitched the seventh, and Jose Cabrera worked 1 1-3 innings for his first major league save. **Brewers 4, Diamondbacks 3** Jeff D'Amico (10-4) won his eighth straight decision, giving up six hits in 8 2-3 innings at Phoenix, and Richie Sexson and Tyler Houston homered for the second night in a row, connecting off Geraldo Guzman (3-4). **Marlins 7, Giants 5** Mike Lowell drove in three runs at San Francisco and A.J. Burnett (12-3) won for the first time in six starts. Shawn Estes (12-4) lost for the first time since June 10. Antonio Alfonseca got three outs for his major league-leading 36th save.

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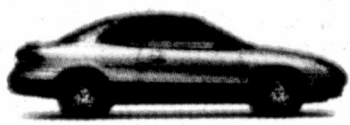
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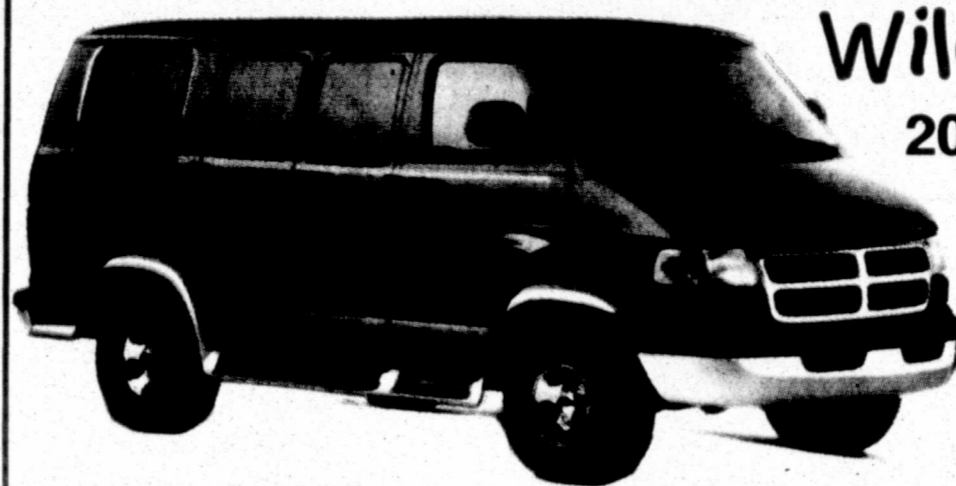
## WE HONOR THE X PLAN



Stk. #6240  
2000 Ford Escort ZX2  
MSRP \$13,835,  
-Disc. \$1,385, -Rebate \$1,500  
**\$10,995** Or **\$179** Mo.



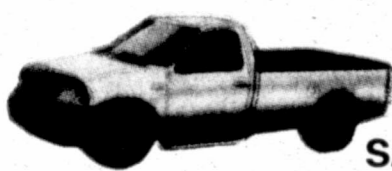
2000 Ford Crown Victoria  
-Disc. \$2,000, -Rebate \$1,500  
**\$3,500 OFF**  
Or **.9%** For 36 Mos.



### Wild Card Special

#### 2000 Dodge Conversion Van

T.V., Video Player, Quad Captain  
Chairs, Rear Stereo, Rear Heat/ AC,  
250 PSI Air Compressor  
MSRP \$33,566  
-Disc. \$6,071, -Rebate \$2,500  
**\$24,995**



Stk. #F6666  
2000 F150 Reg. Cab  
MSRP \$17,645  
-Disc. \$2,000, -Rebate \$1,000  
**SALE**  
**\$14,645** OR **\$189** Mo.



Stk. #F9956  
2000 Ford Expedition/Navigator  
**\$4,500 OFF**  
and **5.9%** for 60 mos.



Stk. #D1734  
2000 Dodge Dakota  
Quad Cab 4x4  
MSRP \$29,100, -Disc. \$2,500  
**\$26,600**



Stk. #C6078  
2000 Chrysler LHS  
MSRP \$31,240,  
-Disc. \$2,245, -Rebate \$1,000  
**\$27,995** Or **\$359** Mo.



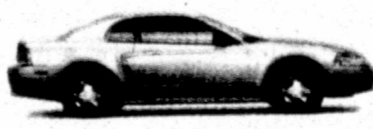
Stk. #F3179  
2000 Ford Excursion  
MSRP \$38,370,  
-Disc. \$4,375  
**\$33,995**



Stk. #F8346  
2000 Ford Explorer  
MSRP \$27,750,  
**\$299** Mo.



Stk. #F4278  
2000 Ford Windstar  
MSRP \$28,485  
-Disc. \$2,988, -Rebate \$1,500  
**\$23,997** Or **\$299** Mo.



Stk. #1788  
2000 Ford Mustang  
MSRP \$18,835,  
-Disc. \$840, -Rebate \$1,000  
**\$16,995** Or **5.9%**  
For 60 Mos.



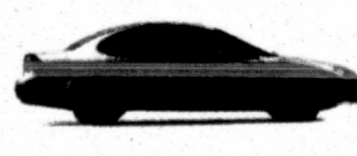
Stk. #3527  
2000 Jeep Cherokee  
MSRP \$22,480, -Disc. \$3,485  
**\$18,995**



Stk. #D8019  
2001 Dodge Ram 1500  
MSRP \$16,840,  
-Rebate \$2,000  
**\$14,840**



Stk. #C9568  
2000 Chrysler Concord  
MSRP \$24,200,  
-Disc. \$1,205, -Rebate \$1,000  
**\$21,995**



Stk. #F9952  
2000 Ford Taurus  
MSRP \$22,315,  
-Disc. \$2,320, -Rebate \$1,000  
**\$18,999** +**5.9%**  
For 60 Mos.

## LARGEST SELECTION ... LOWEST PRICES

### CARS

F4502A	'96 Ford Escort, 51xxx Miles	\$5,995
FD970A	'94 Ford Probe, Sharp	\$5,995
FD918A	'96 T-Bird, Auto, 80xxx Miles	\$8,995
D1287A	'96 Regal, 40xxx Miles, Auto	\$8,995
F0566N	'98 Cavalier, 4 Door, Auto	\$8,995
B5077A	'97 Mercury Sable, Nice Wagon	\$8,995
P103	'97 Chevy Cavalier, Auto, A/C	\$8,995
P122	'95 Cirrus, Auto	\$9,995
P106	'98 Taurus, 4 Dr., Auto	\$9,995
F33498	'98 Sebring, 2 Door, Auto, Like New	\$15,995
P109A	'96 Aurora, Pure Luxury	\$15,995

### TRUCKS

P135A	'00 F-150, 1,500 Miles	SAVE
P129	'97 F150 X/C, Extra Clean	\$15,995
D3795A	'98 F150, 27xxx Miles	\$16,995
P139	'96 Ram, 2500XC	\$17,995
B0234	'98 F-150, 29xxx, Must Go!	\$17,995

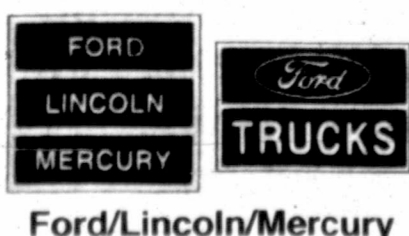
P101	'97K 1500, 4x4	\$17,995
P126	'96 Dodge 3/4 Ton 4x4, Auto	\$19,995
F7400A	'97 F250, 28xxx, Sharp Truck	\$19,995
P140	'97 Ram 1500 4x4 XC, 39xxx Miles	\$20,995
P104	'98 Sierra 4x4 XC, 27xxx Miles, Conversion	\$22,995

### SPORT UTILITIES

D2983A	'94 GMC Jimmy, 4x4	\$7,995
P136	'96 Jeep Cherokee, 4x4	\$9,995
P130	'95 Bronco, 4x4	\$11,995
D7031A	'99 Jeep Wrangler, Under 6K Miles	\$14,495
P116	'97 Tahoe, 2 Dr.	\$16,995
P112B	'98 Jeep Wrangler Sport, 6 Cyl.	\$16,995
P136	'96 Grand Cherokee, 4x4	\$16,995
F50556B	'97 Explorer, 38xxx, Extra Clean	\$16,995
B1572	'99 Explorer, 26xxx, Loaded & Sharp	\$17,995
F3349A	'99 Explorer, 4 Dr., 4x4	\$18,995
P108	'95 Suburban, 3/4 Ton, 4x4- MUST SELL	\$20,995
F0243A	'00 Excursion, 9xxx Miles	\$29,995

\*All sale prices are net of all Factory Rebates and Incentives. Some special APR financing may be in lieu of Factory Rebates. All payments are based on 36 months, balloon option, with 10% of MSRP down, plus taxes/fees, and 12xxx miles per year. This price applies to specific stock #s and vehicles in stock. Ask dealer for details. Balloon payment residuals Escort \$5,534.00, LHS \$15,620.00, Focus \$6,614.40, 300M \$17,406.90, Intrepid \$9,679.30, Concord \$13,218.00, F150 \$9,139.15, Dakota CC \$8,450.00, Windstar \$13,103.10, F-150 S/C \$11,622.90, Explorer \$14,985.00, Caravan \$11,860.00.

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