

Daily Record

Services tomorrow

GRANT, Homa C. - Graveside services, 10 a.m., Dumas Cemetery, Dumas.
SEWELL, Agnes Irene - 2 p.m., Morrison Funeral Directors Memorial Chapel, Dumas.

Obituaries

HOMA C. GRANT
 Homa C. Grant, 93, of Pampa, died Wednesday, Sept. 13, 2000, at St. Ann's Nursing Home in Panhandle. Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday in Dumas Cemetery at Dumas with Lonny Robbins, of Trinity Fellowship Church of Pampa, officiating and Mark Hill, grandson of the deceased, assisting. Burial will be under the direction of Boxwell Brothers Funeral Directors of Dumas.

Mr. Grant was born Aug. 28, 1907, at Golden in Wood County, Texas. He had been a Dumas resident for 58 years, moving from Hall County, and relocated to Pampa from Dumas five years ago. He worked for Boxwell Brothers Furniture and Hardware Store prior to establishing Grant's Hardware in 1957 which he owned-operated until retiring in 1972.

He served on Dumas City Council and Dumas Planning Commission and was a member of Rotary Club and Lions Club.

An avid Dumas High sports fan, he was honored by the Dumas football team with his own parking space and by the high school baseball team with his own team jacket in 1982.

Survivors include four daughters, Jan Dollar of Dumas, Wynona Robinson-Box and Shirley Waller, both of Pampa, and Yvonne Hill of Kilburn, La.; a sister, Billie Bolton of Fayetteville, Ark.; 10 grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to Youth Center Fund in care of Trinity Fellowship Church, 1200 S. Sumner, Pampa, TX 79065.

EDWARD KEITH PAYNE

SUGAR LAND - Edward Keith Payne, 71, died Tuesday, Sept. 12, 2000, of cancer. A memorial celebration of life service will be at 7 p.m. Friday in the chapel of The Settegast-Kopf Co. at Sugar Creek with the Rev. Bill Pimberton officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of The Settegast-Kopf Co. of Sugar Creek in Sugar Land.

Mr. Payne was born Feb. 23, 1929, at Seminole, Okla., to the late Ted Dewey Payne and Willie Linton Payne. He attended school in Pampa where he met his teenage sweetheart, Helen Ruth Blocker. He held a bachelor of arts and a doctor of jurisprudence degree from the University of Texas at Austin. He worked for Allright Parking System as general counsel from 1963-68 and finished his career as senior attorney and secretary of Service Corporation International from which he retired in February 1994 after 22 years of service. Following his retirement, he practiced law in Fort Bend County. He belonged to Houston Bar Association, Fort Bend County Bar Association, Texas State Bar Association and was a member of Great Oaks Baptist Church of Richmond.

He was a U.S. Navy veteran, serving during the Korean War aboard the destroyer USS Gurke where he attained the rank of ensigns mate second class. He remained in the Navy Reserves for 30 years and was honorably discharged with the rank of lieutenant commander, Office of Naval Intelligence.

Survivors include his wife, Helen; his children, Karen Ruth Payne, Steven Keith Payne, Lee Edward Payne, all of Houston, and Marian Helen Payne of Little Rock, Ark.; two sisters, Kathleen Payne Treat of Oklahoma City, Okla., and Maxine Payne Newton of Derby, Kan.; two brothers, Phillip Payne of Abilene and Kenneth Payne of Granbury; his grandchildren, Kyle Evan Payne, Taylor Erin Payne, Kayla Lynn Payne and Brandon Michael Payne, all of Houston; and numerous nieces and nephews, cousins and friends.

The family requests memorials be in lieu of flowers to Great Oaks Baptist Church Building Fund, 7101 FM 2759, Richmond, TX 77469; or to Monterey Bay Aquarium, 886 Cannery Row, Monterey, CA 93940.

Visitation will be from 6-9 p.m. today at The Settegast-Kopf Co.

Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by Attebury Grain of Pampa.		Columbia/HCA 35 11/16 dn 1/16	Enron 87 3/8 up 87/128
Wheat 2.42	Milo 2.67	Halliburton 53 3/16 up 1 11/16	KMI 40 1/16 up 1/4
Corn 3.21	Soybeans 4.27	Kerr McGee 66 7/16 up 2 9/16	Limited 24 7/8 up 5/16
The following show the prices for which these mutual funds were bid at the time of compilation:		McDonald's 27 1/4 NC	Exxon Mobil 88 1/4 up 2 251/256
Occidental 23 15/16 up 1/2	Fidelity Magell. 138.09	New Atmos 21 7/8 dn 3/16	XCEL 26 13/16 up 1/4
Puritan 18.92	The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. Stock Market quotations are furnished by Edward Jones & Co. of Pampa.		NOI 35 1/16 up 3/16
BP Amoco 54 9/16 up 9/16	Cabot 33 7/16 dn 7/16	BP Amoco 54 9/16 up 9/16	Wal-Mart 52 7/16 dn 1/16
Cabot O&G 19 15/16 up 1/16	Chevron 90 1/4 up 2 171/256	Coca-Cola 51 1/2 up 1/2	Williams 45 1/8 up 171/256
	New York Gold 272.65	Silver 4.88	West Texas Crude 33.50

Obituaries (cont.)

AGNES IRENE SEWELL
DUMAS - Agnes Irene Sewell, 88, a former Pampa resident, died Tuesday, Sept. 12, 2000, at Dallas. Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday in Morrison Funeral Directors Memorial Chapel. Burial will be in Northlawn Memorial Gardens under the direction of Robertson Funeral Directors of Clarendon.

Mrs. Sewell was born at Claude. She married Alton Edward Sewell in 1936 at Pampa; he died in 1990. She moved from Pampa to Dumas in 1937 and had been a Dallas resident for the past several years.

She was a retired registered nurse and alumni of St. Vincent De Paul School of Nursing. She was a honorary nurse member of American Red Cross and belonged to Order of the Eastern Star, 1932 Study Club and First Baptist Church of Dumas.

Survivors include a daughter, Carol Irene Lewis of Garland; a son, Edward Lee Sewell of Dallas; five grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

The family will be at 602 Phillips. The body will be available for viewing from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday at Morrison Funeral Directors.

Police report

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

Thursday, Sept. 14

A convenience store in the 1000 block of West Wilks reported the theft of \$32.80 of unleaded gasoline.

The Pampa Branch of the Amarillo Federal Credit Union reported a forgery involving \$400.

A 21-year-old Pampa man suffered facial cuts in an assault in the 3000 block of Rosewood.

A Pampa Middle School student suffered a bruise to his forehead in an assault at school.

There was a report on endangerment of a child in the 600 block of South Ballard.

A 12-speed bicycle was found at Coronado Center.

Friday, Sept. 15

Robert James Hicks, 32, of Skellytown, was arrested in the 1600 block of East Frederic on charges of possession of a controlled substance and unlawfully carrying a weapon.

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

Thursday, Sept. 14

Michael Jimmy Martinez, 35, 1032 Neel Rd., was arrested by Gray County Sheriff's deputies on charges of failure to appear.

Rosa Marie Suto, 33, 1213 Faulkner, was arrested by Gray County deputies for violation of probation and charges of tampering with government records.

John Luis Sullins, 21, 413 Powell, was arrested by Pampa police on charges of theft.

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Ambulance

Rural Metro Ambulance Service responded to the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Thursday, Sept. 14

10 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1700 block of Evergreen and transported on to Pampa Regional Medical Center (PRMC).

10:50 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1200 block of North Wells and transported one to PRMC.

12:02 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 800 block of West 25th and transported one to PRMC.

1:28 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 300 block of Wynne and transported one to Northwest Texas Hospital, Amarillo.

Fires

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

Thursday, Sept. 14

10:52 a.m. - One unit and four firefighters responded to a medical assist in the 1300 block of West Kentucky.

3:13 p.m. - Two units and eight firefighters responded to a structure fire in the 1100 block of Seneca. The fire was out when firefighters arrived.

10:12 p.m. - One unit and two firefighters responded to a diesel spill at Alcock and Price roads. Approximately five gallons was spilled.

SCHOOL

replied that kindergarten enrollment is unusually low, while first grade enrollment has increased by 40 students.

He also told board members that a College Night with approximately 40 colleges and universities represented is planned for Sept. 27 at M.K. Brown Auditorium. Neighboring school districts were invited to attend, he said.

Pampa High School Hall of Fame activities are planned in conjunction with Homecoming football game, Sept. 29, Orr said. A luncheon for honorees at the Pampa Country Club is also planned.

Board Member Joe Martinez is to serve as delegate at a meeting of the Panhandle Area School Boards, Region 16, on Aug. 5.

The Academic Spotlight focused on Pampa Middle School science teacher, Margaret Williams, who has been named Region 16 Secondary Teacher of the Year.

"We're very proud to have her represent Pampa ISD, but we're also proud to have her represent the 60 school districts in 26 counties of Region 16," Orr said. "It is a singular honor."

Williams will go to Austin on Nov. 18 to receive the award. Her nomination has now been submitted for Texas State Secondary Teacher of the Year.

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RULING

N. Madden in Shamrock, testified in court Wednesday that he has dog pens that face the alley. When people walk down the alley, the dogs bark.

About 9 p.m., Aug. 19, 1999,

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Vaughn heard his dogs barking and went outside to see what was going on. He said he was afraid they would disturb his neighbors.

Vaughn said he saw somebody in the alley and when he asked them what they were doing there, they didn't answer. They

only moved away. That's when he called police to report a prowler, Vaughn told the court.

Booth answered the call and while searching for the prowler, looked through Navarro's window and saw what appeared to be a drug deal in progress.

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PAMPAN

reported to his probation officer after leaving Pampa.

Brown said it was too far to drive to report to his Pampa probation officer while he was living in Tulsa, Okla. He said he didn't have the money to call.

Under questioning from Assistant District Attorney Phil Pendleton, Brown finally said he didn't report to his probation officer because it was too much

'You've been given chance after chance after chance.'

- Judge Emmert

trouble.

Brown said he didn't pay the fines and fees assessed him because he didn't like his probation officer. He said she required him to report every day, and he

wasn't able to hold a job.

Brown's mother later testified that Brown was to report weekly to the probation office.

Testimony also indicated that Brown owes almost \$12,000 in child support and faces issuance of bad check charges in Potter County.

"You've been given chance after chance after chance," Judge Emmert told Brown.

Emmert then sentenced Brown to serve seven years behind bars.

City Briefs

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Weather focus

PAMPA - Sunny skies today with a high in the mid-80s and light northeast winds. Tonight, clear with lows in the upper 50s and southeast winds at 5 to 15 mph. Saturday will be sunny with a high in the low 90s and south winds at 10 to 20 mph. Saturday evening clear with a high in the upper 50s. Sunday, clear with a high in the low 90s. High Thursday was 96 and the overnight low, 60.

STATEWIDE - Milder temperatures were in store for much of Texas as a cool front moved into the state on Friday.

The front stretched along a line from Texarkana through Denton and Midland to Marfa.

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LIVE COUNTRY music by Borderline, Sat. 16th, at Dottie's Place, 2122 Alcock. Accepting Bookings for your holiday parties. Call Mike 669-1241.

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COUPLE

Darsey was that they won the People's Choice Award.

"That was worth all the rest of it," she said.

The Darsey's will have their wagon at the Chuck Wagon Dinner being held in connection with the High Plains Fall Classic WRCA Ranch Rodeo on Sept. 30. It will be held on the grounds adjoining the Top O' Texas Rodeo Arena.

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Earlier in July, the Darseys hosted their second annual Chicken Roping at their ranch north of Alanreed. They fed 198 people from their chuckwagon during that Fourth of July celebration.

Mike Darsey, their son, and Dale Steele teamed up to win the chicken roping. David and Brock Crockett came in second. Les Darsey and his grandson, Chase Barnes, won third.

"He'd never even picked up a

rope before," Darsey said of his grandson. "It was his first roping."

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SPS logo changing; new 'Xcel' will use red swirl

AMARILLO — Electricity customers in four states will soon notice a new logo for Southwestern Public Service Co. — a logo without the red "energy swirl" associated with the company the past three years. That swirl now will represent SPS's new parent company, Xcel Energy.

According to SPS Chief Executive Gary Gibson, no operational changes are occurring. SPS will continue to serve all of its customers — in parts of Texas, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Kansas — just as it has.

The logo changes are part of Southwestern's preparations for when its customers in Texas and New Mexico will be able to choose among competing electric companies, Gibson explained. Competition among suppliers will begin in 16 months — in January 2002.

"Our commitment to quality customer service at the lowest possible prices remains the same," Gibson said, "but Texas and New Mexico customer-choice laws require that we eventually legally separate our delivery operations from other parts of the company."

"Beginning in 2002, the name Southwestern

Public Service will apply only to the part of our company that actually delivers power and energy on high lines to consumers. The remainder of our utility, for instance the power-producing part, or our marketing department, will be known by the name of our parent company, Xcel Energy."

"The new SPS logo will help our customers begin to differentiate between SPS, 'the delivery company,' and Xcel Energy, which will sell power and energy and other services to customers."

When the new laws are fully implemented, Xcel Energy will not be subject to traditional utility regulation. Xcel and other "unregulated" energy suppliers will compete for customers.

However, the remnant SPS, as a "power lines company," will continue to be regulated by state utility regulators. SPS will move power from "anyone's" power generating plants to customers, not just from Xcel Energy-owned plants, Gibson said.

The use of a single "delivery company" will help make sure customers receive reliable service while being able to choose service from among competing power suppliers, he said.

The new SPS logo — the company's name, without the red energy swirl — will begin appearing in September on electricity bills and on service trucks, uniforms and some electric facilities in New Mexico and Texas. The new logo also will appear on trucks, uniforms and facilities, but not on bills, in Oklahoma and Kansas. Xcel will bill customers in Oklahoma and Kansas.

The Texas and New Mexico electric competition laws will cause SPS to make other changes.

For instance, in Texas, beginning in September, SPS must cease marketing and billing for services that could be offered by other, non-utility companies. For example, SPS is no longer able to offer new security lighting, heat-pumps or water heaters in Texas.

SPS will have to refer Texas customers who call

about such services to lists of other companies. Xcel will bill customers who previously purchased such products from SPS — separately, not through a bill for electric service.

SPS, an operating company of Xcel Energy, is a regional electric utility. It provides service to about 1 million people in eastern and southeastern New Mexico, the South Plains and Panhandle of Texas, the Oklahoma Panhandle and southwestern Kansas.

Xcel was created by the merger of SPS's parent company, New Century Energies of Denver with Northern States Power of Minneapolis. Xcel companies today serve 3 million electricity and 1.5 million natural gas accounts in 12 western and midwestern states. Xcel will offer energy services to customers throughout the nation.

West Texas A&M to hold Career Expo

CANYON — More than 70 companies along with graduate and professional school representatives will be attending the annual West Texas A&M University Career Expo from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 21 in the Virgil Henson Activities Center Ballroom.

"The Career Expo has been designed with every student in mind, regardless of their classification or major," Kim Storey, assistant director of Career and Counseling Services, said. "This is a tremendous opportunity. It helps those within one year of graduating who are looking for a job, and it gives the chance to meet employers and make contacts."

The Career Expo will be host to a diverse group of companies with different personnel needs.

"Just because you are majoring in a certain field does not limit you to that type of company. Some people think that this is just a business fair for business majors, but it will benefit any major," Storey said. "It is a chance to broaden students' horizons and help them realize that their talents can be used at a variety of companies."

The Internet is playing a role in this year's Career Expo by offering a virtual job fair. The Career and Counseling Services website, <http://wtcareer.wtamu.edu/>, contains a list of the companies and representatives from various graduate schools attending and tips on how to prepare for the fair.

Storey recommends that students come to the Expo as early as possible.

"Some of the recruiters attending may not be able to stay all day because of other appointments, or early flights out," Storey said.

Career and Counseling Services offers services to help students choose the correct career path, properly assemble resumes/curriculum vitae and prepare for interviews. Career and Counseling Services also includes Cooperative Education, a program designed to give students experience and income in a chosen career while still an undergraduate.

For more information about Career Expo or Career and Counseling Services, contact Storey at (806) 651-2345.

Top calf ropers to compete at Tri-State Fair

AMARILLO — It's calf roping "made to look easy" at this year's Tri-State Fair Invitational Calf Roping. The nation's top calf ropers will compete in the Bill Cody Arena at 7 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 17.

Top Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association (PRCA) Calf Ropers Fred Whitfield of Hockley, Blair Burk, Durant,

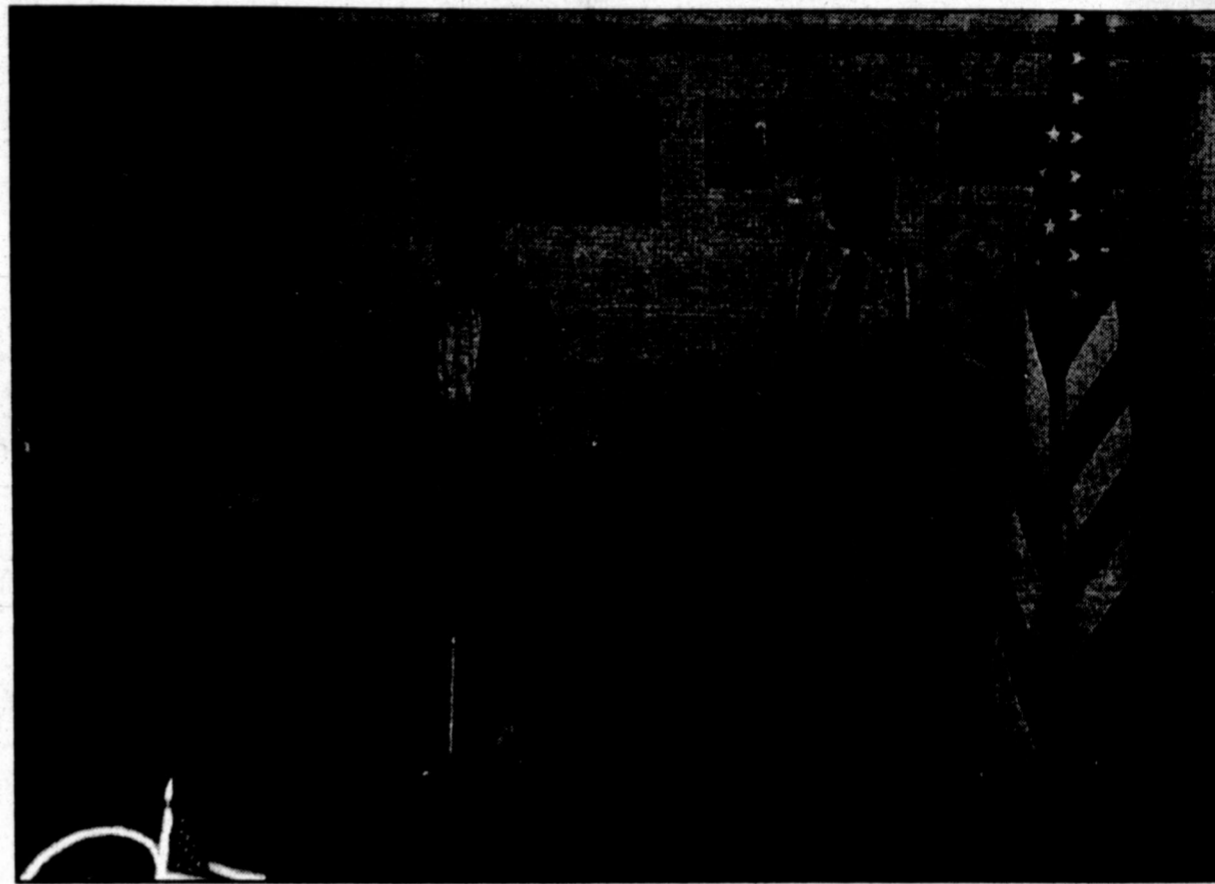
Okl., Ty Hays, Weatherford, Okla., Clay Cerny, Eagle Lake, Justin Maass, Giddings, Stan Smith, Tell, and Joe Beaver of Huntsville are entered along with local favorites Monty Lewis of Hereford, Jim Locke of Canyon, Charley Russell of Shamrock and Chris Morrow of Amarillo.

Each of the calf ropers will rope

three head with the top 10 ropers returning for a short go-round (fourth head). Contestants will vie for their share of the \$16,000 in prize money. This is the second year for the competition.

Fair visitors can view the competition for the price of general gate admission (adults, \$5, children 6-11, \$2 and children under six free).

Veterans Hall of Honor



(Special photo)

Floyd C. Adams of Pampa, a World War II veteran, was inducted into the Panhandle Veterans Hall of Honor during ceremonies held in August for his role in evacuating a group of imperiled paratroopers in March of 1945 on the front lines between France and Germany during World War II. John Tripplehorn, right, president of the Freedom Museum, USA, presided.

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Downtown Business Association



Downtown Business Association recently welcomed new member "On Eagles Wings." Above: ReDonn Woods, DBA president; Carol Martin, owner; Diana Yates, employee; and Ken Rhearns, DBA vice president.

Calendar of events

PAMPA AREA LITERACY COUNCIL
 Pampa Area Literacy Council office is open from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday. For more information, call 665-2331.

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

ADHD/ADD SUPPORT GROUP
 If interested in the ADHD/ADD Support Group call Connie at 669-9364.

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

MACEDONIA CHURCH
 Macedonia Church will host a monthly breakfast the third Saturday of every month from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. at 441 Elm Street with the Rev. I.L. Patrick. Donations will be accepted and the public is invited.

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

PRE-SCHOOL STORY HOUR
 Lovett Memorial Library will sponsor a pre-school story hour at 10 a.m. every Tuesday this fall beginning Sept. 5. The free program is open to children 18 months to 5 years of age and will include stories, crafts and other activities. No registration is required. For more information, call the library at 669-5780.

CPF
 Cerebral Palsy Foundation is seeking families with children (birth to age 12) affected by cerebral palsy in an effort to establish a chapter in the area. CPF offers financial and emotional support as well as many free services. For more information, call 1-888-872-7966 toll-free.

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.

RETIRED TEACHER'S ASSOCIATION
 Retired Teacher's Association will meet at 6:30 p.m., Monday, Sept. 18 at Pampa Senior Citizens Center. The gathering will include a covered-dish supper to honor newly retired persons. The program will be given by Loralee Cooley.

SENIOR 2001 T-SHIRTS
 The last chance to purchase Senior 2001 T-shirts will be Tuesday, Sept. 19. Shirts will be on sale before school, during lunch and from fourth block to 4 p.m. in the front foyer at PHS. The T-shirts range in price from \$12-\$14 and long-sleeved shirts are available for \$17-\$18. Shirts can be ordered via mail by sending an order form to Jan Chambers, 1824 Lea, by Sept. 19. Seniors need to stop by the order desk and check to make sure their names are correct for printing on the shirts. Proceeds will go towards the All-Night Party in May.

BSA FALL VOLUNTEER TRAINING
 BSA Hospice Pampa will present its Fall Volunteer Training and

Community Education Class from 6-9 p.m. Mondays and Thursdays, Sept. 11-Oct. 12, at Clarendon College, 1601 W. Kentucky. This comprehensive class is designed for adults who are interested in becoming a hospice volunteer, want to learn more about hospice care or desire personal growth and enrichment. This program is offered free of charge to the Pampa, Borger and surrounding communities and continuing education unit's will be awarded by CC. For more information or to pre-register, call Janet McCracken, volunteer coordinator, BSA Hospice Pampa, at (806) 665-6677.

LAKE MEREDITH NRA
 Lake Meredith National Recreation Area headquarters building in Fritch will no longer be open on weekends after Monday, Sept. 4. Business hours will be 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Monday-Friday. Boaters interested in daily permits can access the machine in the headquarters lobby which is available 24 hours per day.

RED CROSS CLASSES
 The Gray County Chapter of the American Red Cross has scheduled two CPR classes for September. The first class will be from 6-10 p.m. Sept. 11. The second class will be from 3-7 p.m. Sept. 19. Both classes will be held at the ARC office, 108 N. Russell. To register, call 669-7121.

CROWN OF TEXAS HOSPICE
 Crown of Texas Hospice will sponsor a bereavement "Sunshine Lunch" (Dutch treat) from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 20 at Dyer's Bar-B-Que, Hwy. 60 West. This luncheon is a social time for those who are grieving the death of a loved one. For reservations or for more information, call 1-800-572-6365.

HIGH PLAINS FALL CLASSIC RANCH RODEO
 The Top O' Texas Rodeo Association will hold the 2000 High Plains Fall Classic Ranch Rodeo at 7 p.m. nightly, Sept. 29-30. Tickets are \$6 for adults and \$3 for children 12 and under. Twelve teams from Texas, New Mexico and Oklahoma will be competing in Ranch Bronc Riding, Ranch Team Penning, Wild Cow Milking, Team Doctoring and Wild Horse Race and a demonstration featuring Buster McLaury is slated at 12:30 p.m. Saturday. Following the demonstration, Pokey the Clown will hold his WRCA Junior Ranch Rodeo at 2:30 p.m. A Chuckwagon dinner will be served at 5 p.m. in Recreation Park. Meal prices are \$6 for adults and \$4 for children 12 and under. During the meal and the Saturday night Rodeo performance, Pokey will auction his world famous "Custom made" Stick Horses. Advance tickets for the chuckwagon dinner are available at the rodeo office, 200 N. Ballard, Wayne's Western Wear and The Hamburger Station. Cowboy breakfast and church will be held at 8 a.m. Sunday and will be sponsored by the Fellowship of Christian Cowboys. For more information, contact the rodeo office at (806) 669-0434.

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.

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.

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RELIGION

Adults must strive to grow in spirituality, wisdom

Growth is the way of life. Growth is the affirmation that life flows within. Conversely, the lack of growth is the sign of impending death. Now growth can happen in many ways. One may grow in stature. Certainly this is most desirable for young people. Growth in stature is to be desired for a child growing from infancy through puberty and adolescence into adulthood. But, in adulthood, physical growth generally stops. So, growth in maturity, in wisdom, and in spirituality become the goals for growth in adults.

It is no secret that Pampa, Texas, is not growing physically. For the past few years, we have had no growth in population, few housing starts, very little economic growth (maybe even

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First Presbyterian Church

economic decline), several businesses that have downsized and few businesses that have decided to open their doors in Pampa. To some people, the lack of growth signals the death knell for Pampa. This is not true! All it signals is that Pampa must grow in other ways if Pampa is to remain healthy. Pampa must grow in maturity, in wisdom and in spirituality.

Now, when we talk about maturity, we are not necessarily talking about age. What we are talking about is the type of maturity that brings vision. Growth in maturity allows you and me to encounter each new situation with the ability to make wise choices for ourselves, our families, our neighbors and our community. Growth in maturity causes us to look beyond our

personal frame of reference and to seek what is right and what is good for others at the same time we are considering what is right and good for ourselves. Growth in maturity breeds outward vision that allows us to see new and exciting possibilities.

Growth in wisdom does not mean that we know more or are better educated (although both are desirable). Real wisdom means that we are able to evaluate each new situation, each new possibility with an open and inquiring mind and with curiosity. Real wisdom lets us see that what is good for our community is good for us. Real wisdom sees that our neighbors welfare is our welfare. Real wisdom sees that we do not live in a vacuum in our home, in our neighborhood,

nor even in Pampa. Instead, we are part of a global system that must work correctly if we are to live well ourselves. Real wisdom is not selfish; instead, real wisdom is generous with all who surround us.

And, we must grow spiritually. We must grow spiritually as individuals. This means we must take the time and expend the effort to establish or re-establish our relationship with our God. No one person, no one church, no one denomination can tell us, as individuals, how we can best do this. Spiritual maturity happens best when the atmosphere is an atmosphere of spiritual growth. Pampa must grow spiritually

also. Somehow, we must become spiritually alive, spiritually aware and spiritually active. Our community, in its adulthood, must find the spiritual maturity it needs to continue growing in stature and in wisdom and in favor with God and with others.

Okay, we might not be growing in population or in economies. But, we are not dying. Or, at least we do not have to die. Because, we have the opportunity, even the obligation, to grow in maturity and in spirituality. And, I believe that these are goals that are worthy, are attainable, and are necessary for you, for me and for our community.

Religion in the news ...

Researchers say North America's Jewish population could drop by a third

NEW YORK (AP) — If present trends continue, by the year 2080 North America's Jewish population will drop by a third, to 4 million, according to projections in the new "American Jewish Year Book."

The annual also estimates that by mid-century Israel will have a majority of the world's Jews. Israel has gained through past immigration from the former Soviet Union and elsewhere. Future numbers will swell due to the nation's higher birth rate, younger average age, stronger Jewish identity and lower intermarriage rate compared with Jewish communities elsewhere.

The article says that outside Israel there has been "unprecedented erosion" in the Jewish family due to lower birth rates and such factors as delayed marriages, couples cohabiting out of wedlock and rising divorce.

Accelerating intermarriage drives much of the decline in the West, the report says. "Children of intermarriage have shown comparatively weak Jewish identification," and fewer non-Jewish spouses in these marriages are converting to Judaism.

By 2020 Jews in Israel may outnumber those in North America and by 2080, 10.6 million of the world's 15.6 million Jews may be Israelis, report authors Sergio DellaPergola, Uzi Rebhun and Mark Tolts, who are demographers at Jerusalem's Hebrew University.

Such numbers are inevitably rough estimates subject to unpredictable factors, they note, but the overall picture of Israel's rise and a decline elsewhere appears permanent.

The article says that with this shift, Israel will assume the chief role in world Jewish education and cultural continuity.

North America, long the major funder of the world Jewish community, may focus more on internal problems and be less able to help others, the authors warn, and declines could endanger Jewish organizations in some countries.

The annual, published by the American Jewish Committee, reports there are currently 5.7 million Jews in the United States, 362,000 in Canada, and 13,191,500 worldwide.

On the Net: American Jewish Committee: www.ajc.org

Federal appeals court refuses to block Virginia's minute of silence law

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — Public school students across Virginia are observing a mandatory minute of silence each day, after a panel of the 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals voted 2-1 not to block a new state law. A few students are protesting by walking out of class during the daily observance.

The law, which took effect July 1, requires all school districts to hold a minute of silence for students to meditate, pray or engage in any other silent activity. A previous law from 24 years ago gave schools the option of holding a minute of silence and listed prayer as an option.

Meanwhile, a lower federal judge heard arguments on a legal challenge from the state unit of the American Civil Liberties Union.

In the hearing, ACLU attorney Stuart Newburger said "once the state put the word 'pray' or 'prayer' in the statute, that's enough to show the state was favoring prayer as a practice."

Solicitor General William Hurd argued that Virginia's law has a secular purpose, ensuring that there is no discrimination against prayer, and only listed prayer so students know it is one option among many.

"Prayer is not a dirty word. It's a fact of life. There's no reason to be squeamish about it," he said.

U.S. church leaders say Clinton ignoring Christians on Jerusalem issue

WASHINGTON (AP) — Fifteen top U.S. Roman Catholic, Protestant and Orthodox church leaders have sent President Clinton a joint letter complaining that the administration has ignored Christians' concerns about the status of Jerusalem.

The letter said, "Israel's occupation of East Jerusalem is illegal according to international law." It also expressed distress over Israeli settlements on Palestinian land in the Jerusalem area and declared it is "totally unacceptable" that West Bank Palestinians need Israeli permits to enter Jerusalem for worship.

It also denounced efforts in Congress to move the U.S. embassy to

Jerusalem while the city's status remains in dispute.

The U.S. church leaders, whose groups represent more than 100 million members, said Jerusalem Christians' proposal for a special city government status under international guarantees would "allow Jerusalem to be an open city which transcends local, regional or world political troubles."

Those signing the appeal included Bishop Joseph Fiorenza, president of the American Catholic hierarchy; Andrew Young, president of the National Council of Churches; the heads of the Antiochian Orthodox archdiocese, Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Episcopal Church, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, Presbyterian Church (USA) and United Church of Christ; and the ecumenical officer for United Methodist Church bishops.

No Evangelical Protestant leaders were among the signers. In 1995 a similar alliance of U.S. religious leaders urged the Clinton administration to grant Christians, as well as Jews and Muslims, a role in determining the Holy City's future.

Mormons transforming the biggest U.S. private junior college

REXBURG, Idaho (AP) — Ricks College students aren't yet attending "Brigham Young University-Idaho" this fall, but officials are busy planning the transition to a four-year school.

President Gordon B. Hinckley of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, which runs Ricks, announced June 21 that the nation's biggest private junior college would be transformed into a four-year campus of the church's university.

The staff has been assessing all resources and preparing for reaccreditation. Officials say the transition will be phased in over several years and that the school will avoid duplicating programs available elsewhere in the region, or at Brigham Young's other campuses.

On the Net: www.ricks.edu

Program launched to fight prejudice between Catholics and Jews

DENVER (AP) — In a program to counteract prejudice, Colorado Jewish and Roman Catholic students are learning about each other's beliefs this fall.

The 10-week course, budgeted at \$75,000, is the first such in the country, said Anita Fricklas, executive director of the American Jewish Committee's Denver office.

Fourth-grade students in synagogues and Catholic day schools will learn about both Jewish and Catholic holidays, rituals and symbols.

Also, five high school juniors from each faith have been chosen to study each religion's beliefs and how to overcome stereotyping. They will make a two-week field trip to Vatican City and Israel.

"These kids will be pioneers" in interfaith understanding, said Bill Beckman, ecumenical officer for Denver's Catholic archdiocese. "It's a mine that they will be able to draw from their entire lives."

CHURCH BRIEFS

Jerry Smith will present The Lesters in concert at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 16, at the high school auditorium in Berger. Known as "St. Louis' First Family of Gospel Music," The Lesters were founded in 1925 and have performed as a group for three generations. Members are Brian Lester, lead singer, manager and e e; Ginger Pitchers, alto, bass guitar; Dan Pitchers, bass vocalist; and Treca Cisneros, soprano. The Pitchers two children, Jenny and Evan, along with the Lesters' son, Jonathan, also sing. The concert is open and free to the public.

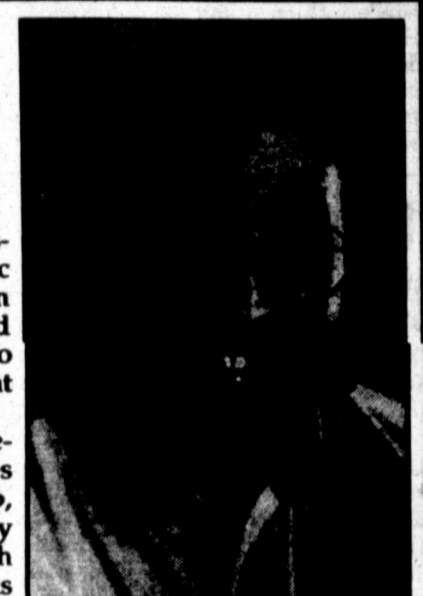
Redeeming Grace Mission, 422 N. West, will hold revival services Sept. 15-17 with evangelist Durand Sculthorp of Vernon. Sculthorp formerly pastored at Vernon and San Angelo. His wife, Tammy, will be accompanying him along with their 18-month-old daughter, Caitlyn. The Friday and Saturday services will begin at 7 p.m. Special events will include a barbecue dinner at 5 p.m. Saturday and a morning worship service at 10:30 a.m. Sunday. The public is cordially invited to attend.

JREA founder to visit Central Baptist Church

Jon Randles, founder and president of Jon Randles Evangelistic Association and Randles, Inc., in Lubbock, will present "2000 and Beyond: Timeless Answers to Modern Problems" Oct. 1-4 at Central Baptist Church.

Randles is involved in evangelism, church growth conferences and evaluations, discipleship, student ministry and missionary endeavors worldwide through speaking engagements, books and tapes.

Prior to forming JREA, Jon Randles Randles pastored at Indiana Avenue Baptist Church in Lubbock from 1988-93. Indiana Avenue was one of the nation's fastest growing congregations under his tenure, growing in membership from 657-3,463. He also pastored churches in Abilene and Graham. Jon and wife, Kelly, have three children and are members of Indiana Avenue Baptist where he continues to serve as staff evangelist.



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Mom, Sister Can't Figure Why Brother Sides Against Them

DEAR ABBY: I am 37 years old and have one older brother who is 39. When we were growing up, our family was very close, but something happened when my father passed away eight years ago. Within a few years my mother remarried. Soon after, my marriage to an abusive man fell apart.

My brother decided to support my ex-husband and held me responsible for not giving him a "second chance." This hurt me deeply. When my mother recently divorced — her husband wanted the divorce — again, my brother took the husband's side. My brother's wife is a born-again Christian and doesn't believe in divorce, no matter what the reason.

My mother is heartbroken and so am I. I always looked up to my brother. I wish I knew it was his wife's influence and not his choice. He promised our father on his deathbed that he would take care of us. Not only has he walked away from us in our time of need, he has sided against us. I have tried talk-



Abigail Van Buren

SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

ing to him, but it doesn't work. Is there anything I can do? I still love my brother and always will.

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DEAR SNIFFLING: If talking to your brother hasn't helped, there is nothing more you can do. I don't know whether his identification with other men is so strong that it colors the way he views you and his mother — or whether he is unable (or unwilling) to keep his deathbed promise and can't face either of you. However, the reality is that you and she will have to rely on

yourselves. Love him if you wish, but don't count on him for anything.

DEAR ABBY: Do you think a woman can be in love with two men at one time?

PAT IN SPARTANBURG, S.C.

DEAR PAT: No. But she can be infatuated with two men (or more!) at the same time.

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Horoscope

SUNDAY, SEPT. 17, 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)

★★★★ Juggle others' requests, but at the same time, please yourself. Sometimes you try too hard to make others happy. Unexpected developments with a circle of friends might have you reassessing key relationships. Use customary caution with finances. Tonight: Treat another to dinner.

This week: If Monday is any indication, you might want to dovetail out of work this week. Fortunately, the situation improves all week long.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ Someone you put on a pedestal could jolt your otherwise perfect day. Understand when you need to say "enough." Often, you are overly gracious and extend yourself beyond the call of duty. Make plans around your needs. Check in on an older relative. Tonight: Whatever makes you happy!

This week: Maintain your strength, even if you feel you are under siege. Financial issues work themselves through mid-week.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★ Take your time. Exhaustion marks your decisions. Make it OK to cancel plans. Take care of yourself first. Do whatever you can to relax and enjoy yourself. Take a nap or curl up with a good book. Avoid getting involved in others' problems. Tonight: Play ostrich.

This week: Tension from your personal life or an unresolved issue flows right into your professional life on Monday.

Take charge, and by Wednesday you're rocking and rolling.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ Gather with friends and join others. You have a good time, despite a contrary or difficult partner. Keep your sense of humor and don't worry. Knowing when to let go can make or

break a situation. Given space, people and feelings change. Tonight: Party the night away.

This week: A friend might want to point the way on Monday. It might take all week to straighten out a mess if you listen to this person.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ Bring family and friends together. Listen to another and get to the bottom of a problem. This person might be a bit off kilter, and he needs your feedback. Your perspective helps him, and he trusts your judgment and sincerity. Be careful with a work-related friend. Tonight: A must appearance.

This week: You don't like how a fail-safe idea falters. Take it in stride and build a better mousetrap. OK?

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ Make an effort to read between the lines and get through to another who might be somewhat emotional. Don't take another's actions personally. Schedule a trip or mini-vacation. You need some time away from home. In a better environment, you'll feel much different. Tonight: Go through travel folders.

This week: You're much more volatile than usual, and this could negatively impact your work. Stop and consider what you are doing.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ One-on-one relating steers you in another direction. Listen to someone's whisperings in your ear. A child or loved one does the unexpected. Take time to have a needed discussion on a personal level. You help another get past an immediate problem. Tonight: Togetherness builds.

This week: You might cancel plans and be most unhappy about this change. Sometimes you do need to bend for another. Read between the lines, and success is yours.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★ You keep tossing your plans in midair. You want to go along with another. Your understanding of this person encourages you to be more flexible than usual. Stay centered, but you might need to establish limits. You could be overwhelmed. Tonight: Say yes.

This week: Others challenge you, both financially and professionally. You simply don't see eye to eye. Look at your long-term objectives. Then put down the sword.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ Misunderstandings blow up from out of nowhere. What should you do? Lie low and get into a project at home, or perhaps head on in to work. Keep your focus as you get into some constructive work. A surprise invitation does delight you. Realize your limits. Tonight: Do what you enjoy.

This week: Work gets mixed in with interpersonal relationships, which causes problems. Sort through this mess.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ Allow your creativity to speak. Enlist a favorite playmate in a project. The two of you have a great time together. Don't throw finances to the wind. Be careful, as there is a tomorrow. You might see an investment as being a good deal. Step back. Tonight: Keep the costs down.

This week: Your creativity feels good to you, but an associate lets you know what he thinks of this product. You could take this personally. Don't.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★ What seems like a dull and perhaps boring day takes a fast turn. You cannot sit on your innate impulsiveness. You might want to think through a decision carefully and not act on it. Trust a family member to give you strong feedback. Not everything is as it appears. Tonight: Order in.

This week: An important choice lies between a flirtation and a key partnership. Get real, Aquarius. Think long-term. Oh, don't forget that you need to work, too.

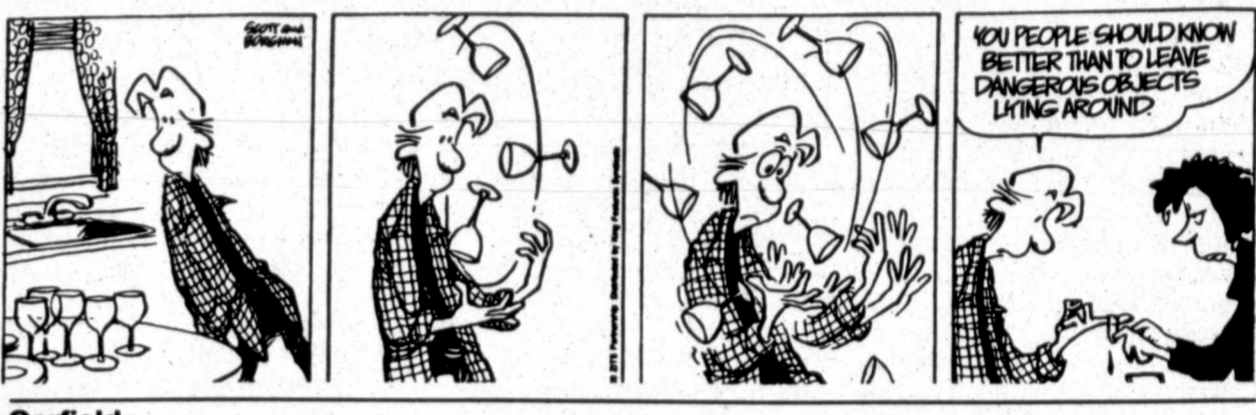
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ You could see someone quite differently when he opens up and speaks out. Your sense of humor comes out when dealing with friends. Go to a favorite place. Talk helps you understand a new associate. Remember, you have a choice as to how close you allow this person to get. Tonight: Chat the night away.

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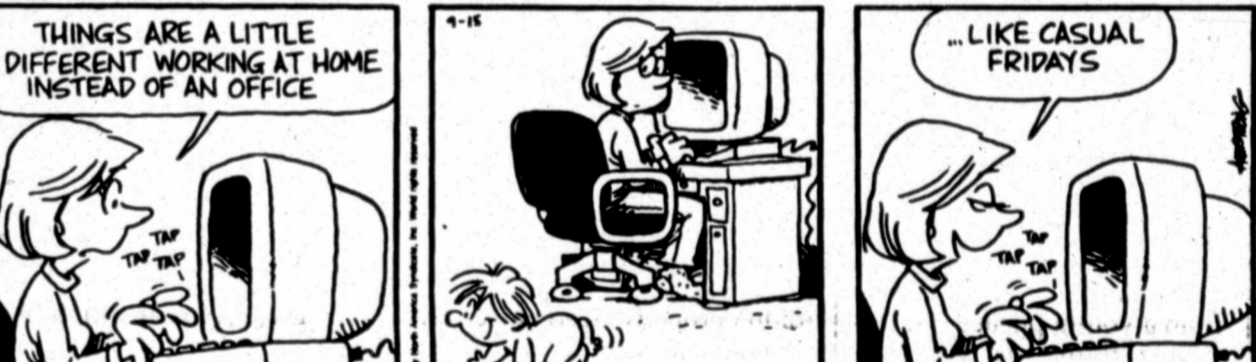
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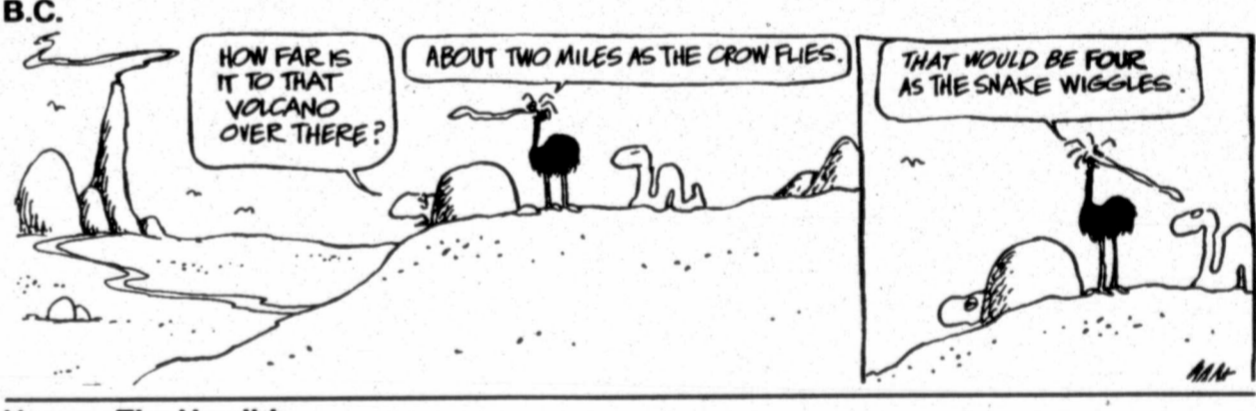
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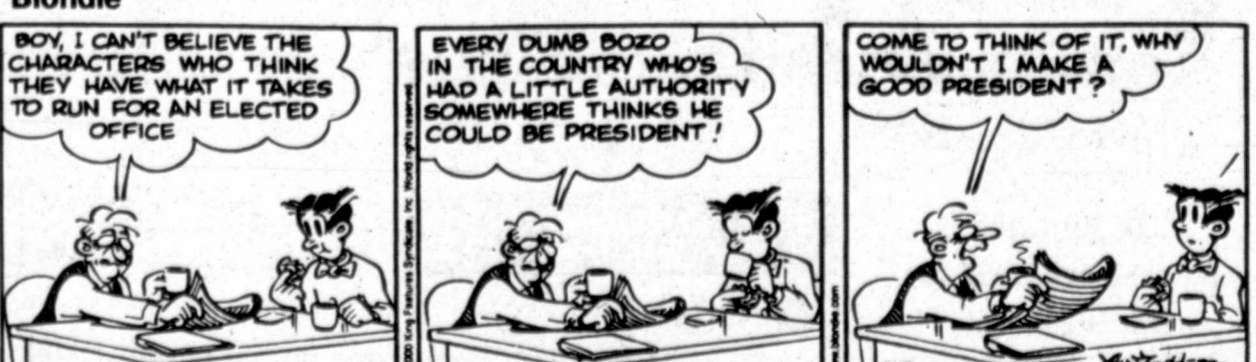
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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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SPORTS

Pampa's Harris earns football honor

Defensive lineman is named Pizza Hut Scholar Player

AMARILLO — Pampa defensive tackle Taylor Harris has been named The Pizza Hut Scholar Player of the Week by KVII Television in Amarillo.

Harris, a senior, will be highlighted during an individual segment on tonight's "High School Football Blitz", a weekly half-hour program under the direction of Lee Baker, KVII Sports Director. The show runs each Friday night from 11:35 to 12:05 during the football season.

Harris was selected for the honor by the Pampa High coaching staff based on his performance and scholastic achievements.

"Taylor is a very bright and motivated student-athlete. He is a gifted speaker and often speaks to various groups around our school district, kindergarten through the 12th grade. He is definitely a positive contributor in Pampa football, including team dynamics," said Harvester head coach Dennis Cavalier.

Harris, however, is more a man of action than of words on the football field. At 240 pounds, he combined strength

and agility to be one of the tackle leaders in the team's first two games.

Harris carries a 3.367 grade point average and has been named to Who's Who Among American High School Students and the National Honor Roll three years in a row.

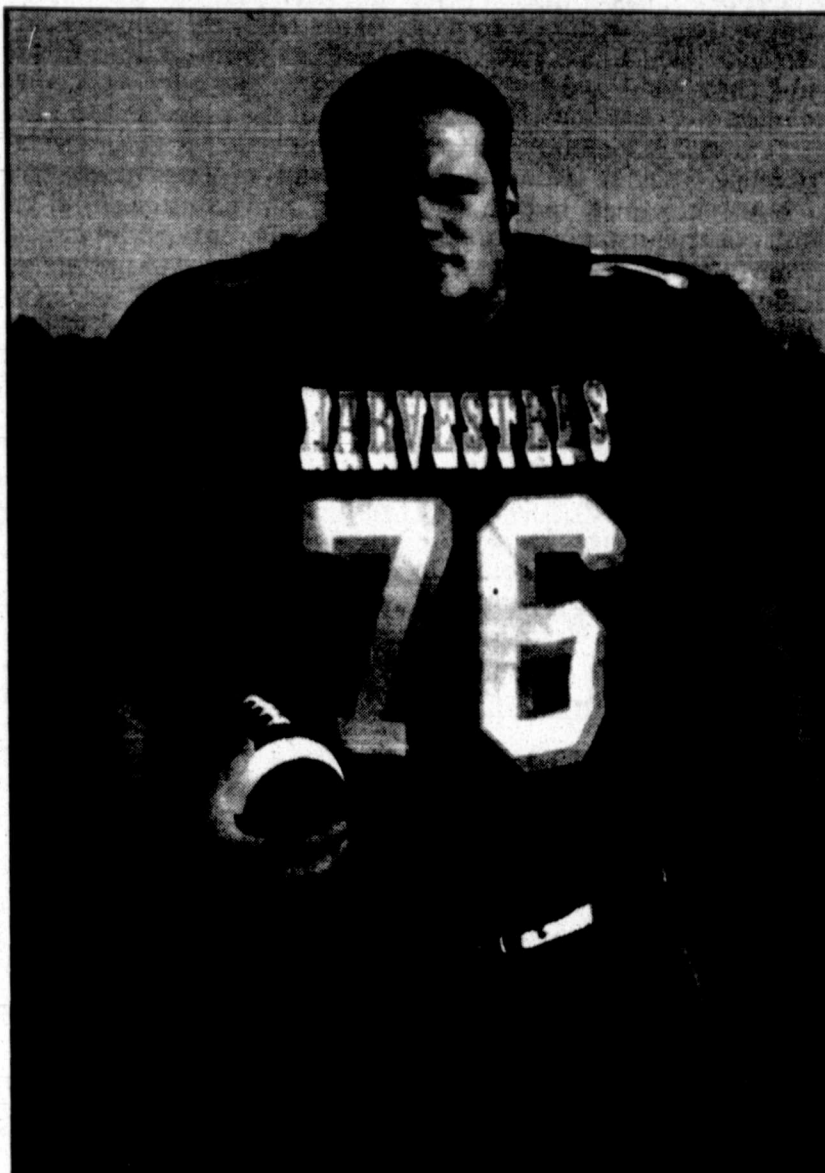
Harris, who hopes to become a lawyer, is also active in Fellowship of Christian Athletes and DIFY-IT.

"Taylor performs equally well both as a leader and as a person to be led. He is very articulate," Cavalier said. "I believe Taylor will be highly successful and a great leader in the adult world."

The 17-year-old Harris will serve as team captain when Pampa plays Amarillo High tonight in Dick Bivins Stadium.

Harris' mother, Cindy, was a Harvester cheerleader for three years. His dad, Rick, played football and baseball at PHS and was a team captain on the Harvester football team.

Taylor's grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Bill J. Harris; Joyce and Cliff Scott and the late Dane Cambern.



Taylor Harris (above) will be team captain tonight when Pampa takes on Amarillo High.

HH Seniors hold end of year tourney

PAMPA — The Hidden Hills End of Year Senior Championship Tournament was held earlier this week at Hidden Hills. There were 78 players who participated in the tournament.

Results are as follows:

A Flight

Low gross: 1. Ted Jett 143 (champion); 2. Bill Hammer 146; 3. Willie Nickelberry 149; 4. Whitey White 152.

Low net: 1. Carl Johnson, Earl Tarbet 130; 3. John Darby 131; 4. Darrell Phillips 131.

B Flight

Low gross: 1. Howard Wells 158; 2. Ralph Wilson 160; 3. Larry Schneider 169; 4. Bob Young 171.

Low net: 1. Jerry Davis 126; 2. Bill Washington 136; 3. Roy Porter 137; 4. Harold Comer 139.

C Flight

Low gross: 1. Pat Montoya 159; 2. Irvin Williams 171; 3. John McGuire 179; 4. James Lee 182.

Low net: 1. Bill Harwood 124; 2. Nathan Lancaster 131; 3. Bill Abernathy 136; 4. Buddy Briley 138.

D Flight

Low gross: 1. Bill Stephens 176; 2. Everette Butler 182; 3. Troy Bennett 186; 4. Calvin Lacy 187.

Low net: 1. Jim Jensen 119; 2. Fred Epperly 134; 3. Doug Reeves 136; 4. Jim Osborne 137.

Tournament Prizes

First Round

Closest to the hole: B.F. Dorman, No. 8, No. 15.

Longest drive: Bill Hammer, No. 10.

Second Round

Closest to the hole: Everette Butler, No. 6; John Darby, No. 15.

Longest Drive: Willie Nickelberry, No. 10.

Notebook

FOOTBALL

WHEELER — Wheeler will be looking to rebound after last week's 55-14 loss to Paducah in the season opener.

The Mustangs, ranked No. 22 by the Harris Ratings in the Class A poll, play at Sunray tonight.

GOLF

PAOLI, Pa. (AP) — Emlyn Aubrey and Danny Briggs shot 6-under-par 65s to share the lead in the SEI Pennsylvania Classic, the first PGA Tour event in Pennsylvania in 20 years.

Loren Roberts and Frank Lickliter opened with 67s on the Waynesborough Country Club course, and Mark Calcavecchia topped a nine-player group at 68. New Zealand's Grant Waite, who finished second the last two weeks, opened with a 69.

BASEBALL

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — The Texas Rangers are using the final month of the season to find out something about the makeup of next year's team.

In rookie left-hander Doug Davis' case, the future looks promising.

Davis (7-5) escaped early trouble and allowed three hits in 7 1-3 innings in the Rangers' 8-1 victory over the Kansas City Royals on Thursday night.

Texas' Rafael Palmeiro, who hit his 36th homer to tie it in the first, likes what he sees from Davis.

"The most impressive thing to me is the way he handles himself when he's in trouble," Palmeiro said. "He seems to battle harder when he's in tough situations. That's a good thing to see from a young pitcher."

Davis thinks that the better he pitches now, the less he'll have to worry about earning a spot in the rotation next spring.

"In my mind, I think I've already got it," said Davis, who has won three of his last four decisions. "I've got to finish the year strong, then go in and work hard in spring training. But I've got to be positive. I think I've got it."

Davis walked four in the first three innings, five total, but pitched out of trouble. He retired 12 straight before a one-out walk in the eighth to Johnny Damon, his final hitter.

"From the fourth inning on, I was able to settle down," Davis said. "Before that, I was rushing too much. I was struggling early with a fast pace. I think it's all a sign of learning. Every time I go out there, I learn more about myself."

Tim Crabtree pitched the final 1 2-3 innings for his second save in eight opportunities.

"It's the same old thing — pitch well and play decent defense, you're going to win some ball games," Rangers manager Johnny Oates said.

Palmeiro's homer, which tied it in the first, was his 397th, moving him past Joe Carter and into 34th on the career list, one behind Dale Murphy.

Texas broke it open in the eighth on two-run homers by Chad Curtis and Gabe Kapler off reliever Paul Spoljaric. It was Curtis' second career pinch-hit homer.

Mac Suzuki (8-10) allowed four runs and five hits in 6 1-3 innings. He matched his career high with eight strikeouts and walked six.

"He pitched behind pretty much all game," Royals manager Tony Muser said.

Kansas City has scored just four runs in the last three games.

"We had the bases loaded twice tonight and didn't score," Muser said. "You get a couple there and you start to feel good about yourself. Our bats were slow. Nobody is crisp."

Stanford seeking revenge against Texas

STANFORD, Calif. (AP) — Coach Tyrone Willingham normally is given to methodical, measured analysis of Stanford's successes and failures.

After the Cardinal lost 69-17 to Texas in last season's opener, Willingham was sorely tempted to throw out the tape and simply start over.

"I was just disappointed we didn't properly assert ourselves," Willingham said. "There was a great deal to be learned from that game, but it was also very discouraging. We recovered, but it was a large hole to dig out of."

The loss was the most embarrassing early defeat in a season full of humiliating setbacks for Pac-10 teams. The rematch is set for Saturday night at Stanford Stadium, where the No. 5 Longhorns will look to improve on their highest ranking since 1990.

The Cardinal recovered to win the conference title and play well against Wisconsin in a Rose Bowl loss, but even then, the stigma of suffering Stanford's worst defeat since 1954 stuck with the returning players.

Eric Heitmann remembers looking up at the scoreboard in Austin last season and seeing Stanford down by 52 points — with nearly 10 minutes still to play. It gave the Texas native, a Stanford offensive guard, a feeling he could have done without.

"It was terrible to lose like that in front of people you knew," Heitmann said. "It was a bad, bad loss, but that really made it a little worse."

The Longhorns (1-0) are strong

favorites against the Cardinal again, particularly given Stanford's unimpressive defensive performance so far this season. Willingham thinks Texas is better this year.

"The mindset with Texas is a little scary," Willingham said. "It's rare that you see the overall talent that they have. This is a very good, solid football team that gets your attention very quickly."

Most of the attention at Texas has been focused on the quarterback derby between Major Applewhite and Chris Simms. Applewhite decisively won Round 1 last Saturday by passing for 315 yards and four touchdowns in the Longhorns' 52-10 victory over Louisiana-Lafayette.

But coach Mack Brown said Texas will continue to rotate Simms and Applewhite for the near future.

"We're going to have two starting quarterbacks because we feel they're both very good and they can both play," Brown said. "The guy that starts isn't an issue, because we know the other player is only one step from stepping in."

Brown has a tougher task this week. He must convince Texas that the Cardinal are better the team that folded against the 'Horns last year and then was upset 40-27 by San Jose State last week.

To that end, he praised Stanford quarterback Randy Fasani, whose gaudy offensive numbers (373 yards passing and four TDs) against San Jose State belied an inconsistent performance that included a drive-

killing interception in the fourth quarter.

"I'm scared to death coming out there because of their passing attack," Brown said. "They've got quality receivers, and Fasani has made a really great transition to become their starter."

Brown said Texas had three distinct advantages against Stanford last season: the Austin

heat, the game's early start time and the fact that the Longhorns already had played a game the week before. None will be a factor this year.

"We didn't have any excuses last year, and we don't have any this year," Willingham said. "We just need to be better. We weren't anywhere close to good enough last year."

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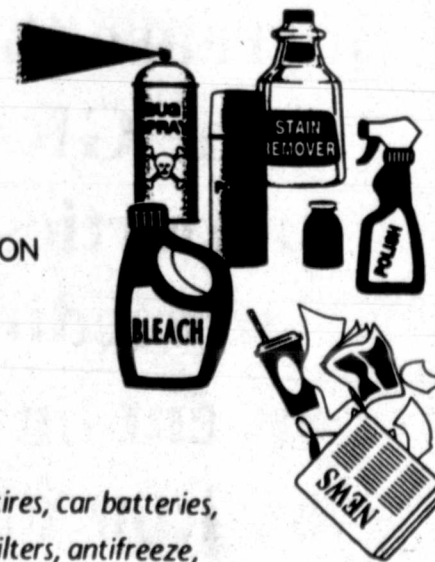
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AHS coach concerned about stopping Pampa's shotgun offense

PAMPA — A year ago, Pampa was on the short end of a 23-0 score against Amarillo High.

Sandies' head coach Larry Dippel believes that score could easily be reversed this season, even though AHS is 2-0, just like Pampa.

"We're just not as far along as we were a year ago," Dippel said. "We're making strides, but we're just not where we need to be yet."

The two teams meet at 7:30 tonight in Amarillo's Dick Bivins Stadium with the Sandies listed as a 7-point favorite by the Harris Ratings. The Sandies will be going for their 13th regular-season victory in a row.

Dippel is concerned about stopping Pampa's shotgun offense.

"Pampa's changed its offen-

sive personality and it seems to fit their personnel. We may have trouble keeping it close against them, I'm hoping we can," he said.

Dippel has also been impressed with Pampa's defense, which has given up just 261 total yards in two games.

"Pampa is looking good on defense. They've got some different personnel, but they've still got an outstanding football team."

Both teams will have starters sidelined. Pampa safety Lane Baker is out with an ankle injury and AHS tailback Tim Baker has a concussion.

AUSTIN (AP) — Phil Bounds' patience knows no bounds. Not when it comes to the challenges facing his new

High School Football

high school football team.

Akins High School is spanking new. Just opened this fall, Akins has new students, new facilities and new uniforms for its team. The only problem — most of the players are new to football.

"A lot of these kids have never played organized ball before," Bounds said this week while watching 109 undersized freshmen and sophomores toil through a sweaty, two-hour practice on a field surrounded on three sides by mesquite trees and plowed farmland.

"A lot of them don't know each other's names and some of them didn't even know how to put on their equipment," Bounds said.

Two players land in a dusty

heap during a passing drill.

"Hey, 33! Did I hurt you?"

A former college coach at Texas, Colorado State and Stephen F. Austin, Bounds is doing more than teaching Xs and Os. One minute he's teaching a quarterback to bring the ball back behind his ear during the throwing motion. Another minute he's struggling to get a player's chin strap on straight.

Some of the players are so small they would look more at home on a middle school team. There's but a handful of players over 200 pounds and most of them have never worked out in a weight room.

All of it requires patience and eternal optimism.

"I'm not even measuring this season in wins and losses,"

Bounds says. "What we want to build is a positive attitude. This is an area I enjoy. Building a program from scratch is an interesting challenge."

Akins opened the season last week with a 53-0 loss to Class 3A Manor. For most, such a loss is devastating. Bounds, however, has no trouble finding the silver lining in an otherwise dark cloud.

"For a lot of these kids, it was their first time playing football on Friday night," Bounds said. "We knew we would be out-sized. We had very few penalties. I can't remember fumbling. I don't think we had any mistakes on the kicking game or substitutions."

Baby steps. All of them leading toward eventually playing in the big time.

Akins, which currently has 1,200 students, all freshmen

and sophomores, is eventually supposed to play a 5A schedule by 2002. Given their young student body, the rest of this season and next will be spent playing junior varsity and freshman teams. Manor was the only varsity opponent this season.

"It was a little intimidating. You just have to get used to it," said Cody Boon, a skinny freshman quarterback who had never played organized football until coming out for the Akins squad.

He hadn't even met most of his teammates or coaches until he showed up at practice for the first time. "I came out because I love to play with my friends," he said.

"This is all about developing for the future, so we'll be better in two years," Boon said.

Australia opens Summer Olympics

SYDNEY, Australia (AP) — Unveiling itself to a curious world, Australia inaugurated the 2000 Summer Olympics on Friday with a multicultural pageant of triumphs and tears. Its hearty message to the planet's signature sports spectacle: "G'day!"

Teams from 200 lands strode into the newly minted Olympic Stadium, welcomed by 110,000 cheering fans and an expected television audience of billions. Athletes from Korea marched in under one unification banner, grinning, holding hands and basking in a warm standing ovation. As the 600-strong U.S. team entered in cowboy hats and bandanas, Chelsea Clinton stood and applauded.

Australian Olympian Cathy Freeman, an Aborigine, carried the Olympic torch for its last leg and walked through a shallow pond of gleaming water toward a vast waterfall before she ignited the cauldron.

Columns of flame rose around her and, after a mechanical glitch caused a several-minute delay, the fire ascended skyward. A choir's voices crescendoed and deafening orange fireworks illuminated Sydney's sky, introducing two

weeks of excitement and indelible athletic memories.

In music, imagery and a few well-chosen words, a fluid narrative launched the millennium's first games. From the populous coasts to the rough, empty Outback, from the aboriginal homelands to the European-built metropolises, performers told Australia's story through one girl's Alice-in-Wonderland journey.

Organizers said they structured the ceremony to show off Australia's best, without ignoring its darker chapters — including its origins as a penal colony and the centuries-long subjugation of indigenous Aborigines.

It began with depictions of the aboriginal creation myth and swept through a stylized rendition of history that introduced such diverse creatures as platypuses, English colonists and young women with exposed belly buttons.

Smoke billowed. Fabric undulated. Performers in stilts stalked the stage in symbolic tribute to yesterday's Australia. The arena glowed with ethereal blues and angry oranges as deafening drums beat a tattoo. And the culture's most familiar tune, "Waltzing

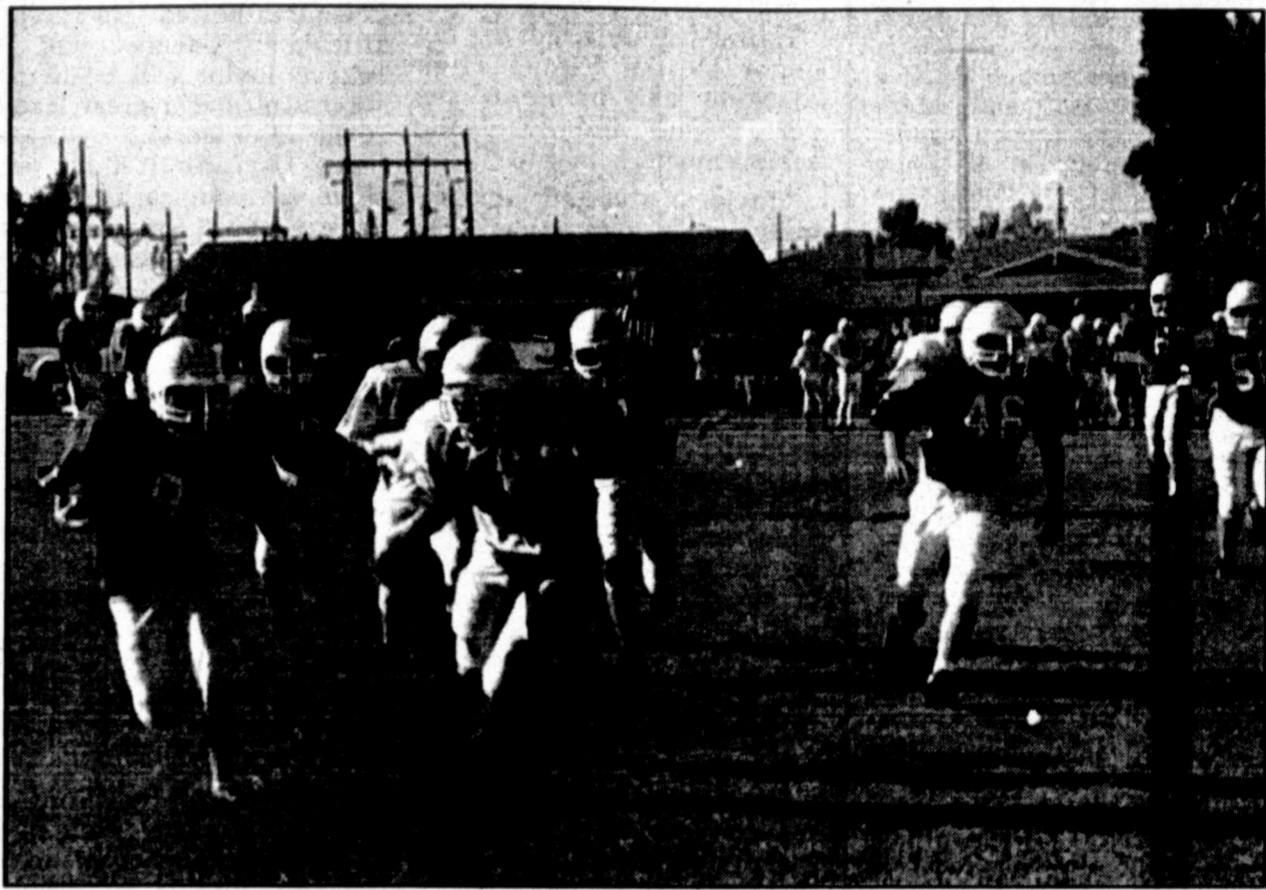
Matilda," sprang jubilantly into the air from the instruments of a 2,000-piece band.

Figures real and mythic from the nation's past — 12,697 performers in all — introduced the flavor of an MGM musical epic. They tried to bring Australia into focus and transcend the kangaroo and Crocodile Dundee clichés that have circled the globe and irritated many of the country's residents.

Freeman's majestic entry, in a sleek white bodysuit, fit this effort ideally. Putting the ultimate spotlight on her triple-threat identity — as Australian, aborigine and athlete — conveyed the desired message: that the social injustices and racism in her country's past are gone for good.

The U.S. team brought assembled luminaries to their feet — Bill Gates, Muhammad Ali, Clinton cabinet member Donna Shalala. The first daughter, flanked by Secret Service agents, grinned as enthusiastically as they scowled. When the Australian team entered, golfer Greg Norman and publishing magnate Rupert Murdoch cheered.

"This is your time — enjoy it," said Olympics Minister Michael Knight.



(Photo by Grover Black)

Pampa's Brodey Smith (9) goes for a touchdown in a 7th grade scrimmage against Hereford earlier this week. Both Pampa 7th and 8th grade teams open the season Sept. 19 against Dumas.

Mets boost wild card lead to 5

By The Associated Press

The New York Mets seem to be breaking out of their annual September funk.

Edgardo Alfonzo, Robin Ventura and Jay Payton homered Thursday night as the New York Mets beat the Montreal Expos 10-4 and remained two games behind Atlanta, the NL East leader.

"We want to beat everybody down the stretch," said Glendon Rusch (10-10), who allowed all four runs and eight hits in 7 1-3 innings. "We need to play these guys just like we're playing Arizona."

The Mets increased their wild card lead to five games over the idle Diamondbacks. New York has won four of five — including three straight — after losing seven of eight.

Ventura, who went 3-for-5, raised his average from .225 to .229. He was in a 2-for-31 slump before his game-tying double in the ninth Wednesday.

"I'd like to do better, but this is where I'm at, and the team's in a good spot," Ventura said. "Things could be a lot worse."

In other games it was Atlanta 5, Florida 3; St. Louis 4, Chicago 0; Colorado 5, Los Angeles 4; Houston 8, Pittsburgh 7; and Milwaukee 6, Cincinnati 4.

At Olympic Stadium, Alfonzo hit a solo homer in the first off Mike Thurman (4-6) to reach 20 homers for the second straight season.

Ventura hit a three-run drive on Sean Spencer's first pitch in the seventh.

Braves 5, Marlins 3

Javy Lopez broke out of a 2-for-26 slump with a pair of run-scoring singles, including a go-ahead hit in the sixth off Reid Cornelius (3-9) at Turner Field.

Andy Ashby (10-12) gave up a two-run single in the first to Mike Lowell, then held Florida scoreless until the eighth. Ashby, 6-5 since the Braves acquired him from Philadelphia on July 12, allowed

three runs and eight hits in 7 2-3 innings.

John Rocker walked his first batter on four pitches leading off the ninth, then struck out the side for his 21st save.

Cardinals 4, Cubs 0

Pat Hentgen (15-10) pitched a three-hitter and struck out nine at St. Louis for his first shutout since June 20, 1997, and his first complete game since Aug. 12 last year. The Cardinals reduced their magic number for clinching the NL Central to five.

Ruben Quevedo (2-9) gave up all four runs — three earned — and five hits in six innings.

Rockies 5, Dodgers 4

Brian Rose (4-2) won his third straight decision, allowing three runs and six hits in six innings to beat Chan Ho Park (15-10). Rookie Ben Petrick doubled home two runs at Dodger Stadium.

Colorado's Todd Helton was 0-for-4 with a walk, lowering his major league-leading average to .375.

Notice

of Vote on Tax Rate
The GRAY COUNTY conducted a public hearing on a proposal to increase the total tax revenues of the GRAY COUNTY from properties on the tax roll in the preceding year by 7.999939 percent on September 20th, 2000 at 4:00 PM. The Gray County Commissioners Court is scheduled to vote on the tax rate that will result in the tax increase at a public meeting to be held on September 20th, 2000, at 4:00 PM at 205 N. Russell Pampa, TX Gray County Courthouse.

Major League Standings

National League					American League				
At A Glance					At A Glance				
Team	W	L	Pct.	GB	Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlanta	86	60	.589	—	New York	84	60	.583	—
New York	84	62	.575	2	Boston	76	68	.528	8
Florida	69	76	.476	16 1/2	Toronto	76	70	.521	9
Montreal	61	84	.421	24 1/2	Baltimore	66	80	.452	19
Philadelphia	60	85	.414	25 1/2	Tampa Bay	61	85	.418	24 1/2
Central Division					Central Division				
St. Louis	86	61	.585	—	Chicago	87	58	.600	—
Cincinnati	75	72	.510	11	Cleveland	77	65	.542	8 1/2
Milwaukee	64	82	.438	21 1/2	Detroit	71	74	.490	16
Houston	64	83	.435	22	Kansas City	68	79	.463	20
Pittsburgh	61	85	.418	24 1/2	Minnesota	63	82	.434	24
Chicago	60	86	.411	25 1/2	West Division				
West Division					Seattle	80	66	.548	—
San Francisco	87	58	.600	—	Wednesday's Games				
Arizona	78	66	.542	8 1/2	N.Y. Mets 4, Milwaukee 1, 10 innings				
Colorado	76	70	.521	11 1/2	Cincinnati 13, Chicago Cubs 3				
San Diego	75	72	.510	13	St. Louis 9, Pittsburgh 5				
Thursday's Games					Atlanta 4, Florida 0				
Friday's Games					Philadelphia 15, Montreal 5				
Saturday's Games					San Francisco 3, Houston 2				
Sunday's Games					Arizona 3, Los Angeles 2				
Monday's Games					Colorado 11, San Diego 0				
Tuesday's Games					Atlanta 5, Florida 3				
Wednesday's Games					N.Y. Mets 10, Montreal 4				
Thursday's Games					Milwaukee 6, Cincinnati 4				
Friday's Games					Houston 8, Pittsburgh 7				
Saturday's Games					St. Louis 4, Chicago Cubs 0				
Sunday's Games					Colorado 5, Los Angeles 4				
Monday's Games					N.Y. Mets (Lieber 15-7) at Montreal				
Tuesday's Games					Florida (Penny 5-7) at Philadelphia				
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JESUS CHRIST, THE SAME YESTERDAY, TODAY, AND FOREVER

No permit, no church parking

By Tim Williams
Digital Editor

Lunch is almost over and it is a race to get back to school on time. Only one problem, there is nowhere to park.

Pampa High students are now having to park farther and farther away from the school because the parking lot east of the Church of Christ is no longer open to the public, without a permit. However, racing to get back to school is one reason why students can no longer park without a permit.

"We were concerned about the safety of our people and the students because of the fast driving," Church of Christ Minister Tim Walker said.

A few accidents almost occurred. One of

which included an elderly lady. She was leaving the church, according to Walker, when a student drove around the corner and almost hit her.

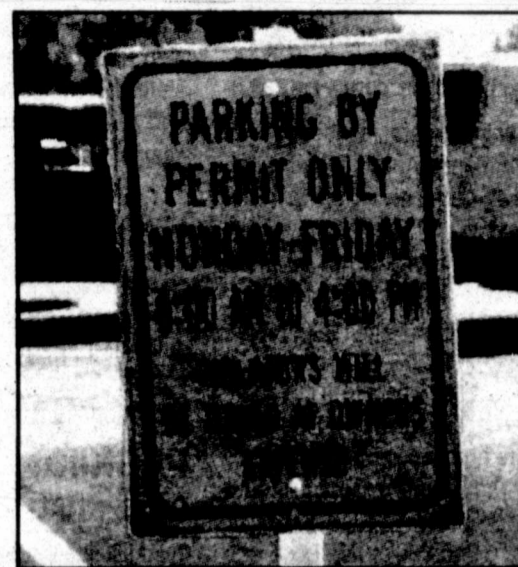
Other instances also contributed to the decision including peeling out, trash, language, and denied access to the church by its members, according to Principal John Kendall.

"I've been parking there since my freshman year and I don't believe the problem is that big. Now that I can't park there, I have to scavenge around for a good parking

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Parking problems

Sidewalk scripture causes conflict

By Dustin Durrett
Circulation Manager

One the first day of school, students here at Pampa High School were welcomed differently, by bible scripture all over the sidewalk. This also happened on Mon., Aug. 28.

"The reason we did it was to glorify God and to just maybe affect someone's life," said senior Breck Hoggatt.

Hoggatt was the one who came up with the idea.

"I was praying and it just came to me," said Hoggatt.

Not everybody was open-minded about the

scripture. Some people didn't appreciate it and came and complained to the students who pray in the mornings.

The group faced consequences for writing the scripture. There was an announcement over the intercom, stating that if they find out who did it they would get in trouble.

"This is a place of education, and not worship," Principal Daniel Barker said.

But the group is not trying to hide and be secretive about it, said Hoggatt.

In retaliation, someone wrote some vulgar remarks and symbols in reply to the scripture.

"People have their own views, but in the end we will all bow to Jesus," said senior Luke

Wilson.

According to the group, some students took it offensively. But the students expressed that it wasn't meant to be offensive. They were just sharing the love of Jesus, said one student.

All of the group agrees that it was worth their time to come to the school and write the "Word of God" down on the sidewalk.

"It was definitely worth it. If we win over just one soul, then the battle was won," said senior Casey Meharg.

"You never know, this might have an effect on people. What's wrong with waking up and going to school and starting your day off with words of wisdom?" said Meharg.

Election matters confuse most students

By Marcie Bennett
Copy Editor

Donkeys and elephants, tax cuts and education reforms; what does it all mean? These are questions many young voters are struggling to answer.

"I think they need to get programs set up in the schools so people will understand what is going on," senior Darrel Schroeder said.

Students have different views on the best way to inform teen-age voters.

"I think they should inform the teen-agers about the election through television like MTV or shows that most teen-agers watch," senior Destiny Engel said.

Others think it is the responsibility of the candidates to grab the attention of young voters and

inform them on important political issues.

"I think the two candidates need to do more to get our attention," said senior Angela McCarty.

"Right now I don't even know who is going for what." According to students, the issues that are being widely publicized are not necessarily the issues that interest teens.

"The issue I think they should talk about is the danger and violence in and around schools," Engel said.

Other students are interested in common issues that are never dealt with.

"They should talk about the dangers of driving with cell phones," junior Nikki Wentworth said.

The candidates have, however, taken stances on issues that many teens face everyday. For students that have after school jobs, one issue that may be of interest is the raising of minimum wage.

Gore has proposed a \$1 raise in minimum wage over the next two years. Bush has also proposed the same raise in minimum wage, but will leave it up to individual states to decide whether to implement it or not.

Abortion is another issue that some teens are confronted with. Bush favors a 24-hour waiting period for women who are considering an abortion. As the governor of Texas, Bush signed a law that requires the parents of unmarried teen-age girls to be informed before an abortion can be performed. Gore is pro-choice but does not believe in government financed abortions.

Some students who have kept tabs on the presidential hopefuls have not been impressed.

"I think we have the two most idiotic people running for president ever," said junior Rhianna Anglin. "Really, they couldn't have given us a better

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Sidewalk Scripture

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Young mother

What's up with your attitude?

Shauna Broadous discusses the difference between attitude and a bad attitude.
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ple running for president ever," said junior Rhianna Anglin. "Really, they couldn't have given us a better choice?"

Others are not so much disappointed in the candidates themselves, but in the entire system of democracy.

"I think people in this country only get elected by who their parents are and how much money they have," sophomore Becca Moore said.

Then there are those who are simply ready for a change of any kind.

"I'm just glad Bill Clinton is out of here," said junior Erik Brown.

For those who are seeking to get more informed on the issues of this year's presidential election there are some useful web sites.

Republican candidate

George W. Bush has an informative web site, georgewbush.com that states his stance on political issues and gives more information on his campaign.

Democratic candidate Al Gore also has a web site, al.gov, that gives information on his views and goals.

A web site geared toward delivering information that young voters can relate to is chooseorlose.com.

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In addition to the church parking lot, the school is in jeopardy of loosing other lots. The school may also lose others if students do not act responsibly, according to Kendall.

"It's not the church, it's the students decision on how they want to act. It may only be four or five but they make the decision for everyone," Kendall said.

WHAT ARE THE ODDS?**STATISTICS ON THE KNOWLEDGE AND CONCERNS OF YOUNG VOTERS**

•12% of voters age 18-25 reported paying no attention to political issues compared to only 4% of older voters.

•24% of young voters said they do not trust any level of government.

•65% of 18-25 year olds say they intend to register to vote compared to 78%

of older voters who say they will register to vote.

•45% of young voters say they definitely will vote in comparison to the 64% of older voters who will definitely vote.

•The top rated issues of concern among the younger age group are jobs, the economy, wages, and

education. Only one in five of the older group listed these as their biggest concerns.

•Among five questions about issues and government, younger respondents scored lower on each question, averaging 2.88 correct compared to 3.40 for older respondents.

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The Joke's On US

A duck goes into a bar, he asks the bartender if he has any watermelon. The bartender says no. The next day the duck goes back to the bar and asks the bartender if he has any watermelon. The bartender again says no. The third day the duck goes back into the bar and asks if they serve watermelon, and the bartender says, you ask me that everyday and the next time you ask me that I'm gonna nail your beak to the bar. So the next day the duck goes into the bar and he says do you have any nails, and the bartender says no and he says, in that case, do you have any watermelons?

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NEWS — in Brief

Pampa BPA chapter wins national award

BPA students were presented an Air Force Recruiting Salute award at the 2000 National Leadership Conference in Minneapolis. Recent graduates Daniel Dreher, former National Western Region vice president, Sean Stowers, and Christi Lee, national vice president, were presented the award from Colonel Jerry Bon of the U.S. Air Force Recruiting Service.

AFS program offers information on study abroad program

The AFS program booklet for semester or year study abroad is available at the high school library. AFS features summer homestays, community service and language studies as well as the school study program, with 128 programs in 44 countries for ages 15 to 24. Applications are being taken now. A German scholarship is available worth \$2,300.

Programs are available to all students irrespective of financial ability, whose academic performance and community involvement reflect the goals and mission of AFS.

AFS is a non-profit, volunteer-based organization founded in 1947 by the American Field Service volunteer ambulance drivers from WWI and II. They believed that the way to ensure future peace was to enlighten world leaders through student exchanges. AFS serves over 10,000 students in 54 countries each year.

For further information call 1-800-AFSINFO or visit the web site at www.afs.org/usa.

Andrea Branchetti of Italy and Heidi Anderson of Norway are AFS students attending Pampa High School this year.

They are hosted by the Roger David And Joe Martinez families.

Yearbook student senior recognition ads on sale

Attention Senior and senior parents: Yearbook senior ads are now on sale. Letters went out this week to parents. Color ads are due by October 6, and black and white ads are due by November 3. Ads can be paid for in payments. See Miranda Bailey for details. However, all ads must be paid in full by deadline dates. Email mmbailey@pan-tex.net for more information.

Students must order yearbooks through mail

Yearbooks will be sold through the mail this year for \$50 each. Students filled out wish lists and now Jostens will mail those home to parents. Parents have the option to pay for what the student selected or ignore the letter all together. Either way, Josten's will handle all orders and questions at 1-800-846-4686.

Little Harvester offers advertising for future issues

Interested in advertising in this year's Little Harvester? Leave a message for Callie Veal or Shauna Broaddus at 669-4800. The Little Harvester will publish every three weeks for a total of 11 issues this year. Call or email calliev@yahoo.com or sbfrompampa@webtv.net for more information.

Reminder of the SAT test dates scheduled for Fall

12 - Registration deadline for October SAT

16 - Late registration deadline for October

29 - Registration deadline for November SAT

Cheerleaders win summer awards

The cheerleaders were busy this summer attending UCA camp, one of the major camps at Texas Tech. Along with this special privilege, they won outstanding awards. In addition, three of the cheerleaders were named All-Stars while Harvey was named an All-Star mascot.

D-FY-IT sells stadium blankets

D-Fy-It advisory members are selling stadium blankets for \$20 each at the game and will also be taking orders for JV and Freshmen games.

Drama club to put on variety show

Seventeen acts are scheduled to perform in the drama department's variety show on Fri., Sept. 22 at 7 p.m. in the auditorium.

There will be a resident artist show displayed before the show from 5:30 to 7 p.m.

Upcoming Events

September 19 PHS Homecoming Queen Nominations

September 26 PHS Homecoming Queen Elections

September 27 College Night @ M.K. Brown

September 28 Homecoming @ 4p.m

September 29 Homecoming and Hall of Fame Induction and PHS STUCCO Dance

October 5 PHS Plan Test

School clubs invited to submit information for newspaper briefs

Campus Clubs and organizations are invited to submit items for News in Brief. The next issue of the paper will be published Fri., Oct. 6.

The deadline for News in Brief items is Tues., Sept. 26 at 4 p.m.. Typewritten submissions are preferred. Please drop your news in Miranda Bailey's teacher mailbox or bring them by room 122.

PHS campus clubs, organizations to get group photos taken Nov. 7

All school groups, clubs and organizations will be photographed formally for the 2001 yearbook by Blunk's Photography on Tue., Nov. 7.

Sponsors and all club members will be photographed together for each organization throughout the course of the school day.

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Driving, old ladies, onions...

Random complaining about things that annoy everyone

By TIM WILLIAMS
DIGITAL EDITOR

Screech, you slam on the brakes. Someone just cut in front of you at lunch time. They seem to think risking a wreck and possible injury is worth it as long as they can be the first ones in line at the local burger joint. Everyone is going to get a chance to eat but they deemed

themselves more important than you. Messed up isn't it?

It would be really easy to fix though. Just show a little consideration. I realize that not all people are going to be considerate but there are a couple of things we can all improve on.

For example, it seems that every time I am in a hurry at the grocery store something happens to slow me down. I rush in to grab a gallon of milk and dash to the check-out line because I am

almost late for work. Just about home free when out of no where a full basket (usually headed by a little old lady) is wheeled right in front of me. It would have taken me 20 seconds to check out but no, now I have to wait five more minutes as her stuff is slowly scraped across the scanner. That isn't even the worst part. She takes another two or three minutes to dig in her change purse for exact change. Why couldn't I have just gone first?

Another example, every time I go to get a burger, I ask for no onions. I get my burger and leave. Once I get home and unwrap it, I find a layer of onions thicker than the meat. I work at a fast food place so I know it is possible to get the order right the first time.

And last of all, Christmas is a time of joy, sharing, and caring. People put lights up, open presents, and spend time with friends and family. But let me tell you, right now, if

you look at your house and still see Christmas lights from last year on, you are not spreading Christmas joy. On the contrary, you are causing some heartache my friend. It's not that hard to take them down. Just be considerate.

So in conclusion, stop getting your license out of a Cracker Jack box, create a little old lady line at the grocery store, take your Christmas lights off before it reaches 100 degrees outside, and leave the onions off.

Young students shouldn't have to rise so early

By JUDY PEPI
DESIGN EDITOR

I remember a couple days before school started I couldn't stand the thought that I was going to have to wake up early to go to school.

Then a day or two later I read in the newspaper that kids soon attending Wilson Elementary will start school at 7:45 am.

I couldn't believe it the first time I read it so I read it again. Then I thought about it for a while.

I started to think of who I knew that would have to go through this change and how it would affect them.

Just think, it will affect the parents as well as the kids.

First off parents have to wake earlier to get their kids ready.

What if they have more than one child?

I know a lady who had two boys and a set of twin girls that go to Wilson

Can you imagine what this woman goes through ev-

eryday?

I can just see how parents struggle just to wake their kids.

Another thing is I'm sure half of these kids don't eat before school so they can be there on time.

If kids eat at school that means they wake up even earlier.

There are also kids that ride the bus. They get picked up at 7 am.

How is this going to affect them?

First of all they probably go to school very sleepy.

True students get out earlier, but how much do they remember by 2:50 pm?

In the future, I think, this will affect them so much that their grades might go down. Not only that, they will begin to detest school at an early age.

I can just hear teachers and school board members discussing how to improve these students' grades.

I think the least they could do is give them some kind of nap time.

Another thing I don't understand is why just one out four

school start early.

The North, West and South sides of town sleep while the East side gets ready for school.

Is there a specific reason for this?

The reasons Wilson gave for starting early is for "planning time."

This is to better TAAS scores, ESL, and tutorials, as well as detention.

What's that all about?

Kids don't know right

from wrong when they are in elementary. They learn as they grow up. Being in elementary should be all about learning and having fun as well.

A simple punishment like making them sit in a corner or having to sit out during recess will work.

I think teachers just want to get out of school by 4 pm.

Lastly I think parents should have had a say in this drastic change, but they didn't.

Most parents found out by reading the newspaper.

It seems like no one was taken into consideration when this decision was made.

I think there are more changes in store for schools in the future.

We have already had enough with starting earlier in the year, but now they are starting school earlier.

Next think you know students will be going to school for 10 straight hours.

I'm just glad I won't be around when that happens, but I'm sorry for the ones that will.

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Good, bad attitude: Which one should you not leave home without

By SHAUNA BROADDUS
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

There are people out there that have really bad attitudes the majority of the time, myself included. But you know it gets really irritating when you are trying to talk to them and all they can say is "whatever" or "yeah okay."

There is only one question that I ask myself, and that is how much is too much? I have been the editor-in-chief of the newspaper for only a few weeks, and I now understand what kind of crap you poor teachers have to put up with on a daily basis. I would like to say sorry to all of the teachers I have had in

the past that put up with my "colorful" positive attitude sometimes, but personality. I believe a good attitude is being able to take whatever the day brings to you, not taking everything personal. It's being able to at least

try to understand where everyone else is coming from, and not trying to push everyone to believe exactly the way you believe. There are not a lot of teen-agers who have the desire to possess a good attitude, or at least that is my experience.

Yeah we can have good

I know that from my experience in the past few weeks there are rude people that just don't want to do anything that is required of them, and honestly, it makes me furious.

Does anyone understand what we are showing the younger generations?

Sometimes in life we have to use our persuasive skills, and we need to show people that we are serious about a lot of things, but do we need to do it in such a way that we

are mean, rude, or just straight out disgusting?

I know that from my experience in the past few weeks there are rude people that just don't want to do anything that is required of them, and honestly, it makes me furious. For all of you out there that aren't sure if you can handle a certain situation but you decide to try it anyway then you need to try every different possible opportunity that it allows, you might surprise yourself and actually enjoy it.

In conclusion, there are two major types of attitude, a good and a bad. I know that sometimes it is hard to keep a good attitude in life, but you should learn being evil is not the only way out.

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STAFF EDITORIAL

The new three finger rule for the student dress code has become quite a controversy at PHS.

It is a controversy in the sense that some people think this is the best dress code the high school has had, while others are still not happy with it.

In theory, this new rule should please everyone. Girls get to wear sleeveless shirts. Mr. Barker, you don't have to worry about the girls showing too much. And guys, you still get to see girls' shoulders.

But even though this should please everyone, it does not.

The shirt sleeves have to be the width of the students three middle fingers, according to Daniel Barker, assistant principal.

Early on this year there were questions over whose three fingers were to be used to measure students shirt straps and issues regarding teachers touching students when the shirts were in question. But that is really not an issue because teachers are not allowed to touch students according to Steve Porter, government teacher, and school officials.

In addition, the code is equal opportunity. Guys and girls are not being treated differently. Guys, just like girls, must have straps three fingers wide and cannot wear muscle shirts.

While teachers and staff

think they have found a way to solve their dress code problems, there are still bad things about this, and that's the the way authorities see students.

It seems they think that shoulders are going to turn guys on, but in all reality it takes a lot more, or perhaps a lot less in terms of clothing, to get in the way of education of high school students.

Proponents of the code say the reason behind this rule is to prevent girls from getting away with too much, for example, wearing dresses that are too tight, leaving guys without the luxury of usingmagination, Barker said.

But most ost students find distractions only because they don't

care about their education, not because they look at shoulders and want sex.

Although there are different opinions on this new dress code, good and bad, in the end these are the rules, whether students like them or not.

But you didn't think students would take this without a single complaint did you? At least we didn't spend another three paragraphs on hats or the lack of, as the case is this year. We'll save that for next time.

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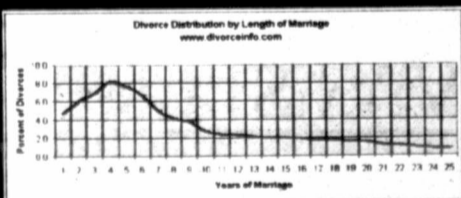
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Divorce. Seven words adults hate to hear and children dread even more. As an increase in divorce becomes inevitable, so do the effects on the children of divorce. Students share firsthand just how personal divorce is on them and their entire families.

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The longer a couple stays together, the less likely they are to get divorced, according to divorceinfo.com. The info chart shows that couples married between 3 and half and six years are most likely to be plagued by divorce.

Shattered by Separation

By CALIE VEAL
MANAGING EDITOR

Mom and dad sit you down. In the back of your mind, you know what is coming. The yelling, the fighting, the weird tension that's been surrounding the house have all lead up to this one thing - divorce.

No matter what the age, 2 to 22, divorce will change life, strangely, for the better as well as for the worse.

"I was pretty young, but I remembered feeling like it was my fault ... like if I hadn't ever been born, then my parents would still be happy," senior Jeff Davis said.

Many students said they feel like its their fault and that they could have changed it all by behaving better.

"It was pretty tough, but they explained to me that it had nothing to do with me and that they both still loved me," Davis added.

Sometimes a real struggle with divorce doesn't occur until children are old enough to make their own decisions.

"It didn't used to affect me, but now I have to pick between my parents and where I am going to stay," Lindsay Smith, sophomore, said.

In addition, children said they sometimes feel stress and guilt over which parent to live with.

"I am pretty much a daddy's girl, so I get a lot of attention from my dad," sophomore Casey Lee said. "I moved out of my mom's house because I did not want my dad to be alone."

The separation can also cause confusion.

"My mom always told me that my dad did not like me and did not want to come and get me," Smith said.

But divorce doesn't just divide families or cause confusing emotions. Money also becomes a central issue in the matter.

"My parents always gripe about child support and you get tired of them talking crap about each other," junior Jessica Bagget said.

As parents fight over money, the children of divorce can also become something for adults to play tug-of-war with, according to students. One parent may not always understand why his or her child has chosen to stay with the other one, and this can cause resentment.

"My mom is always telling me I shouldn't have moved in with my dad when I call her crying if I have had an argument with him," Lee said.

The physical separation of parents many times means a physical separation between a child and one of his or her

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ration may mean dealing with a parent in a completely different way, such as dealing with travel issues and less time to spend together. "I'm living here away from Amarillo, because my mom and that I have things going on here and I cannot come home, so she gets upset," Smith said.

After parents finalize the divorce, many choose to date, which can cause additional conflict. And after the dating process, new relationships may follow along with new mothers, fathers, sisters, and brothers.

"My mom is a great person; she is very thoughtful and she really cares about all of her kids out of her heart," Smith said.

However, not all parents do remarry and for many kids this means the possibility of getting used to a new parent. "My mom never remarried. She has multiple sclerosis and uses a wheelchair a lot of the time ... it makes it hard for her to date guys," Davis said.

Dealing with step parents is not always the easiest thing to do either.

"It can be both good and bad," junior David Philips said. "Your step parent can be a really good person to unload your problems on, but it can also be a real problem to get along with."

Brothers and sisters, both natural and step, are also affected by divorce.

"I remember my sister crying about it all the time, but I was used to it by the time I was old enough to know what it was," Smith said.

The relationship between step siblings may be anything but friendly.

"My step sister is more like a friend and I do not ever see the reason why they are all grown up," Smith said.

When step parents or siblings are involved, students' lives can become a roller coaster of emotion. In the midst of peer pressure, children of divorce are forced to deal with a variety of issues. Physical separation, money problems, step-parents, resentment, and perhaps the worst of all—

... no one should blame themselves. It is not your fault and if your parents do not want to be together anymore does not mean they do not want you," Davis explained.

For children new to a family of divorce are coping with the same issues as kids who have been living between the two worlds. "I try to look on the brighter side."

"I had to deal with two families," Philips said, "but on the first two Christmas's."

Jessica Baggett



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Mendoza copes with new experience of motherhood

BY ANGELA PHILLIPS
PHOTO EDITOR

For the past years at Pampa High School, there have been many speakers that talk to the students about worth the wait and teen pregnancy. Some students listen and others don't pay it any attention. As a result, they become pregnant or worse.

Sophomore Arelia Mendoza is one of many students who assume the responsibility of being not only a single mother, but a teen mother as well. Usually the couple will stay together and help one another out, but not in this case.

"I thought that we would stay together so we could take care of the baby," Mendoza said.

Instead she gets financial support from the father to purchase necessities such as diapers. Mendoza said she goes through about seven to eight diapers a day. Mendoza said she knew she was pregnant when she started feeling weird.

"My parents were disappointed and my dad was sad," Mendoza said.

She also said that she didn't consider adoption or abortion a choice.

"I'm the one who



Mother and son: Sophomore Arelia Mendoza changes her son's diaper.

got pregnant, so I have to take the responsibility," she said

Responsibilities in this case means giving things you won't be able to do anymore.

"I can't stay out as late as I used to or spend my money on just anything anymore," Mendoza said.

Because she has less time to herself, Mendoza gets stressed out a lot with all of her new responsibilities.

"I handle it pretty well because I have a lot of people helping me and supporting me," she said.

She said she finds time for herself before she goes to work and when the baby is asleep; but it's not as easy when home work is involved.

that's when he starts crying or gets hungry or a dirty diaper," Mendoza said.

After all of the diaper changing and feeding, you would think that the hard work has passed and that you can finally lie down and get a good night's rest; not true, there are still times in the middle of the night when the baby wakes up and needs a new diaper on or gets hungry. Mendoza has some advice for those teens who may not know what they are getting into.

"Think about it twice before you do anything that you can't handle," Mendoza said.

•Each year, more than one million adolescents become pregnant.

•One in nine women age 15-19 becomes pregnant each year.

•Forty-three percent of all adolescent women become pregnant at least once before age 20.

•Forty thousand young mothers drop out of American schools each year. Many endure dramatic social and economic hardships and become dependent on welfare.

"I'm the one who got pregnant, so I have to take the responsibility."
-Arelia Mendoza said.

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New age limit for young teens to go to movies

By JULIE THOMPSON
STAFF WRITER

Rated R movies, that is a phrase that would make some parents grab their children and cover their ears. There have been some question recently concerning at what age it is appropriate for a teen to be allowed to watch a movie with an R rating.

At Cinema 4, in Pampa, the age to get in is 14 and you must at least be in high school to purchase a ticket for a rated R movie.

"We found in the guide lines to say that 14 is

the minimum age," said manager Darcey Brown. "But we are bending the rules a little because most of our customers are in high school."

Some students feel that the age being lowered from 17 to 14 is not a good thing.

"Some Rated R movies aren't appropriate for younger students," said sophomore Amanda Lee. "Some have even offended me."

Some students think it is not the movie theater's responsibility to decide what is appropriate for individual children to watch.

"I think it should be the

"Oh yeah, we've had kids buy tickets for one movie and then sneak into another one," said Brown, "but the tickets have numbers on them, so we know who is supposed to be where."

Some students have been unwilling to accept the guidelines of the theater.

"Oh yeah, we've had kids buy tickets for one movie and then sneak into another one," said Brown. "But the tickets have numbers on them, so we know who is supposed to be

only thing that has changed since the Cinema 4 reopened this summer. After a long absence, they have renovated the interior by putting chairs and tables out in the main area and their are plans for still more future improvements.

"We hope to have some new seating in several of the theaters by September," said Brown.

They also ordered a new sound system. Brown said that despite the improvements, business has been slow except for on weekends.

parents decision," said freshman Stephanie Nelson.

The age limit is not the

Birkes comes back to stay after year in Plano

By TESS KINGCADE
STAFF WRITER

Theater arts teacher has returned to Pampa after a year of teaching at Plano.

"It feels great to be back. I missed my family and my students," Birkes said.

Birkes' student's said they missed him as well, mainly his method of teaching that get

students involved in theater, rather than just learning about it from books.

"I missed the fact that we actually do plays this year. It's also nice to have humor back in the classroom," junior Rhianna Anglin said.

Other students express the same enthusiasm for this hands-on learning environment.

"I'm glad I'm doing something productive in theater

class," sophomore Kelly Triplehorn said.

Birkes said he believes that the secret to effective teaching in the theater department is keeping students busy and involved.

"The more activities you have, the more students will get involved," Birkes said.

Birkes intends to build the program by visiting the middle-school and elementary



Birkes is back: Dean Birkes returns after absence.

schools to build students' interest in theater.

Birkes, a graduate from Oklahoma State University, has a masters degree in theater arts. He also worked at Oklahoma State as a teachers aid for one year. Birkes was also involved in musical drama for four years at Potter Canyon and was a chorus director for 3 years, also in Potter Canyon. Birkes taught at Pampa Middle School for three years and at Pampa High for one year.

Birkes has a family of five; his wife Johana Birkes, an English honors and journalism

teacher in White Deer, his eight year old daughter Lexi, his two years old son Jake, and their new four month old baby boy Andy.

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Out of bounds: Athletes school-wide discuss reasons for quitting team sports

By SEIDRICK DREW
STAFF REPORTER

Every year athletics become a central interest for many high school students. But just as many begin a new sport, there are always those few who find some reason to step out of the sport.

This season, students gave a number of reasons for walking away. Some said they had too many things going on, while others said the coaches were unfair. Still others said they just lost interest in the activity.

One student said he moved on to new opportunities after playing a sport for many years.

"I played tennis for 11 years, but I got tired of it and started on other things," junior David Philips said.

Other students said they simply stopped enjoying the game.

"I love to play volleyball, but I was not happy playing anymore," senior Lindsey Hampton said.

Junior Lawrence Henderson also echoes the belief that the love of the game is truly the most important thing.

"I quit basketball because I was not feeling the love for it anymore," Henderson said.

Other students are forced to quit because of injuries they have sustained.

"My leg was the main reason why I decided not to play basketball anymore," junior Sixto Albear said.

Coaches have their own views on why some players end up quitting yearly.

"If the students quit a sport it is obvious that they were not serious about that sport," Coach



Quit while you're ahead- Volleyball girls play hard during practice. Some girls said they have quit because they have "lost the love of the game."

Kimberly West said.

Other coaches said they think the player's doubts about themselves and their ability are what drives them to quitting, not a lack of commitment.

"I think players quit because they think they are not good enough for the sport they are involved in," Coach Mike Self said.

Coach Parker said he thinks some students quit because

they were in the sport for the wrong reason and realize this when they see how much work is involved with being part of a team.

"Sports are not easy. It is difficult to wake up early in the morning and stay late after school to attend practice. If students are playing sports because their friends are in it or their parents want them to be involved then they can not stay with that sport," Parker said.

Students still participating in sports have thoughts on how the program should be run.

"I think the players that have a good day in practice should be able to start and play," junior Ashley Derrington said.

Senior Alexis Amador agrees that a player's performance in practice should determine who gets the most playing time.

"You should not be able to get to play that day of the game if you are having a bad practice," Amador said.

Some students think that giving upperclassmen choice positions on the team simply because of their seniority is unfair.

"If you work hard you should be able to play no matter what grade you are in," freshmen Stacey Johnson said.

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Commitment

'Fantastic' tennis team chemistry, dedication pays off

By JULIE THOMPSON
 STAFF REPORTER

"Light the Fire!"

The new yell of the Pampa Tennis Team can be overpowering if you are anywhere near the huddle after practice or before matches.

The tennis team is coming back strong this year with a ranking

hardest workers I have ever seen."

The recently elected team captains, senior Bryce Jordan, senior Michael Corneilson, junior Michelle Lee, and junior Ashley Jordan seem to have their work cut out for them.

"It's a great honor to be looked up to," said Corneilson.

The tennis team hopes to win their fourth district title.

"I hope the team can come together and achieve our goal of winning state," Bryce Jordan said.

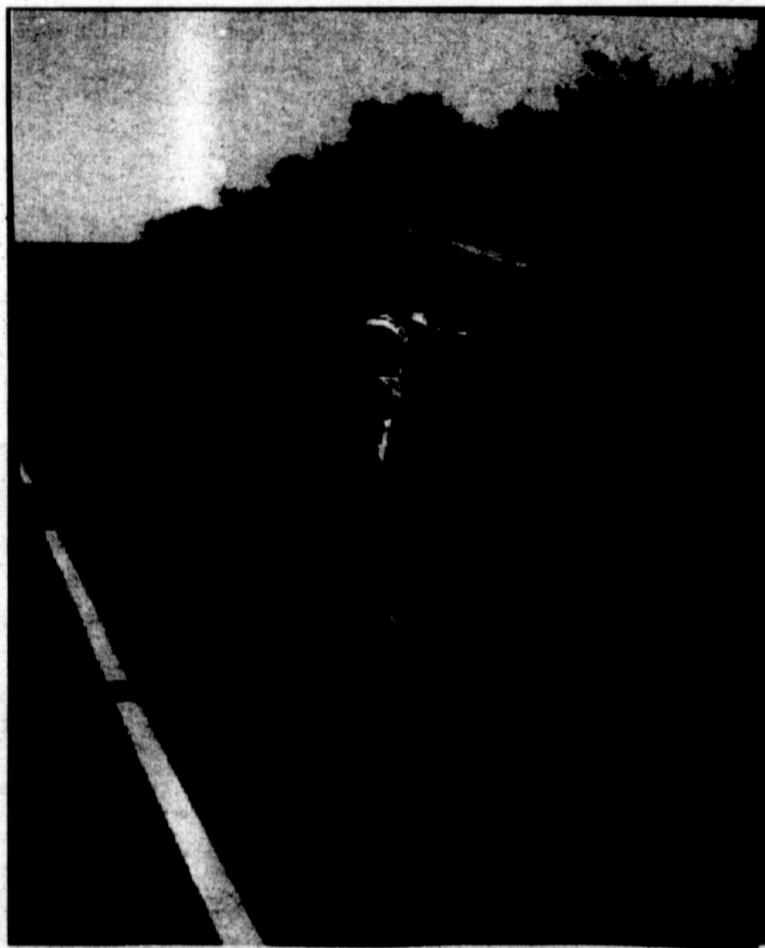
The team has been

incorporating different elements into their conditioning program. Stretching, weight-lifting, balance, and agility have all been wrapped up into one program.

"Our conditioning program has already made a difference in our strength and stamina," said Quarles.

Corneilson, who has been playing tennis for six years said the team's rank in the state will continue to soar.

The whole team agrees that they will continue to raise the standard.




Lighting the fire: JV tennis players Tyler Howard and Stephen Nelson practice a few swings Tuesday afternoon.


"Our team motto this year is commitment," Coach Carolyn Quarles said. "We have fantastic team chemistry and some of the hardest workers I have ever seen."

of 12th in the state after a few 5A schools dropped to 4A.


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Truth about what really lies beneath

BY TIM WILLIAMS
DIGITAL EDITOR

Director: Robert Zemeckis
Stars: Harrison Ford, Michelle Pfeiffer

What lies beneath a good box office thriller?

Suspense and an outstanding twist in the end, all of which delivered by Oscar-winning director Robert Zemeckis in the recent box office hit, *What Lies Beneath*.

Claire Spencer (Michelle

Pfeiffer) appears to have the perfect life. She is married to a successful scientist, Dr. Norman Spencer (Harrison Ford), has a daughter going off to college, and owns a beautiful lakeside home.

However, her new neighbors, the Feurs, soon become the object of her obsession when she suspects Mr. Feur of playing a part in

his wife's disappearance.

Her loneliness, partly

Her clear thinking leads her to what is haunting her house and to discover her husband's biggest mistake.

caused by her daughter leaving and her husband working, and suspicion of her new neighbor cause her to hear voices and see strange things.

She seeks the counsel of a

shrink only to discover how clearly she is thinking.

Her clear thinking leads her to what is haunting her house and to discover her husband's biggest mistake.

This movie provided several out of your seat moments. However, in between those moments there are a few lulls as the plot slowly develops. Overall, it was well worth the 5 bucks and is worth seeing again.

Will teens like it?

Ford, as well as Pfeiffer take a completely different role than we are used to.

Greatest Strength:

The suspense will keep you at the tip of your seat until the end.

Greatest Weakness:

The plot takes a twisted turn in the end.

Violence: Medium

Final Grade: A+

SPEAK

Meegan David
"Meet more people, my senior year I will be the coolest senior. I hope I will be class clown, and date the captain of the football team."

Aaron Simon
"All four years of my high school will pretty much set the standard for a job for the rest of my life."

Julie Simpson
"It's not a career. I hope to meet all my classes and also find me plenty of ladies."

Mark Simpson
"I see a new teacher for once. I'm really involved and he's about to take down the hills."

John Simpson
"I see a new teacher for once. I'm really involved and he's about to take down the hills."

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