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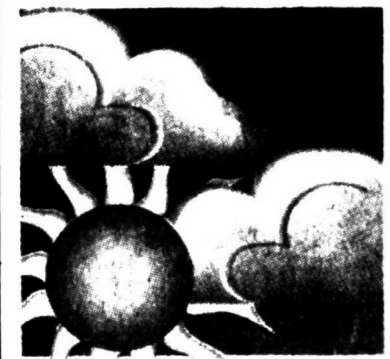
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**Winning ticket sold in Whitney**

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Estimated jackpot: \$9 million.  
Number matching six of six: 1.  
Winning ticket sold in Whitney, Texas.

**Vietnam War memorial to come to Midland**

ODESSA, Texas (AP) — A scaled-down replica of the Vietnam War Memorial Wall is coming to West Texas.  
The Traveling Wall, which is inscribed with the names of 58,226 men and women killed during the war, will be on display Oct. 5-7 during the Confederate Air Force's annual fall air show at Midland International Airport.  
Volunteers will read all of the names on the wall beginning Oct. 5 in a ceremony expected to take about 50 hours, organizers said.  
The replica wall is 240 feet long and 8 feet high.

- Donald 'Don' Doughty, 82, retired owner of Don's Meat Market.
- Ann McCarley, 93, teacher at Letors for 31 years.
- Erwin August Richter, 77, International Harvester and Serco former employee.
- Cecil Ray Williams, 50, mechanic for RSM Builder Supply Company.

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## Handcuff play puts boy in tight situation

Two incidents of jammed handcuffs in two days this week strayed a bit from the normal routine for law enforcement officials.

"It's kind of funny," laughed Deputy Gary Noblett of the Gray County Sheriff's Department. "We've had a string of 'em lately." On Sunday afternoon, two boys on bicycles rode up to the sheriff's office looking for some help with a problem. It seems they were playing with a pair of old handcuffs they had found.

"One of the boys got one on his arm and couldn't get it off," Noblett said, explaining the handcuffs had a double lock that had become corroded with time.

"We all tried our keys and none of them would work," he said. "We started looking for some bolt cutters. There was a pair in stolen property, but they were too dull to cut it off."

While the deputies and jailers worked to free the boy, Noblett said, they learned his name was Bobby, that he was 13 years old and that he was a seventh grader at Pampa Middle School. "We never learned his last name," he added.

To add insult to injury, also during this time, Bobby's friend had a flat on his bicycle.

"Now this really presented a dilemma," Noblett said. "Here he is locked up in handcuffs and can't get out and he has to loan his bicycle, his pride and joy, to his friend to go get his bicycle fixed."

(See HANDCUFFED, PAGE 3)

## Health insurance costs rise for city, dependents

### Higher drug costs, larger deductibles a part

By KATE B. DICKSON  
Associate Publisher

With no raises in the proposed budget and an increase in the cost of health insurance, many Pampa city employees will be going home on paydays with lighter wallets after Oct. 1.

Included in the new plan are higher deductibles, an extra \$400 deductible for a hospital stay or outpatient surgery and higher co-pays for doctor's office visits and prescription drugs.

The city picks up the tab for the individual employee's health insurance but dependent coverage, in several formats, is charged to the worker.

At Tuesday's City Commission meeting, commissioners voted unanimously to adopt the plan from the Texas Municipal League health insurance pool. It was a plan that wasn't finalized until the 11th hour and is a 25 percent increase per employee than currently paid. Originally, a 50 percent

increase was wanted by TML.

Below is a comparison for monthly rates paid now and rates as of Oct. 1.

- Employee only (paid by the city) - \$215.96 to \$278.06
- Coverage for children - \$84.38 to \$108.64
- Coverage for spouse - \$231.12 to \$297.58
- Coverage for family - \$243.98 to \$314.14

In the proposed budget, a city cost of \$483,062 for health insurance is built in, an increase of \$96,612 over the current fiscal year. Included is retiree's Medicare supplement and \$10,000 in life insurance for each employee as well as accidental death coverage.

After getting notice of the proposed 50 percent increase, the city hired Bob Reim, an independent consultant, to seek lower prices. Reim presented the proposals to commissioners at the work session.

(See INSURANCE, Page 3)



Pampa Police Department Tactical Team uses stealth to make their way through the darkened school hallway.

## Practice, practice, practice

### Tactical Team works to hone skills

By DAVID BOWSER  
Staff Writer

Six black shadows slid down the darkened corridor of Baker Elementary School. The hall boss stopped and held two gloved fingers over his head. The man behind him reached up and grabbed the fingers in reply then silently directed two of the armed figures behind him to a room on the group's left.

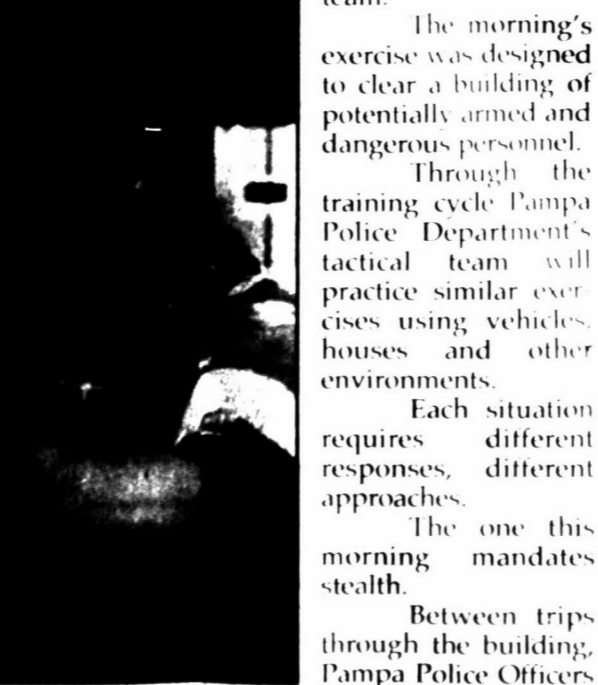
The line, or "stack," of figures repeated the process a dozen times as they moved in unison, in step with the person in front of them, each person armed with a Sig Sauer P226, a 357 Sig caliber semiautomatic pistol which is becoming the accepted standard in law enforcement circles.

Today, it is an exercise with unloaded weapons (the weapons are repeated checked by the head of the unit and a safety officer), but each of the Pampa police officers on the department's tactical team is aware that tomorrow could bring the real thing.

Not satisfied with the first trip through the building, the training officer orders the tactical team through again, and again.

By the end of the exercise, the black or cam-

ouflaged utility uniforms and body armor are soaked with sweat from the rising morning heat and musty air inside the deserted building, but by the time they finish each member of the team knows the drill by heart. It is a drill that could save their lives, the lives of hostages and the lives of those who might challenge the team.



The morning's exercise was designed to clear a building of potentially armed and dangerous personnel.

Through the training cycle Pampa Police Department's tactical team will practice similar exercises using vehicles, houses and other environments.

Each situation requires different responses, different approaches.

The one this morning mandates stealth.

Between trips through the building, Pampa Police Officers Bo Lake and Fred Courtney go over the hand signals that would be used in such a situation. Each signal requires a reply. Everybody has to know what is happening and what they are to do.

Lake folded his fingers into a fist, extending his little finger and thumb and places his hand,

(See TEAM, Page 2)

## PEDC director gets raise, bonus

Effective with the beginning of the new fiscal year, Pampa Economic Development Corporation Executive Director Susan Tripplehorn will receive a \$2,700 raise which will bring her annual salary to \$47,700.

The pay hike was approved last week by a unanimous vote of the PEDC board after Joe Mullenax made the motion that was seconded by Darville Orr, according to meeting records.

Tripplehorn's two latest predecessors, Bill Ready and Lew Mollencamp, were paid annual salaries of \$62,000 and \$67,000 respectively, Tripplehorn said in an interview today.

In addition, Tripplehorn will receive a one-time \$2,700 bonus for the current fiscal year. She said that \$2,700 was built into the current budget but until last week the board had not taken action to allocate those salary expense funds.

As a matter of course, Tripplehorn said she builds in a five percent raise into the budget. There was no wage increase for the part-time PEDC office employee.

The Pampa City Commission approved the new PEDC budget at the Sept. 14 meeting.

Richard Stowers, PEDC board president, presented the budget to the commission. It lump-summed the salaries into one figure (\$67,000). There was no discussion about the amount other than noting the current fiscal year budget showed \$67,000 as well.

(See PEDC, Page 3)

## Boy taking rabies shot after dog bite

An 11-year-old Pampa boy has begun the series of rabies shots because the dog which bit him Tuesday, Aug. 21 could not be located.

Dr. James Alexander, Zoonosis physician with the Texas Department of Health in Canyon, said the youth began the shots on Thursday, Aug. 23, with a local physician. The boy's name was not released.

The bite incident occurred at the intersection of Craven and Finley in southwest Pampa in

the boy's backyard, according to reports.

Animal Control Officer Monty Montgomery said the boy and his older brother said the dog, described as a heeler type breed, came into the family's fenced backyard early Tuesday and bit the boy while they were feeding their dog.

The boys described the dog as being primarily black in color, said Montgomery. The boys said there is a small amount of gray.

(See BOY, Page 3)

## Movie theater closes; new operator sought

By NANCY YOUNG  
Managing Editor

Pampa's only theater has closed its doors — again. "They were locked out Monday for lack of payment," said Martin Riphahn of First Landmark Realty. The realty company owns the theater and has been renting to David Schwartz who does business as Family Fun Theaters. Riphahn said the company is out of Las Vegas, Nev.

The previous theater was closed in January, 2000, due to financial problems. The owner was located in Okmulgee, Okla. The theater was closed almost six months before Family Fun Theaters reopened it in late June, 2000.

At the time of the reopening of the theater, Schwartz said the company would be bringing additional family entertainment to the Pampa community. Extensive remodeling plans were also announced at that time.

He also said the management of the theater would be moving to Pampa. Riphahn said Wednesday morning that it never happened. "We will make every effort to get the theater reopened as soon as possible," said Riphahn. He said there is "plenty of interest" in the theater, stating that he frequently receives calls from people wanting to rent the theater.

"We need somebody to move here and take it over," said Riphahn. The Pampa News was unable to reach Schwartz or other personnel with Family Fun Theaters.

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## INSURANCE

"Nobody is happy with what they are having to pay for health insurance," Reim said. "My job is to help the city. I am not an agent. The problem is you have a lot of losses," Reim told commissioners. "You have an aging popula-

tion of employees and age and losses go together." For every dollar paid in on city employee health insurance, a recent analysis shows that \$1.32 is being paid out as opposed to 75 cents which is the maximum the insurance carrier hopes to pay. "You are not a choice risk,"

Reim said. "You can take away coverage or you can kick in more money. It's a budget situation." Reim said prescription drug use for city employees is running "at a higher percentage than most." In an interview, City Secretary/Personnel Director Phyllis Jeffers said about one-third of the claim amounts are for prescription drugs.

Currently, there is a \$10 drug co-pay for generic drugs and it will rise to \$20. The \$25 brand name co-pay is going to \$35, according to handouts given commissioners. A \$15 mail-in generic co-pay for a 90-day supply of drugs is going to \$40. The \$35 mail-in for a 90 days supply of brand name is going to \$70. During discussion, City Manager Bob Eskridge said, "Over and over the employees say they want a prescription drug card and co-pays for doctor's visits." Use of the word "reasonable" brought some chuckles from the commission and Mayor Lonny Robbins said what's reasonable "is relative." "None of it is reasonable," said Commissioner Faustina Curry. "We are not giving raises and (dependent coverage) is taking a big chunk of the employees' disposable income."

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## PEDC

Asked about the salary increase today, Mayor Lonny Robbins said, "... the commission approved the same (salary) budget based upon the facts we had."

City Manager Bob Eskridge said Tripplehorn's pay was "not brought up ... no one pointed it out."

City Commissioner Faustina Curry said there was no mention of a raise when Stowers presented the budget to commissioners. "I don't begrudge her a raise ... but the amount is excessive," Curry said. We're not giving raises to any city employees and they deserve one ... they're (PEDC) doing just the opposite of what we're (city) doing," Curry said.

Stowers was out of his office and was unavailable for comment by press time today.

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## BOY

on the dog, including the tip of the tail. Also, the dog had a blue collar around its neck.

Alexander said the series of shots begins with an immune globulin injection. He said additional shots are given three, seven, 14 and 28 days later.

Fifteen skunks have tested positive for rabies in Pampa since March, 2001. TDH officials said it is the largest number of rabies cases ever reported in the history of Pampa and Gray County.

Animal control workers have reported an increased number of animal bite calls this year.

A total of 64 animal bite calls have been made to Pampa Animal Control during the current fiscal year which will end Sept. 30, 2001.

Many of the dogs involved in the dog bite cases in Pampa during the past few months have not been vaccinated against rabies, according to Department Director Sandy Burns.

Texas law mandates rabies vaccination as well as local ordinances.

## Zoo decides to keep wild bobcat responsible for killing three antelope

DALLAS (AP) — The Dallas Zoo is giving an accused antelope killer a second chance.

Zoo officials said Wednesday that they will spare the life of a wild bobcat believed to have killed three antelope at the zoo and put him in an exhibit at the park's Cat Row. It will be the only bobcat in the zoo's collection.

The animal will be quarantined for 90 days before going on exhibit for public viewing.

The bobcat was captured in a trap inside the zoo Monday night. Zoo officials believe the predator killed two dik-dik antelopes and a suni antelope at the facility in May.

Texas Department of Health had recommended that the animal be euthanized to be tested for rabies.

Dr. Connie Lindley, zoonosis control veterinarian with the state Health Department, said she would go along with the zoo's decision. She said the Dallas Zoo is in a unique position to maintain care of the bobcat and protect the public.

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## HANDCUFFED

Fortunately, the Texas Department of Public Safety came to Bobby's rescue in the person of License and Weight Trooper Jim Bishop. Bishop, who had stopped by the sheriff's office for a cup of coffee, went to his home and got the necessary tools, including a sharp pair of bolt cutters, to free Bobby from the handcuffs. "He kept the handcuffs," Noblett said. "Now he'll have a good war story to tell his kids someday."

The lessons learned from the Sunday incident came in handy when the handcuffs on a Pampa Police Department prisoner became jammed on Monday. They didn't waste much time trying different methods of removing the cuffs. This time they called the Pampa Fire Department. Firefighters solved the problem immediately — with a pair of bolt cutters.

The weekly deadline for Letters to the Editor and church news is noon Wednesday.

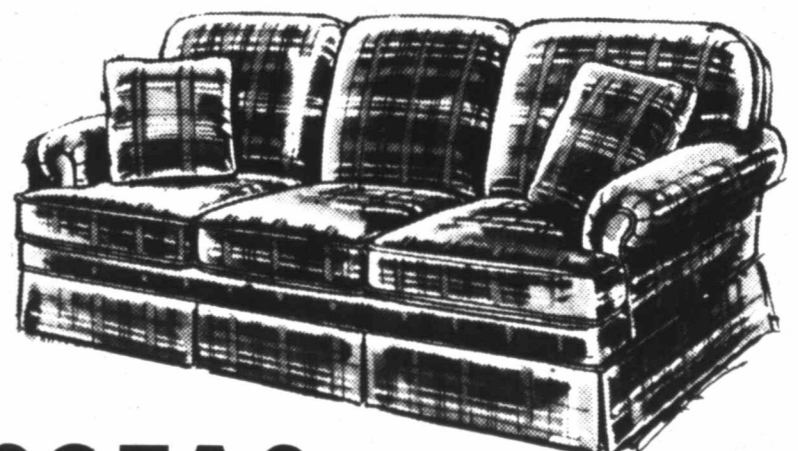
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## ASTA stages Nationwide Day of Awareness today

Hundreds of travel agencies across the country will shut-down for two hours — from 12-2 p.m. CT today — as part of a Nationwide Day of Awareness targeted at the airline industry.

The event — sponsored by American Society of Travel Agents (ASTA) — is being staged in response to moves by several major U.S. carriers towards travel agents to cut their compensation and raise their costs.

Travel agents are participating in political action and consumer awareness events such as informational picketing at airports and visits to Congressional representatives.

National Day of Awareness is part of a seven-prong ASTA initiative called Operation Campaign for Agent Rights and Equality (CARE). One of its prime objectives being to procure a meeting with the Secretary of Transportation.

"The purpose of this action is to raise awareness of the airlines' attempt to deprive consumers of their preferred method of purchasing air transportation and their only source of neutral price and service options," said Dana Terry, owner of Complete Travel, Inc., and Beth Rice, manager of Travel Express. "Our battle cry will be, 'Without a travel agent, you're on your own.'"

"Travel agents are crucial to ensuring that consumers continue to have access to a range of travel options and that competition in the airline industry is preserved. They serve as the only neutral source of information and counseling about an incredibly complex array of fares and services; they facilitate competition among existing and new airlines; and they promote the use of air transportation services, resulting in a healthier air transportation system."

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(left-right) Susan Edwards, Khristen Kirkland, Willie Griffin and Kody Kirkland helped erect booths during last year's Chautauqua celebration held annually on Labor Day, Sept. 3, in Central Park. The foursome is shown here helping erect the AFS Exchange Student nacho booth.

**September declared 'College Savings Month'**

■ Savings plans allow participants to save money in a special college savings account and offer a variable rate of return that can be used for educational expenses including room and board.

More than 35 states have joined the College Savings Plans Network of the National Association of State Treasurers to declare September 2001 College Savings Month. The goal of the initiative is to encourage families to plan ahead and begin to save to help their children go to college.

State college savings programs make it easy and affordable for the average family to save and will soon be available in all 50 states and the District of Columbia. The programs offer affordable, flexible and tax-advantaged savings options that deliver the dream of education to our most precious resources — the children of America.

By saving with a state-sponsored college savings program, parents and grandparents take financial responsibility for the cost of college rather than depending on government entitlement programs or burdening children with debt. Student loans currently comprise 59 percent of all financial aid, according to the College Board.

State college savings programs are usually tax-exempt or tax-

deferred at the state level, and many states also provide a tax deduction on the contributions. At the federal level, Congress has recently made the programs tax-exempt which will go into effect Jan. 1, 2002, as defined under Internal Revenue Code Sect. 529.

There are two types of programs: Pre-paid and savings plans. Pre-paid programs enable families to purchase tomorrow's tuition at today's prices, and the program will pay future college expenses at any of the state's participating colleges or universities (or a comparable payment to private and out-of-state institutions.)

Savings plans allow participants to save money in a special college savings account and offer a variable rate of return that can be used for educational expenses including room and board.

The coalition of state-sponsored college savings plans offers a toll-free number (1-877-277-6496) which allows interested individuals to reach any state program. Additionally, families can go online to [www.collegesavings.org](http://www.collegesavings.org) for more information.

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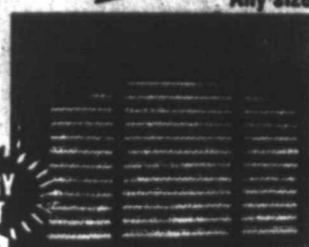
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During the years I was addicted, I became involved with a patient in the medical office where I was working as a secretary. He seemed sincere and caring. I thought he was "the one." My addiction grew to the point where, at times, I was afraid I wouldn't wake up in the morning. I felt guilty and ashamed. I wanted to tell "Mr. Perfect," but I was afraid I'd lose him.

To feed my addiction, I resorted to forging a prescription. I was caught and arrested. Mr. Perfect assured me he understood and would be supportive. That lasted two days. When he was teased by his co-workers, who read about my arrest in the newspaper, he broke up with me.

To my surprise, the doctor I worked for and his wife were compassionate and forgiving. They got me into treatment. I saved my life.

Abby, please assure your readers who may have drug problems that it may not be easy, but they can live drug-free. They shouldn't keep their drug addiction a secret for fear of embarrassment. Prescription drugs can be as dangerous as street drugs. People must educate themselves before taking anything. Those who have never experienced addiction shouldn't look down on people who have one. Addiction can happen to anyone.

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### Dear Abby

Is written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips

**DEAR RECOVERING:** Pain is a huge public health problem. While the medical establishment is keenly aware of the need for pain management, there is also concern about media reports of misuse of pain medications such as OxyContin.

I learned from Tom Strouse, M.D., psychiatrist and director of pain management at Cedars-Sinai Comprehensive Cancer Center in Los Angeles: "People at greatest risk for misusing prescription pain medications tend to have a prior history of substance abuse, but they, too, deserve — and can receive — pain relief without reactivation of their addiction. There is scientific evidence that patients with pain problems do better when the pain is recognized and treated effectively early on in an illness. "Although opioid pain relief-

ers (morphine, codeine, etc.) are considered the mainstay for serious pain problems, many nonhabit-forming medications can be as effective or more effective than opioids for particular kinds of pain, such as nerve, bone and soft tissue pains. There are also a host of proven nonmedication techniques, including physical therapies, chiropractic, massage and acupuncture, hypnosis, relaxation and other psychological treatments."

**Finding pain management experts and communicating openly and honestly with them is the crucial strategy. For information on services available locally, consult the American Pain Society at www.amspainoc.org or the American Alliance of Cancer Pain Initiatives at www.aacpl.org.**

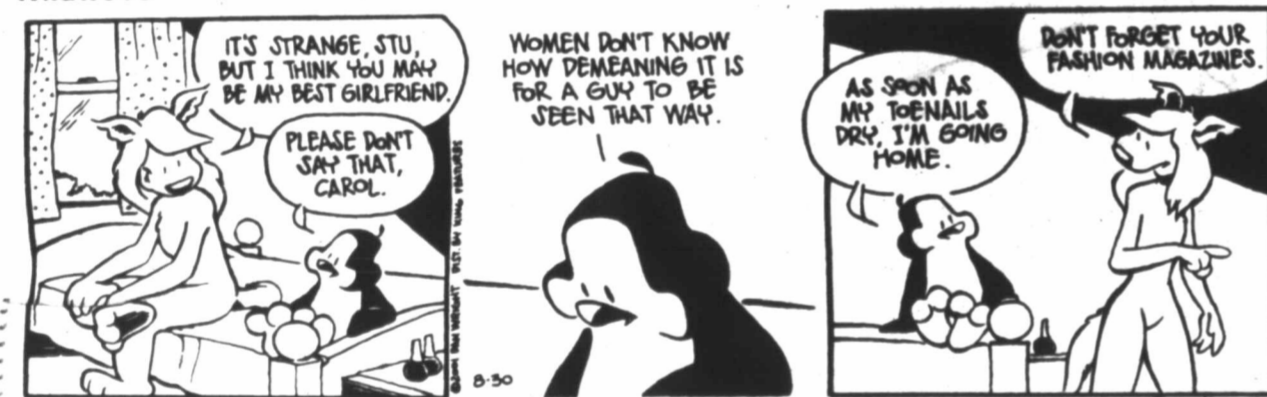
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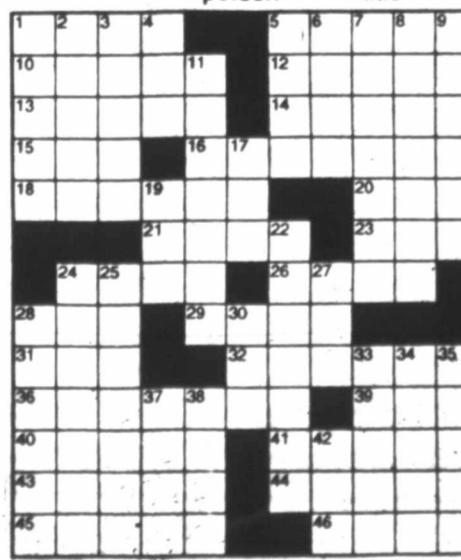
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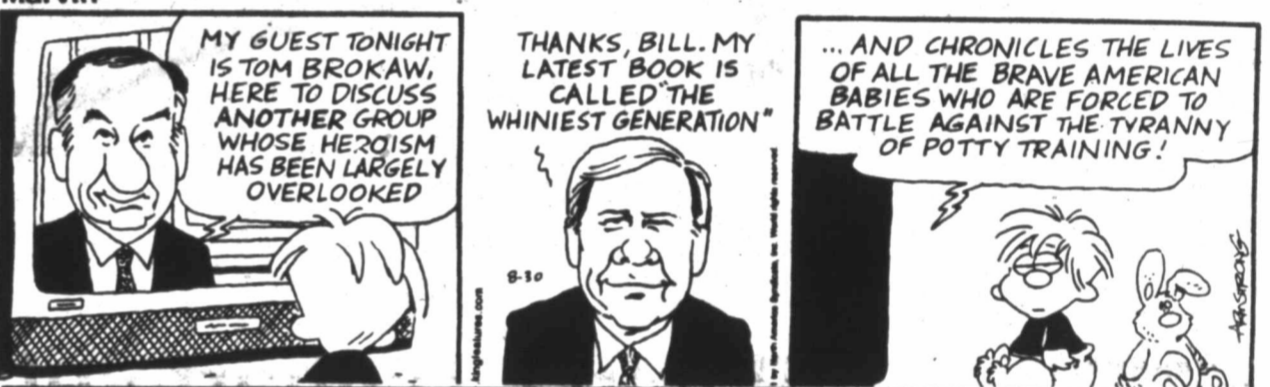
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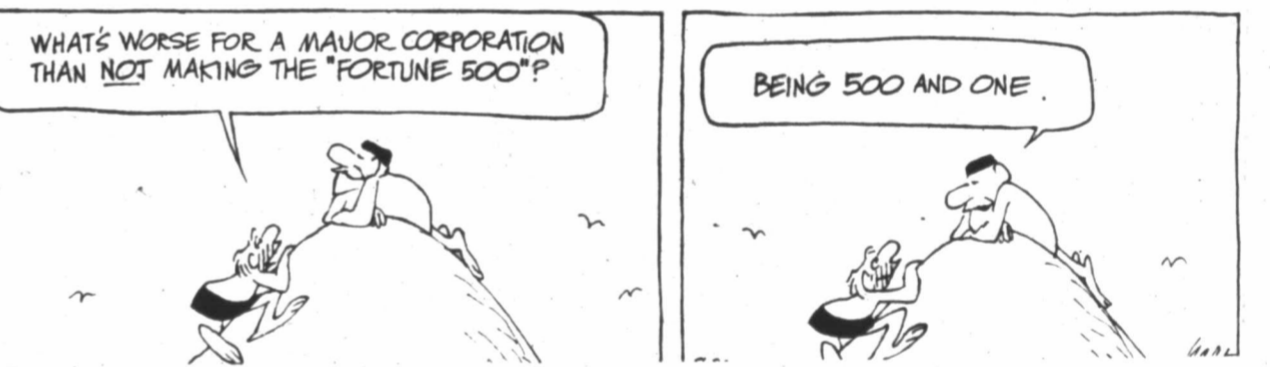
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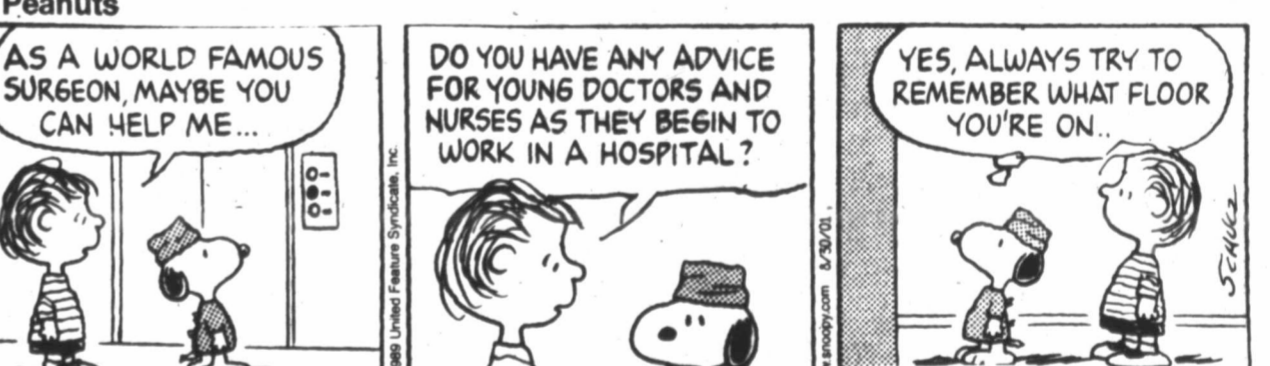
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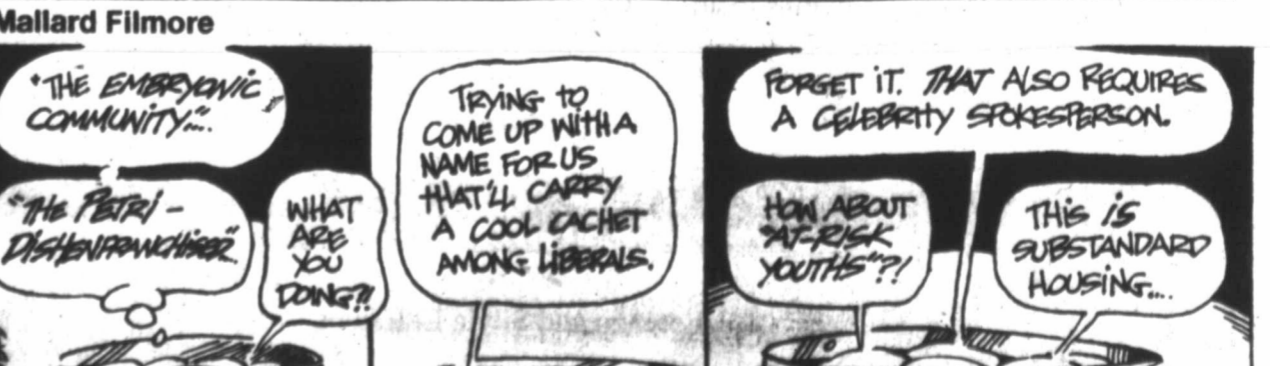
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## SPORTS

### Notebook

#### GOLF

**PANHANDLE**—Panhandle Country Club is holding a fund-raising golf tournament Sept. 15.

Proceeds from the 18-hole tournament, which will consist of a 6-hole scramble, 6-hole low ball and 6-hole alternate shot, will be used to purchase equipment for the PCC course.

Entry fee is \$25, including a meal. Entry deadline is Sept. 13.

The format will be a two-person team with a combined handicap of 15 or more.

A raffle for prizes will be held following the tournament.

To sign up or if more information is needed, call 537-3300.

**PAMPA** — Hidden Hills held a Ladies Nite fund-raiser scramble

Results are as follows:  
 1. Carl Johnson, Jason Marlar and Walt Miller 31.  
 2. Peggy David, Jamie Wariner, John Ashford and Jackie Harper 32.

The Skins pot was won by Darrell Phillips, David Chayney and Brenda Kelly with a 2 on No. 12.

#### BASEBALL

**MINNEAPOLIS (AP)** — Dustan Mohr couldn't have done much better in his major league debut.

Mohr had three RBIs, saved a run with a sliding catch and made his tough-to-please manager smile Wednesday night as the Minnesota Twins held on to beat the Texas Rangers 10-8.

"Anything at all I could do to help," said Mohr, who was called up from Double-A New Britain the day before. "Maybe make a play on defense or get on base somehow. You just can't really describe the feeling of being able to help a team that's in the pennant race win a game."

Minnesota is 5 1/2 games behind the Cleveland Indians in the AL Central.

Mohr, who snared Bill Haselman's line drive with two on and no outs in the top of the fifth, hit a two-run single to cap a four-run rally in the bottom half.

But he impressed Twins manager Tom Kelly the most by fouling several pitches off against Rangers reliever Pat Mahomes with his bases-loaded sacrifice fly in the seventh that gave Minnesota a 7-3 lead.

"He had a heck of an at-bat," Kelly said. "That was really important."

#### Flashback

1985: Pampa defeated Lubbock Dunbar 15-9, 15-17, 16-14 in a district volleyball match.

The Lady Harvesters received outstanding play from Andrea Hopkins, Irene Perez, Amy Green and Tanya Lidy.



(Pampa News photo)

Pampa head coach Dennis Cavalier gets a point across to senior quarterback Randy Tice during the recent scrimmage with Frenship.

### Pampa, Dalhart set to open grid season

**PAMPA** — The long, hot practice sessions have come to an end as the Pampa Harvesters get ready to kick off the 2001 football season at 8 Friday night against the Dalhart Wolves.

"We're anxious to play" said Pampa coach Dennis Cavalier. "We've been practicing for an extended amount of time and the players are looking forward to playing for keeps, if that's the right phrase to use."

Cavalier viewed Dalhart's two scrimmages and sees the Wolves as a formidable opponent.

"Dalhart has some very athletic players," Cavalier said. "Their offense is similar to ours. They like to run a power attack with a spread offense. They suit up eight or nine 2-way players and have 30 or 32 on the roster."

Class 4A Pampa beat Class 3A Dalhart 35-0 last year and the Harvesters are favored by 25 points tomorrow night. However, Cavalier knows Dalhart will be looking to pull off an upset.

"Dalhart's situation is kind of like when Pampa plays Amarillo High. Amarillo High has the odds in their favor, but we always feel like we can win the game. I know the Dalhart players feel like they can beat us," Cavalier said. "There's no guarantee one way or another. Anything can happen."

For the most part, the Harvesters will be a healthy squad going into the opener.

"We had a couple of scares last week. Brandon McElroy (starting center) jammed his neck. He

should be okay, but he's still questionable for tomorrow night. The boys who weren't able to scrimmage against Frenship are all back."

The Harvesters won't have any two-way players in the starting lineup, giving Pampa an edge depth-wise against Dalhart.

The lineup is set at every position except on the defensive line where Adam Parks, Terrell Jennings and Jake Bolin will be alternating at the two tackle positions.

#### Pampa Harvesters Probable Lineup

**Offense**  
 Center: Brandon McElroy;  
 Guards: Daniel Rivera and Matt P. Dudley; Tackles: Trent Price and Jon Lambright; Tight end: Jon East; Split end: Adam Rodgers; Flanker: Matt Crow;  
 Fullback: Justin Waggoner;  
 Tailback: Ty Elledge;  
 Quarterback: Randy Tice.

**Defense**  
 Tackles (alternating): Adam Parks, Terrell Jennings and Jake Bolin; Ends: Chris Tice and Oscar Ortega; Middle linebacker: Orlando Madrid; Outside linebackers: Tanner Dyer and Chris Lewis; Cornerbacks: Ryan Nash and Michael Galloway; Strong safety: Aaron Willis; Free safety: Tristan Brown.

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 Deep snapper (punt coverage): Robert Hoover; Punter: Jesse Tarango; Field goal and extra point kicker: Jered Snelgroes; Snapper (field goals and extra points): Jon Lambright; Holder: John Braddock.

### Tripleheader highlights zero week

By The Associated Press

The Texas high school football season will start not with a bang, but with a thud.

That will be the sound of several Top 10 teams knocking helmets during this so-called Zero Week, which could cause some turnover in next week's high school poll.

By playing games this weekend, teams will have to be idle later in the season. Most schools are waiting until the traditional opening week so they can play 10 games in 10 weeks.

Some of this weekend's action will be centered around Saturday's tripleheader at the H-E-B Texas Football Classic in San Antonio's Alamodome.

The opening act features Corpus Christi Carroll, a Class 5A Division I quarterfinalist last season, against San Antonio Madison at 11:35 a.m. Then, No. 6 La Marque will take on Schertz Clemens.

The closer will be Grapevine against Hays Consolidated, which is a rematch of the 1996 Class 4A Division I state final. Grapevine was a 34-19 victor in that contest five years ago.

The most intriguing contest of the weekend will likely be Class 5A No. 4 Tyler John Tyler against sixth-ranked Katy on Friday. That will be a rematch of last year's Division II title game, which Katy won 35-20.

Other games involving ranked teams include:

— Class 5A No. 1 Austin Westlake will open the season at San Antonio MacArthur. Westlake lost in last year's Division I state final, while MacArthur was knocked out in the Division II quarterfinals.

— Class 5A's second-ranked Midland Lee will take on Stephenville, the No. 5 team in 4A. That will be a game that pits three-time defending 5A champ Lee against Stephenville, a team that

won four state titles in the 1990s. Those two teams will tee off at 7:30 p.m. Saturday in San Angelo.

— Class 4A No. 1 Bay City will host La Grange, the second-ranked team in Class 3A. Both teams are defending state champions.

— Corpus Christi Calallen, the eighth-ranked team in 4A, will play 5A Corpus Christi Miller.

— In 3A, No. 1 Forney plays Aledo; No. 5 Abilene Wylie at San Angelo Lakeview; No. 8 Sweetwater plays Big Spring and No. 9 Cameron Yoe at Gatesville.

— In 2A, No. 1 Celina plays Hillsboro in Bedford; No. 2 Mart plays Waco Reicher; No. 3 Sonora at Reagan County; No. 5 Refugio plays Aransas Pass; No. 6 Corrigan-Camden

plays Hamshire-Fannett; No. 7 Pilot Point plays Gunter on Thursday; No. 9 Stanton at Midland Greenwood and No. 10 Blanco at Wimberly.

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# Coaches prepare for Top O' Texas



Courtesy photo

Frank McCullough (left) and Mike Self of Pampa are preparing for the Top O' Texas Tournament, which tees off Saturday at the Pampa Country Club course. Self succeeded McCullough last year as the new Pampa High golf coach. McCullough was the winner of the president's flight last year and is the current Tri-State Senior champion. The championship flight tees off at 1 p.m. on both Saturday and Sunday. The 36-hole final starts at 7:45 a.m. Monday. The tournament will have 9-match play flights, which begin play at 8 a.m. Saturday. Pampa Women's Golf Association will be operating a concession stand Friday through Monday, offering hamburgers, sausages and other refreshments. Proceeds from the concession stand will go into a \$500 scholarship fund, which will be offered to a PHS senior. The public is invited to come out and watch the tournament and enjoy the refreshments from the concession stand.

## Scoreboard

Scoreboard section containing baseball results for National League, American League, and various MLB teams like Philadelphia, Houston, and Toronto.

# Diamondbacks' Gonzo goes deep, joins 50-home run club

By MIKE FITZPATRICK Associated Press Writer. Add another name to one of baseball's most exclusive lists. Luis Gonzalez became the 19th player to hit 50 home runs in a season, leading the Arizona Diamondbacks to a 2-0 victory over the San Francisco Giants on Wednesday night. A journeyman outfielder much of his career, "Gonzo" joins Babe Ruth, Mickey Mantle, Willie Mays and five other Hall of Famers in a club usually reserved for the game's greatest players. "To be honest with you, I really don't know how to react to it," Gonzalez said. "It was kind of a numb feeling. You just get chills all over your body."

career high in homers was 31 last year, hit a 1-0 pitch from Kirk Ruetter (12-10) just inside the right-field foul pole leading off the fifth inning. It is the 32nd time a player has hit 50 home runs in a season, and the 16th in the NL. A strong MVP contender, Gonzalez has homered in the first two games of the series. Arizona will try for a sweep Thursday night. "It feels good coming through in the clutch," Gonzalez said. "These are big games, and when you can get big hits and do things like that, it means you're a pretty good player under pressure."

history that three players have hit 50 home runs in a season. Barry Bonds has 56, and Sammy Sosa 52. In 1998, four players hit at least 50. The Diamondbacks made sure Bonds didn't hurt them. They walked him intentionally in the eighth inning, even though it brought the go-ahead run to the plate. Byung-Hyun Kim came on to get Jeff Kent to pop out and finished for his 15th save. "We've said all along that with Barry Bonds at the plate, we're not going to pitch to him," Arizona manager Bob Brenly said. Bonds went 1-for-3 with a single. Bobby Witt (2-1), out of baseball most of last season and injured much of this one, pitched 5 1-3 scoreless innings in his second start this year and first since April 7. The 37-year-old right-hander,

in his 15th big league season, won as a starter for the first time since Aug. 12, 1999, with Tampa Bay. "The way the team is playing right now, you want to go out there and pitch," Witt said. "You want to be a part of this thing." The Giants, blanked for just the fourth time all season, have lost five of six and scored one run in 18 innings against Diamondbacks pitchers. Braves 5, Expos 3. Wes Helms homered and drove in three runs as Atlanta won for just the fourth time in 10 games to move one game ahead of Philadelphia for first place in the NL East. Tom Glavine (12-7) allowed three runs in the first inning, then shut out the Expos for the next six. John Smoltz earned his third save. The crowd of 22,327 on a rainy night was the smallest in Turner Field's five-year history.

Mets 7, Phillies 5. Bruce Chen pitched into the seventh inning against his former team, and New York held on for its eighth win in 11 games. The visiting Phillies have lost nine of 13. Jay Payton homered for the Mets, and Chen (7-6) improved to 3-1 in six starts since being traded by the Phillies on July 27. Cubs 5, Marlins 1. Jason Bere (9-8) pitched a three-hitter, and Chicago capitalized on third baseman Mike Lowell's throwing error in a four-run eighth inning. Sammy Sosa went 0-for-4 at Wrigley Field. Astros 6, Reds 2. Moises Alou homered, and Jeff Bagwell drove in two runs as host Houston won for the 10th time in 12 games to maintain its four-game lead in the NL Central. Cardinals 16, Padres 14. Jim Edmonds was 3-for-4 with a homer and four RBIs, and rookie Albert Pujols hit a three-run

shot for his 31st of the year as host St. Louis ended a three-game losing streak with its highest-scoring game this season. Brewers 9, Pirates 8. Jimmy Anderson (6-16) was rocked for nine runs and eight hits in 4 1-3 innings, and Milwaukee took two of three at Miller Park to win a home series for the first time since May 22-24 against St. Louis. Anderson, who dropped his seventh straight start, leads the majors in losses. Rockies 5, Dodgers 3. Jason Jennings (2-0) picked up where he left off in his spectacular major league debut, pitching into the seventh inning to win again. Jennings became the first player in modern big league history to throw a shutout and hit a homer in his debut, beating the Mets 10-0 last Thursday. The Dodgers dropped 1 1/2 games behind the Cubs in the wild card race.

21 Help Wanted section with various job listings for roles like SIVALL'S Inc., ROOFING, WANTED an honest dependable person, and NURSERY attendant.

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# Calendar of events

## PAMPA MASONIC LODGE #966

Pampa Masonic Lodge #966, 420 W. Kingsmill, meets Thursday, Aug. 23, with a feed at 7 p.m., followed by study and practice at 7:30 p.m.

## 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.

## OPEN DOOR ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

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

## TRALEE CRISIS CENTER

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

## LAS PAMPAS WATER GARDEN AND KOI SOCIETY

Las Pampas Water Garden and Koi Society meets at 7 p.m. the second Monday of each month at First Landmark Building in the Pampa Mall. For more information, contact Sharron Andrew at 665-6138 or Loyd Waters 665-6466.

## MONTHLY GOSPEL SINGING

First Pentecostal Holiness Church, 1700 Alcock, hosts a Gospel Singing from 2-4 p.m. every second Sunday of the month. Pastor Albert Maggard and the congregation of First Pentecostal cordially invites the public to attend. Singers and musicians from area churches participate in this informal congregational singing and enjoy various special vocal and instrumental presentations.

## AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION

American Heart Association meets at 12 noon the second Thursday of each month at Chaney's Restaurant.

## PLANNED PARENTHOOD

Planned Parenthood hosts "Dose of Reality" at 6 p.m. the second of Monday of each month in Suite 173A of the Hughes Building. The program is open to teens 13 to 19 years of age.

## MACEDONIA BAPTIST CHURCH

Macedonia Baptist Church, 441 Elm, will hold daily prayer services at 7:30 a.m., 12 noon and 6 p.m. for the citizens of Pampa — churches, schools, etc. The prayer services are open to everyone. For more information, call 665-4926.

## PAMPA MINISTERIAL ALLIANCE

Pampa Area Ministerial Alliance meets the first Monday of every month. Location changes monthly.

## GRAY COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Gray County Genealogical Society meets at 7:30 p.m. the fourth Monday of each month in the Gray County Sheriff's Department classroom. (Enter

through the north door of the jail building.) For membership inquiries, contact Harley Madison at 669-6294.

## CLARENDON VFW CHARITY BINGO

Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7782, Hwy 287 east, Clarendon, will host charity bingo every Saturday beginning Aug. 4. Doors open at 6 p.m. with games starting at 7 p.m. Ten games are played per session. For more information, call 874-VETS. The maximum award is \$750 per game and \$2,500 per session.

## CHAUTAUQUA

The annual Chautauqua, sponsored each year by Pampa Fine Arts Association, will be held Sept. 3 in Central Park.

## HSQ CONCERT

Harrington String Quartet will commemorate its 20th anniversary with a public performance from 7-9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 7 in Barnes and Noble Booksellers, 2415 Soncy, in Amarillo. Students of all ages who have received instruction from members of the group will honor the Quartet with performances. For more information, call Katherine Moore at (806) 352-2300.

## HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH

Highland Baptist Church will celebrate its 50th anniversary Sept. 8-9. The theme of the celebration will be "Highland Yesterday, Highland Today, Highland Tomorrow." Festivities will begin with registration Saturday afternoon followed the next day by Sunday school at 9:45 a.m. All current and former members are encouraged to attend. For more information, contact the church at 669-6509.

## PHS CLASS OF 1946

Pampa High School Class of 1946 will host its 55th class reunion Sept. 14-16. Activities will include a picnic at Lake McClelland, a tour of the cross in Groom, an evening at the Sandie-Harvester football game, a coffee and a banquet.

## GOLDEN SPREAD ANTIQUE TRACTOR SHOW

Golden Spread Antique Machinery and Tractor Show will be held Sept. 15-16 at Top O' Texas Rodeo Arena in Pampa.

## LOVETT INTERNET PROGRAMS

Lovett Memorial Library in Pampa will be conducting two Internet workshops. The first is scheduled from 7-9 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 27 and the second, "Internet Genealogy," from 2:30-4:30 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 30. Both sessions are limited to 11 people. For more information or to register, call the library at 669-5780.

## MAMMOGRAPHY CONFERENCE

"The Nuts and Bolts of Mammography: An Interactive Case Review Approach," sponsored for continuing medical education credit by Rush Presbyterian-St. Luke's Medical Center, Chicago, will take place Nov. 3 in Dallas. The one-day event will integrate presentations of mammographic diagnosis and evaluation with an interactive case review, allowing attendees to diagnose breast diseases. Cost is \$195 per person and includes conference materials, a continental breakfast, lunch and a CME certificate. To register or for more information, call 1-800-456-6781.

## WT announces campaign to establish endowment in honor of state's first lady

CANYON — West Texas A&M University and Alumni Association officials recently announced plans to establish a scholarship endowment in honor of alumna Anita Thigpen Perry, first lady of Texas. Perry, a native of Haskell, graduated from West Texas A&M with a bachelor of science degree in nursing in 1974.

State Sen. Teel Bivins, R-District 31, and Don Powell, the next chairman of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation and a 1963 WTAMU graduate, will co-chair the campaign. Lead gifts have already been made by BSA Health System, Family Medicine Centers, Northwest Texas Healthcare System, David and Dealey Herndon, Panhandle Plains Student Loan Center/Panhandle Plains Higher Education Authority, PNB Financial, Clifford '59, '64 and Linda Kay '63 Baker, Carroll and Cathryn '62 Wright, Phil '69 and Nancy '69 Cates, and John Wright II. The endowment, when fully funded, will support scholarships for deserving nursing students.

"It is a great honor to have the governor and first lady participate in developing a substantial endowed scholarship to benefit WTAMU nursing students," Dr. Russell C. Long, WTAMU president, said. "As we all know, there is a serious need for baccalaureate and master's level nurses and to have the first lady of Texas assist with WT's efforts to address this need is wonderful. That she is a distinguished WT graduate makes this an even more special occasion."

In 1974, 22-year-old Thigpen (Perry), received her degree from WTAMU and began a 17-year career in the health-care profession that included numerous professional roles: supervisor of surgery, instructor and pediatric coordinator, staff nurse in an intensive care unit, instructor in medical surgical nursing, in-service director and childbirth education instructor, area supervisor of a home health agency, RN consultant and hospital director of nurses. She received her master's degree in nursing from the University of Texas Health Science Center in San Antonio in 1977.


Perry and her husband, Gov. Rick Perry, will join University and community leaders at a luncheon in the Alumni Banquet Facility on the

WTAMU campus Friday, Oct. 5 to announce establishment of the Anita Thigpen Perry Nursing Excellence Endowment. The Perrys will also tour the University's new Bivins Nursing Learning Center before returning to Austin. The first couple's visit kicks off West Texas A&M's 2001 homecoming festivities.

"I cannot think of a more exciting way to kick off Homecoming than by having one of our most influential and well-known alums back on campus," M. Keith Brown, director of the Alumni Association, said.

"Mrs. Perry's accomplishments prove her commitment to the betterment of healthcare in the state of Texas, and much of that commitment comes from her training at West Texas A&M University. This opportunity perfectly fits the mission of the Alumni Association — honoring outstanding alumni and providing much-needed support to the University through the Division of Nursing."

To make a donation or to find out more information about the endowment or the Perry's visit to Canyon, contact Brown at 806-651-2311.




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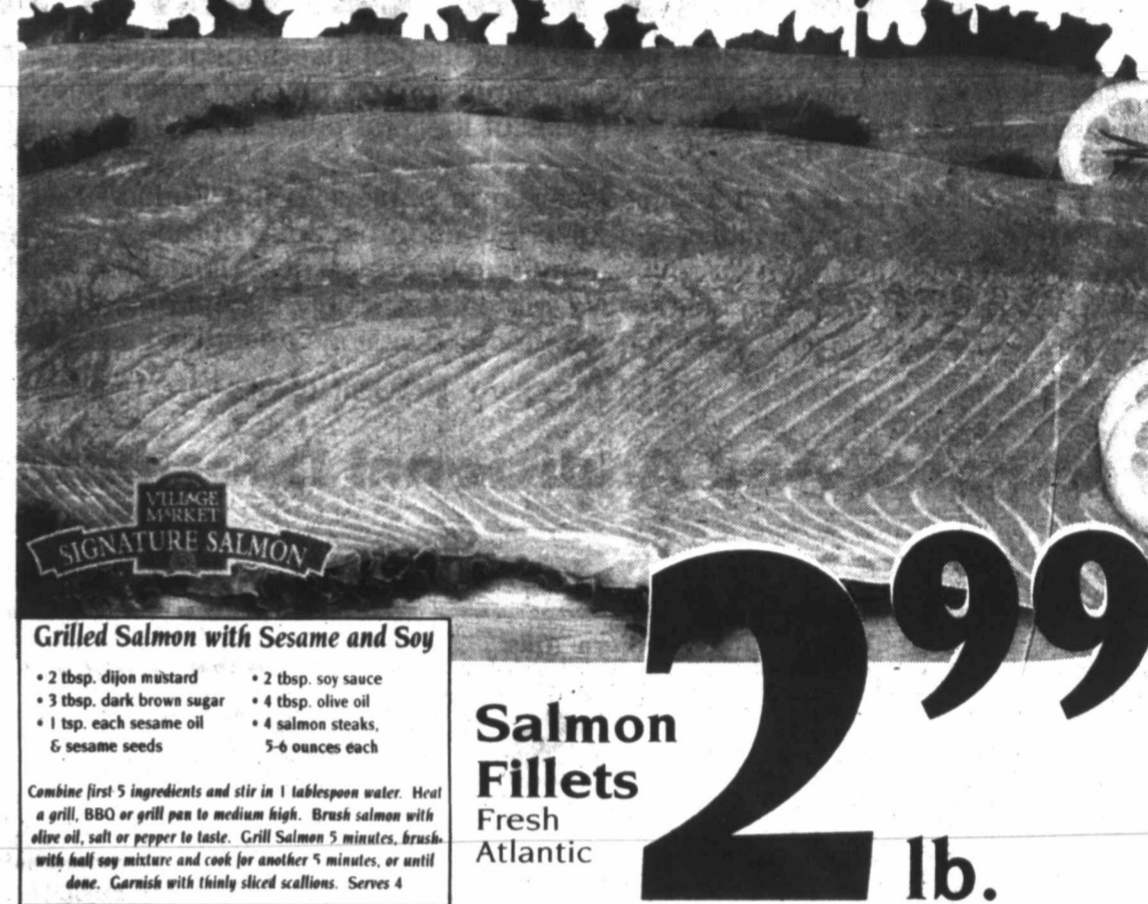
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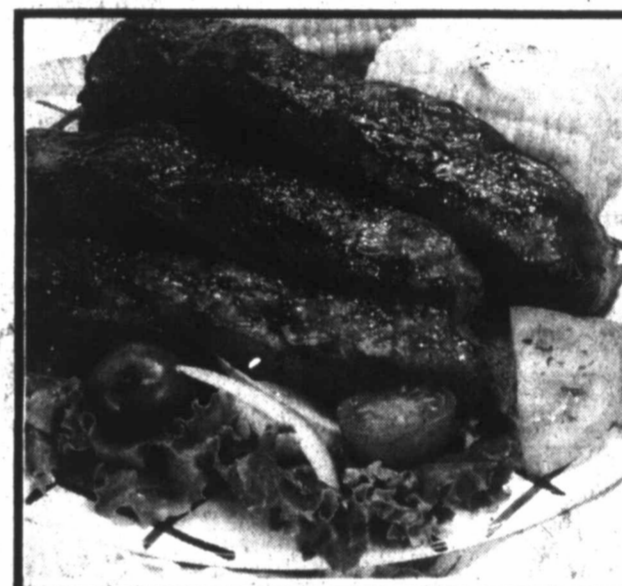
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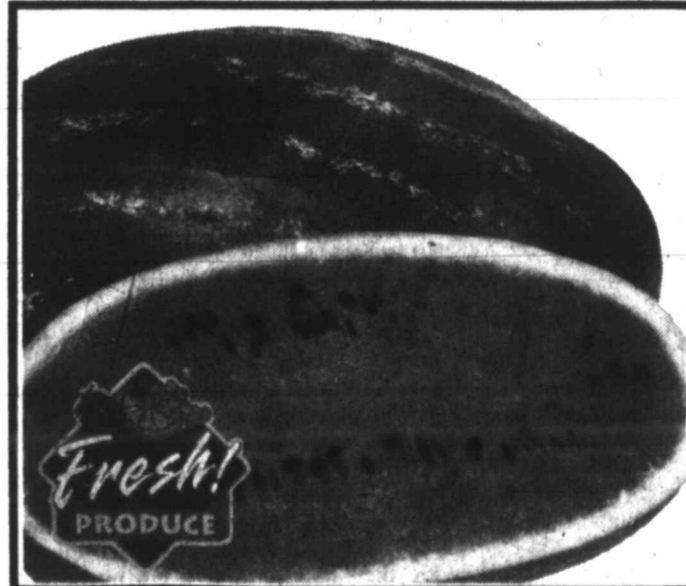
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## McLean faces rebuilding

McLEAN — After making the playoffs in 1999, the McLean Tigers hit hard times last season.

The Tigers finished 2-2 in district and 4-6 overall, missing the playoffs after going unbeaten in loop play in '99.

McLean will look to quarterback Chris Sparling and offensive end Adam Johnston for leadership. Sparling is an outstanding player in the defensive backfield. He had six interceptions last year from his safety spot. Sparling will be a senior and the only returning starter, while Johnston is just a sophomore. Senior Jared Rice is another Tiger expected to help the cause.

McLean has a new head coach in Eric Smith. He replaces James Burch, who had been the Tigers head coach the past three years.

Smith faces an uphill battle as the Tigers are into a rebuilding season.

"We're going to have some growing pains this year. We're going to be very young and very inexperienced," he said.

Smith coached last year at

Higgins where his team posted a 4-6 record. He also coached at Tyrone, Okla. and Ashland, Kan.



**Defensive standout Chris Sparling, a senior, is McLean's only returning starter from last year's team.**

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# 2001 Canadian Wildcats



## Wildcats open new season with new coach

CANADIAN — Jim Williams, Canadian's new head football coach, greets seven starters from last year's team, which advanced to the area round of the Class 2A playoffs.

Williams comes to Canadian from Van Alstyne where he compiled a 34-18 record as head coach.

He will be looking at a trio of

talented seniors to lead the team into the 2001 season. Linebacker Clint Miller returns after leading the defense with 93 tackles a year ago.

Kicker Ali Morales and defensive lineman, Matt Morrow were all-district picks in 2000.

However, the Wildcats will be fairly young after 11 lettermen were lost to

graduation. Williams though seems to have a knack for bringing out the best in every player.

Tight end Clay Arrington, offensive lineman Jess Wagner, defensive back Jay Parnell and running back Lance Gray are other Wildcats who figure strongly in Canadian's 2001 campaign.

Canadian opens the season

Sept. 7 at home against Gruver. The Wildcats' district opener is Sept. 28 at Highland Park. Homecoming is set for Sept. 21 against Sanford-Fritch.

The Wildcats made another strong run to the playoffs a year ago and finished with a 9-3 record. They lost a close contest to Albany 34-27 in the area round.

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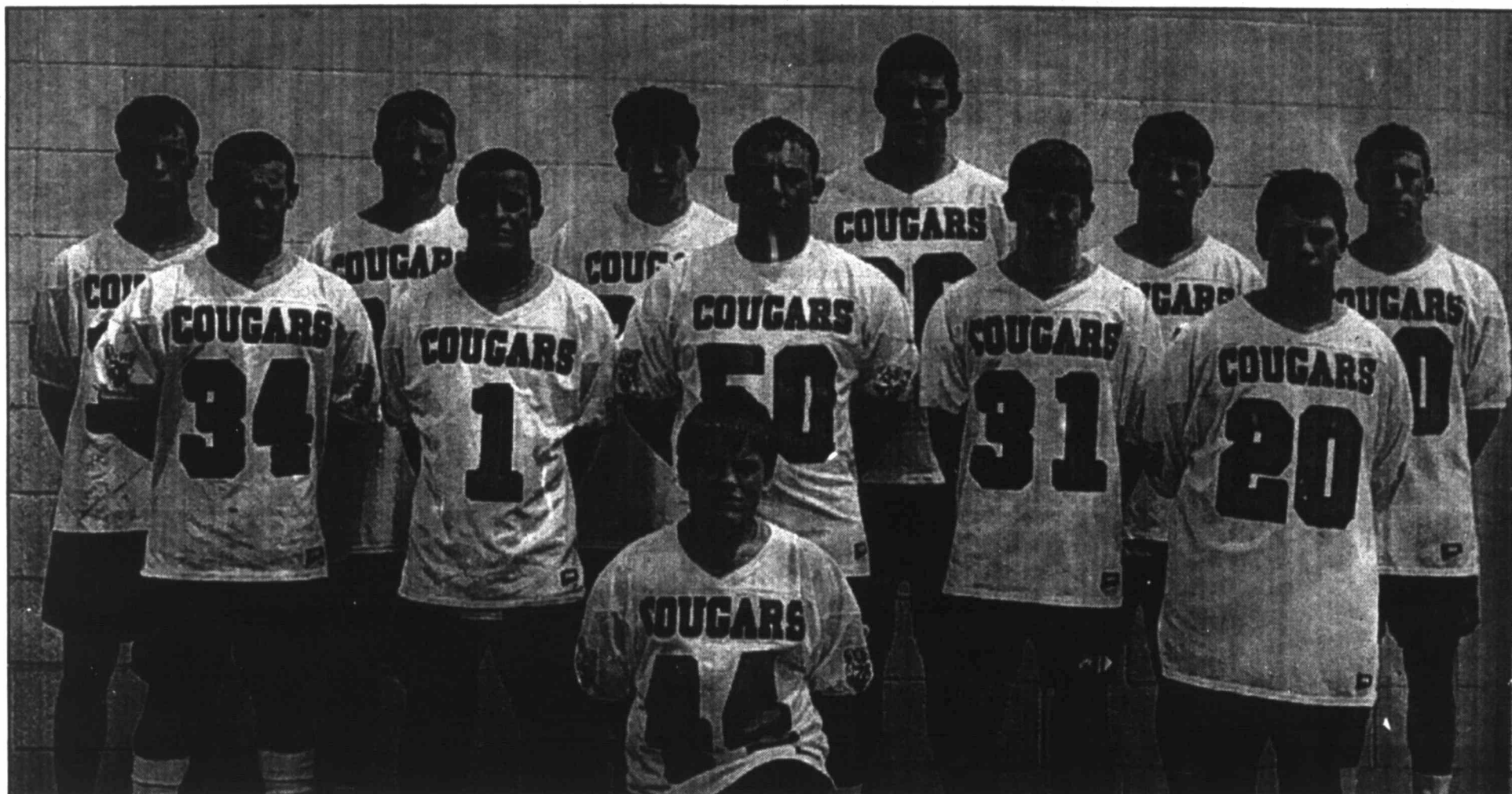
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# 2001 Fort Elliott Cougars



## Cougars looking for stronger finish this season

The Fort Elliott Cougars got off to a sizzling start in 2000, winning four of its first five games. However, the Cougars slipped down the stretch winning only one more game and finishing with a 5-5 record. Fort Elliott's only loss during that early season streak was to state quarterfinalist Groom.

With a dozen lettermen returning, Fort Elliott will be hoping to finish stronger this season.

The Cougars will be looking

to versatile running back C.J. Bryant as their go-to guy. Bryant had more than 1,200 total yards in 2000, rushing for 558 yards and receiving for 685 yards. He's a good candidate for all-state honors.

Center-end Justin Hefley, end Aaron Hartline and end-linebacker Jason Hathaway are expected to play key roles for the Cougars. Others include end Seth Meadows, quarterback-safety Junior Newman, and running back-linebacker Monty Hand.

Curtis Smith enters his fifth season as the Cougars' head coach.

Fort Elliott has turned out competitive teams since the school just started its football program in 1995.

The Cougars bounced back strong after having to cancel the 1997 season due to a shortage of players. They rallied for back-to-back 6-4 seasons in 1999 and 1998.

Fort Elliott opens the season Sept. 7 at home against Hedley. The first district game is Oct. 12

at home against Follett.

### 2001 Fort Elliott Schedule

**Sept.**  
7-Hedley, 7:30 homecoming; 14-Higgins, 7:30 away; 21-Valley, 7:30 home; 28- Groom, 7:30 away.

**Oct.**  
5-Chillicothe, 7:30 home; 12-Follett-x, 7:30 home; 19-McLean-x, 7:30 away; 26-Higgins-x, 7:30 home.

**Nov.**  
2-Miami-x, away; 8-Lefors-x, 7:30 home.

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# 2001 Groom Tigers



## Tigers kick off with more high expectations

The Groom Tigers have developed one of the most powerful six-man programs in the state the past two seasons, going 25-3 and advancing to the championship finals in 1999.

That trend should continue this season as a number of veteran players return from a 2000 club that reeled off 12 straight wins before falling in the state quarterfinals.

Leading the returning starters are running back Garrett Britten and receiver Clay Ritter. They were a solid 1-2 punch. Britten rushed for 1,177 yards and Ritter had 865 yards in receptions. Ritter made the second-team all-state team as a junior. Ritter also collected 144 tackles from his linebacking position.

Among the other returnees are nose tackle Trey Britten, two-way end Hugh Weinheimer, running back-safety Cody Bivens, center-defensive end Wyatt Britten and running back-linebacker Doug Fields.

Two-way end Trey Britten and quarterback-safety Luke Pavlovsky will also be heavily counted on. Texas Football has the Tigers ranked No. 3 in the state in the

magazine's pre-season poll. The magazine favors Panther Creek to successfully defend its title from a year ago.

Head coach Larry Reid has been the architect of Groom's football powerhouse. He starts his sixth season at the helm. His Groom record is an impressive 53 wins and 10 losses.

"We've got seven seniors on the team, so that's going to help us. We've also got guys coming back who played a lot of minutes last year, Reid said. "We looked good in our last scrimmage. I wasn't sure about our passing game this season, but it looks like we're progressing."

The Tigers are expected to breeze through district once again. They haven't lost a district game in two years.

With the team gaining playoff recognition, several individual Tigers are earning post-season laurels. Grant Weinheimer, an all-state first-team quarterback as a senior in 2000, put Groom on the map at this year's Six-Man Coaches Association All-Star Football Game in Lubbock. Weinheimer completed

5 of 7 passes including a 7-yard touchdown pass for the East squad in a 65-46 loss to the West. Weinheimer's teammate, DeWayne Gray, also made the all-state, first-team at defensive back.

Groom could have at least one player, or even more, on the all-state list again.

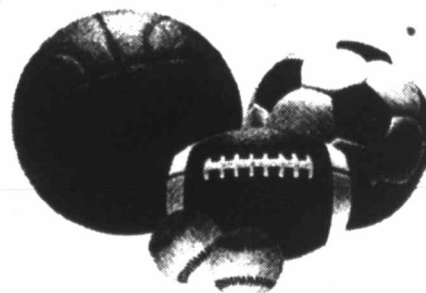
The Tigers face Higgins in their season opener Aug. 31 at Higgins. Their district opener is at home

Oct. 12 with Valley. Homecoming is Sept. 28 against Fort Elliott.

### 2001 Groom Schedule

**Aug.**  
31-Higgins, 7:30 away.  
**Sept.**  
7-Amherst, 7:30 home; 14-Open; 21-Miami, 7:30 away; 28-Fort Elliott, 7:30 homecoming.  
**Oct.**  
5-McLean-x, 7:30 away; 12-Valley-x, 7 home; 19-Silverton-x, 7 away; 26-Samnorwood-x, 7 home.  
**Nov.**  
2-Hedley-x, 7 home; 8-Happy-x, 7 away.  
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# 2001 Pampa Harvesters



## Harvesters have favorite's role in District 3-4A

Pampa graduated some outstanding athletes from a year ago, but the Harvesters could be ready to get back into the playoff picture.

Texas Football's 2001 pre-season edition has Pampa favored to win the District 3-4A championship. That prediction is coming after a fourth-place finish in 2000.

"I've very excited about the players who are coming back and the new ones who are plugged in. I'm very excited about the potential of this team and pleased with the progress that's been made," said Pampa head coach Dennis Cavalier.

Cavalier will be doing some shuffling around to fill some empty spots left by graduated seniors.

Returning starters on offense include Daniel Rivera, Trent Price, Jon Lambright and John East (tight end) on the line. Randy Tice was a

starting receiver a year ago, but he's been moved into the quarterback slot as a senior. Chris Tice was a first-teamer on the offensive line, but he's been shifted to the other side of the ball for the 2001 campaign.

Defensively, the returnees include Jake Bolin at tackle, Oscar Ortega at end, Tanner Dyer and Chris Lewis at linebackers, Ryan Nash and Michael Galloway at cornerbacks.

Lewis and Nash lead a defense that held opponents to 198 yards per game last season. Both were all-district honorable mention selections.

Strong safety Aaron Willis and free safety Orlando Madrid have both been moved to linebacker spots. Willis, a senior, is coming back from surgery that caused him to miss much of the second half of 2000.

Prospects include Brandon McElroy (center), Matt Dudley (offensive guard), Justin Waggoner

(fullback) and Matt Crow (wide receiver). All four were on the junior varsity last season.

Harvester basketball player Adam Rodgers, a senior, is out for the football team for the first time. He's working out at split end. Junior John Braddock is competing against Tice at quarterback.

Senior Ty Elledge, who had been projected as a starter at running back, has been sidelined for several days with a pulled leg muscle. Sophomore tailback Johnny Moore, junior wide receiver Jordan Klaus, sophomore wide receiver Jesse Tarango are other prospects bidding for starting spots on offense. Tackles Adam Parks and Terrell Jennings could see plenty of action at defensive tackle.

Tim Kettering, Pampa's kicker as a sophomore, has moved. His replacement is expected to be Jared Snelgrooves, a junior.

Other prospects include junior linebackers Curtis Pritchett and Zach Cobb; sophomore free safety Andrew Curtis, junior free safety Tristan Brown, junior cornerback Charlie Craig and junior defensive end Tommy Abernathy.

Chris McSparin, who transferred here from Utah last year, should fit in somewhere once he recovers from a bruised shoulder.

Pampa's expansive depth chart will give the coaching staff an opportunity for a two-platoon system, a luxury that's been absent for most seasons. Even the backups can be platooned.

"It's going to be a real plus for us. I can remember only one other time when I've been able to do this since I've been in Pampa," Cavalier said. "We'll be able to get twice as much coaching in."

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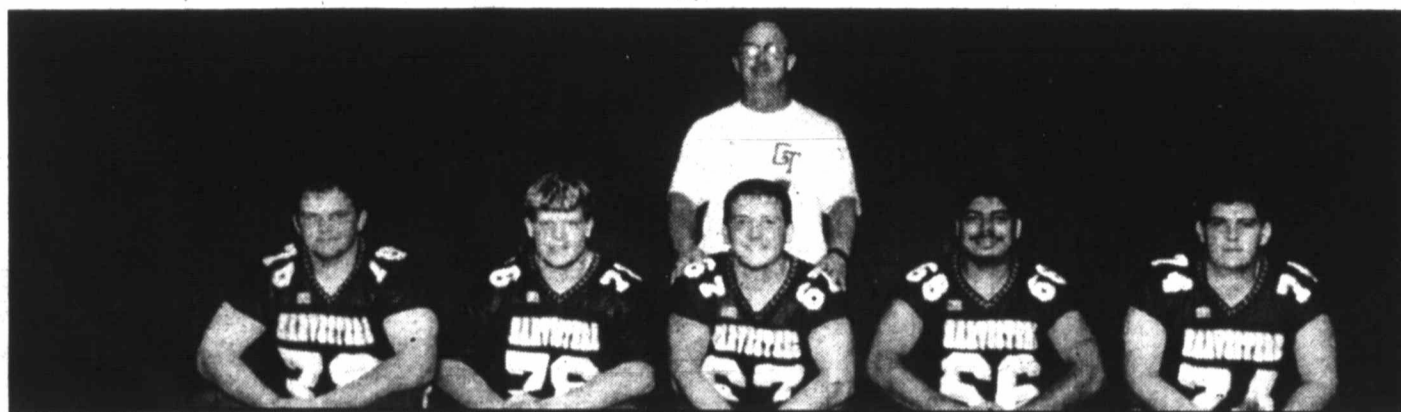
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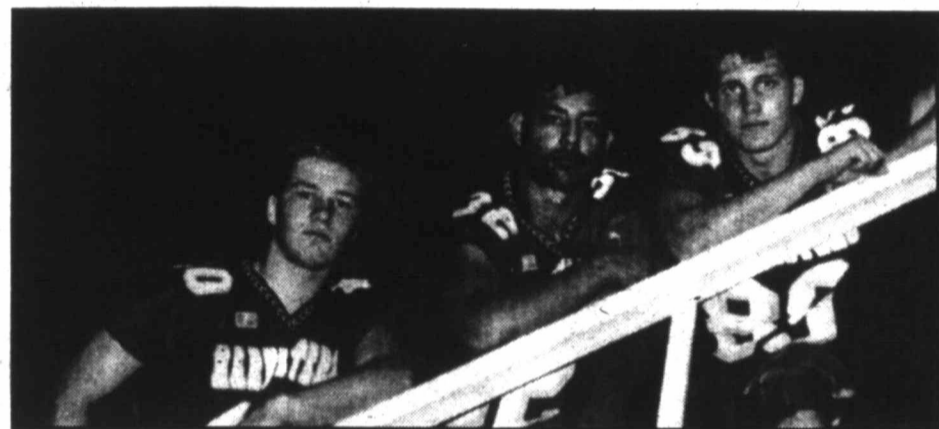
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Harvester assistant coach Scott Lewis with offensive linemen Jon Lambright, Matt Dudley, Brandon McElroy, Daniel Rivera and Trent Price.



Senior linebackers: (from left) Chris Lewis, Orlando Madrid and Tanner Dyer.

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Pampa Head coach Dennis Cavalier offers advice to Michael Galloway (7) and Jordan Klaus (30) during a recent practice.

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**Aug.**  
31-Dalhart, 8 away.  
**Sept.**  
7- Lubbock Estacado,  
7:30 away; 14 - Amarillo  
High, 7:30 home; 21 -  
Open; 29 - \*Palo Duro, 1  
away.  
**Oct.**  
5- \*Hereford, 7:30  
homecoming; 12-  
\*Dumas, 7:30 home; 20 -  
\*Caprock, 1 away; 26 -  
\*Canyon, 7:30 home.  
**Nov.**  
2 - \* Randall, 7:30 away;  
9 - \*Borger, 7:30 home  
(senior night).  
\*district game

**Junior Varsity**

**Aug.**  
30 - Dalhart, 6:30 home.  
**Sept.**  
6-Lubbock Estacado, 5  
home; 13- Amarillo High  
sophomores, 4:30 away;  
20 - Open; 27 - Palo  
Duro, 7 home.  
**Oct.**  
4 - Hereford, 7 away; 11-  
Dumas, 7 away; 18 -  
Caprock, 7 home; 25 -  
Canyon, away.  
**Nov.**  
1- Randall, 7 home; 8 -  
Borger, 7 away.



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# 2001 Lefors Pirates



## Pirates will have strength in numbers this season

LEFORS — Things are looking up for the Lefors Pirates.

Lefors will have strength in numbers this season, plus the Pirates return one of the area's

top six-man running backs.

"We've got 20 out this season and that's pretty good for us. We haven't had that many players for quite awhile," Lefors coach Eugene Wilton said.

One of the quality returnees is Caleb Barnes, a 200-pound senior, rushed for 1,243 yards and 26 touchdowns a year ago.

With his combination of speed and strength, Caleb stands a strong chance of making the all-state team.

Andrew Johnson, Josh Jackson Ray Turpen and Jesse Soto are others who saw

starting action for the Pirates.

Lefors came close to finishing at .500 in 2001, but were at 4-6 when the season ended. If the Pirates can stay healthy they have a chance at improving that record.

"We haven't been looking real good, but we haven't been doing real bad either," Wilton said. "Sometimes with kids, you never know."

Wilton believes the district competition will be fierce this season.

"It's going to be real tough," he said. "Follett and Miami are going to be hard to beat."

Wilton returns for his second season as head coach.






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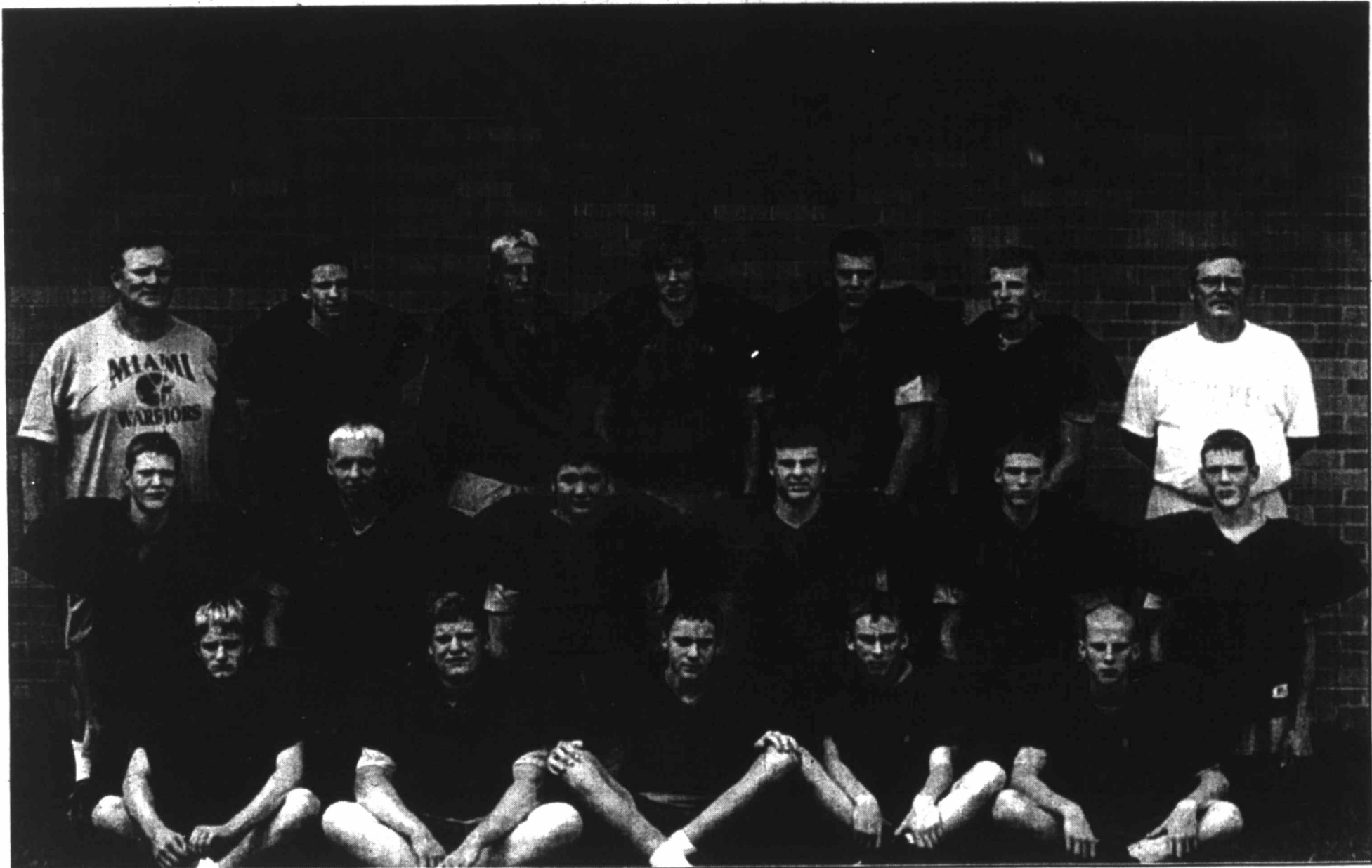
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## 2001 Miami Warriors



### Warriors will have senior-laden lineup this year

The Miami Warriors will be looking to make the six-man playoffs for the second year in a row. It could very well happen as the Warriors return 10 lettermen from a 7-4 squad.

Jimmy James, a quarterback and linebacker, tops the list of returnees. Last year as a junior,

the 6-3, 180-pound James was named to Amarillo Globe-News Six-Man Super Team at linebacker.

Lance Patterson, a 6-2, 175-pound senior, is another good one. He had six interceptions from his safety position last year.

End Zach McDowell and

running back Ryan Manley are two other Warriors to keep an eye on. Cornerback Preston Williams and end Tom Davenport could help boost Miami's playoff hopes.

The Warriors face a rugged district schedule, according to head coach Danny James.

"Follett is loaded, Lefors is

going to be better and Fort Elliott is going to be pretty good," he said. "We're going to have to play some ball. We're pretty much of a senior club and we've got a lot of guys who played last year, so we should do okay."

James begins his second year as head coach.

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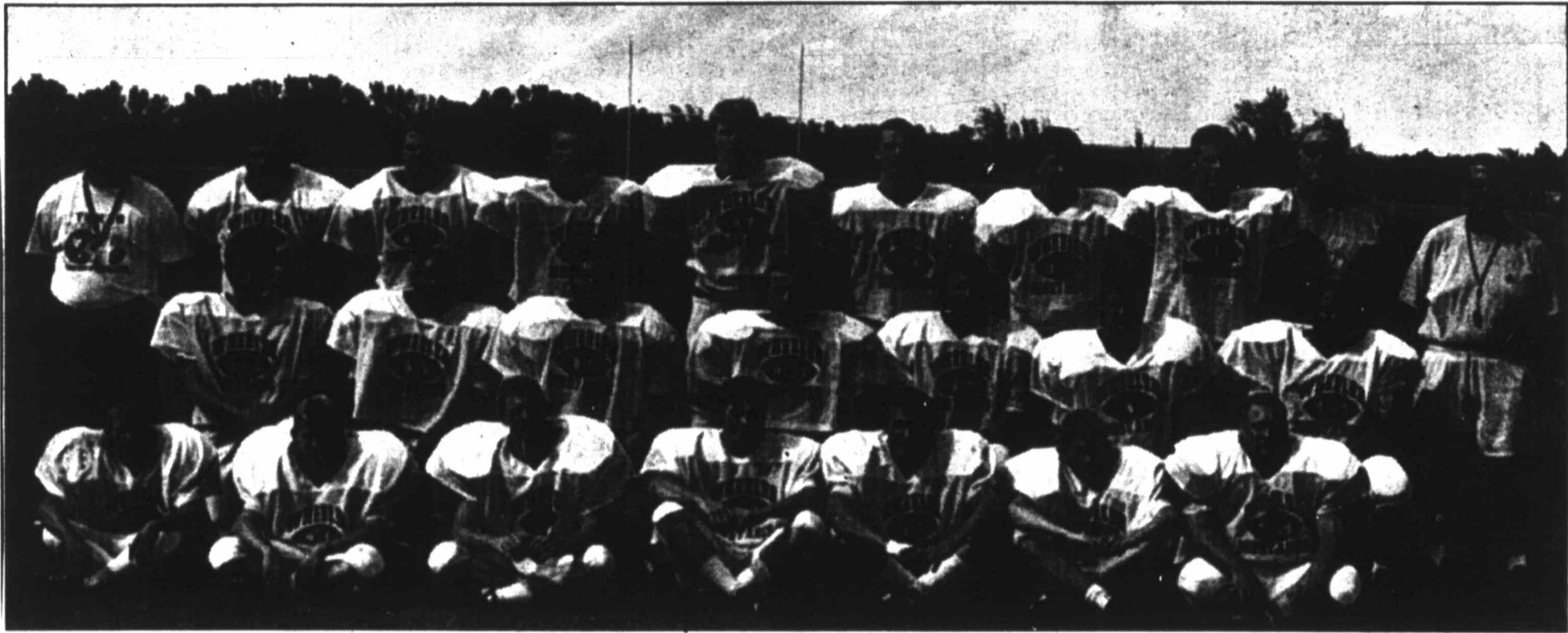
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# 2001 Wheeler Mustangs



## Mustangs favored to win another district title

Winning football games is as natural as the West Texas wind for the Wheeler Mustangs. A year ago, the Mustangs advanced to the Area round of the playoffs before their season ended. It marked the 22nd time in school history a Wheeler team had made the playoffs.

Nothing is expected to change for coach Jim Verden's club in 2001. Dave Campbell's Texas Football magazine has Wheeler favored to win another district championship and go deep into the Class A playoffs.

Verden, a Wheeler native, is expected to field another solid team. The Mustangs return seven starters on offense and the same number on defense. Only five lettermen were lost to graduation.

Gavin McQueen, 210-pound senior tight end and linebacker who stands 6-2, could be the Mustangs' next all-state player. They had three last season.

Other top returnees include Jake Britt (running back-linebacker), Kendall Hefley (running back-defensive back), Dirk Chapman (offensive tackle-defensive tackle) and Corey Jewell (wide receiver-defensive back). All four are seniors. Chapman is currently sidelined with a broken finger.

Juniors Chris Gallagher (running back-defensive back), Evan Watts (offensive guard-defensive end) and Tyler Lewis (offensive guard-defensive end) should help the Mustangs reach the playoffs. Lewis is out right now with a back injury.

James Chapman, a sophomore quarterback and defensive back, shows potential.

The Mustangs open the 2001 season Sept. 7 at home against Paducah. Their district opener is Oct. 12 against Claude.

2001 Wheeler Schedule  
Sept.

7-Paducah, 7:30 home; 14-Sunray, 7:30 home; 19-Gruver, 7:30 away; 26-Booker, 7:30 home.

Oct. 5-Childress, 7:30 home; 12-Claude, 7:30 home; Nov. 2-White Deer, 7:30 away; 8-Shamrock, 7:30 home.

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# Kitna wins Bengals' QB job — for now

CINCINNATI (AP) — Eleven games. Ten games. Four games. Ten games. That's how long each of the last four Cincinnati Bengals starting quarterbacks have lasted.

How long can Jon Kitna hold on? The Bengals' top offseason acquisition won the starting job Monday in a close call. Coach Dick LeBeau chose him over Scott Mitchell, who had similar preseason statistics, and Akili Smith, who has a sore shoulder.

"In the final analysis, statistically, Jon was slightly better, not dramatically better," LeBeau said.

No endorsement came with the job. Both Kitna and Mitchell struggled in the preseason, and LeBeau will consider switching quarterbacks if Kitna doesn't transform a passing game that was the worst in franchise history last season.

"It's not always going to be pretty with me," Kitna said. "I'm not the prototypical drop-back passer, the NFL-type guy that everybody is looking for. I don't have all the numbers, but I'd like to think I have all the intangibles that you need at quarterback."

The Bengals have tried every type

of passer in the last four seasons, and never settled on one for long.

Jeff Blake started the 1997 season and was benched after 11 games. Boomer Esiason finished the season, then headed for the Monday Night Football booth.

He was replaced by Neil O'Donnell, who completed a lot of short passes in the first 10 games, but got no better results and was benched in favor of Paul Justin.

Blake returned as the starter in 1999 and lasted only four games before the Bengals decided to let Smith get some experience as a rookie. Smith opened last season as the starter, made it through 10 mistake-filled games and was replaced by Mitchell.

Cincinnati averaged only 122 yards passing, the fewest in franchise history.

Smith was the first player eliminated from the competition. Tendinitis in his throwing shoulder has sidelined him for the last two weeks and will keep him out of the final preseason game Thursday against Indianapolis.

"I tried to throw today," Smith said Monday. "My arm is still not feeling good at all."

LeBeau's decision came after a day of consulting members of the Bengals organization about the direction it would take at quarterback.

Kitna was 26-of-51 for 251 yards with one touchdown, one interception and five sacks in preseason. Mitchell was 22-of-44 for 250 yards with one touchdown, three interceptions and three sacks.

Kitna had the intangibles on his side. He's five years younger, has a stronger arm and is more comfortable with the offensive system installed this year by coordinator Bob Bratkowski, who coached him in Seattle.

DAVIE, Fla. (AP) — Daryl Gardener's lower back is still a source of concern for the Miami Dolphins.

Gardener did not play Saturday against Green Bay because of back spasms. He missed practice Monday and probably won't play in Miami's preseason finale Friday night against Minnesota, either.

The 6-foot-6, 310-pound defensive tackle is optimistic about returning for the season opener Sept. 9 against Tennessee, but he doesn't know how long he will be able to play before his back starts hurting again.

"Frustrating is not the word," said Gardener, who had 54 tackles in 10 games last season. "I don't look good wearing a miniskirt and cheerleading from the sideline, and I don't think my behind can take it sitting on a bench with splinters in it."

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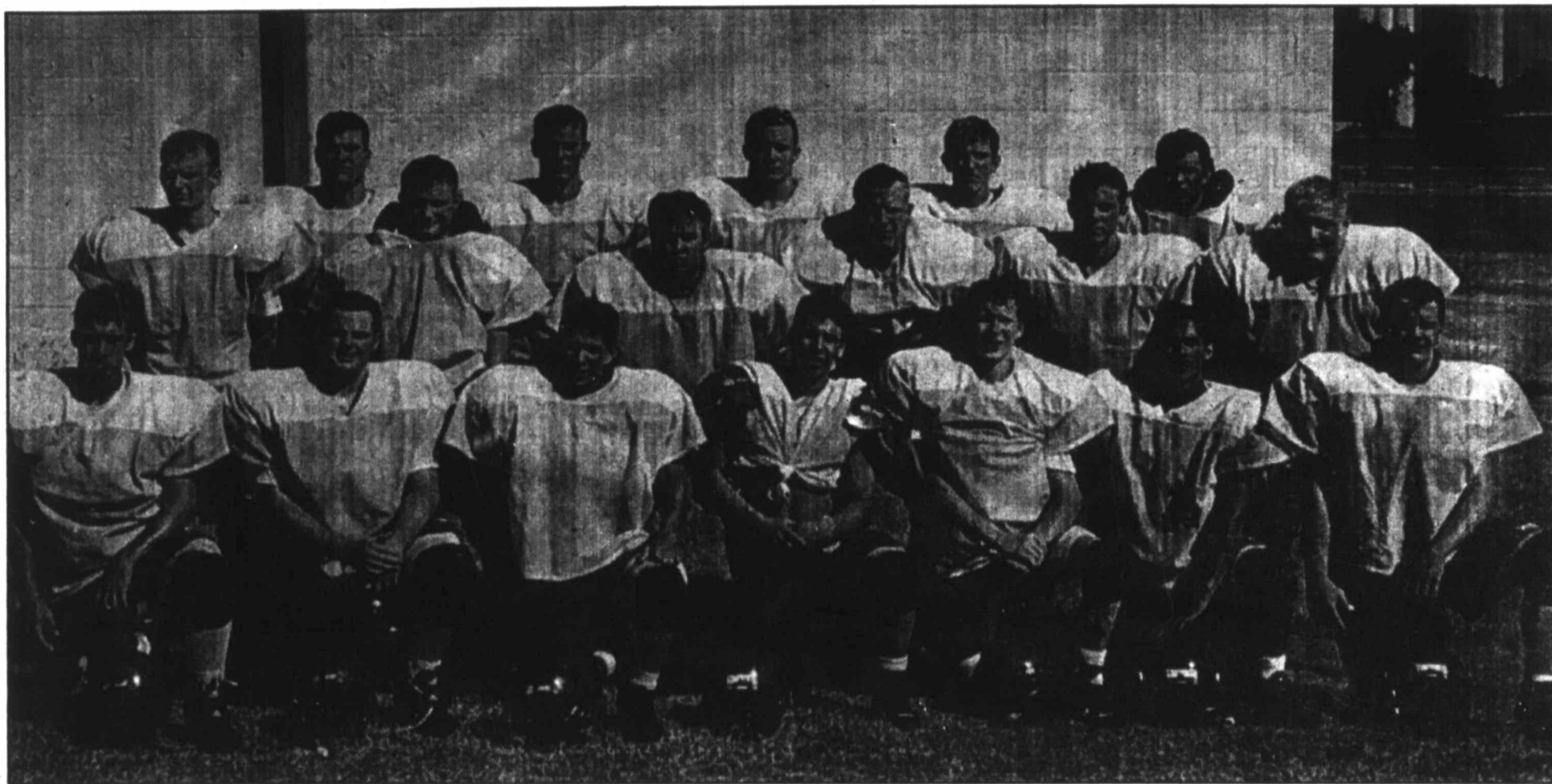
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# 2001 White Deer Bucks



## Bucks expected to contend for district championship

White Deer could make some noise in District 1-A again this season.

The Bucks return a slew of talented players from last season's playoff team. There could be enough talent there to challenge Wheeler for the district championship.

"We'll probably have 17 or 18 on the varsity, and we've still got some JV kids we're looking at. We're coming along pretty good," head coach Ruben Guerrero said.

The Bucks finished second in district behind Wheeler a year ago to qualify for the playoffs. It was quite a turnaround after finishing with a 2-8 record in 1999.

White Deer was the only team to play state champion Stratford twice last season and the Bucks were in both games for most of four quarters. White Deer lost 21-12 during the regular season and 44-34 in the playoffs. Stratford never lost a game and finished 16-0.

If the Bucks make the playoffs, they may have to deal with Stratford again.

The Elks are pre-season favorites to win it all again.

For the season, the Bucks finished with a 7-4 record.

With quarterback Matt Henderson, receiver Dustin Harper and running back Aaron McKean returning as seniors, the Bucks will

be capable of putting up points in a hurry.

Henderson threw for 1,043 yards last season in guiding White Deer to a 7-4 record. His favorite receiver was Dustin Harper, made 42 catches for 523 yards and five touchdowns. Harper was also a standout in the defensive backfield, coming up with 10 interceptions.

McKean had 1,043 yards in rushing a year ago and the 165-pound speedster is expected to have another 1,000-plus year.

Look for at least one of these athletes to make the all-state team.

Another potential all-state candidate is linebacker Brian Knocke, a 6-2, 195-pound junior.

Coach Guerrero told Texas Football magazine that Knocke could be "the school's best ever at linebacker."

Overall, White Deer will have an experienced team. The Bucks lost only seven lettermen.

Nick Ball (fullback-defensive end) and Kirk Kelp (defensive lineman) are two other players to keep an eye on.

Guerrero begins his second season as the Bucks' head coach. He spent five years as the defensive coordinator before taking over the head job.

White Deer's first game is Sept. 7 at Boys Ranch. The Bucks open district play Oct. 12 at home against Gruver.

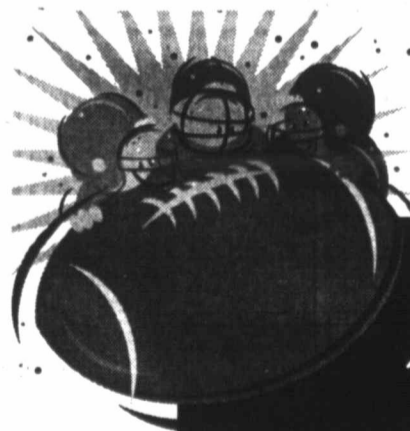


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## Of 4 sidelined Big 12 teams, only Iowa St. likes it

By JAIME ARON  
AP Sports Writer

The wait for the first kickoff is getting tiresome at Baylor, Kansas State and Texas Tech, especially after seeing three Big 12 teams already play their openers and five more scheduled for this weekend.

Then there's Iowa State, which is embracing its late start.

"I'm very appreciative for the chance to have more time because we're not ready yet," coach Dan McCarney said Monday. "We need as much practice and preparation time as we can get."

Ready or not, the Cyclones — who will be relying on several young and inexperienced players — open a week from Saturday at home against Northern Iowa.

That day, Sept. 8, can't get here soon enough for folks in Waco, Manhattan and Lubbock. It's an especially long wait for K-State fans, who attended home games on Aug. 26 and Sept. 2 last year.

"I think everyone gets anxious," Wildcats coach Bill Snyder said. "Our players are certainly anxious about having two weeks to go."

Baylor players are looking forward to hitting someone not wearing green and gold after doing plenty of that in recent weeks. Coach Kevin Steele has put his team through three mini-

scrimmages and three full-fledged scrimmages, including a 129-play workout last Friday.

"The worst part about it was we had to go home Saturday and Sunday and watch all those other teams play," Steele said, "and we still don't play for 13 days."

Steele warned the players in March that this was coming. That doesn't make it any easier, though.

There has been some benefit.

"I think it's made us a little fresher," he said. "We've gotten our legs back sooner than you usually do."

NCAA rules allow 29 practices prior to the opener. How those are spread out depend on when school starts.

However many days classes are in session before the opener counts against that 29. Whatever is left is divided in half and that's how many two-a-day sessions are left.

What that basically boils down to is that teams with late starts have fewer two-a-days.

"Last year, we had 13 days of two-a-days — that's 26 practices — and actually only about 18 days to get ready," Snyder said. "This one's going to go almost a full month. So we have almost twice as many days until we play our first ballgame."

K-State opens at Southern Cal., Baylor has a home game against

Arkansas State and Texas Tech will be at home against New Mexico.

Oklahoma and Nebraska opened with victories Saturday, while Colorado started with a loss Sunday night.

The Buffaloes will try bouncing back Saturday against Colorado State. The Sooners go to Air Force and the Cornhuskers play host to Troy State.

Teams opening this weekend include the Big 12 coaching debut of Gary Pinkel at Missouri, coincidentally against Bowling Green, a rival during his previous 10 years at Toledo, and Les Miles of Oklahoma State at Southern Mississippi.

Also, Texas plays New Mexico State, Texas A&M plays McNeese State and Kansas plays Southwest Missouri, all home games for the Big 12 schools.

**QUOTE OF THE WEEK:** "I didn't sleep last night after watching that. It scares you," Missouri coach Gary Pinkel about Colorado committing five turnovers, three of which led to 17 points for Fresno State, in the Buffaloes' 24-22 loss to Fresno State on Sunday.

**EXTRA POINTS:** Texas A&M is looking for a few good legs. Redshirt freshman Chris Sims, who was expected to be the Aggies' kicker the next four years, has had to give up

football because of an injury. Emergency auditions have been held at Kyle Field, but so far punter Cody Scates has emerged as the likely placekicker. Coach R.C. Slocum is worried because he's never used one person to handle punts and placekicking, and because if Scates gets hurt A&M would be in real trouble. Scates missed some practice last week with a sore leg. "I'm not concerned as long as Cody's healthy," Slocum said. "The question is what happens if he gets hurt during the season. We're looking for someone who can develop into a backup or starter at kicker." ... Colorado coach Gary Barnett is amazed at how seriously Colorado State takes their rivalry. "It's their motto, they've got it on their Web sites — 'Beat CU.' Before this year, I don't think CU gave them that much attention," he said. He doesn't mind a little extra intensity. "I think it's good for our state," he said.

... Kansas State's depth chart at quarterback "hasn't changed one iota," coach Bill Snyder said. That means sophomore Ell Roberson is holding off junior Marc Dunn. "I think they're both making improvements in some areas and there's some areas where improvement hasn't been as rapid as you would like," Snyder said. "By the same token, I'm not unhappy with their efforts, with the progress they've made."

## Elway recalls funny play

SOUTH BEND, Ind. (AP) — The play that ended John Elway's college career is shown repeatedly at the College Football Hall of Fame — in the bloopers section.

Through it caused pain for a while, he laughs about it now.

The play is the infamous five-lateral kickoff return by Cal through the Stanford band in 1982 for a winning touchdown on the final play of the game, costing Stanford a possible bowl berth.

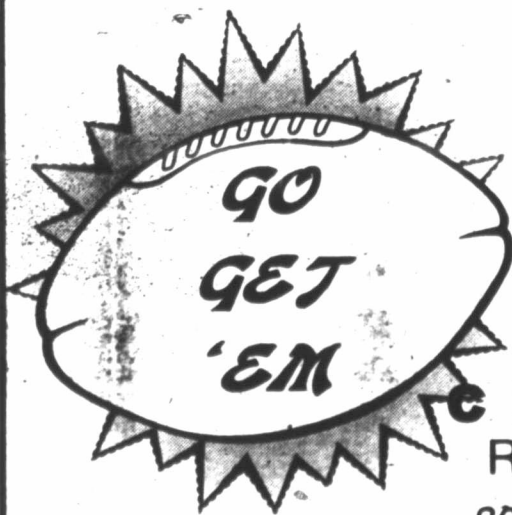
"It hurt at the time. But each

year it gets a littler funnier," said Elway, who earlier this month was inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame. "It sure wasn't fun at the time. We just wish we had the band come out for some tackling practice."

Elway, who never played in a bowl game, was enshrined in the hall along with former Southern Cal running back Marcus Allen, former Nebraska wingback Johnny Rodgers and 22 other former players and coaches.



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# Top-ranked Florida looks to SEC first

GAINESVILLE, Fla. (AP) — Behind Steve Spurrier's desk is a shrine of sorts. It's a cluster of team pictures, all taken at midfield after each of the five Southeastern Conference title games Florida has won since 1993.

Oh, what teams like Mississippi State, LSU, Georgia and South Carolina — to name a few — wouldn't give for just one photo like that.

Spurrier knows the value of an SEC title. He failed to win one during three years as the starting quarterback at Florida in the 1960s, and those failures helped shape his attitude as a coach in the decades to follow.

So, even though much of the talk this preseason is about the Gators and their No. 1 national ranking, the coach is focusing on the SEC, a prize Florida is favored to win once again.

"We're in a conference where if you win the SEC in football, that's pretty good — you celebrate pretty good when you win that thing," Spurrier said. "There are 12 teams in this conference, and I'd say 10 of those are serious about football. Six or eight of them are very serious about it."

Always coy, Spurrier refused to elaborate on that list. But surely among those in the "very serious" category are Georgia, which has lost 10 of 11 to Florida and will try to turn that around with new coach Mark Richt; Tennessee, the only SEC East team other than Florida to play in the conference title game since it was created in 1992; Alabama, dealing with an NCAA inquiry and starting fresh with coach Dennis Franchione; and LSU, the favorite in the West.

The 14th-ranked Tigers have been picked often in the West in

recent years, and have yet to come through. Some experts think they could finally emerge because of players like quarterback Rohan Davey and linebacker Trev Faulk.

Davey came off the bench to lead the Tigers to a thrilling comeback victory in the Peach Bowl last year. Faulk was named to the All-SEC preseason team after making 113 tackles last season.

"The expectations will be sky high," Faulk said. "But our expectations for ourselves are even higher."

Of course, nobody has higher goals than Florida, especially this season.

The Gators are favored because they return the bulk of last year's SEC championship team, including receiver Jabar Gaffney and defensive back Lito Sheppard, a pair of gamebreakers from Jacksonville.

As usual, the quarterback position is up for grabs. Last year's part-time starter, Rex Grossman, will fight with fellow sophomore Brock Berlin for the spot. Spurrier is trying to prepare the Gator Nation for another year of his quarterback carousel.

"We'll let them battle it out," Spurrier said. "We'll announce a starter the week before the first game. If he's good enough to play all year, to stay healthy and play well, he'll have a chance. But if he struggles, we feel like we've got a couple guys who are able to play."

No. 8 Tennessee plays at Florida on Sept. 15, hoping to avenge last year's last-second 27-23 loss thanks to Gaffney's controversial touchdown catch with 14 seconds remaining.

The Vols lost the school's career leading rusher, Travis Henry, and receiver Cedrick

Wilson. Quarterback Casey Clausen returns as a sophomore, and how well he develops could play a big role in deciding how Tennessee handles a rough early schedule (Syracuse, at Arkansas, at Florida).

Georgia hopes the success Richt had against Florida when he was offensive coordinator at Florida State will translate to the SEC.

No. 21 South Carolina enjoyed a remarkable resurgence last year, finishing 8-4 after an 0-11 season in 1999. Cornerback Sheldon Brown and running back Derek Watson are among a large group of returning starters who have responded to Lou Holtz, the master of motivation.

"He believed in us every week, game after game," Brown said. "He never told us that we didn't have a chance to win."

Defending West Division champion Auburn lost tailback Rudi Johnson, fullback Heath Evans and quarterback Ben Leard from last year's surprising team. The defense will be good, but the Tigers will have to win a lot of low-scoring games to have a chance.

No. 25 Alabama may have been the biggest disappointment in the

country last season. The third-ranked team in the preseason, the Crimson Tide withered under the expectations and the failed coaching effort of Mike DuBose.

Franchione has turned around programs at New Mexico and TCU, and hopes to do the same with Alabama. The Crimson Tide have several players — including WR Freddie Milons and DL Kindal Moorehead — remaining from the 2000 team that was supposed to be so good.

"They don't want to go through a season like last year," Franchione said. "They feel bad, like they let a lot of people down, including each other. That's part of the reason they've been so adaptable to change and to us."

No. 20 Mississippi State has been in the running in the West for most of the last decade, but doesn't have an SEC title to show for it. Running back Dicenzo Miller is among the stars on a team heavy with junior college transfers.

The Bulldogs have a tradition of punishing opponents early in the season, then worrying about depth and injuries when November comes.

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14th	Amarillo High	Pampa	7:30
21st	Open	Pampa	7:30
29th	*Palo Duro	Amarillo	1:00
Oct. 5th	*Hereford	Pampa	7:30
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12th	*Dumas	Pampa	7:30
20th	*Caprock	Amarillo	1:00
26th	*Canyon	Pampa	7:30
Nov. 2nd	*Randall	Canyon	7:30
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DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION	TIME
Aug. 30th	Dalhart	Pampa	6:30
Sept. 6th	Estacado	Pampa	5:00
13th	Amarillo H. Soph.	Amarillo	4:30
20th	Open		
27th	Palo Duro	Pampa	7:00
Oct. 4th	Hereford	Hereford	7:00
11th	Dumas	Dumas	7:00
18th	Caprock	Pampa	7:00
25th	Canyon	Canyon	7:00
Nov. 1st	Randall	Pampa	7:00
8th	Borger	Borger	7:00

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	Caprock	Pampa	7:00
13th	Borger	Borger	5:00
20th	Canyon	Pampa	5:00
27th	Tascosa Black	Amarillo	4:30
Oct. 4th	Randall	Pampa	5:00
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18th	Palo Duro	Amarillo	4:30
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