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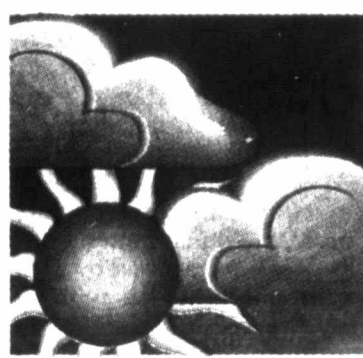
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PAMPA — Clarendon College is offering TASP testing Saturday, Aug. 22 and Friday, Aug. 28 at the Pampa branch. All students, including those in high school, must take this test before attending college courses this fall. The cost to take the test is \$29. For more information, call 665-4952.

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A Central Texas school system's software specialist is under indictment in an Internet child pornography investigation.

Melvin J. Scharpenberg was arrested Thursday on charges of possession of child pornography and possession of materials used in the production of child pornography.

U.S. Customs agents had investigated Scharpenberg, who works for the North East Independent School District, and alleged activities involving child pornography on the Internet in recent months.

Sar. Antonio police, school district investigators and customs agents sized computers, files and video tapes from Scharpenberg's residence on July 14.

The indictment against Scharpenberg, 48, was unsealed before a federal magistrate.

• **Gordon D. Bayless, Sr., 73**, draftsman for Cabot Machinery Division.
• **Deborah Anne Veale Williams, 46**, certified nurse-eryman.

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Snooks Sparks... He's the real deal

■ When his sister came along three years later, a doctor from Roaring Springs charged \$10. "Momma went right straight up," Sparks said. "She thought things were getting too high over there."

By DAVID BOWSER
Staff Writer

CLARENDON — A.M. "Snooks" Sparks has worked for some of the legendary ranches in Texas — the JA, the Matadors, the 6666s — but it was a place near Lefors where he spent the best 12 years of his life.

Sparks wasn't a stranger to ranching when he first took a job at the JA Ranch near Clarendon at the age of 16. He had grown up on the Matador Ranch, near Roaring Springs.

"My Dad worked for the Matadors for about 20 years," Sparks said.

Sparks and his younger sister were both born on the Matadors at the Dutchman Camp. The doctor drove out to the line camp in a buggy and charged seven dollars to deliver Sparks.

"He ate dinner and supper with us and charged us seven dollars for the delivery," Sparks said.

When his sister came along three years later, a doctor from Roaring Springs charged \$10.

"Momma went right straight up," Sparks said. "She thought things were getting too high over there."

It was the birth of his little sister that led to Sparks' nickname.



A.M. "Snooks" Sparks

"When my younger sister was born," Sparks said, "Dad hired a woman to help out around the house. I was about two or three years old. I'd crawl around. Sometimes I'd sneak into the kitchen. This woman couldn't think of my name so she'd say, 'Snookums, I'm going to grease your head with butter and swallow you if you don't get out of here.'"

Eventually, Sparks' father went out on his own.

"We lived on Pease River," Sparks said. "I started school down there in a little old school

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County budget calls for less tax, higher spending

Gray County home owners will be paying less in taxes if the county commission keeps its effective tax rate for 1999 even though next year's budget will be slightly higher.

With an increase in appraised values, the county commission hopes to use a tax rate of 0.4276 cents per \$100 evaluation for the 1999 budget year. This would

translate to a \$5.15 decrease in taxes on a \$50,000 home.

The 0.4276 is the effective tax rate; that is, the tax rate at which the same amount of money can be raised as the previous year using the increased appraisal values.

The Gray County Commission will vote on adopting the new tax rate during their regular session Tuesday, Sept. 1.

Thursday the commission, meeting in special session, adopted a 1999 budget of \$6,597,924, up slightly from the 1998 budget of \$6,421,779.

According to Gray County

Judge Richard Peet, the increases are primarily reflected in upgrading computers and dealing with Y2K problems of the turn of the century. Y2K refers to the Year 2000 and the problems a change in the century may cause with computer programs and computerized data. Many computers are programmed using only two digits for the day,

month and year. There is a danger in some programs that when 1999, which most computers read as 99, roll over to the year 2000, a computer may read the change as 00 and

interpret the year as 1900. Peet said the commission is appropriating the money necessary to reprogram the county's computers to prevent problems with the new millennium.

Another expense is an increase in the county's employee retirement program although, Peet said, much of that will be offset by a reduction in group health

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Judge sets trials for Sept. 9

Judge M. Kent Sims has set Sept. 9, for trials and Sept. 8, for a pretrial hearing on a motion in the case of Carlos Regalado, charged with possession of a controlled substance.

Regalado's attorney, Ken Fields, filed a pretrial motion in the case to suppress evidence.

At a docket call yesterday in Sims' 31st District Court, Assistant District Attorney Matt Martindale said the state was ready to proceed in the cases of Regalado; Glenn Jack Noack, possession of a controlled substance; Shannon Drell Harris, possession of a controlled substance; Joseph Michael Mehr, possession of a controlled substance; Angie Moreno, possession of a controlled substance; Wayne Leon Woodard, aggravated assault and Aaron Eugene Young, aggravated assault.

Trials are set to begin at 9 a.m., Sept. 9, in 31st District Court.

Pigeon shooting protested

DALLAS (AP) — Up to 25,000 captive pigeons are scheduled to be released and then shotgunned by sport shooters in an event that has angered animal rights groups, according to a published report.

Three sources with knowledge of the event told The Dallas Morning News in today's editions that the pigeon shoot is planned by the Dallas Gun Club at its secluded range off Interstate 35E near Lewisville.

The club's members have

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Yum, Yum...

(Pampa News photos by David Bowser)

Lynn and Soren Jensen of Bellvue, Wash., go through the buffet line at Cottonwood Springs Guest Ranch while ranch owner Becky Epps dishes up more campfire beans. At right, Robert and Russell Dougless, guests at the 26th annual Pampa Army Air Field Reunion, try the fare at Cottonwood Springs Guest Ranch before adjourning to the nearby pond to search for tadpoles.

Leaking rail car prompts evacuation

Concern over a leaking railroad car caused both the evacuation of some campers in Hobart Street Park and some anxious moments for local emergency personnel.

About 8 p.m. last night Police Sgt. Tommy Pickering discovered a railroad car that was releasing something from its overflow valve. He called for the fire department to investigate, not knowing what was in the car.

When fire fighters arrived on the scene they determined from placards that the car contained refrigerated liquid oxygen. They also found that the car was attached to a train and Captain Jay Henson, acting as Battalion Chief, went to the depot to warn them of the problem.

While Henson was talking to the railroad representative the train starting moving. Henson told the railroad it had to stop the train

The fire department also asked for help from the Pampa Police Department in clearing out the campers staying at the park, as a precaution.

until the danger level was determined. The fire department also asked for help from the Pampa Police Department in clearing out the campers staying at the park, as a precautionary measure.

With phone calls going to the owner of the rail car, and Burlington Northern Santa Fe simultaneously, Henson got the answer he was hoping for.

"From all sources we got the same report, that activity was normal, so we terminated the incident and let the trains pass," he said.

Outdoor fun's part of reunion activities

Alumni of the Pampa Army Air Field journeyed to Cottonwood Springs Thursday evening for a chuckwagon dinner beneath the Hackberry trees.

Pampa story teller Loralee Cooley presented the Mollie Goodnight Story while Don Hinkley of Claude provided the music.

The 26th annual reunion is scheduled to resume today with a business meeting this afternoon at the Freedom Museum and Hall of Fame Banquet tonight at the VFW Hall.

Saturday will feature a tour of the C.P. Buckler home followed by a tale of Mobeetie by Bob Izzard at the VFW Hall and a Reunion Banquet at the Senior Citizens Center. The reunion concludes Sunday morning with a Goodbye Breakfast.

The reunion brings together those who were assigned to The Pampa Army Air Field which was an advanced twin engine pilot training school that operated during World War II.

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Daily Record

Services tomorrow

BAYLESS, Gordon D., Sr. — Memorial services, 5 p.m., Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel, Pampa.
FARLEY, Daniel Harrison, Sr. — 1 p.m., First United Methodist Church, Groom.

Obituaries

GORDON D. BAYLESS, SR.
 Gordon D. Bayless, Sr., 73, of Pampa, died Sunday, Aug. 2, 1998. Memorial services will be at 5 p.m. Saturday in Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel with the Rev. John Glover, associate pastor of First Baptist Church, officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Bayless was born Nov. 8, 1924, at Springfield, Mo. He had been a Pampa resident since 1938, graduating from Pampa High School. He married Wanda LaVerne Covington on Oct. 30, 1943. He was a draftsman for Cabot Machinery Division for many years. He was a member of First Baptist Church and established Pampa Sea Scout Troop in the 1950s. He was a U.S. Navy veteran, serving during World War II. Survivors include a son, Gordon D. Bayless, Jr. of Houston; a daughter, Wanetta Hill of Pampa; and three grandchildren.

The family will be at 1936 Lea and requests memorials be to Hospice of the Panhandle, Box 2795, Pampa, TX 79066-2795.

DEBORAH ANNE VEALE WILLIAMS
GARLAND — Deborah Anne Veale Williams, 46, a former Pampa resident, died Tuesday, Aug. 18, 1998. Services were to be at 10 a.m. today in Fellowship Bible Church North in Plano. Arrangements are under the direction of Sparkman-Dickey Funeral Home of Dallas.

Mrs. Williams was born Dec. 13, 1951, at Pampa. She was a graduate of Texas Christian University, graduated from graduate school with a degree in medical illustration. She was a member of Phi Beta Kappa and was a Certified Texas Nurse and a graphic artist.

She was an active member of Fellowship Bible Church North and was a part of Elwood Mini Church, teaching Women's Ministry and Women's Bible Study. In addition, she was a member of the staff of the Graphic Arts Department and Internship of Experiencing Life Ministry. She was also a trainer and staff member of Character First and was director of Awana Sparks.

Survivors include a son, Josh Williams; her mother, Kitty Veale; and a brother, Tom Veale.

The family requests memorials be in lieu of flowers to Character First, 520 W. Main, Oklahoma City, OK 73102-2220; Faith Mountain Fellowship, Red River, N.M. 87558; or Awana Ministry, Sparks Club, 1700 Gateway Blvd., Richardson, TX 75080.

Calendar of events

PAMPA AREA LITERACY COUNCIL
 Pampa Area Literacy Council office will be open from 1 to 4 p.m. Tuesday through 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
 Efforts are under way to form a support group for parents of children with attention deficit/hyperactivity disorder or attention deficit disorder. Those interested are asked to call Connie after 6 p.m. and weekends, 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.

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.

PAMPA AREA SINGLES
 The Pampa Area Singles Dance is Sat., Aug. 22, at the M.K. Brown Auditorium from 7:30 to 11 p.m. Karaoke Country with Dee O'Kelley is the featured entertainment this month. The price is \$5 per person and everyone is being asked to bring finger foods. For more information, call 665-0219.

Emergency numbers

Ambulance.....	911
Crime Stoppers.....	669-2222
Energas.....	665-5777
Fire.....	911
Police (emergency).....	911
Police (non-emergency).....	669-5700
SPS.....	1-800-750-2520
Water.....	669-5830

Police report

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

Thursday, August 20
 Desmond Johnson, 24, 411 Naida, was arrested on a traffic warrant.
 Walter Johnson, 26, 411 Naida, was arrested on a traffic warrant.
 Mandy Johnson, 22, 411 Naida, was arrested on a traffic warrant.

Frederick Johnson, 37, 1006 E. Campbell, was arrested on charges of burglary of a building.
 Michael Farris Young, 22, 1100 E. Darby, was arrested on charges of possession of drug paraphernalia, failure to i.d. and possession of marijuana.

Sheriff's Office

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

Thursday, August 20
 Arthur Williams, 36, Amarillo, was arrested on charges of domestic violence, simple assault.

Accidents

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

Thursday, August 20
 Phillip Shane Bridges, 18, 109 N. Dwight, was arrested for driving while intoxicated and failure to leave information when his 1984 Jeep struck a 1994 Dodge pickup and trailer owned by Bobby L. Stout, 1805 N. Dwight, which was parked in the 1800 block of N. Dwight just after midnight. No injuries were reported.

Jowannah M. Shackelford, 51, Rt2 Box 21, was cited for disregarding a stop light when her 1986 Cougar struck the 1984 Ford Pickup driven by Estella S. Dalrymple, 53, 1300 Bond, at Foster and Cuyler. No injuries were reported.

Ambulance

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

Thursday, August 20
 9:03 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to a local nursing facility in Panhandle and transported one to a local nursing facility.

2:53 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 800 block of Campbell and transported one to Columbia Medical Center.

2:59 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1300 block of Garland and transported one to Columbia Medical Center.

5:42 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Columbia Medical Center and transported one to Baptist St. Anthony's in Amarillo.

8:51 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the Hobart Street Park on a haz-mat standby.

9:23 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Columbia Medical Center and transported one to Baptist St. Anthony's in Amarillo.

Fires

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

Thursday, August 20
 2:42 p.m. — Three units and seven personnel responded to the 800 block of E. Campbell on a structure fire.

2:56 p.m. — Two units and four personnel responded to the 1400 block of Garland on a medical assist.

5:34 p.m. — One unit and two personnel responded to a dumpster fire in the 1100 block of N. Russell.

8:18 p.m. — Four units and nine personnel responded to a leaking rail car at Hobart Park and Highway 60.

Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by Attebury Grain of Pampa.

Wheat.....	2.39	Chevon.....	79 3/16	dn 1 5/16
Milo.....	3.23	Coca-Cola.....	78 3/16	dn 1 1/4
Corn.....	3.71	Columbia/HCA.....	26	dn 1 3/8
Soybeans.....	4.90	Enron.....	47 9/16	dn 1 1/2
		Halliburton.....	31 3/8	dn 3/8
		IRI.....	6	NC
		KNE.....	46 13/16	dn 1 1/8
		Kerr-McGee.....	44 15/16	dn 1/2
		Limited.....	26 1/8	dn 15/16
		McDonald's.....	64 3/4	dn 1 1/16
		Mobil.....	73	dn 1 3/8
		New Atmos.....	28	dn 1/8
		NCE.....	43 1/4	dn 1/2
		Penney's.....	55 13/16	dn 1 3/8
		Phillips.....	45 5/8	dn 1 5/8
		Pioneer Nat. Res.....	17	dn 1/4
		SLB.....	54	dn 1/8
		Tenneco.....	32 5/8	dn 7/8
		Texasco.....	61	dn 1 5/16
		Ultramar.....	26 3/8	dn 1/2
		Waj-Mart.....	63 5/8	dn 1 1/8
		Williams.....	29 1/8	dn 1/16
		New York Gold.....	284.10	
		Silver.....	5.09	
		West Texas Crude.....	13.47	

The following show the prices for which these securities could have traded at the time of compilation:

Occidental.....	21 3/4	dn 3/8
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The following show the prices for which these mutual funds were bid at the time of compilation:

Magellan.....	106.01
Puritan.....	20.56

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

Amoco.....	50 13/16	dn 1
Arco.....	65 1/2	dn 1 1/2
Cabot.....	24 3/16	dn 5/16
Cabot O&G.....	13 7/8	dn 7/16

PIGEONS

imported truckloads of pigeons from Arizona and other states for the event today through Sunday, according to the newspaper.

But John Williams, who answered the phone at the club north of Dallas, told The Associated Press Thursday night he was unfamiliar with the shoot and didn't know the event had been planned.

A source told The Morning News that the shoot, one of the country's largest, will attract participants from as far away as Australia and Japan.

The New York-based Fund for Animals has campaigned for years against pigeon shoots.

"It's probably one of the most senseless spectacles of animal cruelty that I've ever seen — just for entertainment," Heidi Prescott, the fund's national director, said.

She told the newspaper that her group planned to research the Dallas-area event and take steps to stop it, including possible court action.

An employee at the gun club office told the newspaper that reporters and cameras were not allowed at the private shoot. The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department said such events do not appear to violate state law and there is no limit on the number of pigeons that can be shot.

Lawyer John Estes, a longtime Dallas gun club member, said he knows about the group's live shoots and doesn't oppose them, but prefers shooting at still targets.

"You've got a clay pigeon that's going to travel in predictable direction and speed, but when you're shooting at live birds of any kind, you don't know what the hell they're going to do," he said.

In the live shoot, pigeons are brought out in spring-loaded cages and then launched about 20 yards in the air from the shooters, according to sources. Shooters earn points based on where the birds fall.

"They shoot all day, every day, for three days," one of the sources, who declined to be identified because of possible retaliation, said. "I know. I've seen them kill 15 to 20,000 in three days."

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SNOOKS

called Lambert School. It had one room. Dad farmed and ranched down there for five or six years."

In 1928, the family moved to Midland. "That used to be cowboy's paradise," Sparks said. "There were lots of ranches. They were smaller ranches, 40 or 50 sections. There was one ranch over by Odessa that was pretty good sized. It had over a 100 sections."

In 1931, with the county in the midst of the Depression and West Texas facing severe drought, Sparks and his father left Midland and headed north.

"I quit school," Sparks said. "We were trying to educate my sister that was younger than me. That was a pretty hard time back in 1931. But the JA had written Dad a letter, wanting him to cook at the wagon. When we got the letter, he asked me if I wanted to go with him. I said, 'Yeah!'"

Cooks were the highest paid men at the wagon, Sparks said, and his Dad could make more money cooking than cowboying.

"We drove up here in a 1929 Ford coupe with a rumble seat," Sparks said. "We drove up here and went to the old Plains Corral Camp on the JA."

Buffalo Heim was living there. He had worked with Frank Sparks at the Matadors.

"We drove up to his camp there and got to talking to Buffalo and he said, 'Well, the fellow that hired you left,'" Sparks said. "Dad looked over at me and said we may have to go back home. We may not have a job."

They went on down to the headquarters where Beale Queen had taken over as wagon boss.

"Dad walked into the office and Beale and the superintendent, Clinton Henry, were in the office," Sparks said. "Dad introduced himself, and Beale said, 'Well, Mr. Sparks, we've been looking for you for a week.'"

They took Sparks Dad to the wagon. Sparks went to Hereford to stay with his older sister until the fall.

"When I went back, they give me a mount of horses, and I went to work," Sparks said. "When you went to work on a ranch like that, you cowboied. There were some good cowboys back then."

The big outfits like the Matadors or the Sixes or the JA would issue a mount of a dozen or so horses to each cowboy.

"When I went to the JA, they gave me 11 head of horses and a bronc," Sparks said. "They were all grass horses. In the winter time, you'd get your best horses, maybe not the best cutting horse or the best roping horse, but the horses that could stand a lot of riding. We'd just feed three in the winter, three and the bronc."

The first three years Sparks was at the JA, he spent the winters in a line camp. The fourth year, Rex Long, who was in charge of breaking the horses, wanted Sparks to help him.

"I helped him that year break horses," Sparks said. "We broke about 80 head that winter. It paid five dollars a head on top of your wages. I got \$30 a month."

Sparks said Long was a big fellow. "I weighed about 140 pounds," Sparks said. "Rex said, 'I'll take the big ones. You take the little ones.' I don't think a big one ever made a jump. Three or four of those little ones pitched like scalded hogs."

Sparks worked there a couple more years, then left to go to Arizona for about a year.

"I was at Superior, Ariz., working for the A1 Bar," Sparks said. "I stayed there a while, then came back to Midland."

He broke horses one winter, then went to the Sixes.

"I worked there one spring up to the Fourth of July," Sparks said. "It's too hot down there."

Sparks moved on to the Matadors.

"The Matadors down there," Sparks said, "all the mounts of horses people had, nobody could trade into them. After they quit, you couldn't take the best horses out that mount. These mounts always stayed together. I got Shorty Klebo's old mount. He was quite a horseman. That was about the best mount I ever rode. Most outfits would give you a bunch of old crow baits to start out with and you had to make your mount, but I had some excellent horses there. I had about four good cutting horses."

Young Sparks worked at the Matadors for about a year, then returned to the JA.

Sparks and his Dad had first come to the JA the same year that Montie Ritchie came to the ranch from England. Ritchie is Cornelia Adair's grandson. She and her husband, John Adair, and Col. Charles Goodnight founded the JA Ranch in Palo Duro Canyon in 1877.

"Montie and I came at the same time," Sparks said. "He was just 21 or 22. He'd just gotten out of school, and he had to work as a cowboy there before he could have anything to do with the ranch."

While Sparks has known Ritchie since they worked at the wagon together through the hot dry dusty 1930s, it's Ritchie's daughter, Nina, that Sparks has fond memories of.

"I always liked Nina," Sparks said. "When I was foreman out there, Nina had kind of taken it over. If I wanted anything, I'd go to Nina."

Just before Sparks left the JA for the final time, they were breaking colts at the bronc corrals north of the ranch. One of the colts ran into the fence and got a splinter in his shoulder.

Nina had seen it and asked Sparks about the corral.

"I told her what we needed to do was build a bronc corral up at the headquarters," he said. "We had a big old hay shed out there and plenty of room for a good bronc corral."

She said she'd think about it. When her father was off on an extended trip not long afterward, Sparks went back to Nina to see about the corral. She said okay.

She told the bookkeeper to order the panels out of Clovis. They got a bulldozer to level the area that had been the old windmill yard.

Sparks told her they needed to build a little tack house, too.

"In no time we had a Cat out there leveling the place and a carpenter running a foundation," Sparks said. "We got the whole thing put up except one corral. I was going to build another corral, but Montie came back. He put a halt on it."

But they did get the corral built. "Montie liked it all right, but he didn't want to spend anymore money on it," Sparks said. "Nina was a good girl. I really liked her. She was a pretty good hand on a horse."

As World War II broke out, Sparks joined the cavalry, but after about a year, his father became ill and Sparks was discharged so he could return home and take care of the family.

He was working around Midland when the

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Weather focus

LOCAL FORECAST

Partly sunny today with a high of 92 and winds from the southeast at 5-10 mph. There's a slight chance of a thunderstorm. Tonight, partly cloudy with a low in the mid 60s. Tomorrow, partly sunny and 95 with south winds at 5-15 mph. Yesterday's high was 90; the overnight low 67.

REGIONAL FORECAST

WEST TEXAS — Panhandle — Tonight, partly cloudy with a less than 20 percent chance of thunderstorms. Low near 65. South wind 5 to 10 mph. Saturday, partly sunny with a less than 20 percent chance of thunderstorms. High in the lower 90s. South to southwest wind 10-15 mph. Low Rolling Plains — Tonight, fair. Low in the 60s. Saturday, partly cloudy. High 88-95. **Permian Basin/Upper Trans Pecos** — Tonight, partly cloudy. A slight chance of thunderstorms upper trans pecos. Low 65-70. Saturday, partly cloudy with a chance of thunderstorms. High 85-90. **Concho Valley/Edwards Plateau** — Tonight, partly cloudy with a slight chance of showers or thunderstorms. Low

in the upper 60s. Saturday, partly cloudy with a chance of thunderstorms. High 85-90. Far West Texas — Tonight, partly cloudy. Low 65-70. Saturday, mostly sunny. High 90-95. **Guadalupe Mountains/Big Bend Area** — Tonight, partly cloudy with a slight chance of showers or thunderstorms. Lows in the 60s to mid 70s. Saturday, mostly cloudy with a chance of thunderstorms. High in the 80s to mid 90s.

SOUTH TEXAS

— Hill Country and South Central Texas — Tonight, mostly cloudy with a chance of showers or thunderstorms. Locally heavy rainfall possible. Lows in the lower 70s, upper 60s hill country. Saturday, mostly cloudy with a chance of showers or thunderstorms. Locally heavy rainfall possible. High near 90. **Southeast Texas and Upper Texas Coast** — Tonight, mostly cloudy with a chance of showers or thunderstorms. Locally heavy rainfall possible except inland north. Lows in the mid 70s inland to near 80 coast. Saturday, mostly cloudy with a chance of showers or thunderstorms. Locally heavy rainfall possible except inland north. High near 90 inland to upper 80s coast. Coastal Bend and the Rio Grande Plains — Tonight,

cloudy with a chance of showers or thunderstorms. Locally heavy rainfall possible. Lows in the mid 70s. Saturday, cloudy with showers or thunderstorms likely. Locally heavy rainfall possible. Highs near 90.

NORTH TEXAS — Tonight and Saturday, mostly cloudy with a chance of thunderstorms southern third. Partly cloudy with a slight chance of thunderstorms central third. Partly cloudy northern third. Lows 69 west to 80 north central. Highs 90 south to 97 north.

BORDER STATES

NEW MEXICO — Tonight, partly cloudy with scattered evening thunderstorms mountains and west, and a slight chance east. Lows mid 40s to 50s mountains with mostly 60s elsewhere. Saturday, mostly fair in the morning and late at night. Partly cloudy and warmer during the afternoon and evening with a few thunderstorms, mainly over the mountains and north. Highs 70s to mid 80s mountains with 80s to mid 90s elsewhere. Lows 40s and 50s mountains with mid 50s to 60s at lower elevations.

OKLAHOMA — Tonight through Saturday night, mostly clear. Lows upper 60s to lower 70s. Continued hot Saturday with highs from 97 to 103.

City briefs

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Altrusa Style Show



Mindee Stowers modeled for Waynes' Western Wear recently at the Altrusa Style Show. (Community Camera-photo)

Time for Gray-Roberts County Farm Bureau annual County Convention

The Gray-Roberts County Farm Bureau 37th Annual County Convention will be held on Thursday, Aug. 27, 1998 at 6:30 p.m. at the M.K. Brown Auditorium.

Our speaker this year will be U.S. Representative of District 13, the honorable Mac Thornberry. Thornberry will be speaking on the current legislative update. He will then take questions from the floor. Mike Darsey, Gray-Roberts County Farm Bureau member and a Cowboy Poet from McLean, will provide entertainment.

The Shriners will be serving a barbecue meal to all Farm Bureau members and their guests at no charge. Non members will be charged \$6 a plate. All proceeds will benefit the Shriners Organization.

The local Farm Bureau will also have special guests attending to talk about a few of the many beneficial programs that Farm Bureau offers. Tommy Gregory will speak about attending the Volunteer Fireman School at Texas A&M University at College Station. Three students, Brian Fuller from McLean, Shelly Murray and Jeremy Pierce, both from Lefors, will share what they did while attending the Texas Farm Bureau Citizenship seminar at San Angelo State University. Also, Grayson Lewis, and Erin Cobb, will say a few words about our Ronald Maul Memorial Scholarship and the Raymond Maddox scholarship that they received in May.

We will have many door prizes to be given away for men, women

and children who are present at the time of the drawings. All door prizes have been given by local businesses of the Gray-Roberts County area. The Farm Bureau would like to thank all of these businesses for their generous donations.

A business session for members will be held after the speakers. President James Hefley has asked if anyone has any suggestions for any local, state or national resolutions, if so write these down and bring them with you to present at the convention.

We will be voting on and electing three new directors to serve on the board of directors.

For more information of to make reservations, call 665-8451 by Aug. 21. The public is invited to attend.



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Texas Plains Girl Scout Council to hold registration

Texas Plains Girl Scout Council kicks off its 1998-99 year with a council-wide registration Saturday, Aug. 29. If a girl isn't in her home town she can register at any registration location she encounters and be assured that her registration will make it the correct leader. The cost is \$7 for national registration, and financial assistance is available.

In Pampa, girls age 5-17 can sign up from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 19 at the Pampa Girl Scout House, 720 E. Kingsmill, or at Grandview/Hopkins School. Refreshments will be served as well as information on a canoe interest group and a uniform display. In Girl Scouting, programs are based on girls interest and needs.

Parents are often curious about the need for an all girl organization. Many studies have shown that in mixed groups girls have fewer opportunities to par-

ticipate and receive less adult attention than boys. Girl Scout program, on the other hand is designed specifically for girls. Girls are encouraged to try new things, to become decision-makers and develop leadership skills. They can take risks and learn from their mistakes in a supportive environment without the social pressures to conform to stereotyped expectations.

Adult volunteers are also needed as troop leaders, service unit members, program consultants, troop committee members, sponsors, and a variety of short term projects. Even if you have only a little time to give, it will make all the difference in the life of a girl.

For more information, contact Nancy Hull at 669-1438 or Paula Goff at 669-6862. For registration centers in other towns, contact TPGSC at 356-0096 or 1-800-687-4475.

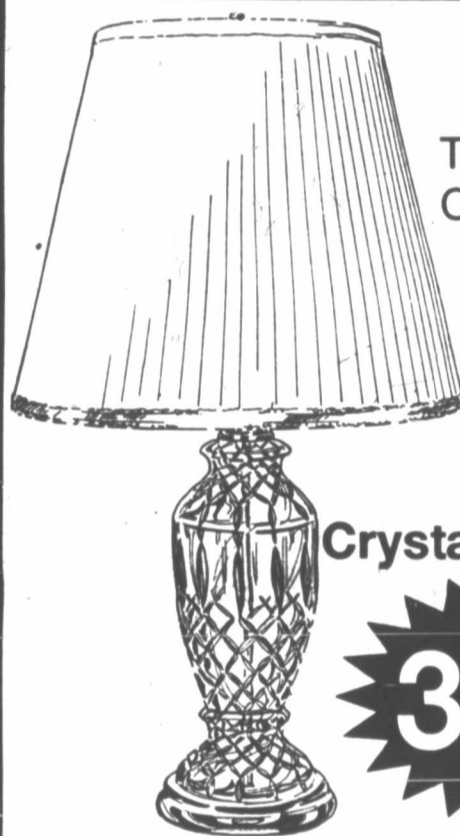
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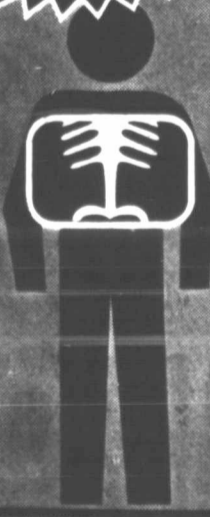
PHS Class of 1948 plans 50th reunion

The Pampa High Class of 1948 will hold its 50th reunion Sept. 18-20. Members will be attending the Pampa High-Plainview football game Friday night along with an early-bird reception that evening at the Pampa Country Club. Registration will be Saturday morning at the White Deer Land Museum with tours available for class members. Dinner will be Saturday evening at 7 p.m. at the Pampa Country Club.

The organization committee is still seeking addresses for the following members: Betty Ann Barton, Virginia (Polk) Boyd, Betty Jo Campbell, Lenora (Longwell) Cobb, Patsy Cross, Jack Irwin Davis, James M. Gray, Wayne Henderson, Bill Largent, Bill Marshall, Mary Lou Martin, Jacqueline (Riggs) Newell, Larry Rhodes, Fleurette Russell, Charles Snow, Bobbie Ruth Spears and Milton Stanford.

If anyone has information regarding these persons, please contact either Anne Campbell (669-3229) or Don Lane (665-5753).

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U.S. strikes no-nonsense response to terrorism

WASHINGTON (AP) — The thunderclap of cruise missile strikes against targets in Afghanistan and Sudan signaled what President Clinton said would be a lengthy war on terrorists who bombed two U.S. embassies in Africa and were planning still more attacks.

Calling Thursday's strike a preemptive measure, U.S. officials nevertheless warned that the military action almost certainly would provoke a terrorist response.

Some U.S. airports tightened security immediately, and the CIA told senior Clinton administration officials that the prospect of retaliation against Americans overseas was "very, very high." The State Department urged U.S. citizens traveling or residing abroad to remain alert and to exercise much greater caution than they usually would.

The FBI issued a nationwide alert to U.S. law enforcement officials to watch for signs of terrorist action.

Interrupting his vacation on Martha's Vineyard, Clinton jolted the press corps and the nation from the Monica Lewinsky scandal with the surprise announcement of the strikes, which took place at 1:30 p.m. EDT. U.S. ships in the Red and Arabian seas fired 75 to 80 Tomahawk cruise missiles at a suspected chemical weapons plant in Khartoum, Sudan, and a terrorist training complex in eastern

Afghanistan near the Pakistani border. Smoke, flame and smoldering ruins signaled the destruction of the suspected chemical plant in Sudan. Pentagon officials said it might take days to assess the damage caused by strikes in Afghanistan at the sprawling terrorist complex, which encompassed six separate targets in remote, arid countryside.

A spokesman for Afghanistan's ruling Taliban regime, Wakil Ahmed Akhuzada, said 21 people were killed and 30 injured at the Zhawar Kili Al-Badr base near Khost. Another Taliban official, Maulvi Sadre Azam, said three people were killed in strikes elsewhere in the country, but it was not immediately clear if these were related to the U.S. attacks.

Sudanese officials said at least seven workers at the alleged chemical plant were injured in the missile strikes there. Sudanese President Omar el-Bashir said his country "reserves the right to respond to the American attack using all necessary measures," Egypt's Middle East News Agency reported today.

The strikes apparently left unharmed the man in control of the targeted sites, Osama bin Laden, the Saudi multimillionaire linked over the past week to the Aug. 7 bombing of U.S. embassies in Kenya and Tanzania that killed a

dozen Americans and more than 250 Africans. Even before the dust settled, and as Clinton hurried back to Washington to address the nation from the Oval Office, the outlines of a harder U.S. line on terrorism were clear.

"We will not yield to this threat. We will meet it no matter how long it may take," Clinton said. "This will be a long, ongoing struggle."

Senior Clinton administration officials underscored the point.

"This is not simply a response to some specific act," said Army Gen. Henry Shelton, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, "but a concerted effort to defend U.S. interests."

Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, who led the push within the administration to strike, said the action demonstrates "there will be no safe haven for terrorists."

Patrick Cronin, a terrorism expert at the U.S. Institute of Peace, said the bin Laden group "was

one of the key terrorist organizations known to the Western intelligence community." While the attacks may disrupt bin Laden's plans in the short term, Cronin said, "we have to be prepared against retaliation," adding, "There could be a visceral reaction."

A few Republicans suggested Clinton — spending the night in Washington and due to return to Martha's Vineyard today — timed the strike to deflect attention from his admission Monday that for seven months he had misled the nation by denying a sexual relationship with Ms. Lewinsky.

"I'm not saying that force is not appropriate," said Sen. Dan Coats, R-Ind. "I'm questioning the timing."

The White House angrily denied that charge. Most senior Republicans, including House Speaker Newt Gingrich and Sen. Jesse Helms, praised the strikes, calling them necessary and even overdue.

As Lewinsky probe winds down, focus of Starr report not yet clear

WASHINGTON (AP) — With the testimony of President Clinton and Monica Lewinsky in hand, prosecutor Kenneth Starr has Clinton admitting sexual improprieties and conflicting accounts about why the former White House intern returned gifts from the president.

Democrats on Capitol Hill feel that if any report to Congress by Starr focuses on sex there will be no chance for impeachment proceedings against the president.

But if the independent counsel sends a strong obstruction case to Congress, Clinton will have much more difficult problems, many of the Democrats say.

Alleged gifts are an important element in Starr's probe of possible obstruction in the Paula Jones

sexual harassment lawsuit against the president. Starr has been trying to determine if Clinton suggested that Ms. Lewinsky get rid of items she received from him so that she wouldn't have to turn them over to lawyers in the Jones case, where the gifts would raise questions about their relationship.

Ms. Lewinsky testified she and Clinton agreed she should hand over the gifts to his secretary, Betty Currie, sources familiar with her account have said.

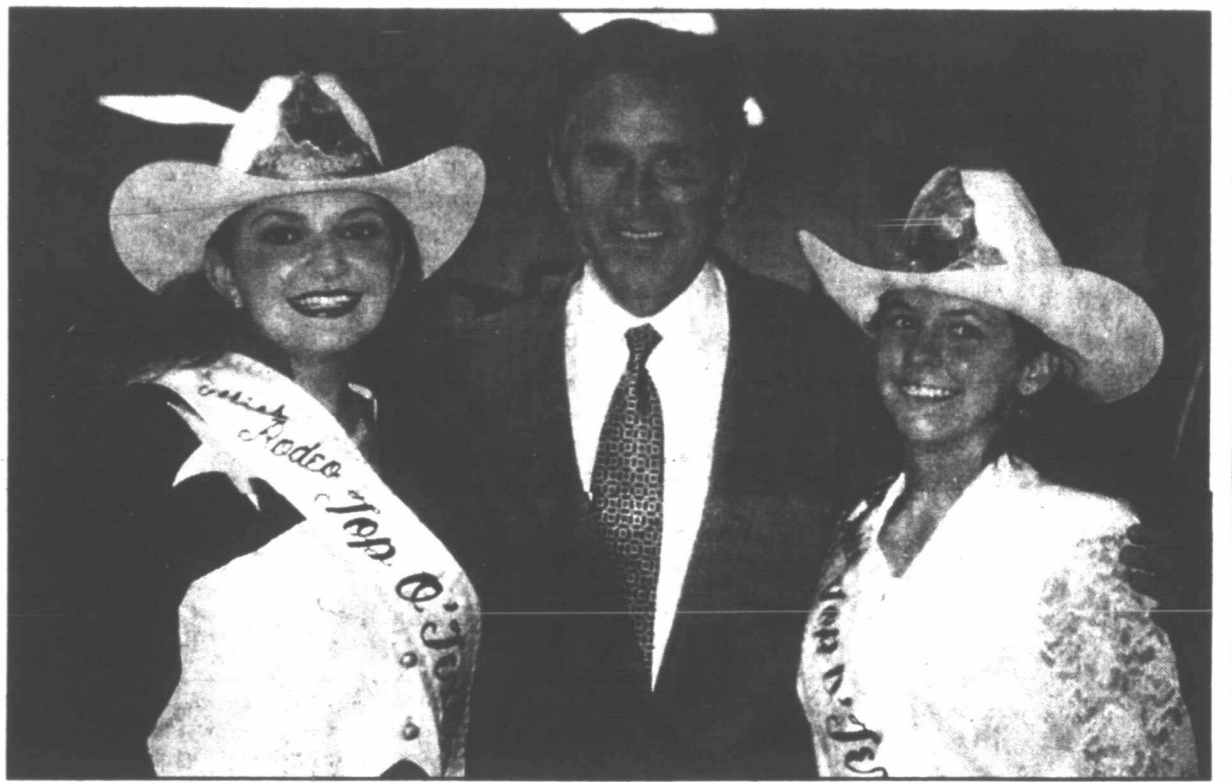
Clinton told the grand jury he never instructed Mrs. Currie to retrieve them, didn't know she had them and "didn't consider them a big deal," said a Clinton adviser, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Ms. Lewinsky also had testified that she performed oral sex on Clinton in the White House. Clinton generally acknowledged sexual improprieties, but would not answer specific questions about his physical contact with Ms. Lewinsky, the adviser said.

Clinton has maintained that his testimony in the Jones deposition, in which he denied sexual relations with her, was "legally accurate."

Stymied by his refusal to answer sexual questions, prosecutors asked Clinton a series of questions about his understanding of the definition of "sexual relations" used in the Jones case, the adviser said. Clinton said oral sex was one of the acts not covered in that definition.

Bush visit



Brandy Kempf, Miss Rodeo Top O' Texas, (left) with Gov. George W. Bush (center) and Mandy Poole, Miss Rodeo Top O' Texas Teen, (right) visit during his recent stop in Pampa.

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SNOOKS —

Clarendon draft board put him back in the army where he served in the artillery.

After war, Sparks got married at Bangs, near Brownwood, to a girl from Snyder.

"I didn't know what we were going to do for a living," he said. "The ranchers weren't paying anything."

But his new brother-in-law at Clarendon called and asked Sparks if it would embarrass him to come up to Clarendon and harvest his cotton crop.

"I told him I was ready to do anything that had any money in it," Sparks said.

By the time they'd finished with the cotton crop, a new locker plant had been built in Clarendon.

"Me and two more cowboys, Shy Johnson and Ralph Grady, went to work there," Sparks said. He worked as a butcher for about eight years.

"That wasn't my deal," he said. "That wasn't my thing."

In the meantime, his first wife died, and Sparks married a girl from Anton. They lived in Plainview where Sparks worked as a butcher.

He finally told his wife he was going back to cowboying. A friend of Sparks who lived at the Bitter Creek Ranch called one day

and said a fellow who had the Sandy Camp leased from the JA was looking for somebody.

Sparks drove over to the JA and Jiggs Mann, the foreman, was standing outside the headquarters. Mann told him that the fellow who had been looking for a man had already hired one, but the JA had an opening.

Sparks was hired to back up Mann and take over when the foreman was gone.

When Sparks went back to Plainview, he asked his wife if she would like to live on a ranch.

She said she was ready. They moved their three boys and girl to the JA.

"She loved it," Sparks said of

his late wife, Leora. "She's quite a lady."

In 1968, Mann quit, and Sparks took over as Range Boss.

"I was in charge of the cattle," he said.

But after about six years, Sparks said he felt it was time to move on. He went to work for a man that had part of the JA leased. Then he worked for Billy Cogdell for a couple of years.

Eventually, Sparks returned to the JA and spent another six years there.

"I left again and moved to town here," he said. "I had this little old house for 40 years and never had

lived in it. We lived here about 13 months."

It was then that Wayne Riggs, who had the farm and ranch store in Clarendon, said he was buying a four-section ranch near Lefors and asked if Sparks would run it for him.

Sparks went home to talk it over with his wife.

"I walked in the door and hollered, 'Momma, you ready to move?'" Sparks said. "She said, 'I'm ready to move.'"

They moved to the ranch at Lefors.

"I guess we had 12 of the best years of our lives out there,"

Sparks said. "It was a nice place. It had a nice house. It was a nice little ranch."

Health problems and the loss of his wife has slowed Sparks down a little the last couple of years, but his saddle still rests in the dining room ready to go.

"It's about the only partner I got left," he said.

He still knows horses, and he still knows cattle. He still looks up at the sky as he walks out the door, checking the weather.

"I'm 84," said Snooks Sparks, "and it's rained every year I've been here. Sometimes you think it won't, but it does."

COUNTY

care costs for 1999.

Peet said that the increased costs in computer upgrades and employee retirement could be met using the effective tax rate and still maintain a reserve of about \$1.2 million.

"That's not including the potential tobacco money yet," Peet said.

The county stands to gain funds from the state's settlement with tobacco companies in a lawsuit over health care costs. The county estimates that it may gain as much as \$423,000 from the tobacco settlement.

While most of the departmental budgets were within one percent of this year's budget, the commission made several changes Thursday including cutting indi-

gent health care, delaying hiring more jailers and cutting the expense of a pager from a Gray County Constable.

The commission cut the budget of Gray County Constable for Precinct Two by \$360, the cost of a pager, reasoning that constables for Precincts One and Four did not have pagers and all the constables had cellular phones and radios.

Commission voted to cut \$50,000 from the indigent health care budget after Peet noted money budgeted for the program in years past was normally more than what was spent.

The commissioners also reviewed the Gray County Sheriff's budget for 1999. They discussed hiring a full time maintenance person for the county jail

and the possibility of hiring three full time jailers due to recent increased jail population.

Appearing before the commission, Sheriff Don Copeland said he didn't need the three additional jailers at this time, but commissioners agreed he may not have a choice if the population of the jail continues to increase. The additional jailers may be required in order to comply with state jail standards.

The estimated cost of hiring three full time jailers would be and estimated \$75,838 a year.

Commissioners also heard from Doug Locke and Linda Towne from the Tralee Crisis Center. The commission voted to match the \$1,000 given the center by Hemphill, Carson and Roberts Counties.



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8 killed in accident

HEBBRONVILLE, Texas (AP) — A fiery head-on truck collision on a dark South Texas highway killed all eight people involved, including seven Hebbronville women and girls in an extended-cab pickup.

The accident happened about 10:45 p.m. Thursday on a remote stretch of Texas 359, 3.3 miles northeast of Hebbronville, said Tom Vinger, spokesman for the Texas Department of Public Safety.

Hebbronville is a ranching town of about 4,700 residents about 55 miles east of Laredo.

A 1982 Chevrolet truck driven by Hugo Rafael Gutierrez, 41, of Laredo blew a tire, sending the truck veering head-on into a 1997 Chevrolet extended-cab truck loaded with five women and two girls.

The collision ejected Gutierrez, killing him. The extended-cab truck, driven by Thelma Rodriguez Vasquez, 53, of Hebbronville, rolled onto its side and burned, killing all inside.

Also killed with Ms. Vasquez were Dalia Ramirez, 45; Ludim Vasquez, 32; Dina Maria Ramirez, 17; Annabel DeLeon, 36; Stephanie Ramirez, 3; and Esperanza Rios, 8, all of Hebbronville.

All were dead at the scene, Vinger said. No information was available on how they were related, he said.

The weather was clear and dry when the accident happened, Vinger said.

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Minister's musings...

It has been a long time since I have asked for a challenge that was beyond what I thought I could do physically. Some five years ago while attending a conference at one of the retreat centers, I challenged myself to climb a peak called "Glorieta Baldy." This same challenge came to me just the past few weeks at the same location and the same mountain. The total height of the peak is 10,678 feet and the climb from the base of the camp is about 3,000 feet and a round trip distance of about 10.5 miles. Not really much of a challenge for a young body but quite a summons for a person whose tallest hill to climb in the past years has been the 18 hole of Hidden Hills Golf Course.

I have done it before, but this time was different. The test, because of age and physical conditioning, did not make the climb seem as probable as it had in the past. But the dare was as real as ever before. I felt much like Caleb did when God told him that he could have any land which he desired. He chose the mountain country which has many unknowns in it. I soon discovered the unknowns of this climb were the arduous and very difficult circumstances of the extreme heat, the lack of properly preparing for the climb and the exhausting grade of the climb during the course. It came to the point where along the route I could have taken the

easier path, pulled off the trail and headed back to the comforts of the lodge. However I did not and the trip became one of the highlights of my week. For it was at the top that



By Assoc. Pastor Jerry Arrington
First Baptist Church

I was able to see for miles the beauty of God's creation in the mountains.

I use this personal illustration to relate a thought which is a promise made by God to those who want a challenge. In Joshua 14:12 Caleb made this statement: "Now therefore give me this mountain of which the Lord spoke in that day; for you heard in that day how the Anakim were there, and that the cities were great and fortified. It may be that the Lord will be with me, and I shall be able to drive them out as the Lord said." Caleb's faith in God never wavered though everyone around him doubted. His desire was greater than the obstacle in which he

facied. This did not intimidate Caleb - he asked for a challenge! For you see he was confident of God's power in his life.

I think Caleb would have been less likely to rely on God if he had taken the easy way and dwelt in the easy places. He chose a situation in which he would have to trust in God. Caleb knew his destination and inheritance for his people was on the mountain. He refused to allow the difficulty of gaining it to stop him from enjoying all that God had promised.

If you always choose the easy ways and always stay in the plains of the peaceful valley, you will never see God's power displayed to enable you to take the mountain. Just as I would never have seen the beauty of the surrounding area of the camp unless I had made the effort to hike the high mountain trail to the top of the peak. Caleb knew his inheritance from God was on the mountain. He refused to allow the difficulty of facing the dreaded enemies to stop him from enjoying all that God had promised him.

Prayer: Lord! Help me not to choose the easy ways to "survive" but give me a vision that can only be accomplished by you and your power. Show me things through my life that can only be explained by Your mighty presence. Amen.

Conquering debt seminar tonight

An issue of Money magazine reported that overdue payments on consumer debt have reached record highs. In 1996, the courts recorded over a million bankruptcies-80 percent of which could have been prevented with a \$250 per month cushion.

What an impact finances have on our lives, the church and our country!

The sad truth is that God's people are struggling financially with everyone else, in bondage to the one master that Jesus warned us the most frequently about — debt. God's intent for his people is freedom from this cruel master, freedom to achieve excellence in the work of the Kingdom. I know that you share our deep concern that we experience no less at Calvary Baptist Church.

In response to this concern, we want to take an aggressive stance and provide the education, the ministry, and the support to lead our own people from this bondage into the freedom Jesus promised. On August 21 and 22, we will be hosting the "Conquering Debt God's Way" seminar developed and directed by Bruce Ammons. God's people are hungry for practical truths about this topic and we want you to be a part of bringing it to Calvary Baptist. As a result of experiencing this life changing study, you will discover a step by step, simple, livable system on how a person can pay off every penny of their debt (including cars and mortgage) in approximately 5 years. You will see how you can live better on 100% cash (never needing or wanting credit again), how to save for a secure retirement, all with the money you already earn.

Calvary Baptist Church, 900 E. 23rd, will host "Conquering Debt God's Way" Fri., Aug. 21 from 6:15-9:30 p.m. and Sat., Aug. 22 from 8:45-noon. Call for reservation at 665-0842, workbooks will be available for \$12.

Please bring on the Snoopy gas...

Every so often someone suggests I write a political column which I politely decline to do by telling them I'd prefer to have root canal without benefit of Novocaine and Snoopy gas. My opinion of most politicians and their handlers, with few exceptions, is that they are manipulative tellers of only a limited and varnished truth. And except for the exceptions, I don't like to be around them. They make me nauseous.

Let me emphasize there are exceptions, and some of our local people are honest, hardworking people who deserve more votes than are cast for them. On the other hand, I strongly suggest you get to know well the people for whom you vote - and I don't mean simply pass the time of day at a Sunday school picnic. Pleasant is one thing, competent is another. Learn the difference.

Anyway, back to writing political columns - this week I decided to break with my usual policy and weigh in on the Clinton-Lewinsky scandal.

1. In the course of American history, probably the Chinese political campaign contribution investigation is more important than hanky panky in the White House. However, lust, temptation and weakness are universal conditions while only lawyers, politicians and lobbyists are intimately acquainted with campaign finance laws.

2. The person I feel sorry for in the Oval Office boffing business is Chelsea Clinton. Do you want people telling dirty jokes about your daddy's intimate proclivities and wondering whether your mother is a lesbian?

3. I think the Clinton's marriage is more akin to a political alliance, much as if neighboring royalty married to further the interests of both their countries. In this case two talented, ambitious people teamed up to win the White House. Perhaps there is or was affection and I'm sure they love their child but unfortunately, two horses pulling the same wagon don't always want to play together when the traces are off.

4. Times change. We've learned since 1963 that late President John F. Kennedy was treated for venereal disease more than once. We've learned late President Lyndon Johnson had quite an eye for the ladies. Were they right to cheat on their wives and betray their marriage vows? No, of course not, but how we regarded the office of the presidency was different. How the media treated the office was different - and whether up close and personal reporting on the Clinton scandals is good or bad is another topic - but the prism through which we view the world evolves. To say Clinton is getting the shaft because Kennedy and Johnson took a

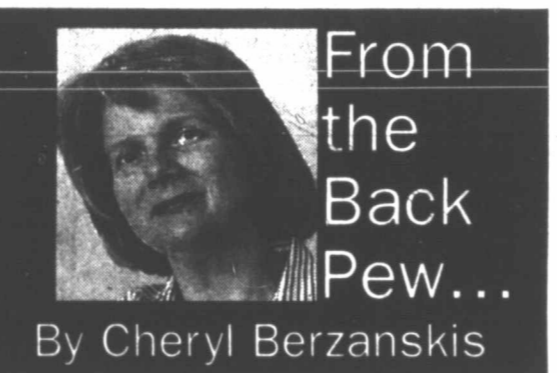
skate begs the question of presidential foibles. Did Clinton obstruct justice in order to avoid paying the price for his dangerous liaison? That is the only issue.

5. Who do pollsters call anyway? According to my informal, unscientific survey America is dismayed by the President's misleading of the public (and his wife) about his conduct. My poll shows America thinks Clinton is a lying skunk who prolonged the national embarrassment hoping to save his own hide.

However, polling results reflect our national ambiguity over public vs. private lives and methods vs. results in the political arena. It is no doubt we have pollsters learning Americans approve of the job Clinton is doing but think he is less than truthful. There is no coherent definition of leadership.

6. "He said"/"She said" is the age old conflict in sexual assault, harassment and abuse cases. Without witnesses it comes down to circumstantial evidence and sometimes simply who is more believable. Lewinsky's dress submitted for DNA testing might tell all. It also might not.

7. What on earth do parents tell



From the Back Pew...
By Cheryl Berzanskis

their small children about this scandal?

"Mommy, Mommy, what does it mean, 'Earn your presidential knee pads? Do you get those with your Rollerblades?'"

8. Secret Service agents are cops. Well trained, highly placed and ultra professional but law enforcement officers just the same. Crime is to be reported, not hidden.

Okay, that's my take on Monica and Bill. Bring on the Novocaine and Snoopy gas.

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dress reflects that, so be it," said Cris Cannon, pastor at Creevewood Baptist Church in Nashville. "But if they need to spend more time getting spiritually ready, that's fine."

Cannon says his congregants wear everything from corporate to casual, and he likes it that way.

"The church I used to serve was very much dress-conscious," Cannon said. "When you walked in, everybody kind of looked you over and the people who were wearing a suit were seen in a better light than others."

That kept people away, Cannon said.

While a few religions do specify dress codes, most of the major Christian denominations leave attire up to individuals and churches. Some are in a quandary. They want to attract new members — and keep the ones they have — but don't want to alienate worshippers seeking traditional decorum.

"One of the big issues going on right now in these mainline churches is style of worship and what style of dress should go with it," said John Hilley, pastor at Nashville's Downtown Presbyterian Church.

About 30 percent of Americans prefer church services that are informal and contemporary, according to a survey by the Precept Group, Inc., a California firm that studies church demographics. That compared with 28.2 percent favoring informal-traditional and 21.5 percent formal-traditional. Others expressed no preference in the poll, which reported a margin of error of 1 percent.

Richard Wood, dean of the Yale Divinity School, said he has noticed a national trend toward informal church attire.

Youthquake '98 starts Sunday

Chad Benson, Youth Pastor of Harvest Time Church in Midland, Texas, will be the special guest speaker at Pampa's Youthquake '98. Benson is a dynamic speaker! He has an exciting youth ministry in the Midland area. Chad's ministry delivers a powerful message which inspires youth to live an overcoming life in a day when the hard hitting pressures on them are greater than ever.

Youthquake is a city-wide youth revival sponsored by Reeborn Ministries of Briarwood Church. Services are scheduled Sunday evening at 6 p.m.

and Monday through Wednesday at 7 p.m. All young people, as well as adults, are invited to attend. The services will be held at Briarwood Church, 1800 W. Harvester in Pampa.

Steve "Watty" Watson, Youth Pastor at Briarwood, says, "I believe the youth of Pampa are ready for a life-changing experience and I believe Youthquake '98 can be the vehicle that God uses."

For further information call Briarwood Church 665-7201.

'Sunday-go-to-meetin' clothes have lost their starch

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — It's Sunday morning. Across the country, people are rolling out of bed, pulling on jeans to wear to church.

The very thought makes the Rev. Joseph Breen cringe. He's glad people are going to church. But jeans? He wishes they'd spruce up a little more.

"It's not like going to the grocery store or to a ballgame or shopping," said Breen, who recently asked his congregation at St. Edward Catholic Church in Nashville to smarten up their Sunday dress. "When you go out and meet a very important person, we all dress up. It's a sign of respect and admiration."

Breen hasn't seen a dramatic change in attire since he made the request. But two couples who turned up in shorts made a point of explaining. They were headed straight to a picnic. And a member of another church who heard about Breen's declaration wrote him a thank-you letter.

"One hour a week we should look our best and be our best for

the Lord," Breen said. Other pastors don't believe dress is so important.

"I would hope that a person

would spend time getting themselves personally and spiritually ready for worship, and if their

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Woman Learns Awful Truth: Good Friend Is Bad Roommate

DEAR ABBY: Is there a checklist of things to look for in a roommate? I need one.

After years of living alone, I was forced by economics and safety concerns to share a house with a friend of two years' standing. A kindergarten teacher and is devoted to her friends, "Donna" appeared to be the perfect roommate. That is, until I moved in.

Donna is a slob! She never washes a dish, empties a wastebasket or takes out the garbage. She leaves her shoes in the living room, uses the dining room table as her desk — littered with paper, bills, hairbrush — and has converted the den into her personal parlor. It's littered with dirty dishes and open food containers. We have one bath with a shower. Dirty clothes and wet towels cover the floor or are left in the shower.

In previous visits to her home, I'd always found it to be very neat. It turns out that her former roommate — possibly as disgusted as I've become — took it upon herself to clean up after Donna. I have neither the time nor the patience.

I'm looking for a new place to live. How can I protect myself from another roommate nightmare?

DONNA'S SOON-TO-BE-EX-ROOMMATE, NEW ORLEANS

DEAR SOON-TO-BE-EX-ROOMMATE: Make it clear during the interview process that you're a "neat-nik" who is looking for a like-minded roommate. If you're placing an ad, mention



Abigail Van Buren

SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

it prominently in the ad. If you're using a search service, list neatness among your highest priorities.

If all else fails, try to locate Donna's ex-roommate. The two of you would be ideal for each other.

DEAR ABBY: I have an 8-year-old son who has shown me the power of television.

Recently on a "Simpsons" cartoon, there was a segment about eating meat. In this segment, Lisa had a dream about a lamb who said to her, "Don't eat me, Lisa." Since that day, my son has not touched meat. I have tried everything I can think of. He tried to eat a lunch-meat sandwich one day, but he gagged on it. He said he keeps thinking about that show.

My son is a picky eater anyway and it's hard to please him. He eats lots of veggies, but it's hard to get him to eat enough fruit and proteins to be well nourished. (He loved meat before that show.)

Abby, what can I do to ensure that my son eats properly under

these circumstances?
LINDA IN HOWELL, MICH.

DEAR LINDA: Where there's a will, there's a way. Talk to your pediatrician about a vegetarian diet that will supply all of your son's nutritional needs, and then visit your bookstore. There are many vegetarian cookbooks on the market, many written with children's tastes in mind.

DEAR ABBY: My girlfriend expects me to wear a condom because she's scared of getting pregnant. Obviously, she's putting her own welfare before my sexual satisfaction. What kind of girlfriend does that?

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DEAR AUSSIE BOB: A smart one!

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Horoscope

SUNDAY, AUG. 23, 1998

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)

Work occupies your mind, even though it's Sunday. Write down the ideas that pop into your head; they'll be valuable in the coming week. Make and keep fitness resolutions. Get in touch with a former co-worker who's been on your mind lately. Tonight: A healthy dinner.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

Romance is in the air, and a difference of opinion is easily resolved between you and someone else. Use your creativity to deepen your relationship with a child. Fun is everywhere you go and any place you look for it. Tonight: Don't overindulge too much!

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

Home is where you'll want to be. If you feel tired, take a catnap; you're allowed! Slow down your pace. A family member misses you; make a call and catch up on news. Mentally prepare for an active work week ahead. Tonight: Early to bed.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

Wherever you are, someone wants to have a chat with you. Whether you're asked for directions or complimented on what you're

wearing, others gravitate toward you. Finances begin to untangle after weeks of ups and downs. Rebuild security. Tonight: On the phone!

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

Balance your budget if you want to make the most of opportunities that are around the corner. See how you can create a stash of extra money for a special need. Take time today to count your blessings. You have much to be thankful for! Tonight: Dance the night away.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

You're the star of the show, with a presence that is at once mysterious and approachable. Reach out to others, even if initially you feel awkward. Hesitation dissolves under the electric aspects of the day. Think about future plans. Tonight: A partner seeks your attention.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

Sleep in if you can; there isn't anything so pressing that it should interrupt you. Make peace and quiet a priority. You need the rest. A friend's message delights you, and you look forward to making plans for the coming week. Tonight: Order in.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

Dreams can come true if you want them to badly enough. Don't discount anything as impossible. Bounce your desires and ideas off a friend, who will applaud your unique vision. Tonight: Pursue that romantic possibility!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

You're in the limelight, whether or not you want to be. Someone who is at a distance desperately needs

your expertise or assistance. You've put this person off long enough! Give of your time early in the day, then you can do what you want later. Tonight: Be gone!

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Distant desires and big dreams fill your head. It's not like you to give in to whim, but it certainly becomes you. Let the explorer in you have free rein. You won't regret it! A joint financial matter is a heartbeat away from paying off. Tonight: Get organized.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

The mystical side of life especially appeals to you; research and in-depth investigation reveal interesting findings. What you learn will help you increase your income over the next few weeks. A partner has a change of heart. Closeness builds. Tonight: Togetherness reigns.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

You attract love, as partners or potential paramours state their intentions. Just venturing out your front door guarantees a new friend or at least a warm reception. Seek expert advice on a legal matter, and you'll be a step closer to conquering it. Tonight: Draw the drapes.

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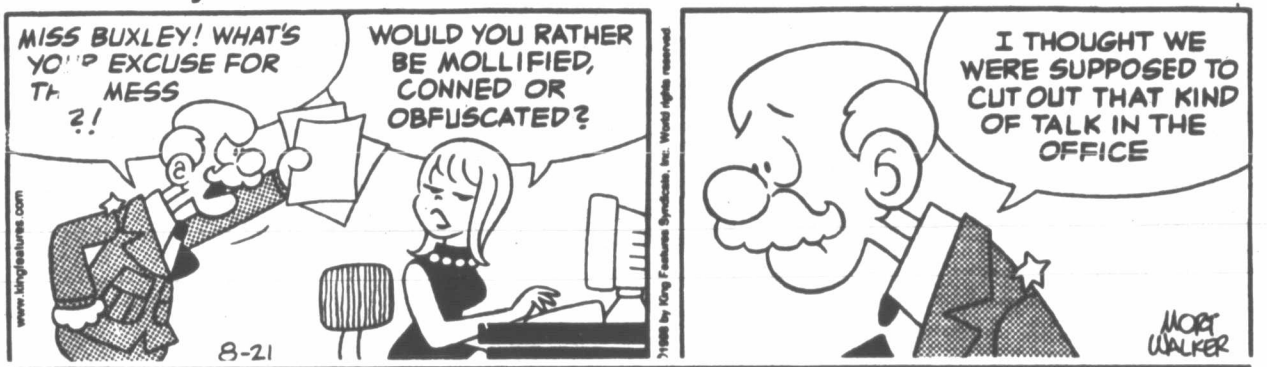
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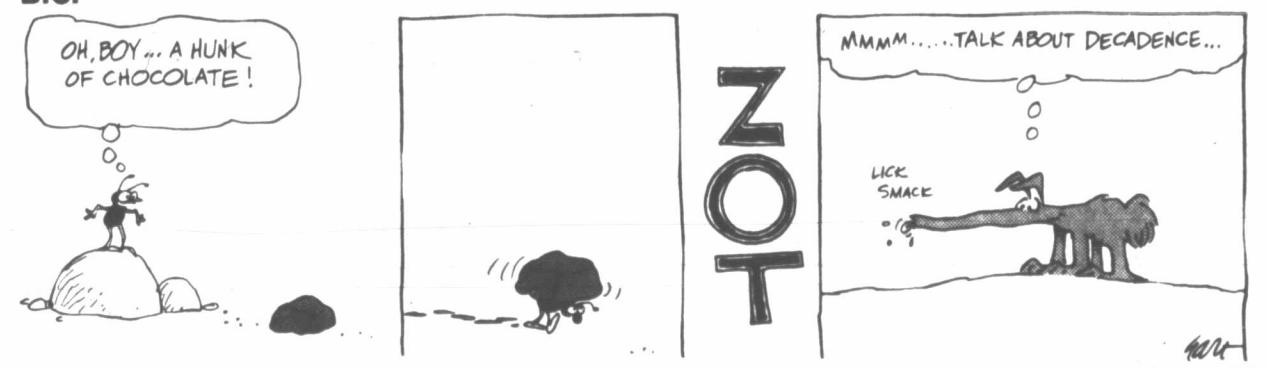
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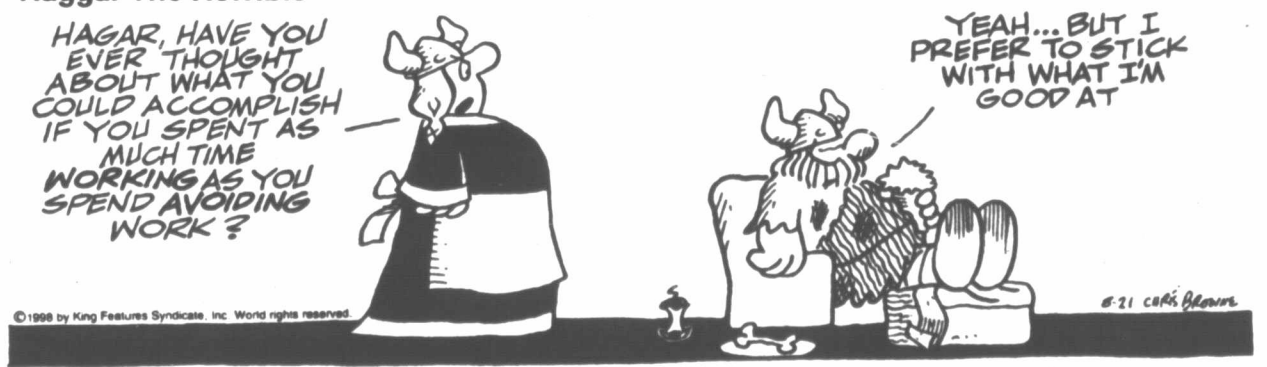
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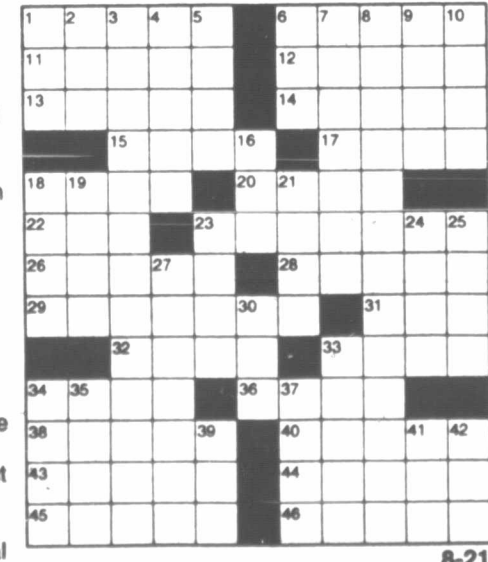
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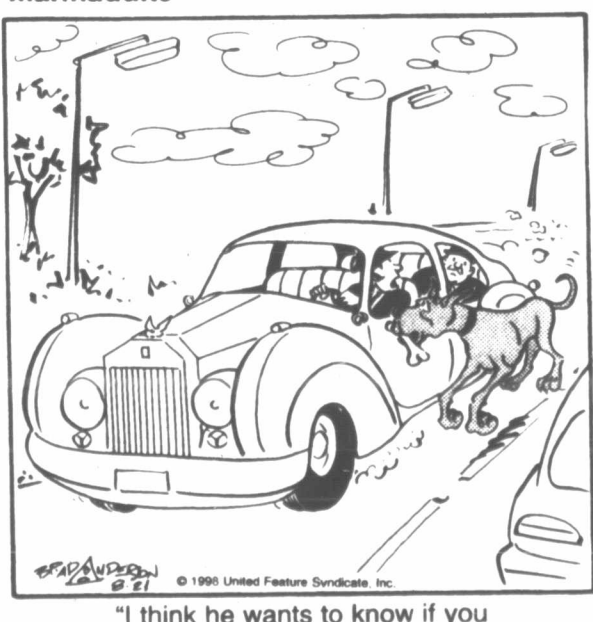
- 1 Print measures
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- 18 Howls
- 20 Actress Moore
- 22 Circle piece
- 23 Chooses
- 26 Plume source
- 28 British Columbia neighbor
- 29 Tour workers
- 31 Kitten call
- 32 Hanger makeup
- 33 Store sign
- 34 Remove
- 36 Branch
- 38 Steer clear of
- 40 Stagers
- 43 Word of Gallic gratitude
- 44 Cold home
- 45 Finished
- 46 Permanent place

DOWN

- 2 "Rose — rose ..."
- 3 Model who appeared in "Unzipped"
- 4 Tijuana ta-ta
- 5 Transmit
- 6 Polite
- 7 Blushing, perhaps
- 8 Model who appeared in "Unzipped"
- 9 Miami's county
- 10 Look over
- 16 Keats creation
- 18 Boxer swimmer
- 19 Jason's ship
- 21 Yalies
- 23 Calaboose
- 24 Friend's pronoun
- 25 Planted
- 27 Building
- 30 Snaky
- 33 Last letter
- 34 Titled woman
- 35 Pizzeria need
- 37 Pupil's place
- 39 Committed
- 41 Card game
- 42 Heir, often



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SPORTS

Notebook

BASEBALL

NEW YORK (AP) — Mark McGwire became the first player in history to hit 50 home runs in three consecutive seasons Thursday night with a towering shot in the seventh inning of the St. Louis Cardinals' 2-0 win over the New York Mets in the first game of doubleheader.

After Brian Jordan led off the seventh with a homer off Willie Blair (4-16), McGwire sent a 2-1 pitch over the wall in left-center. McGwire, who hit Nos. 48 and 49 on Wednesday in Chicago, pumped his right fist above his head as he rounded first base as the large Shea Stadium crowd gave him a standing ovation.

Only Babe Ruth (1920-21 and 1927-28) and McGwire had hit 50 or more homers in back-to-back seasons before McGwire's 369-foot shot. McGwire hit 52 homers in 1996 for Oakland and 58 for the Athletics and Cardinals last year.

Donovan Osborne (3-2) shut out the Mets on four hits in eight innings. Former Met Juan Acevedo pitched the ninth for his third save.

SOCCER

PAMPA — The Pampa Soccer Association held fall sign-ups for ages 4-18 this past weekend. There are still age groups with openings. Go by T-Shirts & More (111 W. Kingsmill) to sign up.

Registration fee is \$30 and includes uniforms. New players must bring a birth certificate and they must be at least four years old on or before July 31, 1998.

There will be a Coaches Clinic Aug. 25-27. Coaches attending the four-hour clinic will be eligible to receive a G license and there is no fee to attend.

If you have any questions, call 669-1273.

FOOTBALL

IRVING, Texas (AP) — The season hasn't even started yet, but the Cowboys realize they need help.

That's why they're calling back their special teams starters — including Billy Davis, who is battling Ernie Mills for the No. 2 receiver position — for Saturday's exhibition game against the St. Louis Rams.

Davis, who hopes to start opposite Michael Irvin this season, is none too thrilled about the assignment.

"It is definitely going to set me back as far as competing with Ernie for the second wide receiver position," Davis told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram in Thursday's edition. "I really don't know what it means. I've come to a point of where I'm tired of figuring it out, of asking where I stand on the field."

VOLLEYBALL

CANYON — The defending National Champion West Texas A&M University volleyball team will scrimmage players from the 1990 and 1991 National Champion volleyball teams on Sunday, starting at 2 p.m. in "The Box."

Admission is free and concessions will be available.

SOFTBALL

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — Murrayhill of Beaverton got a pair of three-run innings Thursday night to defeat Bacalod City of the Philippines, 8-3, and earn a berth in the finals of the Little League Softball World Series championship for girls 11 and 12 years old.

The Oregon team will play the unbeaten, defending champions from Waco, Texas, in a midday game Saturday in the double-elimination tournament.

Murrayhill, now 3-1 in the tournament, must win twice Saturday to claim the championship.

Rangers snap mini-slump against Indians

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Going into a two-game series with Cleveland, the usually potent Texas Rangers were in a mini-slump, hitting .214 and scoring eight runs in three games.

Rangers bats usually don't stay silent for long, however, and the Rangers broke out Thursday night against the Indians.

Texas hit four homers, including a three-run pinch-hit homer by Roberto Kelly and a solo shot from Juan Gonzalez, in an 8-2 victory.

"This was good for our ball club," Rangers manager Johnny Oates said. "It was nice to have a game where we weren't one pitch away from being tied up."

Starter Todd Stottlemyre was the beneficiary of the long-ball outburst, winning for the third time in his four starts for the Rangers.

"Right now on the days that I pitch, the club is playing great," said Stottlemyre, acquired in a trade with the St. Louis Cardinals on July 31. "They're scoring a lot of runs."

Gonzalez became Texas' career hit leader when he connected for his 35th home run. Ivan Rodriguez broke a long drought without a homer, hitting a two-run shot, and Rusty Greer had a solo shot.

"It was a big game for us to get some breathing room with all the home runs," Greer said.

Since Stottlemyre joined the Rangers, they've scored 43 runs in his starts. That explains Stottlemyre's three wins despite a 6.00 ERA for the Rangers.

"I've been struggling a little with my stuff," Stottlemyre said. "The only thing you can do is keep battling. Eventually I'll come out of it."

Stottlemyre allowed two runs in 5 1-3 innings. He worked around 10 hits and three walks as the Indians stranded 11 runners.

"He won his previous start 16-5 over the New York Yankees."

"We got base hits, but not with men on base," Indians manager Mike Hargrove said. "We didn't hit at the right time. Since the All-Star break, we haven't gotten a big hit. It just isn't happening for us."

Danny Patterson pitched 2 2-3 innings for his second save.

Stottlemyre blanked the Indians for the first four innings, gave up an RBI double to Brian Giles in the fifth and left with the bases loaded and one out in the sixth.

The Indians filled the bases on singles by David Justice, Sandy Alomar and Omar Vizquel, and cut the deficit to 3-2 when Kenny Lofton grounded out.

Gonzalez gave the Rangers a 1-0 lead in the second inning with his homer off Dave Burba (10-9). It was Gonzalez's 1,181st career hit, pushing him past Jim Sundberg for the most in Rangers' history.

With the homer, Gonzalez tied Sammy Sosa of the Chicago Cubs for the major league RBIs lead at 121.

"We're playing good baseball," Gonzalez said. "Everything — the pitching, the hitting and defense — is coming together for us."

Texas led 3-2 in the seventh when Kelly hit a full-count pitch from reliever Tom Martin over the center-field wall for the first pinch-hit homer of his career.

"The whole dugout was relieved," Oates said of Kelly's homer, his fourth in his last three games. "It gave us some breathing room."

Rodriguez hit his 11th home run — and first since May 23 — in the eighth.

Greer's 11th homer leading off the fourth and Todd Zeile's sacrifice fly later in the inning gave the Rangers a 3-0 lead.

Notes: Rangers right-hander Roger Pavlik, out since April 23 with a broken finger on his pitching hand, will have surgery a week from Friday to repair a partial tear of his right rotator cuff.

Pavlik injured the rotator cuff while throwing in the outfield and is out for the season. ... The homer was Gonzalez's 28th against Cleveland, his most against any team. He has 27 against Kansas City. ... The Indians finished the season series 4-7 against the Rangers, a possible playoff opponent. ... The Rangers took the season series from the Indians for the third straight year.

Both Pampa, Borger look good in year's opening scrimmage

AMARILLO — Head coach Dennis Cavalier felt his Pampa Harvesters turned in an impressive performance in a scrimmage Thursday night against the Borger Bulldogs.

"I was very encouraged by what I saw. I feel like we can be a very competitive football team and one that could be exceptional. I'm all smiles today," Cavalier said.

Cavalier felt like the Harvesters jelled as a team in the season's first scrimmage, which was held on the new synthetic grass turf at Dick Bivins Stadium.

"It's not that we did all things right, but I felt there was some team chemistry and a drive to excel," Cavalier said.

Cavalier was also impressed with Borger, which is expected to make a strong run for the outright district championship.

"Borger is awesome. They've got some very good athletes. They've got a good tailback and good receivers. Their defense was ranked second in district last year and they're good again," Cavalier said.

Borger head coach Marty McClintock felt like both teams accomplished a lot in last night's scrimmage.

"Overall, it was real good for both teams," McClintock said. "Both teams were very competitive, as it seems Pampa and Borger always are."

McClintock said it was hard to single out any individual, but he thought quarterback Justin Roark and middle linebacker Jared White looked good for the Harvesters.

"It looked like everyone was doing their job. The Harvesters could have a great football team. I can't say enough about the job Coach Cavalier does," he said.

Both teams went away from the scrimmage almost injury-free.

Strong safety Joel Barker sustained a sprained ankle for the Harvesters.

"I saw a few guys with ice on their elbows and legs, but we came through pretty much unscathed," Cavalier said.

The two teams meet during the season Nov. 7 in Borger. It will be the final game of the regular season.

Autograph session



(Special photo)

Gymnastics of Pampa team members (top left, clockwise) Amy Youree, Amy Freeman, Alyssa Bromwell and Ashlee Ferguson get autographs from Ivan Uvankoff, Belarusian gymnast and 1998 Goodwill Games champion. The gymnasts, along with five teammates, met Uvankoff while participating in the Bart Conner Gymnastics Camp in Norman, OKla.

Tiger seniors



(Pampa News photo)

Sy Brown (left) and Mark Bolton are the lone seniors on this year's McLean team. The Tigers will be trying to improve on their 5-5 record in 1997. The Tigers have a new head coach in James Burch, who last coached at Lake Arthur, New Mexico where he won a six-man state championship. McLean's district opener is Oct. 2 against Groom at Groom.

Colorado has learned painful lessons from lowly 5-6 season

BOULDER, Colo. (AP) — The 1997 season spawned a series of lessons, most of them painful, for Rick Neuheisel and his Colorado Buffaloes.

Perhaps the biggest lesson was: Don't believe your press clippings.

Touted as the No. 1 team in the country in a preseason poll by one national publication, the Buffaloes were embarrassed by Michigan in their second game, had their confidence shattered and never recovered.

"We were beaten pretty badly on national television," wide receiver Darrin Chiaverini said. "That kind of set the tone for us, and we could never get back on track."

They finished 5-6, their first losing season since 1984. They had been 10-2 in each of their first two seasons under Neuheisel.

Looking back, Neuheisel wishes he had done several things differently.

"I made a mistake a year ago," he said. "It was my third year, so I had a group of seniors that (former coach) Bill McCartney had recruited, and then everybody else that I had recruited."

"I kind of penciled those kids (seniors) in as starters. My reasoning was, I wanted to make sure there was no dissension. I didn't want Bill's seniors thinking I was favoring guys I had recruited. We would have been a better team had I opened up every job to competition. That's what we've done this year."

"Another lesson is that you can't inherit success. You have to earn it every year."

Finally, Neuheisel said, there was one more lesson to be learned.

"When you find Rogaine in a player's locker," he said, "make sure you check his eligibility immediately."

The Buffs forfeited all five of their wins when an internal investigation disclosed that fullback-linebacker Darren Fisk should have been ineligible. NCAA rules allow an athlete four seasons of competition over five years, but Fisk, a transfer, had been granted both a medical redshirt and a traditional redshirt, so his 1997 season was his sixth.

Colorado continues to list a 5-6 record, however, since the NCAA recognizes all results on the field for its record-keeping purposes.

Outside of those learned lessons, Neuheisel wants his players to put 1997 behind them.

"I don't want the specter of last year to be like an albatross hanging around any of this year's players," he said. "I don't want them to feel like they have to atone for 1997. We're going to use this year as a springboard in the sense that we've fixed the things that we felt needed fixing. Other than that, we're going to quickly forget about last year and focus on the challenges that lie ahead."

"How we'll finish, who knows? But I do know our kids will play hard, and they're excited about bringing back some level of respect for the Colorado program."

The Buffs, who traditionally have one of the nation's better recruiting classes, are not without talent. However, it's mostly young

talent; 41 of 83 scholarship players are either incoming freshmen or redshirt freshmen.

Most will be asked to play reserve roles behind a solid nucleus of starters. The Buffs are particularly strong at defensive end, cornerback, tailback and wide receiver, and such players as Chiaverini, cornerback-kick returner Ben Kelly, linebacker Hannibal Navies and offensive tackle Ryan Johanningmeier have received preseason honors.

Neuheisel predicted that defensive end Fred Jones "is ready to become much like the Florida State defensive ends that we've all admired over the last several years. He will wreak his share of havoc in the backfield as a pass-rusher."

In Kelly, Damen Wheeler and Marcus Washington, Colorado cornerbacks "will be as good as anybody's in the country," Neuheisel said.

Colorado lacks depth at linebacker and is inexperienced at safety. The Buffs also figure to miss stalwarts Ryan Olson and Viliami Maumau at defensive tackle.

Although their passing game declined in effectiveness last season, the Buffs again led the Big 12 at 232 yards a game. Seeking to replace the graduated John Hessler at quarterback are three candidates: junior Jeremy Weisinger, sophomore Adam Bledsoe and junior-college transfer Mike Moschetti.

"I want to make a decision on a starter relatively early so we can keep that from being a distraction," Neuheisel said.

Brewers slip by Astros in 10-inning contest

MILWAUKEE (AP) — After Houston swept a four-game series from Milwaukee last week, Brewers manager Phil Garner was hoping for some payback.

He got it with a 6-5, 10-inning victory over the Astros on Thursday.

"This is one piece of the payback," Garner said, "but we owe them some more."

Fernando Vina also got redemption after hitting a line drive to center field that turned into a double play when Richard Hidalgo caught the ball and threw out Geoff Jenkins tagging from third with Houston leading 5-4 in the eighth inning.

In the 10th, Vina lifted a single over drawn-in right fielder Derek Bell for the game-winning hit.

"He threw me a change-up and I was able to get the good part of the bat on hit," said Vina, whose four-hit performance is his second in three games.

Mike Magnante (4-6) was summoned from the bullpen to start the 10th despite a slight case of the flu.

"He was the last guy we had left that had any experience," Houston manager Larry Dierker said. "It was Magnante against the world."

Magnante hit Jenkins with his first pitch. Darrin Jackson then failed at his first bunt attempt, so he decided to decoy Houston and swing away. The result was a double to left field to set up Vina's heroics.

"(First baseman Jeff) Bagwell is one of the best infielders when it comes to changing bunts," Jackson said. "I don't bunt that well anyway."

"We work on that," Garner said. "Houston is a very aggressive club. They charge the bunts hard, so those guys (infielders) are moving all over the place. Jackson had the freedom to do that."

Bob Wickman (6-6) pitched the 10th for the win as the Brewers improved to 9-2 in extra innings.

The Brewers took advantage of reliever Billy Wagner's error to score the tying run in the ninth.

Marquis Grissom led off with a grounder to Bagwell, but his throw was dropped by Wagner as he covered the bag.

"I make that play and it's a whole different ballgame," Wagner said.

Mark Loretta sacrificed and Marc Newfield hit a two-out double that tied it. It was Wagner's third blown save in 27 chances.

"I was mainly looking for a fastball," Newfield said. "That's his out pitch. Looking for anything else would be stupid. But he left a hanging slider up a little bit."

It was the opposite of what Dierker was looking for.

"We figured if he threw a slider down in the dirt, it'd be all over," he said.

Bagwell hit his 27th homer and singled twice for Houston. The Astros scored all of their runs with two outs.

Bagwell hit a solo home run in the seventh that finished Brewers starter Scott Karl. Reliever Eric Plunk gave up an RBI single to Hidalgo that made it 5-2.

Milwaukee scored twice in the bottom of the seventh. Bobby Hughes and Vina singled off Astros starter Mike Hampton, who was then relieved by Scott Elarton, who struck out Grissom before Loretta hit a two-run double.

Sean Berry hit a solo home run for Houston in the second. Hampton walked and scored on Bell's double with two outs in the third. Bagwell's single put Houston ahead 3-0.

Karl reached on Hampton's throwing error in the fifth and scored on a sacrifice fly by Grissom. Milwaukee closed to 3-2 in the sixth when Jeremy Burnitz doubled and later scored on Jenkins' double-play grounder.

laugh to relax them was moved to tears.

"They sent me the tape," Williams said. "I had to brush a tear from my eye, too. I didn't know they had so much of an effect on Doak."

That is what has bonded them, what they share. The player who 50 years ago was every mother's choice for her son's role model saw through another generation's dreadlocks, tattoos and pierced body parts to find much in common.

Just as Williams has written Walker now, Walker wrote notes to fans he had somehow touched or magazine editors he believed treated him kindly.

Both are dramatically shy, uncomfortable with the praise their talents draw. Both even earn unrelenting grief from teammates about their inexplicably high-pitched voices. Each seemed to appreciate the other's ability to look beyond appearances to the basic kindness.

"Ricky writes his thoughts and thoughts between the two of them," Skeeter Walker said.

As far as Williams was concerned a year ago, Doak Walker was just the name of an award. But before Williams would accept the honor last season as the nation's top running back, he decided to learn about the player for whom the trophy was named. He read first about the former SMU and Detroit Lions star's place in football history as the first post-World War II sports hero, perhaps the last before television made players legends.

But when reading about Walker's personal style and values, Williams recognized that what mattered most to him, he and Walker shared. And when they met, first in Orlando, Fla., for one awards ceremony and then in Dallas for the Walker Award, they clicked.

"They just became very good friends," Skeeter Walker said, as if the mix of Walker, 72, and Williams, 21, were just that simple. "They're very, very good friends. That's why Ricky's letters mean so much to Doak."

When asked how Walker reacts to the letters, Skeeter would rather not say. But the only interview Walker has agreed to since the accident was for a cable-television piece about Williams. And when he was asked about the letters, a man who makes hospital visitors

Scoreboard

BASEBALL				
American League				
At A Glance				
By The Associated Press				
All Times EDT				
East Division				
New York	92	32	.742	—
Boston	74	51	.592	18 1/2
Baltimore	68	59	.535	25 1/2
Toronto	65	62	.512	28 1/2
Tampa Bay	49	76	.392	43 1/2
Central Division				
Cleveland	89	57	.548	—
Chicago	56	69	.448	12 1/2
Minnesota	56	70	.444	13
Kansas City	56	71	.441	13 1/2
Detroit	49	76	.392	19 1/2
West Division				
Anaheim	99	58	.543	—
Texas	67	59	.532	1 1/2
Oakland	57	70	.449	12
Seattle	56	69	.448	12
Wednesday's Games				
Oakland 6, Chicago White Sox 0				
Baltimore 6, Tampa Bay 4				
Boston 11, Kansas City 1				
Texas 3, Cleveland 1				
Minnesota 5, N.Y. Yankees 3				
Anaheim 2, Detroit 0				
Toronto 16, Seattle 2				
Thursday's Games				
Kansas City 8, Boston 2				
Tampa Bay 4, Baltimore 2				
Minnesota 9, N.Y. Yankees 4				
Texas 8, Cleveland 2				
Oakland 3, Chicago White Sox 1				
Anaheim 13, Detroit 2				
Toronto 7, Seattle 0				
Friday's Games				
Kansas City (Belcher 11-10) at Tampa Bay (Santana 4-2), 7:05 p.m.				
Cleveland (Wright 10-7) at Baltimore (Kamieniecki 2-5), 7:35 p.m.				
Boston (Avery 8-5) at Minnesota (Milton 7-9), 8:05 p.m.				
N.Y. Yankees (Wells 15-2) at Texas (Loaiza 1-2), 8:35 p.m.				
Toronto (Carpenter 8-6) at Anaheim (Juden 0-1), 10:05 p.m.				
Chicago White Sox (Baldwin 7-5) at Seattle (Fassero 10-9), 10:05 p.m.				
Detroit (Florie 6-6) at Oakland (Oquist 6-10), 10:35 p.m.				
Saturday's Games				
Cleveland at Baltimore, 1:15 p.m.				
Detroit at Oakland, 2:40 p.m.				
Kansas City at Tampa Bay, 8:35 p.m.				
Boston at Minnesota, 8:05 p.m.				
N.Y. Yankees at Texas, 8:35 p.m.				
Chicago White Sox at Seattle, 9:05 p.m.				
Toronto at Anaheim, 10:05 p.m.				
Sunday's Games				
Kansas City at Tampa Bay, 1:35 p.m.				
Cleveland at Baltimore, 1:35 p.m.				
Boston at Minnesota, 2:05 p.m.				
Detroit at Oakland, 4:05 p.m.				
Chicago White Sox at Seattle, 4:35 p.m.				
N.Y. Yankees at Texas, 8:05 p.m.				
Toronto at Anaheim, 8:05 p.m.				
National League				
At A Glance				
By The Associated Press				
All Times EDT				
East Division				
Atlanta	83	44	.653	—
New York	70	56	.556	12 1/2
Philadelphia	62	65	.488	21
Montreal	51	77	.398	32 1/2
Florida	45	82	.354	38
Central Division				
Houston	78	50	.609	—
Chicago	70	57	.551	7 1/2
St. Louis	61	65	.484	18
Milwaukee	61	66	.480	18 1/2
Pittsburgh	59	68	.464	18 1/2
Cincinnati	57	70	.449	20 1/2
West Division				
San Diego	82	45	.646	—
San Francisco	67	60	.527	15
Los Angeles	63	64	.498	19
Colorado	58	70	.453	24 1/2
Arizona	48	80	.375	34 1/2
Wednesday's Games				
Cincinnati 5, Milwaukee 2				
St. Louis 6, Chicago Cubs 6, 10 innings				
Florida 6, San Diego 0				
Pittsburgh 6, Los Angeles 5				
Houston 4, Philadelphia 3				
N.Y. Mets 2, Colorado 1				
San Francisco 6, Atlanta 2				
Thursday's Games				
Chicago Cubs 7, San Francisco 3				
St. Louis 2, N.Y. Mets 0, 1st game				
N.Y. Mets 5, St. Louis 4, 2nd game				
Philadelphia 11, Arizona 1, 1st game				
Arizona 12, Philadelphia 9, 11 innings, 2nd game				
Colorado 6, Montreal 3				
Los Angeles 2, Florida 1, 10 innings				
Pittsburgh 6, Cincinnati 5				
San Diego 2, Atlanta 0				
Milwaukee 6, Houston 5, 10 innings				
Friday's Games				
San Francisco (Hershiser 9-8) at Chicago Cubs (Wood 11-6), 3:20 p.m.				
St. Louis (Morris 3-3 and Aybar 3-5) at N.Y. Mets (Nomo 5-10 and Reynolds 4-0), 2, 5:05 p.m.				
Colorado (Wright 7-11) at Montreal (Pavano 4-6), 7:05 p.m.				
Los Angeles (Park 10-7) at Florida (Hernandez 10-8), 7:05 p.m.				
Cincinnati (Tomko 11-8) at Pittsburgh (Peters 6-8), 7:05 p.m.				
Arizona (Daal 6-7) at Philadelphia (Portugal 7-3), 7:35 p.m.				
San Diego (Hamilton 10-10) at Atlanta (Smoltz 11-2), 7:40 p.m.				
Houston (Bergman 10-6) at Milwaukee (Pulsipher 1-0), 8:05 p.m.				
Saturday's Games				
Arizona (Benes 11-11) at N.Y. Mets (Jones 8-7), 1:15 p.m.				
Houston (Johnson 3-1) at Chicago Cubs (Wengert 1-2), 1:15 p.m.				
Los Angeles (Dreifort 6-11) at Atlanta (Neagle 11-11), 4:05 p.m.				
Cincinnati (Parris 2-3) at Montreal (Powell 1-3), 7:05 p.m.				
Colorado (Astacio 11-12) at Philadelphia (Byrd 1-0), 7:05 p.m.				
San Francisco (Garwin 7-10) at Florida (Sanchez 8-7), 7:05 p.m.				
St. Louis (Witt 2-3) at Pittsburgh (Cordova 11-10), 7:05 p.m.				
San Diego (Langston 4-5) at Milwaukee (Rogue 0-1), 8:05 p.m.				
Sunday's Games				
Cincinnati at Montreal, 1:35 p.m.				
Colorado at Philadelphia, 1:35 p.m.				
St. Louis at Pittsburgh, 1:35 p.m.				
Arizona at N.Y. Mets, 1:40 p.m.				
San Diego at Milwaukee, 2:05 p.m.				
Houston at Chicago Cubs, 2:20 p.m.				
San Francisco at Florida, 4:25 p.m.				
Los Angeles at Atlanta, 8:05 p.m.				
Thursday's Games				
No games scheduled				
Wednesday's Games				
Charlotte 105, Washington 69				
Detroit 82, New York 68				
Houston 80, Los Angeles 71				
Phoenix 71, Sacramento 62				
End Regular Season				
TRANSACTIONS				
Thursday's Sports Transactions				
By The Associated Press				
BASEBALL				
American League				
BALTIMORE ORIOLES —Signed LHP Jesse Orosco to a one-year contract extension through 2000 with a club option for 2001. Signed INF Jeff Rebutoulet to a two-year contract.				
CHICAGO WHITE SOX —Optioned RHP Carlos Castillo to Calgary of the PCL.				
National League				
ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS —Optioned INF Hanley Frías and RHP Bob Wolcott to Tucson of the PCL. Recalled RHP Ben Ford and RHP Clint Sodowsky from Tucson.				
ATLANTA BRAVES —Recalled RHP Mark Wohlers from Richmond of the International League and placed him on the 15-day disabled list.				
PITTSBURGH PIRATES —Activated OF Turner Ward from the disabled list. Sent OF Mark Smith outright to Nashville of the PCL.				
FOOTBALL				
National Football League				
DENVER BRONCOS —Released DL Martin Harrison. Traded TE Kendall Watkins to the Dallas Cowboys for an undisclosed draft choice.				
INDIANAPOLIS COLTS —Waived OL Steve Harlin.				
OAKLAND RAIDERS —Waived WR Kofi Narvey.				
TENNESSEE OILERS —Released CB Shino Prater, TE Tony Church, TE Bill Khayat, LB Mike Parker and DT Jason Richards.				
HOCKEY				
National Hockey League				
NEW YORK RANGERS —Agreed to terms with F Vladimir Vorobev.				
PITTSBURGH PENGUINS —Agreed to terms with C Brian Bonin and RW Dan Kesa.				
TORONTO MAPLE LEAFS —Announced a six-year agreement to keep the AHL's Maple Leafs in St. John's.				
BASKETBALL				
Women's National Basketball Association				
Final Game				
By The Associated Press				
EASTERN CONFERENCE				
y-Cleveland	20	10	.667	—
x-Charlotte	18	12	.600	2
New York	18	12	.600	2
Detroit 1	7	13	.567	3
Washington	3	27	.100	17
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
y-Houston	27	3	.900	—
x-Phoenix	19	11	.633	8
Los Angeles	12	18	.400	15
Sacramento	8	22	.267	19
Utah	8	22	.267	19
x-clinched playoff spot				
y-clinched conference title				
FOOTBALL				
Thursday, August 20				
New York Jets 21, New York Giants 23				
Friday, August 21				
Buffalo at Chicago, 8 p.m.				
Saturday, August 22				
Atlanta vs. Pittsburgh at Morgantown, W.Va., 6 p.m.				
Detroit at Cincinnati, 7:30 p.m.				
Minnesota at Carolina, 7:30 p.m.				
New England at Washington, 7:30 p.m.				
Jacksonville at Kansas City, 8 p.m.				
Dallas at St. Louis, 8 p.m.				
San Diego at Indianapolis, 8 p.m.				
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UT's Williams strikes remarkable friendship with Doak Walker

HOUSTON — Every day when Ricky Williams reports to Texas' new football locker room, he will see Doak Walker. But he won't see the old man whose life has been taken over by paralysis. He won't even see the young man whose 1940s magazine-cover-perfect photograph Williams ordered to have pinned to the middle of his new locker.

He sees a friend. He sees a mentor and inspiration, a role model from a half century earlier whom Williams has chosen for his own.

And every few weeks, sometimes more often and sometimes less, when Walker's wife, Skeeter, reads her husband the letters and faxes he has received in bulk since his horrible skiing accident seven months ago, they find another note from Ricky Williams.

"After what happened, I try to get something in the mail to him just so he knows he's in my thoughts and in my prayers," said Williams, who struck a friendship with Walker just days before the accident. "With what he accomplished and what he was, and the way he was — so selfless — he is who I want to be."

As far as Williams was concerned a year ago, Doak Walker was just the name of an award. But before Williams would accept the honor last season as the nation's top running back, he decided to learn about the player for whom the trophy was named. He read first about the former SMU and Detroit Lions star's place in football history as the first post-World War II sports hero, perhaps the last before television made players legends.

But when reading about Walker's personal style and values, Williams recognized that what mattered most to him, he and Walker shared. And when they met, first in Orlando, Fla., for one awards ceremony and then in Dallas for the Walker Award, they clicked.

"They just became very good friends," Skeeter Walker said, as if the mix of Walker, 72, and Williams, 21, were just that simple. "They're very, very good friends. That's why Ricky's letters mean so much to Doak."

When asked how Walker reacts to the letters, Skeeter would rather not say. But the only interview Walker has agreed to since the accident was for a cable-television piece about Williams. And when he was asked about the letters, a man who makes hospital visitors

Special teams lead Jets Past Giants, 27-23

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) — Special teams wrecked the New York Giants against the New York Jets. Really wrecked them.

The Giants lost star cornerback Jason Sehorn for the season with a knee injury while returning the opening kickoff, and Leon Johnson returned a punt 65 yards for a touchdown as the Jets rallied for a 27-23 preseason victory Thursday night.

Vinny Testaverde capped a third-quarter rally from a 10-point deficit by hitting Dedric Ward with an 81-yard scoring pass play for the Jets (2-1), but the staggering setback for the Giants (1-2) was the loss of Sehorn.

The five-year veteran emerged as one of the NFL's premier corners last season, using his size, speed and athleticism to neutralize any opposing receiver.

That wasn't good enough, though. When the Giants struggled with kickoff returns, he asked coach Jim Fassel to take over the job.

Fassel let Sehorn practice returns last year and in training camp last month, but he didn't let him return one until the opening kickoff Thursday night.

Thirty-three yards later, Jets safety Chris Hayes hit Sehorn, causing a fumble. As the ball lay on the grass field, it was clear Sehorn was hurt. He limped to the sideline and examinations revealed tears in the anterior cru-

ciate and medial collateral ligaments in his right knee.

An MRI was scheduled for today. Reconstructive knee surgery will be done within 10 days.

Sehorn said someone fell on his leg and there was a popping sound in his knee after that. He insisted he had no regrets after the game.

"...I can't get upset about it and ask why?" he said. "I got hurt. I play the game of football, the risk is out there and I got hurt."

Sehorn, who hobbled into the postgame news conference without the benefit of crutches, said he felt worse for Fassel, who spent most of his time before the media answering questions about using

Sehorn as a returner.

Fassel defended his decision, saying it gave his team the best chance to win.

"As a coach you can look back all the time to calls in the game, who you cut and who you kept and those things and drive yourself crazy second-guessing yourself," Fassel said.



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Carthage opens Texas Country Hall of Fame

CARTHAGE, Texas (AP) — Off a two-lane, tree-lined highway winding through East Texas is a white two-story, turn-of-the-century home.

The house is unoccupied — except for rows and rows of vintage movie posters from the heyday of Tex Ritter, Jim Reeves' speckled guitar, a collection of 10-cent Gene Autry comic books and Willie Nelson's handwritten version of the hit song "Four Walls." That's only a sampling of the memorabilia that Carthage resident Tommie Ritter Smith, has collected for the Texas Country Music Hall of Fame, which opens Saturday with the induction of six renowned country musicians.

Nelson will attend the dedication, along with TV and movie actor John Ritter, son of Tex Ritter.

Ms. Smith, a distant cousin of Tex Ritter, spearheaded the creation of the hall. She said the town has always been a source for country music talent, starting with her cousin in the 1930s and later with Reeves' "Mexican Joe" making it to No. 1 on the country charts.

Carthage residents say Linda Davis and the band Perfect Stranger, both from Carthage, now are carrying the county music torch for the East Texas

town of roughly 6,700 residents.

Ms. Smith's interest in starting a Texas hall was sparked last summer during a trip to the Country Music Hall of Fame in Nashville, Tenn. It was there at the opening of a Tex Ritter exhibit that she made the necessary contacts.

"We met so many people in the country music field that were friends of Tex Ritter that we wanted to honor, and we realized that there were so many of them from Texas," she said. "It's turned out to be a big deal."

She said Carthage residents did not realize that people outside of East Texas had such an interest in the cowboy legend.

"It was no longer just a deal for this little old town because the response in Nashville to the opening of the Tex Ritter exhibit was overwhelming," she said. "It kind of opened everybody's eyes."

Ms. Smith and 20 other people make up the Hall of Fame board, which is responsible for sifting through a list of hundreds of possible Hall of Fame candidates. She said the board considers the performers' accomplishments, their reputations and their commitment to country music. They also must be Texas natives.

City manager and board member Charles Thomas said there are

no bigger names in East Texas than this year's inductees: Autry, Nelson, Ritter, Reeves and songwriters Joe Allison and Cindy Walker.

"We have such a rich heritage in country music, it would be a shame not to take advantage of it," Thomas said.

Thomas said Ritter and Reeves are two of the biggest heroes in Panola County.

They were heroes even in the 1930s. That's when Milton Payne, president of the First State Bank & Trust Co. in Carthage, used to watch for movie posters advertising new westerns starring either Ritter or Autry, known as the cowboy who never lost a hat while in pursuit of train robbers.

Payne, now in his 70s, remembers Jim Reeves, too. They went to school together around 1940.

"Jim was a real gentleman," Payne said. "We rode the bus into town and he had an old beat up guitar that he kept in the back of the bus. Someone told me that he traded a bushel or two of pears for that guitar."

The guitar, now on display at the new hall, has grown significantly in value with Reeves' legend. It'll be auctioned off Saturday to raise money for the hall of fame project.

Gtech keeping lottery profits from public

AUSTIN (AP) — Lotto Texas has been lucrative for the state lottery's operator, but Gtech Corp. executives want to keep secret exactly how much they make from running the games of chance.

That desire has put the company at odds with the Texas Lottery Commission chairwoman and news organizations seeking to review the information about it.

"I believe that information that relates to the operation of the Texas Lottery ought to be available to the public," said Commission Chair Harriet Miers, adding that Attorney General Dan Morales will likely make the final decision.

The Austin American-Statesman and other news organizations filed requests Thursday under the Texas open records law.

Ms. Miers said she disagrees with Gtech's contention that the data falls under the category of "competitively sensitive data."

Executives of the West Greenwich, R.I.-based company briefed Lottery Commission members behind closed doors

Thursday on the numbers. But the commission, citing Gtech's request, declined to discuss them in public.

Marc Palazzo, Gtech spokesman, says the profit figures will show that Texas is getting a fair deal.

But Ms. Miers said it was too early to tell if Gtech is being overpaid. Under a contract that extends through 2001, Gtech's fee for operating the lottery is about 4 percent of gross ticket sales.

In February 1997, the Lottery Commission began an effort to audit Gtech's expenditures. But the audit was hit by delays from questions by Lawrence Littwin, then the lottery director.

Littwin was fired after four months on the job.

Numbers from Gtech will be helpful when the contract next comes up for bid, said Debra McLeod, the agency's internal audit director.

She told commissioners Thursday that Deloitte & Touche, the consultants hired by the Lottery Commission to review Gtech's costs, is collecting information from Gtech.

But the accounting firm will not submit a "final written report with their opinion," he said.

Would-be Good Samaritan turns tables on carjackers

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Two would-be carjackers picked the wrong target when they tried to steal a man's pickup truck.

One of them wound up with a knife in the abdomen when their intended victim, Bill Sanchez, 49, resisted when he was ordered to give them the keys to his year-old silver pickup truck.

Sanchez said he stopped Thursday morning to help two young men who flagged him down as they peered under the hood of their car.

The men pulled a knife, cursed him and demanded the keys to his pickup, Sanchez said.

"I was going to hand him the keys, but he lunged at me," he said. "He was going to take me, so I took him."

Sanchez said he grabbed the man's arm and pushed it toward the ground. The action deflected the knife away from his

chest, but into his leg, Sanchez said.

Sanchez said he turned the knife and thrust it deep into the abdomen of the smaller, younger man. The other man jumped into the car, started it and sped away, Sanchez said.

The man Sanchez had stabbed ran away after jumping through the vehicle's window, the knife still lodged in his abdomen.

Sanchez didn't escape unscathed. He needed four stitches to close a wound above his right knee.

He wondered aloud if the man he stabbed will be all right.

"I plunged it in," he said. "It literally picked him up."

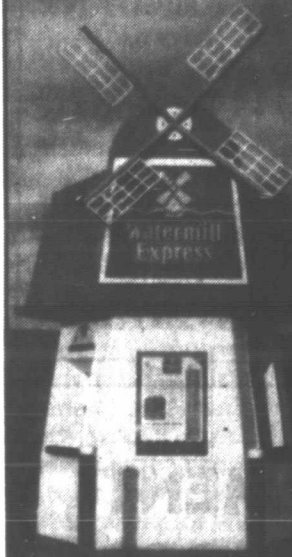
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Phyllis Jeffers
City Secretary

Aug. 21, 23, 1998

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