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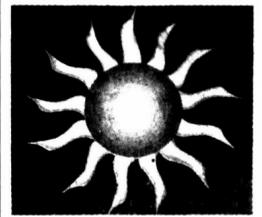
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Senior, parent breakfast tomorrow
 PAMPA — "A Kick Off Celebration" — Pampa High School's Senior breakfast for members of the Class of 2001 and their parents will be at 7 a.m. tomorrow in M.K. Brown Auditorium.

DPS troopers to be out in force
 WACO (AP) — Texas state troopers will join officers from four other states over the Labor Day holiday period in stepped-up patrols to prevent wrecks.

The crackdown, code named Operation Blue Talon 2, will involve all available DPS officers, the agency says. "No one is getting off this weekend, not for vacation or anything," Waco regional DPS spokesman Cpl. Charlie Morgan said. "We will have all troopers available working from midnight Friday to midnight Monday."

Forty-one people died on Texas roadways last year during the Labor Day weekend. Agency records show that continued a trend from the last several years, with 45 deaths in 1998, 40 in 1997 and 43 in 1996.

The patrols involve more than 1,400 enforcement agencies in Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma and New Mexico.

Morgan said troopers will be watching closely for intoxicated drivers. In 1999, 25 percent of all Labor Day weekend traffic deaths in Texas were alcohol-related. In 1996 and 1997, it was 50 percent.

Interstates 10, 30, 35 and 40 will be patrolled in the effort to limit highway deaths by also cracking down on seat-belt violations, aggressive driving and speeding.

- Kimberly Dawn Cisneros, 20, legal librarian
- Lillian Marie Ellis, 85, homemaker, volunteer
- Ella Elizabeth Haigood, 80, relief shelter worker for Tralee Crisis Center
- B.L. Harrison, 91, self-employed in trucking business
- Bartley McLean, 52, member of Operating Engineers Local 953

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City sales tax receipts making gain

By KATE B. DICKSON
 Associate Publisher

After what was a bleak start to sales tax collections, it now appears the city could meet its original projections with only September to go before the fiscal year ends.

"We looked really bad early on," said City Finance Director John Horst. "We were way down and at the end of November, had the trend held, it looked like we could come up \$200,000 short."

August's numbers, which reflect June sales, brought \$204,533 into the city's coffers some 2.86 percent more than was budgeted, Horst said.

"Behind December, June is our second biggest month every year for tax collections," he said.

So far, the fiscal year collection stands at \$1,787,128 with one month to go. Budgeted for September is an expected \$152,872. For the year, the revenue goal is \$1,940,000.

Also feeling upbeat about the state of tax collections is Susan Triplehorn, executive director of the Pampa Economic Development Commission.

If collections stay on track for one more month, "It looks like we'll meet our goal, too," Triplehorn said. The PEDC is budgeted to take in \$630,000 from its half-cent sales tax.

Triplehorn said higher oil and gas prices have that industry "doing well," something she said "plays a big role" in the local economy.

"Plus we have good things going on here," she said. "The stock market is doing well and people are feeling better in general."

To make sure sales tax receipts continue on an upward trend, Triplehorn said, it's really important that people keep as much of their spending in the community as they can.

Firefighter's work pays off ...



(Pampa News photo by Dee Dee Laramore)

Pampa firefighters display the newly renovated Booster Two fire truck which went into service this month. From left are Keith Arzen, Mike Day, Jim Montgomery, Jeremy Hill, Lee Oles and Jesse Hanes. The 1984 Ford booster truck was renovated by all three fire department shifts and City of Pampa employees at a savings of \$15,000 to \$18,000. Included in the renovation was a new water tank, rebuilt auxiliary pump, plumbing replacement, wiring, switches and gauges replacement, and a new paint, decals and striping.

Auto registration fee commission subject

Gray County Commissioners Court will consider adding either a \$10 or \$5 vehicle registration fee when the commission meets in special session at 9 a.m. Thursday. The 2001 budget will also be considered.

The commission will also consider establishing a review committee to consider any further claims not paid by West Texas Rural Counties Association (see related story this page) and the sheriff's request to hire part-time employee through Greenthumb.

Also to be considered is an invoice from correctional security services, a request to replace a commissioner precinct employee and intrabudget transfer requests.

Claire Ann Edwards will be at the meeting to discuss Panhandle Community Services.

Other items include paying bills and salaries as approved by the county auditor, review and update personnel policy and receive treasurer's report. The meeting will be in the county courtroom on the second floor of the county courthouse.

County finally gets medical claim checks

By NANCY YOUNG
 Managing Editor

Gray County employees are breathing a sigh of relief today.

Numerous unpaid medical bills, some of them over a year old, incurred by employees and their dependents are finally being paid. The unpaid bills were incurred when West Texas Rural Counties Association provided pool insurance to the employees.

County Auditor Elaine Morris met with WTRCA representatives in San Angelo Friday. The agency turned over 584 checks which WTRCA Director of Pool Administration Kathleen Miller said had been written in February, but had never been mailed.

Morris hand-delivered a check to WTRCA issued

by Gray County in the amount of \$104,118.

The payment completes the terminal coverage premiums on the medical insurance claims.

County commissioners repeatedly asked for assurance over the past months that the employees' medical bills would be paid when the \$104,118 check was issued. Pampa attorney Ken Fields was retained several weeks ago to negotiate with WTRCA.

Morris returned to Pampa Friday evening with the checks. "We're sure a lot better off," she said. "At least a lot better off than we were."

She said she mailed checks Friday night to the out-of-town medical providers. Today she will hand-deliver checks to local doctors, clinics and the hospital.

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F-16 fighter crashes in panhandle; pilot dead

TULIA (AP) Investigators and rescue workers were sifting through wreckage Tuesday morning at the scene of an F-16 crash that killed a reserve Air Force pilot when the plane slammed into a Texas Panhandle field.

The single-seat fighter jet went down about 6:20 p.m. near Tulia, killing pilot Maj. Stephen Simons, 41, of Fort Worth. Simons was returning from Hill Air Force Base, near Ogden, Utah, on a solo training mission, said Maj. Clayton Church, a

spokesman for the Naval Air Station Fort Worth.

"The aircraft was returning from a cross-country mission when the accident occurred," Church said. "It's certainly tragic that we've lost an F-16 pilot."

The F-16, part of the 457th Fighter Squadron stationed at Fort Worth, was not carrying any bombs or live munitions, officials said.

There was no immediate word on what caused the crash. The jet went down in a

plowed field, scattering debris for about a quarter of a mile, said Trooper Wayne Beighle of the Texas Department of Public Safety.

Some pieces of the jet apparently damaged a nearby pig barn after the crash, Beighle said.

A disaster control team from Cannon Air Force Base near Clovis, N.M., were on the scene hours later, along with emergency crews from Swisher County and Tulia, which is located about halfway

between Amarillo and Lubbock.

Simons' relatives declined interview requests late Monday.

But a neighbor of the killed pilot, Joyce Mayes, said she talked to Simons over the weekend while he watched one of his two daughters in front of their Fort Worth-area home.

"Every moment he was home, he seemed interested in caring for his girls and his wife," Mayes said. "He was the

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Quite frankly... How do you feel about the proposed vehicle registration fees?



"Just another new tax."
 — Ed Robinson



"It costs enough to keep a vehicle on the road as it is."
 — Bill Kimball



"It already costs too much."
 — Tara Dougherty



"I don't think they should. We are already paying enough."
 — Mary Wyant



"Why is everything going up except wages?"
 — Irma Baca

AUGUST 29 2000

Daily Record

Services tomorrow

CISNEROS, Kimberly Dawn — 2 p.m., First United Methodist Church, Canadian.

Obituaries

KIMBERLY DAWN CISNEROS

CANADIAN — Kimberly Dawn Lay Cisneros, 20, a former Canadian resident, died Friday, Aug. 25, 2000, at Tampa, Fla. A celebration of life service will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday in First United Methodist Church of Canadian with the Rev. Les Hall, pastor, her father the Rev. John Lay, the Rev. Rick Timmons, pastor of Central Baptist Church, and Jerry Golden, pastor of First Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be in Edith Ford Memorial Cemetery under the direction of Stickle-Hill Funeral Directors of Canadian. Additional arrangements were by Toale Brothers Funeral Home of Sarasota, Fla.

Mrs. Cisneros was born in Canadian and graduated from Canadian High School in 1998. While attending Canadian High, she was a flutist in band, ran track and cross country and managed the girls basketball team. She was prayer leader in her church youth group and was instrumental in establishing the new "Lost and Found" youth wing at First United Methodist Church.

She had been a Sarasota resident since 1998, moving from Canadian, and was a legal librarian for Correctional Services Corp. She married Joseph Raymond Cisneros III at Sarasota in 1999. She belonged to Liberty Baptist Church, participating in the bus ministry and choir.

Survivors include her husband, Joseph; a daughter, Adrienne Elsie Cisneros of Sarasota; her parents, the Rev. John Lay of Tulsa, Okla., and Dawn and Joe Dial of Canadian; three sisters, Melissa Lay of Tulsa and Joy Leflore and Kathy Dial, both of San Antonio; a brother, Chris Lay of Canadian; and her grandparents, Jim and Billie Lay of Canadian, Jack and Marilyn Perrin of Eufaula, Ala., and Doris Dial of Panhandle.

The family requests memorials be to First United Methodist Church, Building Fund, P.O. Box 1343, Canadian, TX 79014.

The body will be available for viewing from 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m. today at Stickle-Hill Funeral Directors.

LILLIAN MARIE ELLIS

WICHITA FALLS — Lillian Marie Ellis, 85, died Sunday, Aug. 27, 2000. Services were to be at 10 a.m. today in First United Methodist Church with Dr. Robert Allen, of the church, officiating. Burial will be in Restland Cemetery at Olney under the direction of Owens and Brumley Funeral Home of Wichita Falls.

Mrs. Ellis was born May 31, 1915, at Alto, Texas. She formerly lived at Bowie for 10 years and Pampa for 28 years, moving to Wichita Falls 12 years ago. She was a homemaker and a volunteer. She belonged to First United Methodist Church of Wichita Falls and Keystone Sunday School Class.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Clyde Ellis, in 1991.

Survivors include two daughters, Patricia Marlin of Wichita Falls and Judy Taylor of Pampa; a son, Jon Ellis of Plano; a sister, Hazel Kunkel of Bowie; seven grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

ELLA ELIZABETH HAIGOOD

Ella Elizabeth Haigood, 80, of Pampa, died Monday, Aug. 28, 2000, at Claude. Services are pending under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Haigood was born March 11, 1920, at Hesston, Kan. She had been a Pampa resident for the past 40 years and was a relief shelter worker for Tralee Crisis Center of Pampa. She held a bachelor of arts degree from Fort Hayes State University at Fort Hayes, Kan., and taught school at Russell, Kan., for several years.

She married Alva V. Haigood on Aug. 14, 1961, at Russell; he died Jan. 25, 1984.

She was a member of First Baptist Church. Survivors include a son, Tim Haigood of Amarillo; three sisters, Marlene Mohl of Billings, Mont., Thelma Brooks of Pittsburgh, Pa., and Elsie Rein of Russell; and a brother, Earl Zook of Durango, Colo.

The family requests memorials be to Tralee Crisis Center, 310 S. Cuyler, Pampa, TX 79065.

B.L. HARRISON

B.L. Harrison, 91, of Pampa, died Monday, Aug. 28, 2000. Services are pending under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Harrison was born March 3, 1909, at Mangum, Okla. He married Doris Bice on June 11, 1974, at Hereford. He had been a Pampa resident since 1926 and was self-employed in the trucking business.

Survivors include his wife, Doris, of the home; a half-sister, Sue Small of San Diego, Calif.; a half-brother, B.J. Smith of Oklahoma City, Okla.; and a stepgrandson.

BARTLEY McLEAN

WHITE DEER — Bartley McLean, 52, died Monday, Aug. 28, 2000, at Amarillo. Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday in Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel in Pampa with the Rev. Todd Dyess, pastor of First United Methodist Church of Pampa, officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery in Pampa under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mr. McLean was born Dec. 13, 1947, at Pampa. He was a graduate of Pampa High School. He had been a resident of White Deer for the past three years. He was a member of Top O' Texas Masonic Lodge #1381 AF&AM, Moose Lodge and Operating Engineers Local 953. He attended First United Methodist Church of Pampa.

He was preceded in death by his father, John M. Lean; a sister, Amaleda Jean; and a niece, Kim.

Survivors include his loving companion, Carol Jean Kotara; two daughters, Jael McLean of Fritch and Jamie McLean of Panhandle; a son, Marcus McLean of Panhandle; and his mother, Beulah McLean of Pampa.

The family requests memorials be to American Cancer Society.

Police report

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

Monday, Aug. 28

Theft of about \$25 in gasoline was reported at a convenience store in the 1000 block of Wilks.

A bank debit card was reported stolen from a mail box in the 300 block of North Frost.

About \$500 was reported taken from an ATM machine using a stolen credit card.

A check book was reported stolen from a residence in the 600 block of North Wells.

Sunday, Aug. 27

A woman's bicycle was found in the 600 block of North Naida.

Saturday, Aug. 26

A sexual assault was reported in the 1100 block of Sierra.

Friday, Aug. 25

An abandoned vehicle was reported in the 600 block of Red Deer.

Sheriff's Office

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

Monday, Aug. 28

Christian Dale King, 18, 300 Henry, was arrested about 1:45 a.m. by Pampa police on charges of assault by threat.

Accidents

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

Thursday, Aug. 24

A 1989 Chevrolet pickup driven by Justin Barry Mattiza, 21, of Childress, struck a billboard in the 600 block of East Frederic about 1:15 a.m., Thursday. Mattiza suffered minor injuries and was taken to the Pampa Regional Medical Center by Rural/Metro Ambulance.

A 1972 Oldsmobile driven by Tammie Winegart Bennet, 39, 1315 N. Coffee, was in a collision with a parked 1993 Pontiac sedan owned by April Foster, 39, of Dumas about 1 p.m. Thursday. Bennet was cited for leaving the scene of an accident, failure to leave information and not having insurance.

A 1999 Chevrolet pickup driven by Donald Monroe Jones, 62, 1300 W. Kentucky, was in a collision with a parked 1991 Mercury Cougar owned by Don Vanhouten, 1136 Sandlewood in a parking lot in the 1800 block of North Hobart shortly before noon, Thursday.

Saturday, Aug. 26

A 1981 Chevrolet van driven by Allison Paul Simmons, 65, of rural Gray County, was in collision with a 1979 Chevrolet Blazer driven by Donald Wayne Perry, 25, 1105 Varmon at the intersection of Ballard and Foster about noon Saturday.

A 1995 Chevrolet pickup driven by Eduardo Garza, 40, 834 Craven, was in collision with a 2001 Dodge pickup driven by Jessie Bencomo Walker, 37, 414 N. Gray. Both trucks were northbound in the 1200 block of North Hobart at the time. Garza was cited for failure to control speed.

Fires

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

Monday, Aug. 28

4:12 p.m. — Two units and four firefighters responded to a grass fire 15 miles north of Pampa on the Hayhook Ranch. The fire was out before firefighters arrived.

6:17 p.m. — One unit and two firefighters responded to a dumpster fire in the 1000 block of South Wells.

Stocks

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

Wheat	2.39	Enron	87 1/16	up 1/16
Milo	2.46	Halliburton	54 1/16	up 7/16
Corn	2.85	KMI	37	up 1/8
Soybeans	3.86	Kerr McGee	64 3/16	up 1/8
		Limited	20 9/16	up 5/16
		McDonald's	30 7/8	up 1/2
		Exxon Mobil	82 5/8	dn 3/16
		New Atmos.	21	NC
		NCE	40 1/2	dn 1/16
		NOI	35 5/8	NC
		OKE	31 3/16	NC
		Phillips	15 5/16	up 1/4
		Pennsey's	61 11/16	up 3/8
		Pioneer Nat.	14	up 1/8
		SLB	87 7/16	dn 7/16
		Tenneco	7 1/4	NC
		Tesaco	52 13/16	up 3/8
		Ultramar	24 1/4	up 3/8
		Wal-Mart	49 1/4	dn 1/4
		Williams	47 3/16	up 1/16

The following show the prices for which these mutual funds were bid at the time of compilation:

Occidental	21 7/16	NC
Fidelity Magell	141.26	NC
Puritan	19.56	NC

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

BP Amoco	56 1/4	dn 1/16	New York Gold	274.05
Cabot	37 1/4	dn 5/32	Silver	4.92
Cabot O&G	20 1/4	up 11/16	West Texas Crude	32.66
Chevron	86 15/16	NC		
Coca-Cola	56 1/2	dn 1/2		
Columbia/HCA	34 1/16	dn 1/8		

Emergency numbers

Ambulance.....911

Crime Stoppers.....669-2222

Energas.....1-888-Energas

Fire.....911

Police (emergency).....911

Police (non-emergency).....669-5700

SPS.....1-800-750-2520

Water.....669-5830

Ambulance

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

10:49 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1000 block of Prairie Drive and transported one to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

3:54 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 800 block of South Barnes and transported one to PRMC.

8:19 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 100 block of South Frost and transported one to PRMC.

COUNTY

County Judge Richard Peet said it is a great relief to the employees to have their medical bills paid.

"We certainly appreciate the many medical providers being as understanding as they were throughout this ordeal," said Peet. "We're also appreciative of the employees who have been so cooperative and understanding."

Peet said he hopes to get most of this matter resolved. "In September, 1999, WTRCA told us their medical claims' payments were all up to date," said Peet. "We found out that wasn't true."

"This has been a long process, but when you're dealing with taxpayer dollars you want to be very

cautious," said Peet.

Several employees have reported to members of Gray County Commissioners Court their accounts were turned to collection agencies because payment of the delinquent accounts had not been made.

WTRCA, which was an insurance pool composed of numerous public taxing entities across the Panhandle and West Texas, ceased to provide medical care coverage effective June 30, 2000. The company continues to stay in operation providing workers compensation coverage.

Gray County employees and their dependents are now covered by Insurance Management Services. The IMS contract began Jan. 1, 2000, while WTRCA's contract ended Dec. 31, 1999.

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CRASH

most wonderful caring young man I've ever met."

The crash Monday was the first of a jet based in Fort Worth since Nov. 6, 1997, when an F-16 fighter lost control during a training mission and crashed in rural Comanche County. The pilot ejected safely before the plane went down, Church said.

Between January 1999 and March of this year, 16 F-16s have

crashed in "Class A" crashes — accidents that cost \$1 million or more, result in destruction of an Air Force aircraft or a fatality or permanent total disability.

The F-16C Fighting Falcon is a single-seat, single engine \$20 million airplane used in air-to-air combat and air-to-surface attack. The Air Force received its first F-16 in 1979.

Besides serving as the 457th home base, Fort Worth is the place where Bethesda, Md.-based Lockheed Martin builds

its best-selling F-16 fighters.

Questions about two different name brands of engines used on the F-16 have prompted the military to take action on detailed inspections of some Fighting Falcons.

But the fighter remains popular among reservists who belong to the Fort Worth squadron, many of whom have full-time jobs as fliers for commercial carriers American Airlines, Delta and Southwest, Church said.

North Texas goes 59 days without rain, a record dry spell

By MATT CURRY
Associated Press Writer

DALLAS (AP) — With not even a hint of rain to settle the dust Monday, North Texas broke a record, going 59 days without rain during the Dust Bowl days of the Depression.

Lawns in Dallas-Fort Worth and beyond are burned, farmers and ranchers have lost an estimated \$595 million and reservoirs are shrinking fast, even though rainfall for the year is close to normal.

The dry spell began July 1. And the forecast doesn't hold a hint of a sprinkle — let alone a good gully washer — in the week to come.

"You just keep pouring water on the yard, and it keeps turning brown," said Molly Gneiting, who lives in the Fort Worth suburb of North Richland Hills. "Every morning I water the flowers. If I miss just once, you can tell it by the afternoon."

And it's not just dry; it's hot. Monday was the year's 36th day of 100-degree temperatures in Dallas-Fort Worth. The record is 69 days, set in 1980.

"It looks like the middle of winter. Everything's brown," said Rayford Pullen, agricultural extension agent for Montague County, a largely agricultural area along the Red River.

In the town of Throckmorton, hundreds of volunteers spent their vacations digging ditches for a pipeline to bring water from another town because their own reservoir had fallen too low to supply drinking water.

Lou Hyde and her husband, Ted, bought their home at Lake Arrowhead near Wichita Falls so their children and grandchildren would have a place to swim and fish.

"Even the cranes don't go out to fish anymore," she said. "Every morning when we get up and look out, there is less and less water."

"What we need is a good steady rain," said Polly Drozd, whose family owns a marina on Lake Lewisville near Dallas, where the water level has dropped 15 feet. "Not just a day or two of rain, but a real steady rain for a week or two."

But none is expected. "Even the long-range forecast doesn't look good," said National Weather Service meteorologist Mark Fox.

Even cloud-seeding in hopes of bringing rain to the Texas Panhandle was on hold — there weren't any clouds to seed.

"The 9th of August was the last time we've seen anything," said Shea Lea Clower, meteorologist for the "precipitation enhancement" program.

Still, the Dust Bowl years were much worse.

That previous record of 58 days without rain, set in 1934 and tied in 1950, was only broken by one-one-hundredth of an inch of rain.

"It was terrible. It was a horrible time," said Bill Green, a curator at the Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum in Canyon. "Dirt drifted up and covered barbed-wire fences. Conditions were much worse than they are today because we have learned a lot about soil conservation in 70

years."

And despite the dry spell, North Texas has received 21.19 inches of rain since Jan. 1, only about an inch below normal, mostly because of a wet June.

"I think it's kind of an overstatement to compare it with the Dust Bowl," Green said. "We have periodic droughts. Everybody worries, everybody prays. It rains, and everybody gets over it."

will get some rain Tuesday through Wednesday.

Monday's highs reached 99 with some fog in Houston.

Conditions across North Texas on Tuesday are expected to remain dry. Sunny skies and triple-digit heat should continue through the weekend.

Temperatures in Waco on Monday reached 100 after starting out in the high 70s.

West Texas and the Panhandle will see more sunny skies Tuesday with temperatures in the mid-90s. A southwest wind from 10 to 20 mph will become more southerly in the afternoon.

Later in the week, some portions of the west — around Guymon and Stratford — will see some clouds, with temperatures dipping down to 65.

Weather focus

PAMPA — Continued hot and sunny today with a high of 97 and southwest winds at 10-20 mph. Tonight, mostly clear with a low of 67 and south winds at 5-15 mph. Tomorrow, partly sunny and 97 with south winds at 15-20 mph. Yesterday's high was 96; the overnight low 71.

STATEWIDE — More hot, sunny conditions are forecast throughout the state Tuesday, with only South Texas expected to get some relief in the form of rain.

Near Brownsville and surrounding areas, it will be partly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Temperatures will creep past 100 degrees, but some areas will only get to the upper 80s.

The southeast part of the coast

City Briefs

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1/2 PRICE sale continues on all Summer clothing. New items have been added. Check out the new items for Fall. Tralee-Resale Shop, 308 S. Cuyler.

REMEMBER WHEN your Pampa News Carrier collects, does the carrier have his/her cards & hole punch? If not, don't pay. Thanks, Circulation Dept.

BARGAIN PRICES at Best Kept Secrets Back Room Sale, 1925 N. Hobart.

SUNSET BAR & Grill Pool Tournament every Tues. night 8 p.m. No entry fee. \$75-1st place.

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Don't forget Community Camera the next time your church, civic, school or other group has an activity. It's free. It's fun. It's for you!

Calendar of events

PAMPA PRISON MINISTRY
The Pampa Prison Ministry meets the first Tuesday of every month at Central Baptist Church located at Francis and Starkweather at 7 p.m. sharp. For further information call Bob Andersen 665-4252 or J.B Walker at 669-2266.

PANHANDLE ALLIANCE FOR THE MENTALLY ILL
A support group for the mentally ill and family members meet the second Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. at 218 N. Russell. There is no charge. For more information or if you need a ride call Sharon King, 665-2818.

EASTERN STAR
Pampa Chapter No. 65, Order of the Eastern Star, has changed their meeting nights from the first and third Tuesdays to the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month. Meeting starts at 7:30 p.m. at 420 West Kingsmill.

MACEDONIA BAPTIST
Macedonia Baptist Church, 441 Elm, conducts prayer services at 7:30 a.m., 12 p.m. and 6 p.m. daily for the citizens of Pampa - the churches, the schools, etc. All are cordially invited to come and pray. For more information, call 665-4926.

OPEN DOOR ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS
Open Door Alcoholics Anonymous at 910 Kentucky (across from Albertson's) meeting schedule - seven days a week - two meetings a day - noon till 1 p.m. no smoking, and Tuesday and Thursday 8-9 p.m. call 665-9702 for information.

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

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

MUSEUM OF THE PLAINS
Museum of the Plains is currently exhibiting "Panhandle-Wide Panoramic Photography" by Louise Daniel and Jim Jordan through Labor Day. The museum is located at 1200 N. Main in Perryton.

PRE-LABOR DAY BLOOD DRIVE
Coffee Memorial Blood Center, 1915 Coulter Dr., Amarillo, will sponsor a pre-Labor Day Blood Drive from 8 a.m.-7 p.m., Aug. 31 and Sept. 1 and from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Sept. 2 at the center. In an effort to avoid the blood drought, Kiwanis, Lions and Rotary Clubs of Amarillo and Canyon have planned a competition to see which service group can donate the most blood. Donating blood saves lives and makes a lifetime of difference to those in need of the gift of life. For more information, contact Linda Guthrie at (806) 358-4563.

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

CANYON RHYTHMS
Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum will present "Canyon Rhythms" art show and sale beginning at 7 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 9 at the museum in Canyon. To attend the gala and auction, participants must RSVP by Aug. 31. For more information, call the museum at (806) 651-2244. The art show will be held from 12-5 p.m. Sept. 9 and from 1-4 p.m., Sept. 10.

ACT DEADLINE
The next ACT Assessment test will be administered Sept. 23. College-bound students must register for the college admissions and placement exam by Aug. 18. There is a late registration postmark deadline of Sept. 1 but an extra fee is charged for late registrations. Students can register for the ACT via their high school counselors or on-line at www.act.org. The website has sample tests and other helpful information.

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

PALO DURO BENEFIT
Palo Duro Canyon State Park Endowment Fund will present Western singer and poet Red Steagall and friends Don Edwards and Andy Wilkinson in a benefit performance at 8 p.m. Sept. 9 in Palo Duro's Pioneer Amphitheater. Tickets - to be available at the door - are \$30 per person and may be purchased in advance at all First American Bank locations, at Palo Duro Canyon Visitor Center or by mail. For more information, call Larry Scruggs at (806) 488-2222, ext. 0.

SCIENCE SPECTRUM
During the month of September, The Science Spectrum and OMNIMAX Theatre, 2579 S. Loop 289, Lubbock, will present the following three films "Michael Jordan to the Max," "Dolphins" and "Mysteries of Egypt." "Dolphins," narrated by Pierce Brosnan and featuring the music of Sting, will close Sept. 14 and "Mysteries of Egypt," with actors Omar Sharif and Kate

Maberly, will begin Sept. 15. For more information on ticket prices or show times, call (806) 745-2525.

HEIFER PROJECT INTERNATIONAL
First Presbyterian Church, 525 N. Gray, is currently accepting aluminum cans for recycling. Proceeds will benefit Heifer Project International, an Arkansas-based service organization which provides livestock (chickens, pigs, sheep, cattle) along with training and support services to families and communities worldwide. For a limited time, donations will be matched 3-1 by a private foundation. HPI is a non-denominational not-for-profit agency. For more information, call the church office at 665-1031. Office hours are 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m.-12 noon, Friday and before 10:45 a.m. Sunday. For more information about HPI, call 1-800-422-0474 or visit <http://www.heifer.org> on the Internet.

ALL-FAITH WORSHIP SERVICE
Palo Duro Canyon State Park will host "All-Faith Worship Services" beginning at 9 a.m. throughout the month of August at the Cottonwood Day Use Area. In case of inclement weather, the services will be relocated to the Old West Stables. Park fees will be waived for the service only. For more information, contact the park at (806) 488-2227, ext. 49.

HARRINGTON CANCER CENTER
The Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center will hold "Dialogue," a patient/family education support group sponsored by the cancer center and the American Cancer Society, Thursdays from 12 noon-1:30 p.m. this month. For more information, call Gerry Kelly at (806) 359-4673, ext. 235 or Stan McKeever at (806) 359-4673, ext. 141 or toll-free at 1-800-274-4673.

LIFE AFTER LOSS
American Cancer Society and Crown of Texas Hospice will sponsor a four-week "Life After Loss" seminar for those who have recently suffered the loss of a loved one from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Aug. 7, 14, 21 and 28 at Crown of Texas Hospice, 10000 S. Jefferson, Amarillo. To register or for more information, call (806) 353-4306.

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

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Miss Teen All-American pageant officials are seeking applicants for the Miss Texas Teen All-American 2000 pageant to be held Dec. 2-3 at Dallas-Fort Worth Lakes Hilton in Grapevine. Contestants will compete in the following categories: Personal Interview, Evening Gown and Swimsuit. To qualify, a young woman must be 13-19 years of age as of Aug. 1, 2000; must never have been married; and must be a U.S. resident. To apply, send a recent photo along with name, address, telephone number, date of birth and short bio either by fax, 1-304-242-8341, or mail: Dept. D - Miss Texas Teen All-American, 603 Schrader Ave., Wheeling, WV 26003-9619.

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FREE BOOKLET
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AIYSE
American International Youth Student Exchange Program is seeking host families for 25 high

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LAMAR SCHOLARSHIPS
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COAF WEBSITE
The Children of Alcoholics Foundation, an education-prevention arm of Phoenix House, recently launched a website (www.coaf.org) for children of substance abusers of all ages. The website is designed to help educators, physicians, social workers and other professionals. The site includes sections for teens and adults who have grown up with an alcoholic or drug addicted parent as well as information for teachers, social workers and others.

T.O.P.S. #149
Take Off Pounds Sensibly (T.O.P.S.) #149 meets at 6 p.m. Monday at 513 E. Francis. Call 669-2389 for more information.

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AL-ANON
Al-Anon will hold weekly meetings on Mondays and Wednesdays at 8 p.m. at 910 W. Kentucky.

VFW CHARITY BINGO
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CELEBRATION OF LIGHTS
The Celebration of Lights project will hold regular workshop meetings at 6:30 p.m. on Monday nights at 822 E. Foster. Anyone wishing to help with the project is invited to attend any work session.

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BSA FALL VOLUNTEER TRAINING

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



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Opinion

Environmentalists take a dark view

Several recent news headlines, viewed in a vacuum, seem like isolated incidents of tragedy and despair.

There was the death of at least 100 people near Manila as heavy rains caused a mountain-size garbage pile to collapse onto a shantytown.

A conference in Africa spotlighted how AIDS, and perhaps other diseases, are reducing life expectancy in some regions to 30 years.

Then there are stories of declining population growth in Russia amid a faltering economy, and predictions of a falling standard of living as a result of these and other disasters — floods, famines, droughts, tribal warfare, outbreaks of disease, deaths from poor sanitation and pollution — have been the mainstay of headlines since newspapers have been printed. Yet there is a common thread that is not sufficiently noted.

Not to diminish the tragedies that occurred to individuals and their families, but these events generally result from unnecessary poverty caused by repressive government policies, corruption or underdevelopment. Bad things happen to wealthy nations, of course, but those problems typically are far less severe in such places.

"If you have a drought in Southern California, we might not be able to use our Jacuzzis this week," said Yaron Brook, president and executive director of the Ayn Rand Institute. "If you have a drought in Africa, people die."

Wealthier nations, by and large, have well-constructed homes and infrastructure, which are more resistant to foul weather and natural disaster. Not many people in the United States, for instance, live in metal shanties underneath makeshift garbage dumps. And wealthier countries are better able to control epidemics through medical care, disease tracking and pharmaceuticals.

Unfortunately, such ideas often are rejected by the burgeoning environmental movement, which decries industrialization, population growth, free markets and rapid economic growth. (Others, such as Buchananite conservatives, tend to accept many of the same tenets.)

Yet those are the very things that increase wealth, that enable poor countries to become more affluent, that ensure that individuals don't need to live in the wretched conditions that are rife with disease and disaster. The natural state that many environmentalists encourage could well-intentioned, Brook said. But he said the movement has an ideological undercurrent that hates technology and progress, through zero-sum terms — whereby any economic gain by reality, more people create more wealth, provided that property rights and freedom are protected.

Such observations may seem obvious. But in a world where a presidential candidate wrote a book decrying the evils of industrial society, they bear repeating.

—Odessa American



Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, Aug. 29, the 242nd day of 2000. There are 124 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On Aug. 29, 1944, 15,000 American troops marched down the Champs Elysees in Paris as the French capital continued to celebrate its liberation from the Nazis.

On this date:

In 1533, the last Incan King of Peru, Atahualpa was murdered on orders from Spanish conqueror Francisco Pizarro.

In 1632, English philosopher John Locke was born in Somerset.

In 1877, the second president of the Mormon Church, Brigham Young, died in Salt Lake City, Utah.

In 1896, the Chinese-American dish chop suey was invented in New York City by the chef to visiting Chinese Ambassador Li Hung-chang.

In 1943, responding to a clampdown by Nazi occupiers, Denmark managed to scuttle most of its naval ships.

In 1957, South Carolina Sen. Strom Thurmond (then a Democrat) ended a filibuster against a civil rights bill after talking for more than 24 hours.

In 1965, Gemini 5, carrying astronauts Gordon Cooper and Charles ("Pete") Conrad, splashed down in the Atlantic after eight days in space.

In 1966, the Beatles concluded their fourth American tour with their last public concert, at Candlestick Park in San Francisco.

In 1975, Irish statesman Eamon de Valera died near Dublin at age 92.

In 1987, Academy Award-winning actor Lee Marvin died in Tucson, Ariz., at age 63.

Ten years ago: A defiant Iraqi President Saddam Hussein declared in a television interview that America could not defeat Iraq, saying, "I do not beg before anyone."

Five years ago: At the O.J. Simpson murder trial in Los Angeles, without the jury pre-

No such thing as 'normal' weather here

Have you heard the news? Forecasters are predicting a "normal" winter.

This is an oxymoron. The word "normal" and Texas weather have nothing in common. They do not go together. We are a state of extremes, especially the Panhandle.

And I love it. I wouldn't have it any other way. I enjoyed many things about Louisiana while I lived there, but I missed three things about Texas: the great expanse of sky, being able to see a horizon 30 miles away and the weather.

Many people will want to debate this, I know. They may not like Texas weather. That's okay. I do. I revel in its unpredictability, its awesome power, and its extremes.

A Louisiana thunderstorm is a poor comparison to a Texas "boomer." I used to sit in my room watching big soft rain drops slide down the window, listen to the weak rumbles, and wonder when the real storm would hit.

When a storm came through on the ranch, our windows rattled and dishes shook. The noise could be deafening. Sometimes the cacophony of lightning, thunder and hail made me want to hide under the bed with a pillow over my head. (Sometimes I did.)

After the storm passed, a quiet peace settled over the sweet-smelling countryside. Tiny muddy rivers of caliche ran down the driveway to the dirt road in front of our house. Birds shook the rain from their feathers and began to sing with renewed vigor.

In Louisiana, a "normal" winter does not include snow. It generally does not include temperatures



Dee Dee Laramore
Staff writer

below 32 degrees. You may buy a coat. You may look at the sweaters on the sales racks, but you know you won't wear them. It won't be cold enough. It does include rain — lots of rain and camellias blooming in December. I liked that about Louisiana.

On the other hand, my memories of Texas winters include two weeks of temperatures below zero — so cold that a lace of frost crept up the walls of our living room. I remember riding my new bicycle on Christmas Day with no coat. It was a balmy 70 degrees.

When I was eight years old, in February 1964, I sat in the picture window of our house on Sandlewood Drive watching fluffy snowflakes as large as my hand gently fall from the sky and blanket the front yard, wondering where my daddy was.

I didn't see him for three days. He stayed in his truck, drinking water and eating peanut butter and crackers that my mother had wisely insisted he keep with him, stuck in a huge snow drift in a gas field near Lefors. Finally, a road grader plowed through and got him out.

They tell me a bigger blizzard hit this area back in 1957 with drifts so high they reached the roofs. We have a picture of my mother, sister and I walking on a drift that went over the clothesline.

Then there's the droughts that leave this country as dry as popcorn, when no self respecting blade of grass would dare lift its head above the ground. Some of you may remember July 4, 1980 when Pampa firefighters battled well over 100 blazes in one night. That was one of our dry times.

Lately, we've been having unusually wet times. I don't remember that ever happening when I was a child. I just remember it being dry most of the time. It seems to me that Lake Meredith has changed the weather here, making it wetter.

I developed this theory for these reasons. When my family moved to Louisiana in 1968, Lake Meredith had just been built. When we came back to Texas five years later, I noticed a change in the weather. I felt like we got more rainfall here than we had before I left.

Could that great body of water changed the ecosystem here some way? If it did, it seems to be for the better. It may simply be a weather pattern we're going through, too.

Remember when we were inundated with woolly worms a couple of years ago? Everyone predicted that meant we would have a bad winter. It turned out to be one of the mildest winters we've had in a long time.

So who's to say? Will it be a normal winter, a harsh winter, a mild winter? I really don't care. I'm going to experience it for all it's worth.

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Nations need to adopt defensive policy

Thanks to television and Hollywood, many American youths probably now believe that World War II was all about the Holocaust. In fact, of course, the Holocaust was only one tile in a mosaic of horror that took the lives of 55 million human beings.

Fifty-five years ago on Aug. 6, an American B-29 dropped an atomic bomb on Hiroshima. The city of Hiroshima was the capital of the prefecture of Hiroshima in southwest Honshu. It was an old city, founded in 1594, divided by the Ota River into six islands connected by 81 bridges. It was a manufacturing center.

In the blink of eye on that warm August day, 90 percent of the city was leveled, and nearly 130,000 people were killed or wounded. Three days later, the second atomic bomb fell on the port city of Nagasaki, and 75,000 people were killed or wounded. Even so, the combined casualties of those cities did not equal the casualties caused by the firestorm American incendiaries had created in Tokyo earlier in the war.

It is a paradox and a blessing that we Americans have been able to live through the bloodiest and most savage century in human history practically unscathed. It is a further paradox that technology, still worshipped by some as the savior of mankind, has wrought more death and destruction in one century than all the armies have in all the millennia preceding it.

It is worth remembering, too, that the Hiroshima



Charley Reese
Syndicated columnist

and Nagasaki bombs, simple fission devices, were little more than hand grenades compared with the thermonuclear warheads perched atop rockets in the arsenals of a growing number of nations. We remain, despite the end of the so-called Cold War, living every day of our lives only 30 minutes from the end of civilization.

It is hard to be optimistic when viewing human intelligence and human fallibility so inextricably intertwined. Whether one looks at dictatorships or democracies, mankind has yet to devise a political system that guarantees that only the wisest people will hold power. Too often, less-than-sterling people are elevated to power. And yet, in their defense, who among us can claim to be omniscient and all wise?

Marcus Aurelius, the Roman emperor who spent so much time in the cold forests of Germany while conducting warfare, said there was never any reason to be angry with other people because whatever

they did, they did believing it to be the right thing to do. I first read that in high school, and it took me several decades of life experience to realize it is true.

It would be nice, perhaps, if we were all intellectuals living according to the dictates of pure reason, like the heroes in Ayn Rand's novel "Atlas Shrugged." Unfortunately, not even Rand could emulate her heroes. We are all, to some extent, products of a mix of genes and circumstances and biology.

I don't know how mankind can avoid wars, but a good beginning would be to persuade each nation to adopt as part of its basic law the rule that no shot would be fired except in defense of home territory and people. None of the shots we have fired since 1945, by the way, met that criteria.

It can be done, though. The Swiss have done it. Their doctrine of armed neutrality has kept them out of all of the 20th century's wars. I wish we could persuade Americans to adopt that policy. It was, after all, the policy advocated by our forefathers.

As it is, we seem to be on the verge of a new arms race among the nuclear powers while, in the meantime, all of the industrialized nations peddle arms and ammunition to countries that cannot even supply their people with clean water and sanitary sewers.

To paraphrase Thomas Jefferson, anybody who believes in a just God ought to be getting kind of nervous right about now.

New Braunfels mulls alcohol ban on rivers

NEW BRAUNFELS, Texas (AP) — Every summer, the people who live on the Comal and Guadalupe rivers complain that they are sick and tired of seeing drunk teen-agers toss cans from their inner tubes, strip and fight.

Their pleas to local officials led to a standing-room-only meeting Monday night during which three New Braunfels City Council members tried to ban alcohol from the rivers within the city limits.

Their effort was not totally in vain. Despite the fact that the other three council members and the mayor were leaning against the proposal, the council agreed to put a decision until March.

In the meantime, the council plans to beef up police patrols along the rivers and consider ways to tax companies that rent inner tubes to pay for the added patrols.

The decision came after three hours of heated debate before more than 90 residents in City Council chambers.

Supporters of a ban argue that it is the day-trippers who contribute little to the local economy who get drunk, throw their empty cans into the rivers and shout profanities. Those favoring the prohibition say the rowdy crowds are driving away families.

Opponents, however, say the council would be infringing on their rights if they couldn't sip a beer while floating down the river.

Residents of New Braunfels, 35 miles northeast of San Antonio, have tried for several years to tame the crowds, which include many students from nearby colleges. Previous efforts have resulted in laws against bottles and Styrofoam.

Since local officials can't prohibit alcohol on navigable waterways that fall under the state's jurisdiction, the council members favoring a ban tried to push it through by declaring part of the Guadalupe and all of the Comal as a "central business district."

Mayor Stone R. Williams, who is against the ban, said the city could be inviting lawsuits by passing

such an ordinance because "floating down the river is not a commercial enterprise by any stretch of the imagination."

Williams and other opponents say the answer is increased law enforcement — stricter enforcement of existing laws against minors in possession of alcohol, possession of marijuana, possession of glass and public intoxication.

They say people tubing down the rivers will continue to drink even if it's outlawed.

"They will just sink cans when they see an officer," Williams said. "That will just lead to more cans in the river."

The opponents also say the problem seems worse this summer because of the long-running drought. Low water levels on more isolated stretches of the Guadalupe that are outside of the city limits have driven more tubers to the Comal, the entire length of which is inside the city limits.

But several residents, including former Sen. Bob Krueger, pleaded with the council to make a drastic change to clean up the river.

One riverfront resident, Lynn Norvell, showed the council a video she made of drunken tubers chugging beer through funnels and dropping cans into the Comal. She does not believe adding police officers will solve anything.

"There were policemen up and down the riverbank. I mean, this is out of control," she said as the video rolled. "The river is so sad. Oh, it's so sad. Most of the people in this room have been connected to this river most of our lives and it's just heartwrenching."

Councilwoman Juliet Watson, a ban supporter, said New Braunfels police officers have more important things to do like patrolling the streets and solving crimes.

"We've had these problems for years and all we seem to do is talk about more law enforcement," she said. "I don't think our police officers want to babysit a bunch of drunks on the river."

Treasury bill rates go up

WASHINGTON (AP) — Interest rates on short-term Treasury securities rose in Monday's auction with three-month bills remaining at their highest level in nine years.

The Treasury Department sold \$9.5 billion in three-month bills at a discount rate of 6.140 percent, up from 6.110 percent last week. An additional \$8.5 billion was sold in six-month bills at a rate of 6.100 percent, up from 6.090 percent.

The three-month rate was the highest since Jan. 28, 1991, when the bills sold for 6.22 percent. The six-month rate was the highest since July 31 when the rate was 6.115.

The new discount rates understate the actual return to investors — 6.323 percent for three-month bills with a \$10,000 bill selling for \$9,844.80 and 6.382 percent for a six-month bill selling for \$9,691.60.

In a separate report, the Federal Reserve said Monday that the average yield for one-year Treasury bills, the most popular index for making changes in adjustable rate mortgages, fell to 6.20 percent last week from 6.21 percent the previous week.

Considering the fact that Jesus had his doubts, why can't you?



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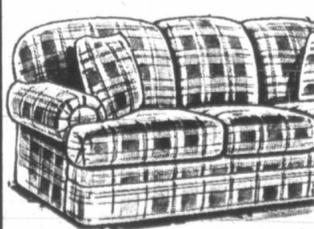
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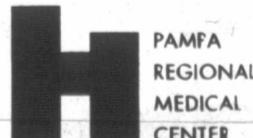
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Survey: Students are humiliated, beaten to join even church groups

WASHINGTON (AP) — Almost half the high school students who answered a nationwide survey said they were made to eat disgusting things, abuse alcohol or drugs or perform humiliating or illegal acts to join athletic teams, the band, even church groups, university researchers said Monday.

The researchers at Alfred University in Alfred, N.Y. — known for studies of hazing among college sports teams, fraternities and sororities — said the report on high schools shows a willingness among younger people to do violence or break laws for a sense of belonging. It demonstrates as well that young people's social activities should have greater adult supervision and gives proof that no group is immune, the researchers said.

"Students may already be deeply immersed in the culture of hazing before they arrive on our campuses as freshmen," said Charles Edmondson, president of the private liberal arts university in western New York. "Our challenge is much greater than anyone appreciated."

In the survey — a two-page mail-in questionnaire sent to 11th and 12th graders this spring — students said they were most likely to be hazed by a sports team or gang. They also reported being hazed for music, art and theater clubs and church groups. Every high school organization except school newspaper and yearbook staffs had high levels of hazing.

The university-funded survey does not represent the teen population at large. Only 1,541 of those mailed surveys returned them, just over 8 percent,

but the project's lead researcher, Nadine Hoover, said further studies could build on the findings.

The results nevertheless furthered a debate over whether hazing is more a time-honored rite of passage or a dangerous trend that sends increasing numbers of children to hospitals or jails.

In Winslow, Ariz., six of eight high school athletes charged in the sexual assault of about a dozen basketball and track team members accepted plea bargains in the cases; the basketball coach was also indicted, accused of knowing about some of the abuses and failing to stop them. In Trumbull, Conn., high school wrestlers were charged after a 15-year-old wrestler was sexually assaulted with the handle of a plastic knife. A high school newspaper in Avon, Ind., documented assaults on young athletes.

Schools need to do more, said Linda Murrie, an Essex, Vt., parent who campaigned against hazing after her 16-year-old daughter, Lizzie, was hazed on the school gymnastics team. The team progressed from having new members dress up in silly clothes to her daughter's being forced to eat a banana protruding from a boy's pants zipper.

"They think their harassment policies cover hazing, but they don't," Murrie said. "There is such an issue about whether the kids are consenting to the hazing or not."

Some schools — institutions including the Upper St. Clair, Pa., school district and the University of Vermont — are cracking down on hazing, creating strict policies and punishments. More than 40 states

have anti-hazing laws, although researchers said the laws do not appear to limit hazing significantly.

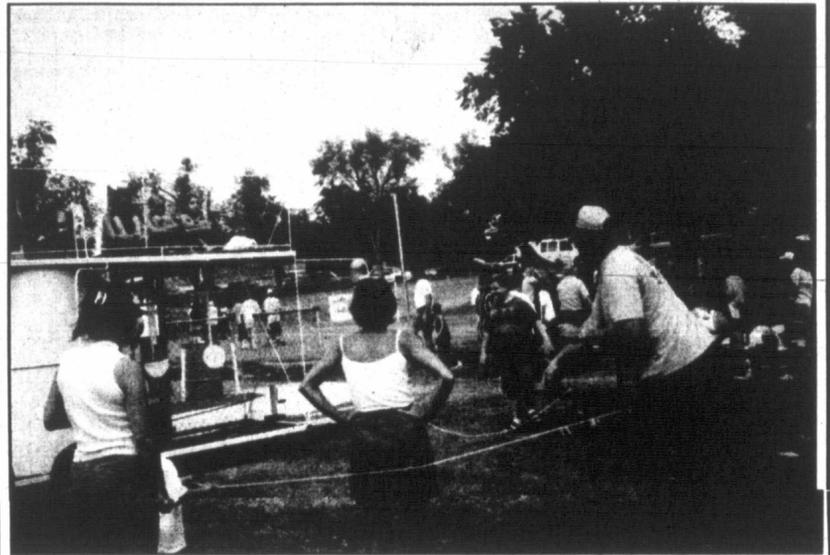
"Initiation rites are important. Groups need to bond," said project leader Hoover, answering critics who she said accuse her of trying to turn the nation's students into "wusses." "How you do these initiation rites is at issue."

Hazing was defined by researchers as any humiliating or dangerous act expected of new group members, regardless of willingness to participate. Students said they were asked mostly to do humiliating things: pushing a penny across the a school bus floor with the

nose; sucking someone's toes; skinny dipping; or drinking foul mixtures such as urine, spoiled milk and eggs.

One in five respondents said they were put in harm's way or asked to break the law, which sounded an alarm to researchers who say such acts go beyond critics' contentions of innocent fun. Dangerous or illegal acts included being beaten, raped or sexually assaulted or assaulting others, destroying or vandalizing property, drinking alcohol until passing out, stealing, destroying or vandalizing property.

Chautauqua



(Special photo)

Gymnastics of Pampa will once again sponsor the dunking booth at the annual Chautauqua celebration slated Labor Day, Sept. 4, in Central Park.

U.S. calls Cuban migration policy inhumane

WASHINGTON (AP) — Secretary of State Madeleine Albright accused Cuba on Monday of arbitrarily denying exit permits to Cubans with U.S. visas, thereby separating families and forcing would-be immigrants to attempt high-risk escapes by boat.

In a statement, Albright said Cuba's actions violated agreements with the United States, international standards and "fundamental human decency."

She said she ordered a formal protest lodged with Cuba's diplomatic office in Washington. "The government of Cuba is increasingly obstructing the safe, legal and orderly migration of individuals from Cuba," Albright said.

Disclosure of the diplomatic note, containing U.S. charges of inhumane behavior, follows a protracted and touchy U.S. dispute with Cuban Americans over 6-year-old Elian Gonzalez.

The boy was spirited from Cuba by his mother, who died at sea, and taken home by his father after a lengthy legal battle with emigre relatives in Florida. The Cuban government cited the

incident in June when it indefinitely suspended immigration negotiations with the United States.

Unlike Elian and his mother, the 117 Cubans cited in the U.S. complaint had visas to go to the United States but were prevented from leaving Cuba.

In 16 cases, the denial separated families, while in 17 cases, physicians and other professionals were blocked from leaving, said Philip Reeker, a State Department spokesman.

The diplomatic note alleged that Cuba had not abided by a 1994 agreement seeking to establish ground rules for the orderly migration of 20,000 Cubans plus family members to the United States.

"The Cuban government has consistently failed to take effective action in response to our continuing and legitimate humanitarian concerns," the note said.

The note was handed to Fernando Ramirez, chief of the Cuban diplomatic mission in Washington, and also was delivered to the Cuban foreign ministry in Havana. A copy was made available to The Associated

Press. The complaint's substance and some details were later released by Reeker.

The Cuban mission offered no immediate reaction to the specific accusation.

However, spokesman Roberto Garcia criticized U.S. policy as criminal, immoral and discriminatory, saying the United States was responsible for deaths at sea because it encouraged Cubans to try to reach U.S. shores, knowing they would be warmly received.

"Most people who come here know once they reach American soil they will be granted benefits other immigrants don't get," Garcia said.

The U.S. note said 117 Cubans from 57 families had been denied exit permits by the Cuban government in a recent 75-day period. The United States had granted all of them visas.

"We think that they need to issue exit permits to all those individuals who have valid U.S. entry documents," Reeker said. "And at various times we've offered specific instances to them, as we have again today, where families were separated by their policies."

TPMHA and ASC to merge in September

AMARILLO — The remaining four State-Operated Community MHMR Services units — Amarillo State Center, Beaumont State Center, Laredo State Center and Camino Real SOCS — will switch to local control Sept. 1.

The Texas Mental Health Mental Retardation Board approved the transition plans for Amarillo and Laredo State Centers in March.

Amarillo State Center will consolidate with Texas Panhandle Mental Health Authority to become Texas Panhandle Mental Health Mental Retardation.

These changes complete a transition process that began in 1995 when TXMHMR created 13 SOCS organizations from the Community Services Divisions of 22 separate TXMHMR components of state hospitals, schools and centers. The SOCSs were to be integrated into the community MHMR center service system, either as stand-alone centers or

as consolidated centers.

The administrative staffs of TPMHA and ASC have been meeting for over two years, planning for this historical event. The goal for both agencies has been for all services to the mentally ill, the mentally retarded and other related programs continue as usual.

The new logo and vision for TPMHMR is "Making Lives Better."

The mission of TPMHMR is: "To respond to the diverse needs of all persons with mental illness and mental retardation by creating an accessible system of services which supports individual choices and results in lives of dignity and independence."

A nine-member board of trustees provides oversight for the operations of the agency. This board represents the citizens of the 21 counties the agency serves in the panhandle, meets monthly and conducts business in accordance with the Public Meeting Laws of Texas. Board members include Dean Copeland, chair, of Pampa.

Additional information can be obtained by calling Gene Ann Grant, Family and Community Education director, at (806) 354-2191.

City begins testing on water pipeline

LUBBOCK (AP) — A small West Texas town that feared it might run out of water before a pipeline to another water source was installed is about a week away from turning on its newest water tap.

"We have started testing the line as of about 30 minutes ago," John Voller, an engineer for the city of Throckmorton, said Monday.

The pressure test will help engineers pinpoint any leaks in the 21-mile pipeline to nearby Elbert. The pipeline was laid by volunteers moved by Throckmorton's plight after the town's dwindling water supply gained national attention.

"It will be wonderful once water is started pumping in here," Voller said. "Getting that line tested is our last major hurdle. I will feel so much better once we are passed that."

Water in the town's lake began evaporating away under the hot summer sun. The town had already secured an agreement with the nearby city of Graham to purchase water, but Throckmorton had no way to transport the water to its parched residents.

An \$800,000 grant from Texas' Small Towns Environment Program was approved in July to pay for materials, but it did not pay for the manpower needed to install the pipeline.

Volunteers from around the state began showing up to help lay the pipe, knowing the town had about a 60 day water supply left in its dwindling lake.



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~ Business Review ~

Top O' Texas Quick Lube ...

Business continues to increase at the Top O' Texas Quick Lube in Pampa. Jason Allen became owner

of the business almost a year ago, and he has seen a steady increase in customers since then. The young man and his

wife, Denise, became co-owners the first of October, 1999. The young couple has put in many long hours working to

build the business to its current level. "Denise helps do the books and she also works in the shop," said Jason. He said she does "everything."

The increased customer volume can be attributed to the quality work and an interest in their customers.

Allen purchased the Top O' Texas Quick Lube 'N' Wash Convenience Center after managing the Class Lube 'N' Wash Convenience Center at 2801 Perryton Parkway for several years.

Bringing considerable experience to the Quick Lube business, Jason is providing quality service to his customers.

The Pampa native received an associates degree in Automotive and Automotive Electronics at Wyoming Tech Auto School in Laramie, Wyo., in 1991.

He said the Quick Lube business has been at the location on Alcock since 1981. One fulltime employee in addition to Jason and Denise works at the business.

The business does state inspections for vehicles, he said. He is also licensed to do motorcycle inspections.

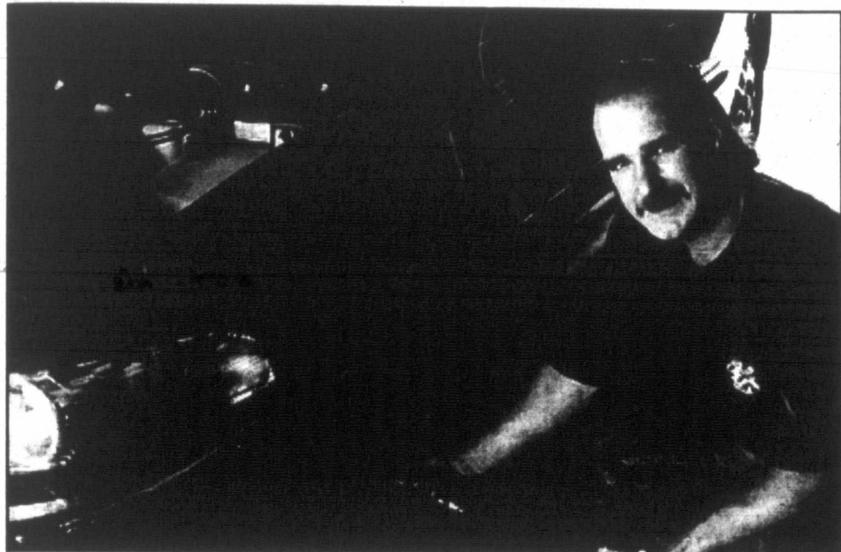
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Tire repair, minor detailing and oil changes are part of the services offered at the local business. He also offers pick up and delivery for car washing. "I have four stalls going at the car wash," said Jason.

The business takes all major credit cards. "In fact, I imagine I can take most any credit cards," he said. He also takes several fleet credit cards. He now has numerous fleet

accounts. Jason and Denise welcome new customers to their business at 1807 Alcock as they provide quality work to their customers. Prospective customers are encouraged to drop by or call to get acquainted with the young couple.

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(Pampa News photo by Nancy Young)

Tire safety is a primary concern for Jason Allen at Top O' Texas Quick Lube. He is careful to check the tires of each vehicle serviced at his business. New customers are welcomed to the business as quality service is provided by Allen and the staff.

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Woman Doubts She Can Find Compassion for Cruel In-Laws

DEAR ABBY: I know you have heard in-law horror stories for decades, but I believe mine takes the cake. My in-laws actually threw a second wedding reception for our guests because they didn't feel ours had enough food. It was a catered affair in their home immediately following ours.

When I had children, they told me they knew their daughter's children were their "real" grandchildren, but they could never be too sure mine were! They save their cruelest words for me and our children for when my husband is not around.

They call my husband "hen-pecked" because ours is an equal partnership, and he shares in the child-rearing, cooking, cleaning and shopping.

My mother-in-law complained last year that my husband is "too close" to his children. She says if my husband has time to coach our son's soccer team, he should have time to fix their storm windows.

My in-laws have repeatedly returned gifts to me saying, "I never cared for that scent of perfume" or "This shirt makes me look long-waisted."

They have also overindulged my husband's sister's children to such a degree that neighbors and other family members have commented on it over the years. My husband has truly supported me throughout these in-law tribulations. We have a fantastic marriage.

My problem is, after 18 years of



Abigail Van Buren

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being on the receiving end of these absurd in-law antics, my elderly in-laws expect me to assist them. They are now in their 80s and infirm. My husband feels obligated to assist his parents, however I don't think I can.

Am I a small person, or is there a limit to what I or anyone should give to people who have been mean and miserable for years on end?

RESENTFUL IN MASSACHUSETTS

DEAR RESENTFUL: You are not a small person — your feelings are more than justified. Your in-laws are so self-centered they do not consider how their words and actions affect other people. However, resentment can do more damage to the person who harbors it than it does to the target.

Should you help these people? Under no circumstances should you be expected to tolerate any more abuse. However, since your husband feels obligated to help his par-

ents, and he has "truly supported you" throughout the years, I think you'd feel better if you returned the favor and supported his efforts. He's sure to need the help. If "helping" conflicts with something that is important to you, call an attendant care agency and let someone else help for a day or two. To do otherwise will only add to your resentment.

DEAR ABBY: What do you do when your best friend knowingly names her dog the name that you had picked for your future daughter (should there be a daughter)? Am I being silly to feel upset?

HURT IN MINNEAPOLIS

DEAR HURT: What your friend did was doggone insensitive, and could create real problems should you have a daughter during her pet's lifetime. What does she think will happen if she calls her dog within earshot of your daughter?

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Horoscope

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 30, 2000

BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

**** Dig into work, with an eye to completion. Enlist a co-worker's good will, and you will gain. Take time with this person after work. What was a work relationship could develop into a lot more. Trust another's feelings. Discuss a new venture. Don't make light of a serious offer. Tonight: Out.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

**** Your creativity speaks to others. Trust your ingenuity with personal relationships as well as the work world. You accomplish the lion's share by just digging in. Don't postpone a project. Get as much done as you can. Another does flatter you. Recognize what this person's motives are. Tonight: Buy a plant or flowers on the way home.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

**** You seriously consider a change in your work patterns. Be realistic about your limits and needs. Put that extra touch into your work. Let your imagination soar. Others respond to this magical dimension. Plug your work with more ingenuity. Tonight: Midweek play.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

**** Others hear you loud and clear. Stretch and understand someone who often seems at odds with you. Make calls

and clear your desk. Take time toward the end of your workday to chat with a loved one who appreciates your feedback. Tonight: Put your feet up and relax.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

**** Your concern in a financial matter pleases another, but curb a tendency to be extravagant. Plunge through work, clearing as much free time as you can. You might want to consider taking off early this week. A gesture to a friend or co-worker changes the nature of your relationship. Tonight: Out and about.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

**** You blossom. Trust your inner feelings. You are extremely caring, and your efforts make a big difference to someone. Don't minimize the importance of another's work. This person needs positive feedback. Discussions revolve around possibilities. Build on firm ground. A new purchase needs to be scrutinized. Tonight: Treat another to dinner.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

**** Say little. Listen a lot. Your feelings could be more sensitive than you realize. You too are vulnerable. Let another put his cards on the table. You can make a solid decision as a result. Another responds to your energy later in the day. In fact, this person listens with care. Tonight: State your case.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

**** Stay goal-oriented and help others around you keep the same perspective. Work performance soars with a common goal. Make a meeting with co-workers. You need to feel as if you are working as a team. A friend could become more. Carefully weigh your decision before you take the big plunge.

Tonight: Take a night for you. **SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)** **** Take charge at work, and don't allow anything to slip through the cracks. You want to present a total picture to a boss. Demonstrate what you are capable of. Review recent decisions carefully. Another appreciates your dynamic thinking. Don't sell out. Know what you want. Tonight: Join your friends.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) **** Your ability to understand others separates you from the pack. Support another in a project. You might be overwhelmed by someone's perspective yet see what might be valid. Break a pattern and show your ability to flow and adjust. A boss will acknowledge you soon enough. Tonight: Leader of the gang.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) **** Work with another, even if it means rebuilding a project from level one. Your willingness to get a project done right impresses others. Others forget how well you can work with people when you so choose. A loved one does need attention. Make an important call late in the day. Tonight: Take in a movie.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) **** Others come toward you. You have strong feelings, but you might not choose to express them just yet. Another will express deeper feelings soon. Schedule work around meetings and calls. Your receptiveness remains your strong suit. Remain open to invitations. Tonight: Dinner for two.

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Crossword Puzzle

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SPORTS

Notebook

BASEBALL

MIAMI (AP) — Will Clark's RBI triple sparked a four-run eighth inning and the St. Louis Cardinals rallied past the Florida Marlins 5-2 Monday night.

Mike James (1-2) pitched a scoreless seventh for the victory. He combined with Rick Ankiel, Jason Christiansen and Dave Veres on a five-hitter.

Veres pitched the save. A.J. Burnett hit his first big league homer and notched a career-high 10 strikeouts. He departed with a 2-1 lead after giving up a leadoff double in the eighth to J.D. Drew, and the Cardinals then broke through against Armando Almanza (4-2).

Clark tripled Drew home to tie the game, and Craig Paquette's RBI single put St. Louis ahead. Edgar Renteria doubled in another run, and Mike Matheny followed with an RBI single against Braden Looper.

Matheny also drove in a run in the fifth.

TENNIS

NEW YORK (AP) — Too eager and much too wild, Venus Williams nearly turned her bid for a 20th straight match victory into a first-round debacle at the U.S. Open.

After winning eight consecutive games and taking a 6-3, 5-0 lead Monday against France's Anne-Gaëlle Sidot, Williams suddenly look very ordinary, very vulnerable and not at all like a Wimbledon champion on the road to a second Grand Slam title.

She sprayed her serves everywhere, ran her double-fault total to eight and watched Sidot reel off four straight games.

In the space of a few minutes, a romp turned into a tense confrontation. Then, just as quickly, Williams bore down and broke Sidot to close out a 6-3, 6-4 victory.

"I think I was rushing a lot in the match, and then I lost focus out there," Williams said. "I felt a little bit lazy on my serve. It seems when I'm in a big match I serve a lot better. When I'm in a match like this, I struggle."

Moments before the match, Pete Sampras was asked, as a connoisseur of serves, what he thought of Williams' serve.

"I don't think she knows where it's going, to be honest with you," he said. "She's a tall girl with a big racket, throws it up and hits it hard."

In this match, at least, Sampras couldn't have been more accurate.

Yet, Williams had more than her serve going for her against Sidot, who was reduced to shrieking in high-pitched frustration as she pounded error after error to let the match drift away before her brief comeback attempt.

In taking a 5-0 lead in the second set, Williams showed off all the speed and ground-stroke power that enabled her to win four straight tournaments coming into the open. And even though she struggled near the end, she still seemed a little more comfortable than Sampras did during his match.

Mopping his face between almost every point, the four-time men's champion slogged sluggishly through a slow-motion, first-round victory as the open got off to a sleepy start.

As leaden as Sampras looked, he served well enough to overcome an even slower Martin Damm of the Czech Republic, 7-6 (3), 7-5, 6-4.

It was that kind of day at the National Tennis Center, when heavy, muggy weather took a toll on players and fans alike after nearly two hours of rain interrupted matches early in the afternoon.

In the cooler, breezier night air, top seed and defending champion Andre Agassi had no trouble dispatching NCAA champion Alex Kim of Stanford, a wild-card entry, 6-4, 6-2, 6-0.

Pampa has impressive scrimmage vs. Frenship

PAMPA — Pampa head coach Dennis Cavalier came away feeling pleased after the Harvesters tangled with Frenship on Saturday in the season's first scrimmage.

"I felt like we really displayed some good things this time of year against a team that's highly-thought of," Cavalier said. "I thought our guys competed well against them, both offensively and defensively."

Frenship is ranked No. 4 in Class 4A by The Associated Press. One of the reasons for the high ranking is all-state quarterback Kendal Briles, who led Stephenville to the state championship the past two years. Briles transferred to Frenship for his senior season after his dad, Art Briles, took an assistant football job at Texas Tech.

"He's an awesome athlete," Cavalier said. "It looks like he fit in well with the other Frenship play-

ers. He certainly showed why he's a Division I prospect." Briles has already signed a letter of intent to the University of Texas.

However, Pampa battled Frenship on even terms throughout the scrimmage.

After playing one regulation quarter, each team had scored one touchdown.

"I thought our quarterbacks, J.J. Roark and Josh Baker, were every bit as effective as Briles was," Cavalier said. "They held their own."

With the score tied 1-1, The Harvesters were moving into scoring position against Frenship when time ran out.

During a scrimmage period, Frenship did outscore Pampa 1-0, but Cavalier said the Harvesters' offense was able to pick up big chunks of yardage. They just couldn't find the end zone.

"I thought the entire day went

great. We transported about a million kids to Frenship, including 40-some freshmen, and as far as I know everybody came home without any injuries. We can be thankful for that," Cavalier said.

Defensively, the Harvesters are learning a new system.

"We're switching to zone coverage instead of man to man, which is something we've done for several years. So, it's a new thing for our defense to learn," Cavalier said.

Also look for Pampa to put the ball in the air more this season.

"We're really putting more emphasis on our passing game," Cavalier added. "We need to keep working on our pass-protection techniques. Frenship had only one sack against us, so our offensive line did a good job. We also ran the ball well and caught the ball well."

Pampa's season opener is at 7:30 Friday night against Dalhart in Harvester Stadium.

Learning on the run

IRVING, Texas (AP) — Before trying to teach the Dallas Cowboys any new dance steps, O.J. Santiago has to learn the offensive playbook.

Santiago went through his first workout with the Cowboys on Monday, a day after he was acquired from the Falcons to provide needed depth at tight end behind David LaFleur and Jackie Harris.

"I'm learning on the run. They would whisper in my ear what to do," Santiago said. "There are a lot of the same things here. I'll be ready to play."

The Cowboys faxed Santiago some information to read his flight Sunday night to Dallas.

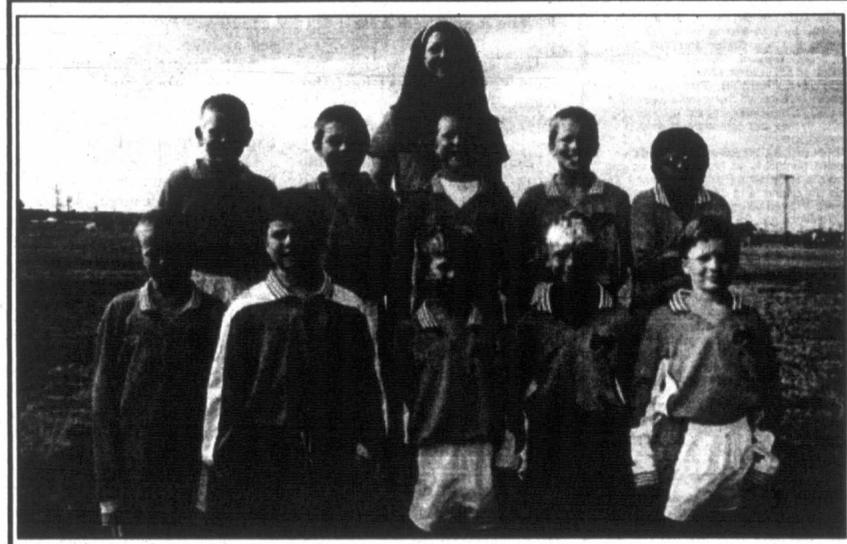
After he arrived at the Valley Ranch practice facility about 8 a.m. Monday, he met with tight ends coach Les Miles, got a short briefing on the offense and hit the field for the only Cowboys' practice until Wednesday.

The 6-foot-7, 264 pound Santiago had 15 catches for 174 yards in 1999, but caught 27 passes for 428 yards and five touchdowns in 1998, the year his blocking helped Jamal Anderson lead the NFC in rushing and Atlanta reached the Super Bowl.

While also credited with inventing the "Dirty Bird" dance that became the Falcons' trademark that NFC championship season, Santiago doesn't have any dance steps in mind yet for his new team.

"That's spontaneous. I hope I get a chance to show you something," Santiago said. "We've got to get in the end zone first."

Santiago got extra reps in practice Monday since the Cowboys are still being cautious with LaFleur, who missed the first four preseason games because of a strained groin. LaFleur played in the final preseason game and is expected to play Sunday.



Spring Champions

An Under 10 boys outdoor soccer team (at left) from Panhandle competed in the Pampa Soccer Association this year. The team won the Spring League and placed second in their division in the fall league.

They also placed second in the 4 x 4 Tournament held last October. Team members are (front row, from left) Travis Gray, Chandler Sherwood, Brandon Ofringa, Tyler Heilman and Jade Bradford; (center row, from left) Ben Moore, Terry Hobbs, Corey Coleman, Leo Looten and David Castellon Jr.

Also pictured is coach Christy Earnshaw. Not pictured is Trenton Jones.

The team is sponsored by Panhandle Northern Railroad.

Streak comes to an end for Penn State

By RICHARD ROSENBLATT
AP Football Writer

Penn State's eight-year run in the Top 25 is over.

For the first time since the end of the 1992 season, the Nittany Lions are not ranked in The Associated Press college football poll.

Soundly beaten by USC 29-5 in Sunday's Kickoff Classic at Giants Stadium, Penn State's streak of appearing in 119 consecutive polls ended Monday.

The Lions, who had its fourth-longest run of consecutive rankings behind Nebraska, Florida State and Florida, entered the game at No. 22. Penn State was 7-5 in '92 after a loss to Stanford in the Blockbuster Bowl.

Nebraska and Florida State remained 1-2 in the first regular-season poll as the top 11 were unchanged from the pre-season poll.

The Cornhuskers, who open Saturday against San Jose State, collected 35 first-place votes and 1,728 points from the 71 sports writers and broadcasters on the panel. The Seminoles, 29-3 winners over BYU in the Pigskin Classic, had 30 first-place votes and 1,723 points.

Alabama, which opens Saturday at UCLA, was third with three first-place votes and 1,577 points, followed by No. 4 Wisconsin and No. 5

Miami. The Badgers, who had one first-place vote, and Hurricanes open Thursday night. Wisconsin plays Western Michigan, while Miami goes against McNeese State.

Michigan was No. 6, followed by No. 7 Texas (two first-place votes), No. 8 Kansas State, No. 9 Florida and No. 10 Georgia. K-State opened with a 27-7 win over Iowa in the Eddie Robinson Classic.

Virginia Tech, which had its opener against Georgia Tech postponed by violent thunderstorms and lightning, was No. 11, followed by No. 12 USC (up three spots), No. 13 Tennessee, No. 14 Washington, No. 15 Purdue, No. 16 Ohio State, No. 17 Clemson, No. 18 Mississippi, No. 19 Oklahoma and No. 20 TCU.

Illinois was No. 21, followed by No. 22 Southern Mississippi, No. 23 Colorado, No. 24 Michigan State and No. 25 Texas A&M.

The Aggies, the only new team in the poll, open at Notre Dame on Saturday.

Nebraska's streak of consecutive poll appearances is up to 310, followed by Florida State's 184 and Florida's 178.

In the USA Today/ESPN coaches poll, the top five were Nebraska, Florida State, Alabama, Michigan and Wisconsin.

Softball deadline is Sept. 8

PAMPA — City of Pampa Recreation Department will be offering Men's Open and Mixed Open Softball Leagues this fall.

The entry fee or sponsor's fees are for teams are \$200 per team (\$185 if team is already sanctioned).

The player's fee is \$12 per player with a minimum of 11 persons for Men's Open and 12 persons for Mixed Open.

Entry deadline is Sept. 8 at 5 p.m. There will be no teams added after this date.

Schedules will be available after 1 p.m. on Sept. 13 at the Recreation Office.

Play will begin the week of Sept. 18.

Roster forms, fact sheets and by-laws are available at the Recreation Office at 816 S. Hobart between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

If you have any questions or would like more information on the fall leagues, contact the Recreation Office at 669-5770 during business hours.

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All Times EDT									
AMERICAN CONFERENCE									
East									
W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	W	L	T	Pct
Buffalo	0	0	0.000	0	0				
Indianapolis	0	0	0.000	0	0				
Miami	0	0	0.000	0	0				
New England	0	0	0.000	0	0				
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SUNDAY'S GAMES									
Arizona at New York Giants, 1 p.m.									
Baltimore at Pittsburgh, 1 p.m.									
Carolina at Washington, 1 p.m.									
Chicago at Minnesota, 1 p.m.									
Detroit at New Orleans, 1 p.m.									
Indianapolis at Kansas City, 1 p.m.									
Jacksonville at Cleveland, 1 p.m.									
San Francisco at Atlanta, 1 p.m.									
Tampa Bay at New England, 1 p.m.									
Philadelphia at Dallas, 4:05 p.m.									
San Diego at Oakland, 4:15 p.m.									
Seattle at Miami, 4:15 p.m.									
New York Jets at Green Bay, 4:15 p.m.									
Tennessee at Buffalo, 8:20 p.m.									

BASEBALL									
National League									
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East Division									
W	L	Pct.	GB	W	L	Pct.	GB		
Atlanta	78	53	595	—					
New York	78	53	595	—					
Florida	63	67	485	15 1/2					
Philadelphia	56	74	431	21 1/2					
Cincinnati	55	73	430	21 1/2					
Central Division									
St. Louis	74	57	565	—					
Cincinnati	65	65	500	8 1/2					
Chicago	64	74	431	17 1/2					
Milwaukee	56	74	431	17 1/2					
Houston	54	77	412	20					
Pittsburgh	52	77	403	21					
West Division									
San Francisco	74	55	574	—					
Arizona	71	59	546	3 1/2					
Los Angeles	69	62	527	6					
Colorado	66	65	504	9					
San Diego	64	67	489	11					

SUNDAY'S GAMES									
N.Y. Mets @ Arizona 1									
St. Louis 7, Atlanta 2									
Houston 7, Montreal 3									
Philadelphia 2, San Francisco 1, 10 innings									
Colorado 9, Pittsburgh 1									
San Diego 2, Milwaukee 1									
Los Angeles 7, Chicago Cubs 6, 10 innings									
Florida 7, Cincinnati 6									
N.Y. Mets 4, Houston 2									
Montreal 9, Arizona 5									
St. Louis 5, Florida 2									
Philadelphia 3, Colorado 2									
Cincinnati 6, Atlanta 3									
Los Angeles 5, Milwaukee 3									
San Diego 8, Chicago Cubs 2									
San Francisco 5, Pittsburgh 4									

TUESDAY'S GAMES									
Arizona (Guzman 3-4) at Montreal (Vazquez 8-6), 7:05 p.m.									
St. Louis (Hentgen 13-9) at Florida (C. Smith 2-5), 7:05 p.m.									
San Francisco (Hernandez 13-9) at Pittsburgh (Benson 8-11), 7:05 p.m.									
Houston (Miller 2-5) at N.Y. Mets (Leter 14-5), 7:10 p.m.									
Colorado (Rose 1-2) at Philadelphia (Daal 3-15), 7:35 p.m.									
Cincinnati (Parris 8-14) at Atlanta (Ashby 8-11), 7:40 p.m.									
San Diego (Eaton 5-2) at Chicago Cubs (Arnold 0-1), 8:05 p.m.									
Los Angeles (Park 13-8) at Milwaukee (Haynes 11-11), 8:05 p.m.									
Wednesday's Games									
San Diego (Totberg 3-2) at Chicago Cubs (Lieber 11-7), 2:20 p.m.									
Arizona (Johnson 16-5) at Montreal (Lira 3-4), 7:05 p.m.									
St. Louis (Reames 0-1) at Florida (Cornelius 3-7), 7:05 p.m.									
San Francisco (Ortiz 10-10) at Pittsburgh (Anderson 4-7), 7:05 p.m.									
Houston (Holt 6-12) at N.Y. Mets (Reed 8-4), 7:10 p.m.									
Colorado (Tavarez 9-2) at Philadelphia (Botterfield 1-2), 7:35 p.m.									
Cincinnati (Dessens 6-4) at Atlanta (Glavin 17-6), 7:40 p.m.									
Los Angeles (Drefort 10-7) at Milwaukee (Wright 6-7), 8:05 p.m.									

AMERICAN LEAGUE									
At A Glance									
By The Associated Press									
All Times EDT									
East Division									
W	L	Pct.	GB	W	L	Pct.	GB		
New York	73	55	570	—					
Boston	68	60	531	5					
Toronto	69	62	527	5 1/2					
Baltimore	59	71	454	15					
Tampa Bay	57	73	438	17					
Central Division									
Chicago	77	54	588	—					
Cleveland	68	59	535	7					

WEST DIVISION									
Los Angeles	50	60	450	—					
Milwaukee	48	62	438	2					

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COLLEGE FOOTBALL									
The Top 25									
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2. Florida(30)	0-0	1,723	2						
3. Alabama(3)	0-0	1,577	3						
4. Wisconsin(1)	0-0	1,442	4						
5. Miami	0-0	1,404	5						
6. Michigan	0-0	1,381	6						
7. Texas(2)	0-0	1,308	7						
8. Kansas(1)	0-0	1,295	8						
9. Florida	0-0	1,248	9						
10. Georgia	0-0	1,230	10						
11. VirginiaTech	0-0	1,050	11						
12. SouthernCal	1-0	986	15						
13. Tennessee	0-0	902	12						
14. Washington	0-0	785	13						
15. Purdue	0-0	728	14						
16. OhioSt.	0-0	601	16						
17. Clemson	0-0	597	17						
18. Mississippi	0-0	545	18						
19. Oklahoma	0-0	469	19						
20. TCU	0-0	408	20						
21. Illinois	0-0	395	21						
22. SouthernMiss.	0-0	248	23						
23. Colorado	0-0	182	24						
24. MichiganSt.	0-0	182	25						
25. TexasA&M	0-0	141	—						

OTHER RANKINGS									
UCLA 95, East Carolina 87, Oregon 82, Penn St. 51, Mississippi St. 42, Utah 40, Colorado St. 37, Notre Dame 28, Marshall 26, Virginia 23, Auburn 20, Louisiana Tech 15, Arkansas 14, Texas Tech 13, Georgia Tech 12, LSU 10, Syracuse 7, Minnesota 6, Kentucky 4, Toledo 4, Arizona St. 1, Boston College 1, Oregon St. 1.									

Dalhart had a turnabout year

In the season football opener, Pampa faces a team that made one of those quick turnabouts.



L.D. Strate
Sports Editor

Dalhart rose from obscurity a year ago to reach the second round of the playoffs. The Golden Wolves went from 0-10 in '98 to 6-6 in '99 and beat Shallowater in the bi-district round of the playoffs.

Quickness and some size advantage should win out for the Harvesters, who host the Wolves at 7:30 Friday night in Harvester Stadium.

"Overall, we're going to be pretty small," said Pampa head coach Dennis Cavalier. "We've got a couple of big guys, but we should be a quicker team."

The first Harris Ratings came out this week and has Pampa listed as a 17-point favorite. Harris has Pampa at No. 79 out of 216 Class 4A teams in its pre-season ratings.

Dalhart is at No. 107 among 210 Class 3A schools.

In '98 and '99, the Mustangs advanced to the championship contest. Wheeler has won three state titles in the school's storied football history.

By the way, Wheeler has Dalhart on its schedule. The two teams meet Sept. 29 in Wheeler.

For all you Randall-haters out there, the Raiders are ranked a lowly 164th in the Harris poll.

Randall doesn't open its season until Sept. 8 against Lubbock High. Randall had a 2-8 record and didn't win a district game a year ago.

We're all hoping for a repeat.

Mets are atop NL East standings

The last time the New York Mets were atop the NL East, they were 2-1 and still recovering from jet lag following their season-opening trip to Japan.

"Being in first place is something," Edgardo Alfonzo said. "Staying there the rest of the season is something else."

Alfonzo's three-run, first-inning homer helped the Mets beat the Houston Astros 4-2 Monday night and moved New York into a tie with Atlanta, which had held first exclusively since after games of April 18.

New York, last in first on April 4, has gone a major league-best 30-15 since the All-Star break to move into first this late in the season for the first time since Sept. 3, 1990.

"At the end of the season, it means something to be in first place," Mets manager Bobby Valentine said. "But the last time I checked, we aren't even in the final month of the season yet."

Atlanta (78-53) lost 6-3 to Cincinnati. The Braves are 13-13 in August and have lost four of five.

"We are capable of playing better," Greg Maddux said. "I think we all know that."

In other games, it was San Francisco 5, Pittsburgh 4; Montreal 9, Arizona 5; St. Louis 5, Florida 2; Philadelphia 3, Colorado 2; Los Angeles 5, Milwaukee 3; and San Diego 8, Chicago 2.

At New York, Glendon Rusch (9-10) allowed solo homers to former-Met Roger Cedeno and Richard Hidalgo, but pitched around three other extra-base hits. Turk Wendell pitched two innings for his first save since July 26

Jon Benet's parents submit to questioning for first time in two years

ATLANTA (AP) — John and Patsy Ramsey's attorney said he hoped their first interview with police in two years would regain momentum following a dispute over a prosecutor's line of questioning in the death of their daughter.

Attorney L. Lin Wood told reporters that investigators' seven hours with Patsy Ramsey on Monday turned into one prosecutor's "fishing expedition" to pin 6-year-old JonBenet's killing on the parents.

Wood said prosecutor Michael Kane would not consider any suspects other than the Ramseys. "I'm not real hopeful" about further progress in the investigation, he said.

Investigators were planning to resume questioning of Patsy Ramsey at Wood's downtown Atlanta office Tuesday. An interview with John Ramsey was scheduled to follow.

Wood said Kane threatened to walk out of an inter-

view with Patsy Ramsey when the two sides argued over questioning about fiber evidence and security precautions for JonBenet's older brother, Burke.

There was no comment from Kane or the rest of a seven-member investigative team led by Boulder, Colo., police Chief Mark Beckner. In Boulder, spokeswoman Jana Petersen said the police department would have no comment on the interviews until they are completed.

As the talks began Monday, both sides said they did not expect them to last more than two days. They said they hoped the interviews would be more a discussion than an interrogation.

"They may never clear our names till they find the killer," John Ramsey said. "We're not here to prove our innocence or clear our name. We're here to find the killer of our daughter."

Wood said questions from the investigative team excluding Kane were mostly fair. At a break in the talks earlier Monday, Patsy Ramsey had said she was "very comfortable" with questions investigators posed to her in a morning session.

"I believe they're asking pertinent questions, so I'm happy to be there," she said.

The two sides disagreed in the afternoon session over questions about fiber evidence from the investigators who Wood said didn't disclose all they knew about the evidence.

The attorney said he also objected to questioning about Patsy Ramsey's concern for 13-year-old Burke's security at school. Wood said that questioning did nothing to help prosecutors find JonBenet's killer.

The Boulder investigators entered the interviews intending to question the Ramseys about forensic

evidence and statements they made in their book, "The Death of Innocence," in which the Ramseys defend themselves and write about people they consider suspects.

JonBenet was found beaten and strangled on Dec. 26, 1996, in the basement of her family's Boulder home. No suspect has ever been named, though Beckner said her parents remain under suspicion. The Ramseys have denied any involvement.

Police first interviewed the Ramseys separately in April 1997 after months of negotiations. They were questioned separately again in June 1998.

A grand jury was convened in 1998 to investigate the slaying but disbanded without an indictment. Critics claim police botched the case early in the investigation and were overly deferential to the Ramseys, who now live in Atlanta.

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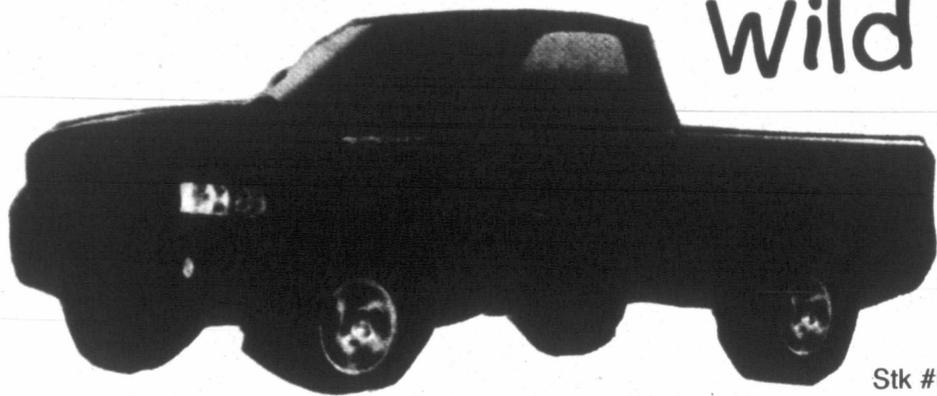
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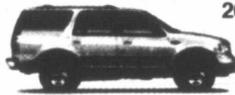
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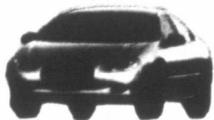
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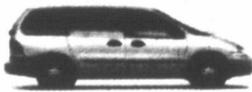
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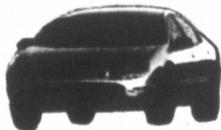
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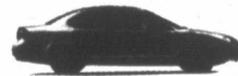
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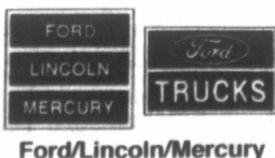
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