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PAMPA — The Freedom Museum USA will officially open its doors on Saturday, Aug. 20, with a parade scheduled prior to the dedication ceremony.

Theme of the parade will be "Red, White and Blue," according to John Triplehorn, president of the museum board.

"We hope all floats will be proudly flying the Stars and Stripes," he said. "It is our sincerest hope that every veteran organization, civic group, church, business and individual in the Panhandle will join us in celebrating our precious gift of freedom."

Those wanting to be in the parade may obtain information and parade confirmation forms from the museum at 600 N. Hobart or by writing Freedom Museum USA, P.O. Box 66, Pampa, Texas 79066. Telephone number for the museum is 669-6066.

PAMPA — The Retail Trade Committee of the Greater Pampa Area Chamber of Commerce is seeking volunteers to help with organizing a Christmas parade.

The committee, noting there has not been a Christmas parade for the past two years, said it would like to revive the tradition but needs a number of volunteers to help with the event.

The committee is specifically seeking someone to chair the parade committee, plus as many other volunteers as it can get to assist with the planning and operation of the parade, which would be held in the first or second week of December.

Those interested in serving on the Christmas parade committee should contact Chamber secretary Julie Scott at the Chamber office, 669-3241.

WELLINGTON — Wellington State Bank in Wellington has announced its merger with First National Bank in Wheeler. The merger was effective with the close of business on Friday, July 29.

First National opened Monday morning as Wheeler Banking Center, a branch of Wellington State Bank.

Richard M. Sims, chairman of the board for Wellington State Bank, said, "We are very fortunate to have acquired such a fine institution. We look forward to working with the fine people of the Wheeler area."

The new bank will have an asset base of over \$66 million and a capital ratio of over 8 percent.

Charles Brown, longtime president of First National, was named as branch manager of Wheeler Banking Center.

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Three founders of a failed pension management company pleaded guilty to stealing \$121.5 million from up to 8,000 victims.

William Cooper, Robert Lindley and Valerie Jensen entered the pleas Monday in federal court. They face up to 10 years in prison and \$500,000 in fines for mail fraud at their Oct. 6 sentencing.

"I'm sorry I did it," Lindley told the judge. "Our objective in continuing the fraud was to try to repay the debt we had created."

The trio's Irvine-based First Pension Corp. is being liquidated after filing for bankruptcy in April. Formed in 1980, it oversaw \$350 million in retirement accounts for 8,000 investors.

First Pension at first made legitimate investments. Then mortgage investment deals went sour, and officials began diverting money to cover mortgage investment deals that went bad.

"I didn't start out intending on diverting funds," said Jensen, who promised to try and repay the victims. "I didn't even, in the beginning, understand I was doing anything wrong."

HOUSTON (AP) — Federal officials have declared victory in their effort to save rare sea turtles from drowning in Texas shrimp nets.

The National Marine Fisheries Service last month began a crackdown on shrimpers who were not using nets specially equipped to allow turtles to escape entanglement and drowning.

Since then, fewer dead sea turtles have washed up onto Texas beaches, agency officials said.

Since the campaign started July 19, the weekly turtle toll has dropped from 55 the first week to eight last week, according to federal statistics.

Additional officers deployed along the Gulf of Mexico by the National Marine Fisheries Service have all gone home, said Andy Kemmerer, the agency's Southeast regional director.

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) — A man accused with his wife of running a prostitution ring under the guise of a maid service has a videotape he says shows his wife engaging in prostitution, a television station reported.

Mark Williams, co-owner of Bikini Maids, said the tape shows he had no control over the actions of his wife, Linda Hernandez, nor their employees, according to KRIS-TV news director Fred Ertz.

City considers central polling place for voters

By RYDAL K. MCGAVOCK
Staff Writer

A proposal that could increase voter turnout and make it easier for those who do vote by centralizing polling places in Pampa was discussed as representatives from the city and from minority groups in the community met Monday evening in City Hall.

"(We tried) to communicate the need to facilitate voter turnout (and) to make voting more convenient for the citizens of Pampa," said Phyllis Jeffers, city secretary.

While only in its infancy, the proposal would eliminate the four polling places used in elections in favor of one central location which has yet to be determined. Possible locations for the

central polling site discussed at Monday's meeting included the M.K. Brown Memorial Auditorium and Civic Center and the high school.

Before the proposal could be implemented, however, it would have to be approved by the Justice Department as required by the Voting Rights Act. As part of that process, area minorities would have to be asked for their input.

"We are in the very preliminary process and that includes looking at its feasibility and get citizen input because the main thing I want to do as the election official is to make it as convenient to vote as possible ... and make sure we're meeting their needs," Jeffers said.

J.R. Moreno, president of the Pampa's chapter of the League of

United Latin American, said Monday that he thought the proposal had merit and that he would bring the matter before members of his organization.

He added, however, that information about the change and voting in general needs to be emphasized.

While the proposal to centralize the polling places would affect voters in city elections, it would also affect those people casting their ballots in school district elections.

Jack Bailey, executive director of personnel services for the Pampa Independent School District, said he supports the idea because it would promote voter turnout and cut the costs associated with holding an election.

"We've been trying to do this the last couple of years," he said. "It's certain-

ly an excellent idea. Not only are we sharing the expenses and saving the tax payers some money, we're centralizing the location of the polling place."

Neither Jeffers nor Bailey knew when the proposal would be discussed by the city commission or the school board but said they were confident the matter would move forward soon. In the meantime, Jeffers said she encourages anyone interested to contact her at City Hall.

The next election in which the change could be implemented would be for the city and school district elections scheduled for May.

Currently Pampa is divided into four wards but voters in city and school district elections can vote at large for any candidate.

Gimme an L!



Lefors High School cheerleaders Nikki Bockmon, left, a freshman, and Jennifer Williams, a sophomore, lead a group of would-be cheerleaders through a drill and yell this morning at the Lefors football field. The LHS cheerleaders, assisted by the junior high squad, held a two-day cheerleading camp Monday and today. (Pampa News photo by Darlene Holmes)

Woman dies in van wreck near Alanreed

By CHERYL BERZANSKIS
News Editor

A woman whom Department of Public Safety officials say had been traveling for 22 hours was killed Monday in single car rollover 3 1/2 miles west of Alanreed on Interstate 40.

The midafternoon accident took the life of Jameelah Haqq, 17, of Sylmar, Calif. She was pronounced dead at 8:44 p.m. at North West Texas Hospital, Amarillo. Her body was transported to Lubbock for an autopsy ordered by Justice of the Peace Mitchell of Amarillo. Haqq was not wearing a seat belt at the time of the accident, according to DPS Trooper L.B. Snider.

Haqq and eight other Californians were westbound in a 1994 Ford van when the vehicle left the roadway to the right. When the driver, Shameka Wilson, 18, Grenada Hills, Calif., corrected to the left, Snider said, the van hit the shoulder of the road and struck a guard rail. The van slid across the interstate and struck the opposite guardrail. The van continued on about 50 feet to the west, coming to rest on its top, Snider explained.

Also traveling in the van bound for California from Louisville, Ky., was Marjorie Wilson, 58, Grenada Hills. Her condition is reported as satisfactory, according to an official at North West Texas Hospital. She was wearing a seat belt at the time of the roll over.

Treated and released from the hospital were Deon Tatum, 19, Pocomo, Calif., and his son Deon Tatum, Jr., 1, Pocomo, Calif., Jahmal Thrower, 17, Grenada Hills, Calif., and Michelle Williams, 8, Los Angeles. Passenger David Cook, 9, was not listed on the hospital roster.

Williams and Cook were not wearing a lap belt. Another passenger, Mariam Washington, 27, Los Angeles, was reported by Snider as suffering possible back injuries. She was not wearing a safety belt, Snider said.

Responding to the accident were one ambulance and rescue truck from Groom with five personnel, two ambulances with seven personnel from McLean Volunteer Emergency Service and one rescue truck, Suburban and fire truck with seven personnel from McLean Volunteer Fire Department.

The accident was investigated by troopers Ron Shank, McLean, and Joe Longway, Groom.

Sheriff plans to promote five employees

By CHERYL BERZANSKIS
News Editor

Gray County Sheriff Randy Stubblefield expects to promote five employees with the next two weeks to supervisory positions within the department.

Stubblefield received approval from the commissioner's court Monday to choose four sergeants — two each for patrol and jail departments — and a lieutenant to provide supervisory expertise to deputies and jailers. It will be the function of the supervisors to see that paperwork is completed during a shift and to make law enforcement decisions, he said.

He asked the court to approve \$75 per month pay raise for the new sergeants and \$100 per month pay raise for the new lieutenant. Stubblefield said the money is available in his budget because he has about \$24,000 unspent in the salary line item. He expects the newly promoted officers to cost the department \$4,800 more per year, he said. Jailers now earn \$1,440 per month and deputies earn \$1,983.

The deputy staff now operates without a

full-time supervisor during the 5 p.m. to 3 a.m. evening shift, he said.

"You need someone in authority to make decisions. If you have four deputies working at the same rank, no one is actually in charge," Stubblefield said after the meeting.

No deputy or jailer is ever working alone, Stubblefield told Commissioner Joe Wheeley. During the commissioners' discussion, Wheeley told the sheriff he was concerned that others might say the promotions are an excuse to give someone a raise, when in fact only one is on duty and there are no others to supervise. Stubblefield responded he could recall no time when a deputy worked alone.

Deputy Wade Bentley told the court field deputies need leadership. He said he feels he is a rookie officer who needs supervision.

"I would feel much more comfortable in my work environment," Bentley said.

Supervisors will be able to allocate deputy assignments to keep the county covered at all times during a shift, precluding all deputies answering a call and

leaving other areas of the county without law enforcement for a period of time, he said.

Having designated supervisors, he told the court, will relieve the county of some liability if there is leadership on duty to direct the work of rookie officers, he told the commissioners.

The new supervisors will be chosen through a testing and interview procedure including a written exam on the penal code and civil process plus a board of review made up of three law enforcement officers and one civilian. Stubblefield said he will make the final selection. Any deputy or jailer now employed may apply for the leadership positions, he said.

After the patrol sergeants are named, he expects one to work Saturday through Tuesday with the second working Wednesday through Saturday, therefore overlapping on a traditionally busy evening.

The agency employs 30 people. Gray County Sheriff's Office now has openings for one deputy, one head jailer and two dispatchers, he said.

White House endorses compromise health care plans

By NITA LELYVELD
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Wide open to compromise, the White House today embraced Democratic health care plans in the House and Senate that are scaled-down versions of President Clinton's initial proposal.

With the president's plan long since dead, Press Secretary Dee Dee Myers said Clinton will lobby for proposals by House Majority Leader Richard Gephardt of Missouri and Senate Majority Leader George Mitchell of Maine. She said both alternatives eventually would achieve Clinton's primary goal — universal coverage.

"It is very significant that for the first time in 60 years, you're going to have a bill on the floor of the House and on the floor of the Senate ... that fundamentally reforms the nation's health care system," Myers said. "That would not have happened without the president's leadership."

After weeks of daily meetings with his colleagues, Mitchell has come up with a delicately balanced compromise he hopes will pass Congress and avoid a presidential veto.

In a Senate speech today, Mitchell was detailing a proposal aimed at providing universal coverage without relying immediately on mandates that specify what percentage of insurance costs employers must pay.

Instead, Mitchell would impose a mandate only as last resort if more than 5 percent of Americans lacked coverage just after the turn of the century.

Even if the mandate were imposed, Mitchell hopes employers would find it easier to swallow. His plan was expected to require employers to pay 50 percent of their workers' insurance premiums, not the 80 percent share Clinton would have required.

Myers said Clinton "supports the broad outlines of the bill. Certainly, if Senator Mitchell proposes a bill — which we expect — that will get to universal coverage by a date certain, in a reasonable period of time, then it's something the presi-

dent can support."

Clinton held five one-on-one meetings with senators Monday, opening a private lobbying effort that will continue through the floor votes. He is conducting a prime-time news conference Wednesday to promote health care reform.

Even before Mitchell's plan was out, however, Republicans were attacking it. In an hour-long television show beamed via satellite by the Republican National Committee, Herman Cain, chief executive officer of Godfather's Pizza and an outspoken opponent of the employer mandate, said of Mitchell's triggered approach, "It doesn't matter whether you kill me now or whether you phase in death

over a period of time."

The show, moderated by RNC chairman Haley Barbour, portrayed all Democratic plans as "Clinton-style" and said they would lead to rationing, lack of choice, huge taxes and millions of lost jobs.

Barbour dubbed the mandate-free, bare-bones approach of Senate Minority Leader Bob Dole, R-Kan., "the American option," and said Republicans were for the kind of health reform that "builds on our unique system ... without turning the system over to the government."

"They've changed the name, but they haven't changed the game," Barbour said of a House bill proposed last week.

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Have students going off to college? Don't forget a Pampa News subscription for them!!

Daily Record

Services tomorrow

No services for tomorrow were reported as of press time today.

Obituaries

No obituaries were reported to *The Pampa News* as of press time today.

Hospital

CORONADO HOSPITAL Admissions	Pampa Nellie Bess Martin Aubrey Allin West
Pampa	Wheeler
Rickie Alan Buck	Bertha I. Perra and baby boy
Evie Cordella Clark	SHAMROCK HOSPITAL Admissions
Bonnie Rose Lewis	Shamrock
Glenda Fay Terry	Admissions
Aubrey Allin West	Shamrock
Miami	Dismissals
Bert Lissie Huff	Richard Dhane
McLean	Dismissals
Willie Jane Winegeart	No dismissals were reported.

Calendar of events

PAMPA TOASTMASTERS
The Pampa Toastmasters Club meets each Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. at Hi-Land Church, 18th and Banks. Those interested in improving their public speaking skills are invited to join the club.

RAILROAD RETIREMENT BOARD
A representative of the U.S. Railroad Retirement Board from Amarillo will be in Pampa Friday at 1 p.m. at the Texas Employment Commission office in Coronado Center for those wishing information on railroad retirement, survivor or Medicare benefits, unemployment or sickness benefits and other matters. Persons with appointments will be considered first. For information on appointments, call (806) 376-2216.

TRINITY FELLOWSHIP CHURCH SCHOOL SUPPLIES PROGRAM
Registration for the Trinity Fellowship Church school supply outreach program will be Wednesday and Thursday from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. in the church gym at 1200 South Sumner. Registration is open for students entering grades Kindergarten-12 and is required to participate in school supply distribution on Aug. 13. Identification in the form of a birth certificate or social security card is required. For the student is required. For more information, call the church at 665-3255.

Accidents

Pampa Police Department report the following accident in the 24-hour reporting period which ended at 7 a.m. today.

TUESDAY, Aug. 2

Sgt. John Goes reported a damaged stop sign, apparently struck by a vehicle, in the 1100 block of Williston.

Fires

The Pampa Fire Department reported no calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Police report

Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents and arrests in the 24-hour reporting period which ended at 7 a.m. today.

-MONDAY, Aug. 1

Family violence/assault by contact was reported in the 1000 block of Huff Road.

Sgt. Kenneth Hopson reported a sick or injured prisoner in city jail.

Britt Marie Debel, Jessup, Iowa, reported theft \$20-\$200 at Coronado Hospital, One Medical Plaza.

Sgt. Katie Gerhardt reported failure to identify at 1500 N. Hamilton.

Douglas H. Phillips Jr., 916 Fisher, reported theft and assault at 212 Gillespie.

TUESDAY, Aug. 2

Sgt. John Goes reported hit and run in the 1100 block of Williston.

Arrests

MONDAY, Aug. 1

Norad Benavides, 49, 521 Montagu, was arrested in the 1500 block of Hamilton on four warrants.

Danny Boyd, 45, 320 Anne, was arrested at 2218 Alcock on a charge of public intoxication.

Sheriff's Office

Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following incidents and arrests in the 24-hour reporting period which ended at 7 a.m. today.

MONDAY, Aug. 1

Bill Pitts of Billy's Garage, Alanreed, reported theft.

TUESDAY, Aug. 2

A juvenile reported aggravated sexual assault east of the city.

Arrests

MONDAY, Aug. 1

Melvin Rolando Perez, 32, Los Angeles, Calif., was arrested on a charge of theft under \$20.

Mario Cortez, 43, Compton, Calif., was arrested on a charge of theft under \$20.

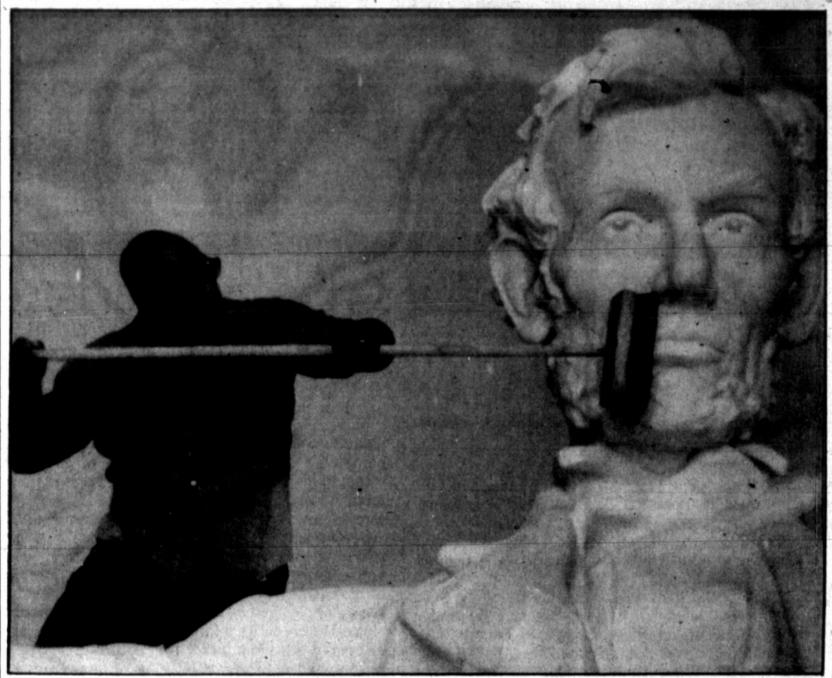
Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by Wheeler-Evans of Pampa:	Chevron.....43 7/8	dn 1/4
Wheat.....3.06	Coca-Cola.....44 1/2	up 1/8
Milo.....3.82	Diamond Sham.....27 1/2	up 1/8
Corn.....4.22	Enron.....31 1/2	up 1/8
	Halliburton.....34 3/8	dn 1/8
	HealthTrust Inc.....28 1/8	up 3/8
	Ingersoll Rand.....36 3/4	up 3/8
	KNE.....24 1/2	up 1/8
The following show the prices for which these securities could have traded at the time of compilation:	Kerr McGee.....50 1/8	up 1/8
Serico.....3	Limited.....19 3/8	NC
Occidental.....20	Mappco.....60 1/4	up 1/8
	Maxus.....5 1/2	dn 1/4
	McDonald's.....27 1/4	dn 3/8
	Mobil.....84	dn 3/8
	New Atmos.....17 1/2	NC
The following show the prices for which these mutual funds were bid at the time of compilation:	Parker & Parsley.....26 1/8	up 1/2
Magellan.....66.43	Penney's.....49 1/4	up 1/8
Parian.....15.99	Phillips.....32 3/8	up 1/8
	SLB.....60 1/2	up 1/4
	SPL.....27 1/4	up 1/2
The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. Stock Market quotations are furnished by Edward D. Jones & Co. of Pampa:	Tenneco.....49	up 5/8
Amoco.....59 5/8	Texasco.....62 5/8	dn 1/8
Arco.....107 1/2	Wal-Mart.....25 3/8	up 1/8
Cabot.....53 3/4	West Texas Crude.....20.55	up 1/8
Cabot O&G.....19 3/8		NC

Ambulance

No ambulance reported was provided today by American Medical Transport.

Annual cleanup



Lamont Poole cleans the face of the Abraham Lincoln statue at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C., this morning. The cleanup of the Lincoln Memorial and others around the nation's capital is an annual chore. (AP photo by Mark Wilson)

Opposition politician shot in Haiti

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP) — A politician opposed to the military-backed regime was shot after the government declared a state of siege and promised to fight back if the United States invades.

Former Sen. Reynald Georges was in stable condition with gunshot wounds in his back and arm from the attack in the capital, Port-au-Prince, relatives said today. He was in hiding today after being treated at a private clinic.

Georges, a former U.S. Army soldier and supporter of Haiti's former Duvalier dictatorship, has urged army commander Raoul Cedras to quit to avoid an American-led military intervention in Haiti.

He leads the tiny Alliance for the Liberation and Advancement of Haiti, which declared over the weekend that it would not take part in legislative elections being organized by the military-backed government.

Georges, 47, was driving home Monday evening when uniformed soldiers and armed civilians in a pickup truck opened fire on his car with a machine-gun, his wife, Marie Helene, said.

He was hit by bullets but managed to drive to a safe house, a member of his political party said on condition of anonymity.

Georges was later taken to a private clinic, where the bullets were removed. His wife would not name the clinic for security reasons.

"It was certainly political," Mrs. Georges said. "His positions haven't pleased everyone."

Georges has been on all sides of Haiti's complex political landscape.

After he was honorably discharged from the Army in 1978, he returned to Haiti, supporting the military and previous dictators. He was a strong backer of the military's 1991 overthrow of elected President

Jean-Bertrand Aristide. In April, however, after becoming a Defense Ministry consultant for Aristide's caretaker government, he began speaking out against the military, which has ruled Haiti since Aristide's ouster.

U.S. Embassy spokesman Stanley Schragar told reporters today that armed civilians beat up Haitians who were lined up Monday to seek political asylum, taking three people away.

He also denounced a Haitian government statement that warned journalists not to report "propaganda" and said their equipment could be seized.

The warning was issued after the army-installed president, Emile Jonassaint, declared a state of siege Monday. The declaration came after the U.N. Security Council authorized a multinational force to oust Haiti's military rulers and restore democracy if necessary.

Family of kidnapped executive agrees to ransom

MEXICO CITY (AP) — After three months of waiting, the family of one of the most prominent businessmen to fall prey to a wave of kidnappings in Mexico has agreed to pay a ransom for his release.

The agreement, announced Monday night over Television Azteca, comes about a month after the family of the president of Latin America's largest bank paid a reported ransom of nearly \$30 million for his release.

Those two were only the most spectacular of hundreds of kidnappings during the past year in Mexico, already shaken by an Indian uprising in the south and the assassination of its leading presidential candidate.

The spree also has added more embarrassment for Mexico's ruling party in the run-up to the Aug. 21 elections.

Angel Lozada Moreno, vice president of Gigante, one of Mexico's largest supermarket chains, was kidnapped in April. In a statement read by a relative, the family said it "agrees to pay the quantity that the

kidnappers have demanded." The statement did not say how much ransom would be paid or when Lozada might be freed. But it did state "the police will not intervene."

In March, kidnappers had seized Alfredo Harp Helu, president of Banamex-Accival. He was released June 29 after the ransom was paid.

The attorney general's office recently fired two top officials in charge of the anti-kidnapping effort in its regional office of Interpol, the international police agency.

Security experts say Mexico now has about 1,000 kidnappings a year, ranking behind only Colombia and Brazil in Latin America.

Most involve local business people or their family members abducted by relatively unprofessional gunmen who typically ask for less than \$1 million in ransom.

Sales of armored cars have skyrocketed, and many businesses have bolstered private security.

City briefs

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- CAJUN FOOD**, Wednesday 3rd, 6-9 p.m., Hamburger Station. Adv.
- FARMER'S MARKET** open Wednesday and Saturday 6 a.m.-7 p.m. M.K. Brown parking lot. Adv.
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- FREE PUPPIES**, Part Lab. 669-2509. Adv.
- HALL'S 50th Sale-A-Bration**, Saturday, Alpine Demo Truck. See ad in Friday's Paper. Adv.
- BUNNIES BY THE Bay** featured in Victoria and Country Living magazines have just arrived at All Its Charm, 109 W. Francis. Adv.

Weather focus

LOCAL FORECAST
Tonight, mostly cloudy with a 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, a low in the mid 60s and south winds 5-15 mph. Wednesday, partly cloudy, a 30 percent chance of afternoon thunderstorms with a high near 85 and south winds 10-20 mph. Monday's high was 95; this morning's low was 64. Pampa received 0.25 inches of precipitation in the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

REGIONAL FORECAST
West Texas — Panhandle: Tonight, mostly cloudy with a chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the 60s. Wednesday, partly cloudy. A chance of afternoon showers and thunderstorms. Highs, 85-90. Wednesday night, mostly cloudy with a slight chance of mainly evening thunderstorms. Lows in low to mid 60s. South Plains: Tonight, mostly cloudy with a chance of

showers and thunderstorms. Lows 65-70. Wednesday, partly cloudy. A slight chance of afternoon showers or thunderstorms. Highs 85-90. Wednesday night, mostly cloudy with a slight chance of showers or thunderstorms. Lows in the 60s.

North Texas — Tonight, isolated evening thunderstorms southeast, otherwise mostly clear. Lows 69 to 72. Wednesday and Wednesday night, partly cloudy with a slight chance of thunderstorms. Highs 89 to 93. Lows 69 to 74.

South Texas — Hill Country and South Central: Tonight, isolated evening thunderstorms, then partly cloudy. Lows in 60s Hill Country to low 70s south central. Wednesday, mostly cloudy with scattered showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the 90s. Coastal Bend: Tonight, partly cloudy with scattered showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the 70s. Wednesday, partly cloudy to cloudy with occasional showers and thunderstorms. Highs from 90s inland to 80s coast.

Lower Rio Grande Valley and Plains: Tonight, partly cloudy with scattered showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the 70s. Wednesday, partly cloudy to cloudy with occasional showers and thunderstorms. Highs from 90s inland to 80s coast.

BORDER STATES
New Mexico — A few thunderstorms possibly severe northeast tonight with locally heavy rain. Thunderstorms ending over the north around midnight but lingering in the south until early morning. Lows in mid 40s to low 60s mountains with upper 50s to near 70 at lower elevations. Highs 70s to mid 80s mountains with upper 80s to near 100 elsewhere.

Oklahoma — Tonight, scattered showers and thunderstorms. Lows 67 to 75. Wednesday, partly cloudy with scattered showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the 90s. Wednesday night, chance of thunderstorms. Lows mid 60s to low 70s.

Race to be considered in welfare experiments

By JENNIFER DIXON
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — In a policy shift designed to allay the concerns of civil rights advocates, the Clinton administration will consider race when deciding whether states should be allowed to experiment with welfare reform.

The administration's plans, outlined in a draft obtained by The Associated Press, could also make it easier for the public to influence experiments by the states to change their Medicaid and welfare systems.

Mary Jo Bane, the assistant secretary for children and families at the Department of Health and Human Services, said states are proposing substantial reforms in their welfare programs and "we believe that they deserve public attention, they deserve public comment."

"We are not trying to design a cumbersome, bureaucratic procedure that slows things down," Bane said in an interview Monday. "We're trying to design a procedure to make sure that we get public comment and that we take it into account."

Critics, however, say the plan will slow experiments with reform in the states, which have taken the lead in changing welfare with work and education requirements, time limits and caps on benefits to recipients who have additional children.

They also see the plan as a way for the administration to quell a back-

lash from liberals who oppose some state welfare reforms as harsh and punitive. Three experiments are also the target of lawsuits involving Medicaid or welfare in California, New Jersey and Tennessee.

Gary Stangler, director of the Missouri Department of Social Services, said states are already developing reforms "within the glare of publicity."

"Anything that puts a chill on (state innovation) is counterproductive to trying to address the serious issues we're wrestling with in the area of human services," he said.

President Clinton told governors last year that he would give them the "elbow room" to experiment and promised to approve reforms that he did not necessarily agree with.

His administration has given 15 states permission to experiment with reforming Aid to Families with Dependent Children and 15 others have requests pending. Five states have received approval for statewide Medicaid reform projects and six others want permission to experiment.

Although AFDC and Medicaid are federal-state programs, the secretary of health and human services must waive certain federal regulations to allow experimental projects. The law gives the HHS secretary wide latitude to evaluate state requests for waivers.

According to the administration's draft, states would be required to give the public a chance to comment

on experiments before HHS would consider the proposed reform, such as holding hearings.

Waiver requests would also be reviewed for potential violations of civil rights laws. States could be required to address the potential impact on groups protected by civil rights laws, such as minorities, who account for more than half of all welfare recipients.

Bane said HHS wants to make sure that "protected groups are not adversely affected" by state experiments.

"The civil rights question is whether the demonstration itself, in contrast to the current situation, has differential and negative effects on members of protected groups," she said. "What the civil rights concerns asked us to do is to make sure in designing the demonstration, identifiably protected groups are not adversely affected."

Gerald Whitburn, the secretary of health and social services in Wisconsin, which leads the country in welfare waivers, said the administration proposal would "gum up the process and establish new hurdles."

"This is evidence of the backlash that he (Clinton) is getting from old-school liberals who hate many of the no-nonsense welfare initiatives states have been proposing and who vehemently oppose Clinton administration approval of them," Whitburn said. "It puts aggressive, innovative governors like Tommy Thompson (R-Wis.) through new hoops."

100,000 acres by early today. "I've been around the world three times. It actually feels good to do something on American soil," offered Sgt. Mark Grebetz, 32.

A second battalion from Pendleton was arriving today, and 1,000 Army soldiers from Fort Hood, Texas, expected to start in Idaho and Montana on Wednesday, doing the grunt work so more-experienced firefighters can work more strategically.

"We're all getting pretty burned out," said Bob Walker, a U.S. Forest Service fire-behavior analyst who has worked nearly 20-hour days since lightning strikes sparked the first fires in Washington on July 24.

Even with Marines, weather is the real fire boss

LEAVENWORTH, Wash. (AP) — They're using computers, cellular telephones, infrared photography and plain old gut-hunches to fight wildfires along the once-green flanks of the eastern Cascades.

A finger in the wind might be just as effective.

The people overseeing this struggle are quick to admit that when the breeze starts picking up and the cloying smoke begins to lift, all their technology can seem a little inadequate.

The only real master over these flames is the weather.

"We are all these little ants scurrying around doing our little things," Forest Service spokesman Greg Thayer said Monday.

"But then you have Mother Nature out there doing her big thing," and if her thing is wind and heat, "what we do can seem awfully small."

Across eight Western states, more than 14,000 civilian firefighters were battling 26 major fires today. Nearly 2 million acres have been burned this year, more than in all of 1993, according to the National Interagency Fire Center in Boise, Idaho.

A battalion of 550 Marines from Camp Pendleton, Calif., jumped into the fray today after eight hours of training. Their plan is to shovel dirt over burning embers and rake out fire lines around huge Tye Creek fire, which blew up to almost

Second Treasury official faces tough questions on Whitewater

By LARRY MARGASAK
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — After scolding the Treasury Department's top lawyer for her contradictions and omissions, senators investigating Whitewater are interrogating another Treasury official about diaries he disowns.

Treasury Chief of Staff Joshua Steiner, who testifies today, wrote in his diary that a longtime Clinton friend, Roger Altman, was "under intense pressure" from the White House to remain as overall head of the Whitewater probe.

White House officials already have testified there was no such pressure on Altman.

Reid Weingarten, Steiner's lawyer, said on July 25 that such references were "off-hand, impressionistic" and sometimes recorded weeks after the fact. "He never purported to quote Altman. He is not purporting that Altman told him this."

Steiner's appearance follows the antagonistic questions that both Democrats and Republicans on the Senate Banking Committee threw Monday at Treasury general counsel Jean Hanson.

Senators hammered away at her contradictions with other administration officials and her failure to correct Altman's Senate testimony of Feb. 24 — even though she knew it was incomplete.

Hanson's answers were so damaging to herself that

Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass., said it's "almost as if you're setting yourself up to take the fall for Mr. Altman."

Altman is deputy treasury secretary, but last fall and winter he also was acting chief of the Resolution Trust Corp. The RTC was investigating civil wrongdoing in the failure of Madison Guaranty Savings and Loan — a failed thrift tied to Clinton's former Arkansas land venture.

The RTC also sent memos to the Justice Department, asking that it consider criminal prosecutions. The memos, called referrals, said the president and first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton, said he was witnesses in a criminal probe.

In a separate development, a White House official said today that when Whitewater-related documents were removed from the office of deputy White House counsel Vince Foster's office immediately after his suicide last year, they were taken by Mrs. Clinton's chief of staff to the first family's personal residence.

The official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the documents were transferred to the Clintons' private lawyer five days later, after Foster's funeral. The official did not know why the papers didn't go immediately to the private attorney.

The Washington Post, which first reported the development, quoted the Clintons' lawyer, David Kendall, as saying neither the president nor Mrs. Clinton reviewed the documents.

Hanson testified that she violated "no rule, no law, no

ethical standard," and did not personally know the president and Mrs. Clinton.

She said her briefings for White House officials on the investigation were "entirely appropriate and necessary" so officials there could be ready for news leaks — common in RTC investigations, she said.

The hearing got progressively worse for Hanson as the day wore on. Early in the testimony, Sen. Christopher Dodd, D-Conn. asked a series of questions on whether Hanson or any other administration official impeded the investigation.

When she emphatically denied any such efforts, Dodd said, "Those to me are the important questions."

But later, Democrat and Republicans flashed anger at Hanson's failure to correct Altman's misleading testimony in the Feb. 24 Senate hearing.

At that time, Altman was asked about his awareness of any discussions with administration officials about Whitewater. He mentioned only one contact, although it is now known there were more than three dozen. And he neglected to disclose that he considered disqualifying himself because of his friendship with the president.

Senators asked Hanson how she could sit behind Altman at the hearing and not correct him when he failed to mention that he told White House officials on Feb. 24 about possibly removing himself from the probe.

"I thought I could give him a note," she said. "I lost that opportunity" when Altman answered he only discussed generalities and "said that's all there was to the conversation."

She also reviewed several letters to the committee in which Altman expanded on his testimony — but still did not disclose the disqualification struggle.

Hanson said she needed a transcript of the hearing, "which I did not have," before she could correct Altman's testimony. But Riegle told her the committee gave the Treasury Department the transcript the next day.

"At some point you had some obligation to remind him that was left out," said committee Chairman Donald W. Riegle Jr., D-Mich. "You had some obligation to respond in real time."

Added Sen. Barbara Boxer, R-Calif.: "You have an obligation to respond in full. How many days were you going to take?"

Among the points on which Hanson's testimony contradicted that of others:

— She said she revealed information about the RTC investigation to the White House last September at Altman's explicit instructions. Altman has said he does not recall giving Hanson such an instruction and does not believe he did so.

— Former RTC official William Roelle said he told her that information on the criminal referral was only to be discussed Altman. Hanson said, "I don't recall that."

— While Hanson said Altman wasn't expecting questions on Feb. 24 about his possible disqualification, Sen. Alfonse D'Amato, R-N.Y. said: "I told Altman the night before the hearing, I told him I was going to ask ... about contacts with the White House."

Vermont man executed in Texas for 1983 killing of Alabama teen

By MICHAEL GRACZYK
Associated Press Writer

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — A tearful Robert Drew, whose case drew notoriety when a Texas judge signed his death warrant with a "happy face," was executed early today for killing an Alabama teenager 11 years ago.

Drew, 35, insisted in a final statement that he did not fatally stab and beat Jeffrey Mays, 17, of Birmingham, Ala., in February 1983 after the teenager picked him up as Drew hitchhiked along Interstate 10 between Lake Charles, La. and Houston.

"Remember, the death penalty is legal murder," Drew said while strapped to the Texas death chamber gurney to await the lethal injection. "Tonight they're taking the life of an innocent man."

With tears streaming down his face, Drew coughed and gasped several times. Eight minutes later, at 12:22 a.m. CDT, Drew was pronounced dead. In his left arm, one of the needles carrying the lethal chemicals was inserted in a tattoo of a green cobra inscribed with the name "Big Bad Bob."

Drew's attorneys, Ronald Kuby and William Kunstler of New York, appealed to the federal courts Monday contending another hitchhiker in the car was responsible for killing Mays Feb. 22, 1983.

The U.S. Supreme Court, however, rejected Drew's claims in two sepa-

rate rulings late Monday. Texas Gov. Ann Richards also refused a defense request for a 30-day reprieve.

"The terrible tragedy of this execution was that this was not a killing done in the heat of passion by some young ignorant kid," Kuby told about 20 dozen death penalty opponents who gathered outside the prison. "This was a killing that was premeditated by people wearing suits and ties, people with law degrees. They sat down in offices, planned this killing and carried it out."

"It is such a relief," Mays' mother, Rebecca, who now lives in Florida, said when told the execution was carried out. "Drew was not innocent. He went to his death knowing what he did and still trying to convince people he was innocent. That had to have torn him apart. It should have torn him apart."

"Maybe now we can complete the grieving process and get on with our lives."

Drew contended another hitchhiker in the car, Ernest Puralowski, was responsible for the slaying.

Puralowski, now serving a 60-year prison term after pleading guilty, recanted his earlier story that Drew was a participant in the killing.

Prosecutors, however, said there never was any question about Drew's role in the killing. They noted that two different knives were used in the slaying and that at the time of his arrest, Drew was carrying the victim drivers license, wearing some of the victim's clothing and driving the victim's car.

Drew, who said he has nine children and has been married five times, gained notoriety in his home state as the only Vermont native on death row anywhere. Vermont is one of 14 states without the death penalty and his case generated protests there.

Last week, a convicted murderer serving a 15- to 30-year prison term in Vermont offered to trade places with Drew. Texas officials termed the offer preposterous.

Drew's case also gained publicity and angered death penalty opponents when a Houston judge two years ago signed his death warrant with a "happy face." The judge defended the action, saying he had signed all of his correspondence for years with the cartoon.



Robert Drew

Nursing home patient wins lawsuit

HOUSTON (AP) — A Harris County jury has awarded \$1.3 million to an 81-year-old man who claimed a nursing home neglected his bedsores, causing him to be hospitalized for surgery.

Jurors ruled in the case that Jacob Schultz was entitled to the damages because Bayou Glen Nursing Home was negligent. The nursing home has changed its name to Cypresswood Restorative Care Center.

Attorney Jeff Uzick said the money will be used to provide medical care for Schultz, who now stays at the Seven Acres Jewish Geriatric Center.

"The staff at Bayou Glen testified that they knew he had a red area, had

incontinence, was bed-bound and needed to be turned every two hours," Uzick said.

But the lawyer said that preventive action, including doctor-recommended daily whirlpool therapy, was provided only sporadically. He said the bedsores worsened and required a skin flap operation.

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Lawyers argue over mental state of 14-year-old killer

By BEN DOBBIN
Associated Press Writer

BATH, N.Y. (AP) — The prosecutor portrays the 14-year-old with coppery hair and glasses as a methodical killer who lured a 4-year-old into a trap, then tried to cover his tracks. To the defense, he's a disturbed boy who acted out his pent-up rage.

Eric Smith wore a Bugs Bunny-Tasmanian Devil T-shirt and a blank expression as lawyers began arguing Monday about whether he has the mental capacity to be convicted of murder.

After Eric spotted Derrick Robie walking alone down the street to summer camp a year ago today, he "just plain decided at some point that that child was going to die," District Attorney John Tunney told the jury.

After coaxing Derrick to take a super shortcut through pine woods just 300 yards from his home in the western New York village of Savona, Eric squeezed the boy's neck, stuffed his mouth with a paper towel and a plastic bag, battered his head with a stone, then crushed his skull and chest with a 26-pound rock, Tunney said.

Defense lawyer Kevin Bradley countered that Eric is not criminally responsible because he has suffered since birth from an episodic rage disorder that flared up when he saw Derrick.

Bradley plans to have psychiatrists and doctors testify that an epilepsy drug Eric's mother took while pregnant helped bring out a "sadistic side" in her son.

"If you look at the overkill," Bradley asked, "does it reflect someone who's cool and calm or ... in an extreme emotional state, in a rage?"

Both sides have lined up teams of

nationally renowned psychiatrists to argue over whether Eric should be convicted of second-degree murder or committed to a mental home. If convicted, he faces up to life in prison.

Eric came under suspicion when he contradicted himself during several interviews with police and offered details no one else had. Tunney said Eric confessed after he was questioned by his grandfather, a former county police investigator.

"He said he knew he wanted to take Derrick some place and hurt him," Tunney said. "He described letting Derrick go ahead of him ... then he reached his arm around Derrick's neck. He squeezed and then he squeezed harder."

Derrick fell to the ground, gasping, and Eric took a paper towel and then a plastic sandwich bag from the boy's lunch bag and stuffed them in his mouth, Tunney said.

When Derrick bit him, Eric took a small rock and hit him in the head 11 times, Tunney said.

"He pulled from the ground a rock, a large one. It weighed 26 pounds ... more than three-quarters as heavy as Derrick Robie, and with two hands he threw it into Derrick Robie's head. He picked up that rock two more times and hit him."

Then, Eric told investigators, he broke a branch off a tree and sodomized the child.

Afterwards, Eric recovered his bike from the tall weeds. "He didn't leave it out on the sidewalk with him where it would be seen," Tunney said.

Eric went back to look at the body later.

"He was worried, he told us, 'What if Derrick wasn't dead, he might tell,'" Tunney said. "He wanted to be sure. He said, if Derrick is dead, then he, Eric, would have nothing to worry about."

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Homestead exemption loss costs taxpayers for schools

By PEGGY FIKAC
Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN (AP) — The school property tax on an \$80,000 homestead jumped an average \$108, or 12.6 percent, after generous school property tax exemptions were lost last year, according to a new report.

The loss of the exemptions cost homeowners a total of \$398 million, said the Texas Research League report released Monday.

Statewide, school tax rates increased by an average of 1 cent per \$100 property valuation last year, and property values were up 1 percent. School tax revenues rose by \$500 million, the report said.

The Research League's analysis of school funding for 1993-94 shows how much extra homeowners paid after the state Supreme Court threw out the county education district school funding system.

Under that system, in place for the 1991-92 and 1992-93 school years, taxpayers in most school districts voted themselves a 20 percent homestead exemption that applied to about two-thirds of their property tax bills.

But the Supreme Court found the county education districts unconstitutional. Voters rejected a proposed constitutional amendment that would have allowed the state to keep the system.

That forced lawmakers to find another way to meet a 1989 Supreme Court order to even out funding available to school districts of varying property wealth. Schools rely on state aid, local taxes and some federal money.

The new law — which, like the education districts, shifts property wealth — eliminated the 20 percent homestead exemption for the 1993-94 school year unless school boards acted to keep it by April 30, 1993.

The problem: The law wasn't

approved until after that deadline. According to the Texas Association of School Boards, only 272 of the state's 1,000-plus school districts offered 1993-94 homestead exemptions over the state minimum \$5,000.

The campaign of GOP gubernatorial candidate George W. Bush has blamed Democratic Gov. Ann Richards for the loss of property tax exemptions since she signed the bill into law.

Richards' campaign has noted that Republicans led opposition to the ballot proposal that would have allowed the system, with exemptions, to stay in place.

School boards this year had another chance to enact larger property tax exemptions for the 1994-95 school year. But Dan Casey of the school board association said he has heard of "very few" doing so.

A number of school districts are concerned because they are approaching the state property tax cap of \$1.50 per \$100 valuation for maintenance and operations, Casey said. That would leave them dependent on state aid or rising local property values to cover additional operating expenses, he said.

"That's a scary prospect for many of them," Casey said.

The Texas Research League's "Bench Marks" report found 1,040 school districts budgeted \$17.8 billion in revenue — including state, local and federal money — to cover \$18.9 billion in expenditures for 1993-94.

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Opinion

National sales tax would aid economy

Most Americans are not only fed up with the amount of taxes they must pay to government, but with the way they must pay. The biggest source of frustration is the federal income tax, a hodge-podge of petty rules and arbitrary rates.

Rep. Dick Arme, a freedom-friendly Republican from Texas, has introduced a serious proposal to dramatically simplify the federal income tax. Arme's plan, called the Freedom and Fairness Restoration Act, would impose a flat 17 percent tax rate on individual and corporate income.

It would replace the current list of tax deductions with a much higher personal exemption. A single person would only pay taxes on earnings above \$13,100. A single head of a household could earn up to \$17,200 without paying the income tax and a couple could earn up to \$26,200, with an additional exemption of \$5,300 for each dependent. Any income from savings would be tax-exempt to avoid double taxation.

As an alternative to the current tax code, Arme's proposal would be a radical improvement — yet it still doesn't go far enough.

The most promising alternative to what we have now is not a single-rate income tax, but a national retail sales tax. A national sales tax could produce the revenue the federal government needs to perform its most basic functions, without the complexity and perverse incentives of an income tax.

In one stroke, a national sales tax would eliminate the need for all the paperwork and professional tax advice required to comply with the current tax code. This alone would save Americans hundreds of billions of dollars each year.

A sales tax would be less destructive of economic growth because it would exempt savings and investment. By taxing only final consumption, a sales tax would encourage Americans to invest more in plant and equipment that would boost productivity.

Most importantly, a national sales tax would be far more just and fair than the income tax. It would not punish people for working hard, saving diligently and investing wisely, as the income tax does. It would tax everyone at an equal rate based solely on what they consume.

A national sales tax — if combined with deep cuts in federal spending and the elimination of the income tax — would transform our economy. It would encourage economic growth and job creation while greatly reducing the frustration caused by the tax code.

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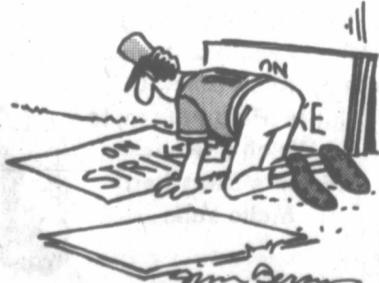
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THERE SEEMS TO BE SOME
ACTIVITY IN THE BULLPEN.

What was Breyer really shoveling?

The next time a Supreme Court justice retires, President Clinton should look for a replacement at the nearest construction site. When the Senate Judiciary Committee met to consider the nomination of Stephen Breyer, a onetime Harvard law professor who has written four books, the senators were most impressed that as a teenager, he had spent a summer digging ditches for a California utility.

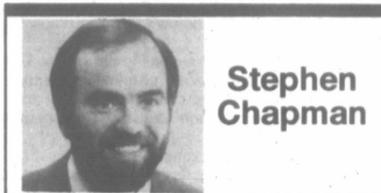
You can imagine how critical this fact could prove to be when the justices are debating how to resolve some vital issue of constitutional law: "Yes, I know you can cite the precedent in *Griswold vs. Connecticut*, but have you taken into account the revelation I had shoveling dirt in San Francisco?"

Or maybe it will get nasty: "You wouldn't think that way, Nino, if you'd ever had calluses on those delicate hands of yours." It will also be a relief to the other justices to know that if they ever need some excavating done, they won't have to look far.

The point of this discussion was to dispel the common impression that a man of such intelligence must be completely insulated from contact with real life and real people. Breyer has had this problem in mind since the day he was chosen for the court, when he announced that the task of a justice is to "make life better for ordinary citizens."

At the hearings, he said, a tad defensively, "My ideas about people do not come from libraries," and praised his mother for making "it clear to me that any intellectual abilities I might have mean nothing unless I can work with other people and use my own talent to help them."

The human element was his constant theme. When asked about equal rights for women, Breyer responded, "What's very easy to me is that I think of Chloe, and I think of Nell," as if determined contemplation of his daughters could clear up any doubts about the meaning of the 14th Amendment.



Stephen Chapman

Even when he discussed his tastes in literature, which run to Shakespeare, Joseph Conrad and Charlotte Bronte, Breyer defended such interests by saying, "I've found literature very helpful as a way out of the tower."

The strenuous effort didn't prevent one critic, Ohio Democrat Howard Metzbaum, from hoping sourly that "maybe the milk of human kindness will run through you."

Breyer could be taking after Clarence Thomas, who during his hearings used every chance to remind senators of his humble origins in the segregated backwater of Pin Point, Ga. Or maybe he got some public relations advice from Bill Clinton, who is equally adept at invoking childhood hardships.

The tradition of stressing one's deep affinity for the common folk goes way back in American political life. Abraham Lincoln wasn't the first candidate to profit politically from his log-cabin days, nor the last. Even George Bush, the son of a wealthy U.S. senator, rummaged through his past until he unearthed a modest home he and his wife had inhabited during his early career in Texas, which he put to use in his 1988 acceptance speech at the Republican convention.

It's hard to decide which is more comical — that candidates for high office should have to document

some firsthand knowledge of toil and trouble, or that a single brief encounter with a shovel 40 years ago is enough to fulfill the requirement. Deep wisdom is supposed to come from such experiences, but a little goes a long way.

Having been raised by alligators in a swamp and lived in a sod hut while working my way through college as a sharecropper, I am not impressed by records like Breyer's. But my real complaint is that this sort of reverse snobbery is usually just another political weapon.

Thomas used Pin Point to prove that he was, indeed, an authentic voice of poor blacks, despite the general disagreement of African American groups. *The Wall Street Journal's* editorial writers, whose typical reader makes \$169,500 a year, never tire of invoking the good sense of simple folks over the fancy theories of sophisticated elites. Breyer was trying to preempt liberals who think he's not liberal enough.

The truth is, some wealthy people with graduate degrees from Ivy League universities are jerks and nitwits — and so are some truck drivers. Richard Nixon sprang from the ranks of the poor without acquiring a noble spirit. Franklin Roosevelt and John Kennedy had aristocratic backgrounds, which didn't bother poor Americans. Breyer's service on the court will be judged by the wisdom of his work, which will not seem better or worse because he once labored with his hands.

Supreme Court aspirants who lack that crucial item on their resumes can reflect on the incident in 1962 when Ted Kennedy, running for the U.S. Senate, went to a factory to shake hands and was approached by a worker who said, "I hear you never worked a day in your life." Before Kennedy could respond, the man went on: "Well, let me tell you something: You haven't missed a thing."

Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, Aug. 2, the 214th day of 1994. There are 151 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Aug. 2, 1776, members of the Continental Congress began attaching their signatures to the Declaration of Independence.

On this date:

In 1876, frontiersman "Wild Bill" Hickok was shot from behind and killed while playing poker at a saloon in Deadwood, S.D.

In 1921, opera singer Enrico Caruso died in Naples, Italy.

In 1934, German President Paul von Hindenburg died, paving the way for Adolf Hitler's complete takeover.

In 1939, President Roosevelt signed the Hatch Act, which prohibited civil service employees from taking an active part in political campaigns.



First propaganda, then invasion

Everybody knows I'm against invading Haiti, so let's just use this country as an example of propaganda pattern that is used to justify U.S. military intervention.

First, of course, is sudden media attention. Haiti has been an independent little country for a long time, and as long as Haitians suffered and died under a U.S.-approved dictatorship, the U.S. news media didn't give a roach hair what was going on down there.

Second is exaggeration. There is all this talk about murders and human rights abuses. You do realize, of course, that the present rulers of Haiti are Boy Scouts compared to the Chinese rulers, who have murdered millions. Other dictators also leave them in the dust in the killing competition.

Taking the United Nations' figure of 3,000 murders in two years, that works out to a murder rate of 23 per 100,000, if my math is correct. Well, dearly beloved fellow citizens, the murder rate in Columbia is twice that, and the murder rate among American black youth is 20 per 100,000.

In terms of gross numbers, of course, we murder about 40,000 folks in two years. Even assuming that all 3,000 murders were done by the government — and they almost surely weren't — then the present Haitian government is barely matching the output of free enterprise thugs in New York, Miami and

Charley Reese

Chicago.

Naturally, thousands of people have been murdered in El Salvador and Guatemala, and neither the media nor the U.S. government ever suggested that the United States invade either country.

After media attention and exaggeration, then come the outright lies. For example, the United States has an obligation to restore Haiti democratically elected president. No sir, it does not, nor does it have any authority to do so, nor does it, in most cases, even pretend that it does. Many an elected leader of many a country has been deposed by military force or coup without U.S. politicians suddenly claiming we had an obligation to "restore democracy." When democracy was overthrown in Algeria recently, the United States backed the Algerian army, not democracy.

Furthermore, the U.S. government has often assisted or even engineered the coup or military takeover. South Vietnam, Iran, Chile, Guatemala and Nicaragua come immediately to mind, but there are many other examples of the U.S. government disposing of or helping to dispose of a democratically elected leader.

That's the basic pattern — media attention, exaggeration of the situation, official lies. You've seen it before and you will see it again whenever the U.S. government, for some reason it's ashamed to admit publicly, decides to intervene in somebody else's internal affairs. The pattern never varies.

Foreign intervention is a filthy business, like spying, and you can't do it and stay clean. Foreign intervention means that you inevitably end up lying to your own people and acting in a hypocritical manner. Thus, domestically, people's trust in their government is eroded, and overseas, foreigners rightly view the U.S. government as a dangerous outfit whose political leaders are hypocrites, liars and as imperialistic as any 19th-century British aristocrat.

Neither of these outcomes is in our national interest. Trust, between the people and their government, and between our government and other governments, is an invaluable asset.

The solution is for the American people to put their collective foot down, and to raise hell with politicians and with the media and academics who try to justify foreign intervention. Challenge the lies. Point out the hypocrisy. Don't be shy. This is your country. Do not passively allow politicians to do in your name what you don't approve of.

Send them all a message: Mind our business, for a change.

Atlanta has risen from the ashes today

ATLANTA — The hottest city in America right now — not temperature hot, but multiculturally, athletically and journalistically hot — is this Southern metropolis that gave birth to one of film's most memorable lines: "Frankly, my dear, I don't give a damn."

More than any other city, Atlanta has a historic right to exult, "We've come a long way, baby." How long has it come?

Consider first that 130 years ago Union Gen. William Tecumseh Sherman torched the Georgia city into a pile of smoldering ashes.

Then consider what this urban phoenix is now, the major conventions it will host during the next few weeks and the global distinction it will earn in 1996.

Already the home of globally respected CNN, which has transformed the way we respond to breaking news events, Atlanta also is one of the country's busiest airline hubs, home to three major professional sports teams (including those perennial World Series contenders, the Atlanta Braves) and boasts the largest group of nationally prominent black colleges and universities.

Following the just-completed World Cup, black-mayor-governed Atlanta will place America again on global center stage in two years as host of the 1996 Olympics.

But in the coming weeks Atlanta will welcome more multicultural and journalistic activity than most cities do in a year. Given the emotional cataclysm of the O.J. Simpson tragedy that has polarized blacks and whites, the first convention is especially noteworthy.

For the first time ever, four major associations of



Chuck Stone

minority journalists — the National Association of Black Journalists, the National Association of Hispanic Journalists, the Asian American Journalists Association and the Native American Journalists Association — convened in a historic meeting, Unity '94.

That's enough to send journalistic critics of multiculturalism and academic pettifoggers of political correctness into paroxysms of despair.

But this is a far different American from the one portrayed in Margaret Mitchell's *Gone With the Wind*. Ushering it into the 21st century's demographic realities, the four associations are doing as much to transform the media into a more democratic expression as CNN has already done.

In tribute to their Unity '94 meeting, I invite you along on a quick jaunt down memory lane. Freedom Forum's July bulletin has a lead article, "Building the rainbow in journalism," describing a rainbow advocate trouble-maker:

"On Nov. 28, 1959, as journalists are prone to do,

John Aigner raised a ruckus with a column in the *New York Age*, a small black New York City weekly. 'Memo to Rat-ranchers' — his first column since being hired as a reporter a month earlier — ran on page one, and per *Age* policy, his picture ...

"Aigner slammed the city's slumlords for their vermin-infested flats. But it was not slumlords who bristled. *Age* readers were upset, not by Aigner's topic, but by his tone. Skin tone.

"Aigner was white ... I caught hell (hiring him)," Editor Chuck Stone says. "People in Harlem went crazy because at the time there were no blacks working at the major dailies in New York."

"Since 1968 ... many newspapers have made significant strides in employing all colors of journalists in the newsroom. 'The rest of the country's caught up with me, that's all,' says Stone."

To help newspapers catch up faster, 43 of us formed the National Association of Black Journalists in Washington, D.C., on Dec. 12, 1975. In a rare exercise of bad judgment, the group elected me as their first president.

Many of the signatories, however, went on to greater professional heights, winning Pulitzer Prizes, becoming nationally syndicated columnists and chairs of university journalism departments.

Unity '94 is a prelude to the following week's big event, the Black Arts Festival. And the week after that, the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication will hold its annual convention.

Atlanta, if only William Tecumseh Sherman could see you now!

Dysentery starts to ravage Rwandans

By SHAWN POGATCHNIK
Associated Press Writer

GOMA, Zaire (AP) — Children will be hit hardest by deadly dysentery spreading among more than a million Rwandan refugees jammed into wretched camps along Zaire's eastern border, a relief group said today.

The ominous news came a day after the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees visited the camps and said she saw reason for hope, despite the misery all around her.

"Dysentery has overtaken cholera" as the main disease afflicting refugees, said Samantha Bolton of the relief group Doctors Without Borders. She said 76 dysentery patients were treated at one of her agency's clinics Monday, compared to 33 cases of cholera.

"This is going to strike kids more than adults," Bolton said. "It's going to be very expensive and time-consuming to treat, and you're going to see an upsurge in deaths."

Cholera and dysentery are both spread by fecal contamination of food and water. Cholera is treated with an infusion of liquids and minerals to replace those lost by the body through vomiting and diarrhea. Dysentery requires five days of costly antibiotics.

Ray Wilkinson, spokesman for the U.N.'s refugee agency, said today the number of reported deaths in the camps had fallen to an estimated 800 to 900 daily, down from 1,800 to 2,000 early last week.

"That figure undoubtedly will go up when the dysentery moves up in scope," he said.

The U.N. has appealed for \$434 million in donations to help the refugees, and representatives from about 40 countries met today in Geneva to pledge funds.

U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees Sadako Ogata told the meeting the agency faced a cash shortfall of \$65 million. Despite a huge international aid effort, she said, the agency desperately needs help improving sanitation, camp and road facilities.

Ogata made her first visit to the camps Monday and then flew to Geneva.

While noting the death and suffering all around on her, she was cheered to see cholera victims saved by Red Cross and volunteer doctors, U.S. planes ferrying in

water tankers, and engineers bulldozing roads so they could serve more people.

"Things are bad but they're going to get better," Ogata said.

French engineers were bulldozing the dead into mass graves.

The U.N. Children's Fund on Monday estimated 50,000 people have died in the camps in the past two weeks, more than twice the High Commissioner's figure of 20,000.

U.S. military efforts to increase the flow of clean water to the camps gained momentum. Transports brought the first of three 3,000-gallon U.S. water tankers, and nine tankers were expected from Finland.

U.S. Army engineers bulldozed two paths through Kibumba, 20 miles north of Goma, where the crush of refugees has slowed traffic to a crawl. The paths will make it easier for U.N. trucks to carry water there from an American water purification site in Goma.

On television news shows in the United States this morning, Defense Secretary William Perry said American troops will not be part of a 4,100-member U.N. peacekeeping mission authorized for Rwanda. The U.S. military will only be involved in refugee relief operations, he said.

"The United States will provide logistic support for the peacekeeping operation ... but we're not going to provide troops for it," he said.

The United States has 1,200 troops in the region now and could have as many as 2,000, he said.

The refugee camps in eastern Zaire swelled in mid-July with Hutus fleeing the climax of the ethnic war in Rwanda.

At least 350,000 died in the bloodletting, most of them members of Rwanda's Tutsi minority slaughtered by Hutu militias. When Tutsi-led rebels defeated the Hutu government forces, panicked refugees poured into Zaire.

Ogata said the new Rwandan government appeared to be sincere in wanting Hutus and Tutsis to share power. The agency had no evidence to support Hutu claims of revenge slayings of returning refugees, she said.

But those who lost the war continue to sow discord in the refugee camps, where their words are taken seriously.



Rolling Stones singer Mick Jagger leads the band during the opening show of their 43-city Voodoo Lounge Tour Monday night in Washington, D.C. (AP photo)

Rolling Stones still rockin' on their latest concert tour

By RICHARD KEIL
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WASHINGTON (AP) — The burning music question of the year has been answered: The Rolling Stones still can crank out high-octane rock 'n' roll.

Voodoo Lounge, their new album, offers strong evidence that the band has recaptured the spirit and vigor that once made it the world's greatest rock band. And over nearly two and a half hours Monday night, they proved they can still pull off a vigorous, varied stage show as well.

On the first night of the Voodoo Lounge world tour, the Stones effortlessly wrapped the old around the new, a job made easier by the fact that the new material draws so heavily on the standards of yesteryear.

"You're always nervous the first night," joked Mick Jagger after four blistering songs into the opening set. "But you can't be a virgin forever."

A sold-out crowd, many in their 30s and 40s wearing faded T-shirts symbolizing past tours, packed Robert F. Kennedy Stadium for the kickoff performance of a 43-city world tour.

While the Stones have been playing the same material for years, the band somehow made it seem fresh.

Most of the crowd was on its feet all night from the youthful abandon of "All Down The Line" to the grungy cheekiness "Honky Tonk Woman" to the power-chording of "Start Me Up."

"Not bad for a bunch of old farts," quipped Jagger, 51, midway through the set.

Indeed, Jagger and guitarist Keith Richards, who will be 51 this year, were relaxed and confident enough to joke about their age from time to time. Nothing else they did on stage attracted attention to it.

From the start, the Stones signaled that there would be bows aplenty to the past, and that the songs would be played with the urgency, venom and strength that made them so breathtaking the first time around.

They opened with "Not Fade Away," a hit for both Buddy Holly and

the Stones more than 30 years ago.

As Jagger belted out the eponymous chorus with defiance, Keith Richards was squeezing sparks out of his guitar against a backdrop of flames shooting out of what looked like refinery towers on either side of the stage.

Out of a 27-song set there were just seven songs from "Voodoo," but nearly every cut was in lockstep with a forerunner.

For example, the energetic "You Got Me Rocking" led into the hard-driving "Rocks Off," from *Exile on Main Street*, complete with some soaring, screaming work from The New West Horns and a stirring bit of saxophone from Bobby Keys, the band's longtime road man. "Rocks Off," in turn, segued nicely into a new cut, "Sparks Will Fly."

And after the slow, melancholy ballad "Out of Tears," from the new recording, the Stones lightened the mood right up with the who-cares, youthful abandon of "All Down The Line."

To be sure, the Stones' classic hits were the mainstays of the show; the band clearly both relaxed and picked up confidence with a harsh, relentless rendering of "(I Can't Get No) Satisfaction" on the ninth song of the set.

The Stones used this number to show off their legendary strengths — Jagger's strutting, prancing and preening, Richards' fuzzbox guitar licks, the unflappable Charlie Watts' menacing, insistent drumming. Darryl Jones, who has replaced Bill Wyman on bass, looked perfectly comfortable, jamming and shimmying with rhythm guitarist Ron Wood whenever Richards wasn't doing the same thing.

And the final, panting sprint to the finish was like a wildfire roaring down Memory Lane: "Monkee Man," complete with a giraffe-like stilt-walker; "It's Only Rock 'n Roll (But I Like It)," which featured a few Chuck Berry-esque guitar riffs from Richards; "Street Fighting Man" and "Brown Sugar."

At encore time, "Jumpin' Jack Flash" was extended by three or four minutes into an extended jam featuring Richards' ker-chang-ker-chang chords.

Bones found on deer lease

WACO (AP) — Authorities have found charred bones in a shallow grave on a Bosque County deer lease where officers searched last month for a missing Robinson woman.

Robinson Police Sgt. Wayne West said Monday that the bones, which appeared to have recently been dug up by a wild animal, were discovered late Sunday by a hunter on the deer lease.

Authorities have searched in the area for any trace of Lela Blanche Hickson, who was reported missing on June 26. A few days later, her car was found outside a South Valley Mills Drive drug store.

West said charred newspaper dated July 2 was found next to the bones.

The bones will be taken to the Southwest Institute of Forensic Studies in Dallas where experts will determine if they are human or animal.

"If it turns out it's human bones, we'll definitely think it's connected" to the case of the missing woman, West said. "There's a couple of significant sized bones and a lot of little bits and pieces, but we're not talking about a lot of bones."

"Because of the condition they were in, there was no way we could tell if they are human, but they are supposed to be able to tell us that Tuesday."

If the bones are determined to be human, authorities will go to work trying to determine if they are Hickson's, he said.

FDA panel considers nicotine addiction

By LAURAN NEERGAARD
Associated Press Writer

SILVER SPRING, Md. (AP) — Every year, about 15.5 million Americans try to quit smoking, but only 1.3 million succeed, a government official said today as the Food and Drug Administration continued its quest to regulate nicotine as a drug.

Gary Giovino of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention outlined the figures for an FDA advisory committee showing that most of those who do try to quit suffer withdrawal symptoms.

In addition, among youths ages 10 to 22, one of the main reasons for smoking is that they say they find it hard to quit.

FDA Commissioner David Kessler asked whether there is any data to show when smokers actually become addicted. "When you realize it will be hard to quit, it may be too late," Kessler said.

Giovino said it takes about three years for teenagers to graduate from occasionally lighting up to daily use, but he couldn't say exactly when they begin to feel hooked.

On Monday, the tobacco industry contended that was not the case.

"Cigarette smoking is a habit, not

an addiction," scoffed R.J. Reynolds vice president Charles Blixt, renewing the industry's argument that people need to smoke no more desperately than they need a morning cup of coffee.

Tobacco companies today presented the FDA advisory committee with 1,700 documents they say back up their position that smoking is a free choice, one the government shouldn't block.

But Kessler contends cigarettes are really a drug-delivery system, one that quickly hooks teen-agers trying out their first cigarettes so the industry always has new generations of consumers.

So he's considering whether to mandate a nicotine level for cigarettes — and today is asking the advisory committee to determine at what level nicotine becomes addictive. He's also asking whether the government's current method of measuring nicotine in cigarettes is accurate enough.

Some 45 million Americans smoke, and the government blames 400,000 deaths a year on smoking,

from lung cancer, heart disease and other illnesses.

But the industry contends if smoking were addictive, some 40 million Americans wouldn't have been able to quit, most on their own.

"Set aside these emotional issues," Blixt urged reporters at a news conference Monday.

He also released a new industry-sponsored study of 33 smokers that showed, even though people smoke differently from the government nicotine-measuring machine, the amount of nicotine found in their urine "is pretty darn close" to that measurement.

And Philip Morris vice president Steven Parrish charged FDA with stacking the deck. The entire industry had only one hour of the daylight hearing to make its case to a panel of scientists who have received numerous government grants, he complained.

In fact, some scientists got a head start by telling the FDA panel Monday that the addictiveness of nicotine is a given.

"The true monkey has not been heroin," said Dr. Richard Hurt of the Mayo Clinic, referring to the 1960s cliché that heroin was a monkey on its user's back. "The true monkey is this one."

Confirmed: Jackson and Presley are married

By JEFF WILSON
Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The kingdoms of Graceland and Neverland are joined.

Michael Jackson and Lisa Marie Presley have confirmed what they denied for 11 weeks: that they were secretly married and are "very much in love."

"My married name is Mrs. Lisa Marie Presley-Jackson," Elvis' 26-year-old daughter said in a statement released Monday by Jackson's production company.

"I am very much in love with Michael, I dedicate my life to being his wife," the statement said. "I understand and support him, we both look forward to raising a family and living a happy, healthy life together."

The pair said they lied for the sake of their privacy, eluding entertainment reporters for nearly three months after a quickie ceremony at a judge's house in the Dominican Republic on May 26.

"We are both very private people living in the glare of the public media," the statement from MJJ Productions explained. "We both wanted a private marriage ceremony without the distraction of a media circus."

Rumors of the marriage were first reported July 10, after the judge told the Dominican newspaper *Listin Diario* that he had performed the 15-minute ceremony.

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The celebrities' publicists denied the report. But a Dominican immigration official said Jackson was in that country on May 26, and Donald Trump was rumored to have lent the newlyweds a New York "love nest" in his glitzy Trump Tower in New York City.

Tabloid photos purported to show the blushing bride with a disguised Gloved One at Disney World. Their honeymoon hideaway turned out to be — surprise — Trump Tower.

"I've known this secret for a long time," real estate magnate Donald

Trump told a crowd outside the Fifth Avenue complex of expensive apartments and upscale boutiques. "They're very happy now."

Jackson, 35, made no comment. His publicist, Bob Jones, said the singer is "very happy ... like any newlywed."

The marriage has the blessing of Priscilla Presley, Lisa Marie's mother, said Priscilla's publicist, Paul Bloch.

"She said, 'Please assure everyone I'm very supportive of Lisa Marie and everything she does,'" said Bloch.

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Senate votes to cut aid to schools with pro-gay stance

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate voted Monday to cut off federal funds to any school district that teaches acceptance of homosexuality as a lifestyle.

The 63-36 vote on a proposal by Sens. Jesse Helms, D-N.C., and Sen. Bob Smith, R-N.H., came during debate on reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Act, which provides \$12.5 billion in federal funds to the nation's public schools.

Smith said school districts use the money to buy books and other materials that are "so graphic and so disgusting that I can't display them here on the floor of the United States Senate."

But Sen. Paul Wellstone, D-Minn., said the provision would forbid counseling of gay students, who he said are up to three times as likely to commit suicide as other teenagers.

"We simply can't do that," he said, calling the amendment "very mean-spirited."

The measure would cut federal aid to districts that "carry out a program or activity that has either the purpose or effect of encouraging or supporting homosexuality as a positive lifestyle alternative."

It includes distribution of instructional materials, counseling and referral of students to gay organizations.

Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., chairman of the Senate Labor and Human Resources Committee, said the proposal would inject the federal government into local decision-making, and would "remove the local discretion that is the hallmark of our educational system."

Some school districts teach acceptance of homosexuality during social studies or sex education programs.

A controversial program in New York City led to the ouster of Joseph Fernandez as chancellor of the nation's largest school system last year.

Some books have been written especially for such curricula, like *Heather Has Two Daddies* and *Daddy's Roommate*, which depict lesbian and gay couples in family settings with children.

Other books, used in HIV-AIDS education programs, are more graphic, describing sexual acts and advocating the use of latex condoms during intercourse.

Helms denounced what he called the "disgusting, obscene material that's laid out before school children in this country every day."

The Senate also discussed a proposal by Sen. John Danforth, R-Mo., that would allow single-gender public schools on an experimental basis.

Danforth's proposal would permit the Department of Education to approve as many as 10 such programs nationwide and provide \$1 million for grants and other costs.

The proposal "simply opens up a possibility," said Danforth, whose four daughters and one son all attended single-gender schools. He said studies show that girls and black boys who attend single-gender schools fare better on standardized tests than their counterparts in coeducational settings.

Danforth suggested a demonstration project to minimize opposition to what he termed "obviously a controversial idea."

But Sen. Carol Moseley-Braun, D-Ill., objected that it was dangerous to waive civil rights protections that require integration of schools by gender and race.

Texas woman missing in north Minnesota town

PALISADE, Minn. (AP) — A search for an ailing 81-year-old Texas woman continued Monday near this northern Minnesota town.

Irene Askew of Rising Star, Texas, was staying with her daughter, Julie Hammergren of Palisade. At about 7 a.m. Saturday, she went for a walk and was noticed missing about 8:45 a.m., her daughter said.

The Aitkin County Sheriff's Department said the missing woman is diabetic and has Alzheimer's disease.

Over the weekend, the sheriff's department was joined in the search by the Civil Air Patrol, community volunteers and Department of Natural Resources forestry workers.

The Minnesota State Patrol sent a helicopter with heat-sensing equipment and seven dog teams were called in from nearby counties.

Searchers were able to follow her footprints about a quarter mile. The terrain in the area is a mix of woods, cedar swamps and farms.

On Monday, about 75 Civil Air Patrol cadets and volunteers continued the search.

Citadel bound



Shannon Faulkner of Powdersville, S.C., and Bob Black, one of her attorneys, walk to the Federal Courthouse in Charleston, S.C., Monday for a hearing about how The Citadel will accommodate her as the first female admitted, by a court order, to the Corps of Cadets at the military college in Charleston. (AP photo)

Texas House members rake in \$5.6 million in PAC funds

By MICHELLE MITTELSTADT
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The 27 House members from Texas seeking re-election this November have raised \$5.6 million in campaign cash from special interests in the last year and a half, according to figures released Monday.

That's almost 10 percent of the \$60 million in political action committee funds funneled to incumbents nationwide at a time when Congress is dickering over the topic of campaign finance reform.

"PAC contributions are the single biggest factor in providing congressional incumbents with a huge and unfair financial advantage over their challengers," said Fred Wertheimer, president of the consumer advocacy group Common Cause, which provided the figures.

"PAC contributions minimize competition in House elections. That's a key reason why the campaign finance reform fight has been so difficult in the House."

(Rep. Bill Sarpalis, D-Amarillo, received \$149,605 in PAC funds, according to the report, accounting for 51 percent of contributions to his campaign.)

Legislation reforming the way candidates receive money is stalled in Congress, largely over PAC contribution limit differences between the House and Senate. Senators voted to ban PAC donations in congressional campaigns. House members want to keep them, with a \$5,000 ceiling.

Three Texans — Dallas Democrat Martin Frost, Humble Republican Jack Fields and Lufkin Democrat Charlie Wilson — are among 19 House members who have raised at least \$400,000 from PACs between January 1993 and June 1994. That's according to Federal Election Commission records examined by Common Cause.

Frost also is among an exclusive group of members who have raised \$1 million or more for their campaigns during the period surveyed by Common Cause. Six of the eight-member million-dollar club had raised more than Frost, who had \$1,069,831 in receipts for the 18 months.

Frost led the Texas House delegation in PAC receipts, with \$638,117, or 60 percent of his funds coming from special interests, according to Common Cause.

Frost said his campaign treasurer in the most recent report mistakenly counted \$100,000 in individual contributions as PAC funds. He said an amended FEC report would be filed.

The correction would bring Frost's PAC total to \$538,117, or 50 percent of funds raised.

His Republican challenger, Ed Harrison, has raised \$8,300 in PAC money this year — accounting for 7 percent of his \$115,945 in contributions.

"It's symptomatic of career politicians to be able to get 60 percent of their money from PACs," said Harrison's spokesman, Gary Stelluti.

"Are we going to be outspent? Do we know that? Yes. Can we win being outspent? Absolutely," he added. "We're looking to raise as much as we can from individuals in the district, and Martin is looking to raise as much as he can from special interests in Washington."

Frost defended PAC contributions, saying they allow people to become active in the political process. Elimination of PACs would put more power in the hands of wealthy individuals who can write large checks, he said.

"A number of the PACs that I receive funds from are locally based PACs such as General Motors, Vought Corp., Bell Helicopter, Lockheed and others," he added.

Poland marks Warsaw Uprising anniversary

By FRANK BAJAK
Associated Press Writer

WARSAW, Poland (AP) — A nation free for only five years marked the 50th anniversary Monday of the Warsaw Uprising, a valiant struggle against the Nazis that might have succeeded had Stalin not held back the advancing Red Army.

Sirens sounded across the city at 5 p.m., the hour the order to attack came down on Aug. 1, 1944. Veterans all across the city stood silent, many from the very spots where they had fought and watched friends die.

With German President Roman Herzog at his side, President Lech Walesa said Germany, Russia and Poland must strive to overcome their bitter past.

"History has bound us. We have to overcome our past. We have to learn lessons from history," he said before lunch with dignitaries including Vice President Al Gore and Prime Minister John Major of Britain.

Historians have questioned whether the doomed 63-day revolt, World War II's biggest uprising on German-occupied soil, was a waste of 200,000 Polish lives — nine in 10 of them civilian.

But the revolt's leaders in the underground Home Army, loyal to a London-based exile government,

said they had no alternative. Home Army fighters had in previous weeks freed eastern cities only to wind up in Soviet shackles.

The uprising, a desperate attempt at self-liberation by 40,000 hopelessly outgunned fighters, became a symbol of national resistance through the 44 years of Soviet domination that followed.

Herzog expressed shame as he toured the capital that Nazi troops leveled.

"I ask forgiveness for what Germans did to you," he said in a speech to uprising survivors, Polish leaders and foreign dignitaries.

He had accepted Walesa's invitation to attend the anniversary, though surveys showed half the Polish people were opposed.

President Boris Yeltsin of Russia turned down a similar invitation, saying he was overloaded with work. Poles took his absence as an indication of continued rocky relations with Russia, which has opposed Poland's fervent desire to join NATO.

Yeltsin sent his chief of staff, Sergei Filatov, who said Russia "has the power and determination to take account of the shameful mistakes of the past and not to let them be repeated."

Filatov read a letter from Yeltsin with a similar tone, but there was no apology for the Soviet domination

that followed the uprising's failure. The revolt's failure allowed Stalin to cement control over postwar Poland, which remained under Communist rule until 1989.

Many Poles fear resurgent Russian expansionism, and getting the cold shoulder from Yeltsin makes them more nervous about Moscow's intentions.

In contrast, Germany is now Poland's leading advocate in the West, pushing for its inclusion in NATO and the European Union.

Some 6,000 uprising veterans are alive today and veterans came from all over the world to take part in Monday's commemorations. Many had chosen postwar exile rather than returning to a Soviet-dominated Poland.

"A death sentence from the Communists awaited me if I had come back," said Bogdan Francki, 72. He settled in Kingston, Ontario.

Gore called for burying historical enmity in honor of the uprising's victims and survivors.

"They deserve our unbending resolve," he said, "to build a Europe where past hatreds will vanish in the warmth of new understanding, tolerance, mutual forgiveness and common hope."

No veterans were allowed to march before foreign dignitaries in the day's main ceremony on Monday evening.

Russian minister issues warning to Serbs

By ROLAND PRINZ
Associated Press Writer

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia (AP) — Failure to accept a new Bosnian peace plan could lead to escalated warfare and NATO air strikes against Bosnian Serbs, Russia's foreign minister said Monday. The Serbs were not cowed.

Andrei Kozyrev issued his warning after meeting with the president of Serbia, who threatened Sunday to stop supplying the Serbs unless they accept the plan, which would reduce their territory from 70 percent to 49 percent.

Muslims and Croats, who would receive 51 percent of Bosnia, have accepted the plan, but the Bosnian Serbs have balked.

A final "no" would mean "an escalation of war, huge confrontation and the possibility of air strikes," Kozyrev said on Yugoslav state radio.

"We will not take part in such a war. We take part only in (making) peace," he said, suggesting that Russia, a traditional ally of Serbia, would not come to the rescue of Bosnian Serbs.

The new pressure from Russia came a day after President Slobodan Milosevic of Serbia, the engine behind the war, gave his strongest warning yet to Bosnian Serbs that he may cut off their funding and supplies. Milosevic has made such threats before and has not followed through.

Earlier Monday, Kozyrev told Russian reporters that Milosevic "must get Bosnian Serbs' endorsement" of the plan if Russia is to work to lift U.N. sanctions imposed on

Serbia, the main Yugoslav republic, for inciting the war.

On radio, the Russian foreign minister said the plan offers Serbs internationally recognized borders that could be protected by Russian peacekeepers. And if the new Muslim-Croat federation chose to join Croatia in a confederation, Bosnian Serbs would be free to do the same with Serbia, he said.

The Serbs appeared unmoved by the Russian pressure. Their leader, Radovan Karadzic, responded by calling for more talks with the plan's sponsors — Russia, the United States, France, Britain and Germany.

His statement, carried by the Yugoslav news agency, Tanjug, said Bosnian Serbs could accept the plan only after "unavoidable changes of the maps and an agreement about precise constitutional arrangements" guaranteeing sovereignty for a self-proclaimed Serb republic within Bosnia.

The negotiators have said they are not prepared for further talks. And in Washington on Monday, State

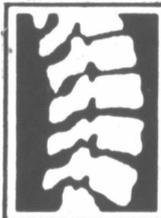
Department spokesman Mike McCurry called Karadzic's proposal a "non-starter." He added: "It is not now envisioned that we would reopen negotiations..."

Bosnia's Serbs launched the war in April 1992 after Muslims and Croats voted to secede from Yugoslavia. An estimated 200,000 people are dead or missing.

When the factions were told last month to take the latest peace plan or face reprisals, there had been talk of possible military action or exempting the government from a weapons embargo.

But over the weekend, the plan's sponsors settled for asking the United Nations to tighten sanctions imposed in 1992 to punish Yugoslavia for its role in the war. The Security Council is likely to consider tougher sanctions within 10 days.

After rejecting the plan last week, Bosnian Serbs reimposed a blockade on Sarajevo. An international relief airlift already had been shut down after planes were hit by shots believed fired by Bosnian Serbs.



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Dear Abby

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DEAR ABBY: Re bringing children to graduation ceremonies: About 30 years ago, when my youngest sister was planning her wedding, her three older sisters expressed concern about bringing our children — which numbered eight in all.

She not only insisted that all family members share in her moment of joy, all of her five nieces dressed alike and were her attendants. The babies fussed, the girls squirmed, and we did our best to maintain some level of calm and dignity. But even the minister took note of the children's activities and commented on the richness of the wedding.

He reminded everyone that weddings are family affairs and children were an important part of the family — a wise reminder in this day of putting children last, or omitting them altogether.

Many years later, when I graduated from college (I was the last of five children to do so), this same crowd of kids, plus a couple more who had been born in the interim, came to my graduation. They were the greatest cheering section in the auditorium.

PAT

DEAR ABBY: Speaking about graduation ceremonies, when I attended my sister's graduation from college, the entire audience stood up when a 24-year-old woman was handed her diploma — she was holding her 2-month-old baby in her arms! Sign me...

PROUD IN NEW JERSEY

DEAR ABBY: It seems to me a graduation is a family affair, so I bring my children and try to keep them as quiet and well-behaved as possible. But there will always be a baby crying or cooing somewhere, moms and dads whispering, flash-bulbs going off, or a dad with his video camera walking back and forth — and a grandfather snoring.

BRENDA P. IN PHOENIX

DEAR ABBY: I am 37 years old, and this is my first letter to you. I have a question: When did "Here you go" replace "Thank you" in our vernacular? I think I might scream the next time I make a purchase and the cashier hands me my product, and instead of saying "Thank you," says, "Here you go!" I usually will look at the cashier and say, "You're welcome." Most of the time I do this, I get a puzzled look from the cashier.

Please tell me this is only happening in California. I would hate to think that this also goes on in the Midwest. Where are the managers of these stores? Aren't they training their clerks? Where's the appreciation for having shopped at their store?

This has happened to me in discount chains, grocery stores, Wal-Mart, J.C. Penney, Macy's, etc. In short, this happens everywhere.

Am I the only person driven crazy by this lack of courtesy and appreciation? Am I the only person ready to quit shopping where the cashier doesn't know how to say "Thank You"?

Thank you, Abby, for listening.

JENNIFER IN ROCKLIN, CALIF.

DEAR JENNIFER: If this is your biggest problem, you take the prize for being the luckiest person who ever wrote a "Dear Abby" letter. It's possible that clerks at Wal-Mart, J.C. Penney and Macy's want a little respite from the routine "Thank you" — or "Have a nice day."

New garage doors must meet federal guidelines

By POPULAR MECHANICS
For AP Special Features

Q: I had a company out to install a bathtub grab bar, but they could not successfully locate the studs. They recommend some other methods of installing a grab bar instead of attaching it to studs. What method do you recommend?

A: The only method that I recommend for securing a grab bar is to fasten it to the studs. A person can exert considerable force on a grab bar, and if the bar is not adequately fastened, it will probably pull right out of the wall, rather than being loosened.

Many people mistake the wash-

cloth rail on a ceramic soap dish as a grab bar. It is not designed for this. In our opinion, the only grab bar suitable for a bathtub is one made of stainless steel and secured to the studs. There are instruments that can be used to locate studs. If the company that you called cannot locate the studs, perhaps you should call in another company.

Q: My daughter has a 10-year-old garage door opener that needs repair, but the repairman says the manufacturer told him replacement parts are no longer available. Can you help?

A: Even if the parts were available, the repairman might not want to install them, because the door

does not meet current safety standards. The garage door opener does not comply with recent guidelines established by Underwriters Laboratory (UL Standard 235). This is important because between 1982 and 1988, 48 children between the ages of 2 and 14 died from being trapped under garage doors operated by automatic openers.

Federal law mandated that as of January 1, 1993, all new residential garage doors must comply with UL 235. This requires that garage door opener assemblies include a photo electric sensor or other device that will reverse the door if it comes in contact with someone or something as it is closing. It also requires apparatus to automatically

disable the opener should the sensor malfunction.

There are no federal restrictions on repairing older residential garage door openers, but several states require these older devices be brought into compliance with UL 235 at the time repairs are made to them.

Q: The mortar joints on the brick walls of my house are dried and crumbling. How can I repair this?

A: The repair procedure for mortar joints on brick is known as "tuck pointing." Start by chipping out all the loose mortar from the joints with a cold chisel and hammer to a depth of at least 1 inch.

Clean away dust and chips with a water jet and wire brush. In areas where failing water is causing mortar leaks, remove the bricks and clean mortar from remaining bricks in the surrounding area.

Mix mortar from 1 part portland cement, one-half part hydrated lime, 4 and one-half parts sand and enough water so that the mixture can be compacted into a ball. Let it stand for one hour, then add enough water to make a stiff but workable paste. Dampen joints with clean water. Use a jointing tool to force the mortar into joints. As you compress the mortar and strike off the joints with the jointing tool, work in one direction only to avoid forming air pockets.

Audit keeps tabs on heating expenses

By POPULAR MECHANICS
For AP Special Features

An energy audit of your home is one of the best ways to insure that you're getting the most from out of your heating dollars.

Your local utility company can assist you in tracking down energy wasters, but there are many items you can check yourself. Here are some important checkpoints and additional energy saving tips.

One way to check for wall insulation from the indoor living area is to remove a switch plate on an exterior wall. Shine a flashlight around the switchbox to see if there is insulation present.

Better yet, make a small hole in an exterior wall (in a closet or other hidden location) and measure the insulation. Then patch the hole.

Adding insulation to the walls of an existing home is costly and difficult to do thoroughly. A contractor uses special equipment to blow in insulation from holes bored in the walls.

However, if you plan to re-side your house, installing rigid board insulation before applying siding is cost effective.

Insulation on the foundation of the

house, whether you have a basement, crawl space or slab foundation, is often overlooked. Insulation applied on the house exterior to cover the exposed foundation and to extend 1 foot below ground level is effective.

Other energy conservation measures for the foundation include caulking the sill plate where the sill meets the foundation blocks in a basement and insulating the header above the sill plate.

If your basement is unheated, insulating the ceiling would make the floor of the first story much warmer, reduce heat loss and conserve fuel. If you do this, you must also insulate any heat or water pipes in the basement.

The energy efficiency of your home depends to a large extent on efficiently operating heating and cooling systems.

In winter, you should keep the thermostat constant at 68 degrees Fahrenheit during the day and 60 degrees F at night. However, the elderly, infants and people who are ill will require higher temperatures.

A clock thermostat, which automatically lowers the heat when you're in bed and raises it prior to your rising in the morning, aids in your comfort and convenience.

Check radiators or registers to see that they are free of dust and not obstructed.

If you have gas-fired heating equipment have the unit cleaned every two to three years by a service technician. From time to time you should check the burner plates to see if the unit is firing properly, because gas ports can become clogged with rust or dust.

If you have a furnace, clean or replace air filters once a month during heating season.

If you have oil-fired equipment you should have the equipment tuned up and its efficiency checked annually. If the burner is not a flame retention head burner, consider replacing it. You should periodically inspect the burner for oil leaks.

Have your water heater — the second largest energy consumer in the home — drained periodically to remove built-up sediment.

Insulate the hot water pipes and the water tank. On gas and oil water heaters, be sure to keep insulation away from the pilot light and controls.

Repair faucet leaks as soon as they occur. Finally, consider installing flow restrictors in shower heads and faucets.

How's your news IQ?

By GREG DALTON
Associated Press Writer

Editor's Note: It is vacation season for many people but the news never stops rolling off the Associated Press wires. These questions will test your knowledge of what we have reported during the past week.

1. Samuel Dash, the Senate prosecutor during Watergate, said at a recent reunion of principal players in the affair that he still doesn't know why: (a) a tape recorder was installed in the oval office; (b) Democratic Party headquarters was burglarized in the first place; (c) Nixon didn't resign earlier.

2. The Labor Department said this week that wages and salaries now constitute this percentage of total worker compensation: (a) 86; (b) 80; (c) 72.

3. The South Korean government revoked the publishing license of Pak Bo-hi, president of a national Korean daily and chairman of the U.S.-based Washington Times, because he: (a) wrote an article criticizing the South Korean government; (b) wrote an article praising former North Korean president Kim Il Sung; (c) made an unauthorized trip to Kim Il Sung's funeral.

4. Princess Diana is suing the Daily Mirror and Sunday Mirror newspapers because they published: (a) photos of her exercising; (b) a story alleging that she had a juicy affair with a 17-year-old punk rocker; (c) allegations she wants to get back with Prince Charles.

5. New York Gov. Mario Cuomo said this week that President Clinton once offered

him a job as: (a) secretary of housing and urban development; (b) a Supreme Court justice; (c) chief of staff.

6. Former Justice Department prosecutor Reid Weingarten is defending or has recently defended this administration official from charges of impropriety: (a) Agriculture Secretary Mike Espy; (b) Treasury aide Joshua Steiner; (c) Commerce Secretary Ron Brown; (d) all of the above.

7. A supermarket in San Francisco faced an uproar from customers when its bags carried a photo and story of: (a) a 9-year-old Salvadoran boy who snuck into the U.S. illegally; (b) an 80-year-old environmentalist who sabotages large corporations; (c) a 60-year-old activist who helps young people get abortions.

8. The U.S. basketball team was eliminated from gold-medal competition in the Goodwill Games by: (a) Italy; (b) Russia; (c) Germany.

9. Prosecutors said this week that a man killed the vanished Brach candy heiress, Helen Vorhees Brach, in 1977 because she found out he had: (a) swindled her into paying hundreds of thousands of dollars for worthless horses; (b) ties to an underground network of Soviet spies; (c) defrauded her by putting money into a shady real estate deal.

10. Congress has approved two different bills setting aside more than 6.6 million acres of protected wilderness and federal parkland in: (a) Alaska; (b) Texas; (c) California.

ANSWERS: 1.b 2.c 3.c 4.a 5.b 6.d 7.a 8.a 9.a 10.c.

Company seeks one of the oldest Listerine bottles

BALLSTON SPA, N.Y. (AP) — The bottle of mouthwash great-grandpa took swigs out of could be worth big bucks if it's still around.

Warner-Lambert Co., maker of Listerine, is scouring the country for its oldest bottle of mouthwash — empty of course. The glass bottles date as far back as 1879, the first year Listerine was manufactured.

The National Bottle Museum, 20 miles north of Albany, is heading

up the contest and reports getting quite a few calls from across the country.

The oldest Listerine bottle will be donated to the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C., and the owner will receive \$1,000. Two runners-up will receive \$500 each.

People who have an old bottle and want to enter the contest are asked to send to the museum photos showing the bottle's side profile and top and bottom views.

Materials must be mailed to The National Bottle Museum, 76 Milton Avenue, Ballston Spa, NY 12020, museum by Sept. 30.

The museum's researcher will sift through and examine the photos.

The contest is part of New Jersey-based Warner-Lambert's promotion of the change in the mouthwash's container to recyclable plastic.

For more information, call (518) 885-7589.

Take precautions with the extension cord

By READER'S DIGEST BOOKS
For AP Special Features

Extension cords seem simple to use — but if the cord is the wrong size or type for a job, or if it's improperly used, it can cause a fire. Some local codes forbid extension cord use because they're considered a safety hazard.

An extension cord is intended only for temporary duty — unplug and store it after each use. Don't run one where it may be tripped over. To avoid a severe or fatal shock, never use one near water.

Here are some dos and don'ts about choosing and using an extension cord:

— Be careful when buying an extension cord. Just because it has several receptacle ends doesn't mean that it can carry more current than the outlet into which it's plugged. As a general rule, don't plug more than one item into an extension cord.

— Most extension cords are marked with a rating in amperes

(also called amps or simply abbreviated "A"). Look at the nameplate. If not listed and you know the wattage, divide by 110 (household voltage) to obtain amperage.

— Never exceed the ampere rating.

— Also be aware that the longer the cord, the greater the drop in current. That can reduce an appliance's efficiency. A 25-foot cord, for example, has to be heavier than a 6-foot cord performing the same task.

An extension cord contains a pair of wires, each covered each covered with heat-resistant plastic insulation and wrapped in a plastic or rubber sheath. The cord is equipped with a male and female plug. If there is a three-prong plug, the cord also contains a third, ground wire. Plug this type of cord into a grounded (three-hole) plug. Use only three-wire extensions for tools and appliances that have three-wire cords.

— If you must use an extension cord for a refrigerator, freezer or some other electrical unit that draws

substantial amounts of current, make sure it's a heavy-duty, three-wire type.

— The thinner the cord, the lower its capacity for conducting electricity. Wiring in electrical cords is rated by numbers. The lower the number, the larger the wire and the greater amount of current it can safely carry.

— A lamp-type cord usually contains a number wire. Don't use it for any device that draws more than 7 amps.

— Heavier-duty numbers 16, 14 or

even 12 should be used for devices that draw higher amounts of current.

— If an extension cord feels warm to the touch, replace it with a heavier one.

— If at all possible, avoid using extension cords in a workshop. If using one is unavoidable, make sure that the cord has a three-prong plug and is at least a number 14 or heavier.

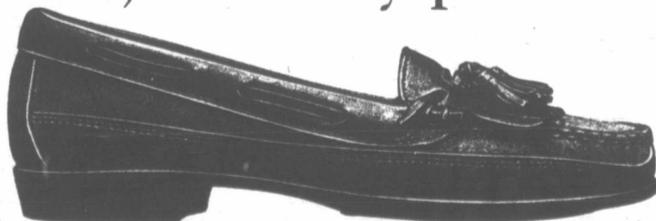
— Hook the cord slack on a long spring screwed into the ceiling above your workbench to keep extension or power cords out of the way.

— If the cord has frayed insulation or a bare wire, replace the entire cord. If the plug is damaged, replace it with a new plug that has the same or greater current-carrying capacity.

— Remove an extension cord from an outlet by grasping the plug body. Otherwise, wires may tear loose and result in a shock or a short circuit.

— Store folded cords in napkin rings or toilet paper tubes, or hang on an old tie rack wrapped with masking tape.

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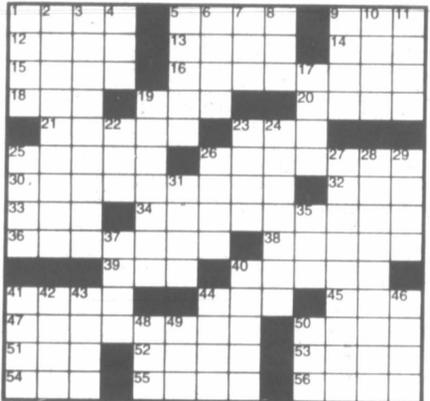
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NEA Crossword Puzzle

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 - 9 Drug agcy.
 - 12 — arms
 - 13 Step —
 - 14 Alliance
 - 15 Camera part
 - 16 Unique thing
 - 18 Sound from a pooch
 - 19 Ocean
 - 20 Toward shelter
 - 21 Fortune-telling card
 - 23 Graduate deg.
 - 25 Dawn
 - 26 Wilder
 - 30 Hospital workers
 - 32 Roman 56
 - 33 Female sandpiper
 - 34 Wind around a plane
 - 36 Aruba and Barbados
 - 38 Walls
 - 39 Egg — young
 - 40 Actor
- DOWN**
- 1 Type of hoop
 - 2 Slots
 - 3 Dry red wine
 - 4 Type measures
 - 5 Musical group of nine
 - 6 Wild ox
 - 7 Coq au —
 - 8 Summer (Fr.)
 - 9 Vile

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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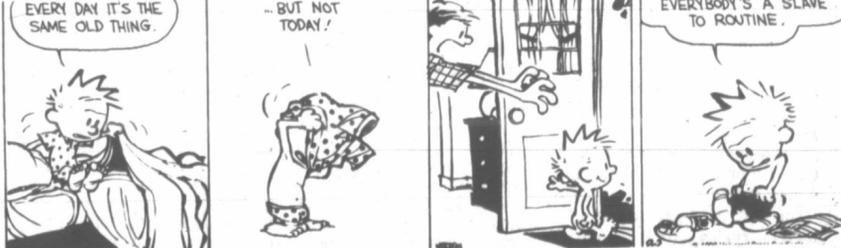
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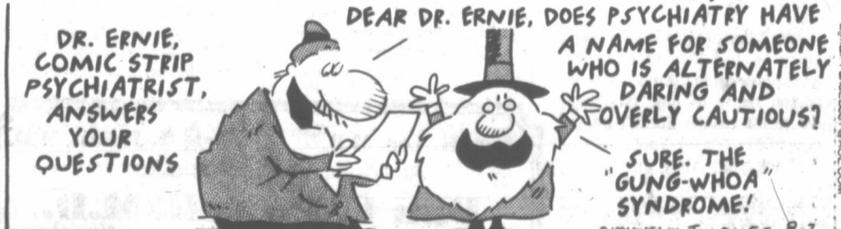
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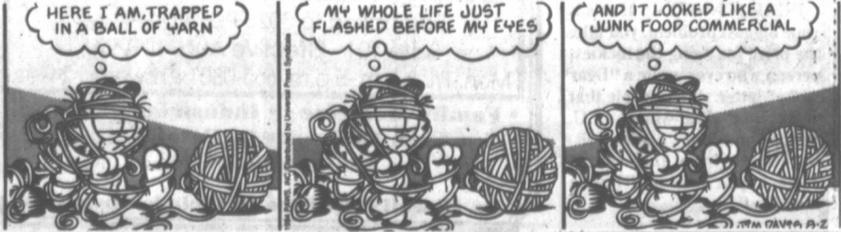
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Astro-Graph

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Instead of being practical in financial matters today, you might be influenced to waste your money foolishly by a friend whose judgment is worse than your own. Leo, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing \$1.25 to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 4465, New York, N.Y. 10163. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) For the sake of your ego it might be advisable not to set difficult goals for yourself today. Unless things come easily, your best intentions might be totally ignored.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Don't ignore your conscience today if it warns you not to become romantically involved with someone you know you should avoid. It might be trying to tell you something.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Try not to let material considerations come between you and a close friend today. Your relationship is much more important than money or worldly goods.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) If you meet someone new today be friendly and sociable, but don't be excessive. You'll be more appealing if you play a little hard to get.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Co-workers will be peeved today if you look upon them as labor-saving devices by trying to get them to do work for you that you should be doing yourself.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Being protective of a person you love is an admirable quality, provided you don't overdo it. There's a big difference between sheltering and smothering.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) There's a possibility today you might demand agreement from one who loves you even though he/she thinks you could be wrong. Your tone of conversation leaves a lot to be desired.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Flattery is not likely to make an effective method of persuasion today. Persons who are your targets will innately know if your statements are sincere. Deceit is counterproductive.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) It might be a good idea today to avoid stores that have merchandise you know you can't afford. Your sales resistance could be at a very low ebb.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Even if you have to go someplace today you don't consider very special, be sure to look your best, because there's a possibility you may run into someone you'll want to impress.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) The results might not be very satisfactory today if you let your emotions and feelings govern your intellect. Base your evaluations on a logical premise.

Sports

Notebook

FOOTBALL

PAMPA — Equipment checkout for Pampa High School's varsity football team will be Wednesday morning at the fieldhouse. Senior can collect their equipment at 7 a.m.; junior can collect their equipment at 7:30 a.m.; and sophomores can collect their equipment at 8 a.m. Practice will immediately follow.

Freshman equipment checkout will be Aug. 8-9 at 1 p.m., also at the fieldhouse. Their first practice will be Aug. 15. No time has been established for that practice.

Equipment checkout for Pampa Middle School football players is scheduled to be held from 9-11 a.m. on Aug. 9-10 at the athletic office of the school. Eighth graders can collect their equipment on Aug. 9 and seventh graders can collect their equipment on Aug. 10. Anyone missing the checkout will have to wait until the first day of school to be issued equipment.

BASEBALL

SPRINGDALE, Ark. — Only one hurdle to the final of the Southwest Regional tournament for Pampa's Bambino 11-12 All-Stars as they face the Berne, Texas, team this evening.

Monday, Pampa defeated Abbeville, La., by a score of 5-1 as they stayed alive in the tournament in which they have won three and lost once.

Besides a trip to the finals in the tournament, a win tonight against Boerne tonight could mean a rematch with the team that has already defeated Pampa once and is favored by some to win the whole thing, said Mike Lancaster, manager of the All-Stars.

He added that despite the single loss, Pampa is playing solidly and could make an impact in the tournament.

"Our team is doing excellent," said Lancaster. "We feel we can compete with any of the team here."

The game begins at 6 p.m. and is broadcast locally on KGRO Radio.

Pampa pitcher Tommy Lozano recorded the win Monday for the All-Stars while teammate Jesse Francis got the relief.

All-Star players swinging big sticks in Monday's game included Kaleb Snelgroves with three hits, and Casey Owens, Jonathan Waggoner and Francis, all with singles, according to Lancaster.

To date in the tournament, Pampa has defeated El Paso, Idabel, Okla. Abbeville, La., and Boerne with their only loss coming against the Lakeshore team.

The winner of the Southwest Regional Tournament will earn a trip to Henderson, Ky., to compete in the Bambino World Series later this month.

VOLLEYBALL

PAMPA — Anyone interested in playing junior varsity or varsity volleyball at Pampa High School is encouraged to attend an organizational meeting at 10 a.m. in the locker room on Aug. 5. Workouts begin on Aug. 8 at 10 a.m. and then again at 2 p.m.

TENNIS

PAMPA — Pampa High School's tennis team will begin practice from 1-4 p.m. Wednesday at the tennis courts at the high school. Players should make sure to bring water and a towel.

BASEBALL

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Cal Ripken played his 2,000th straight game, marching closer toward one of sports' most remarkable and respected records.

Ripken went 0-for-4 in No. 2,000, but made two sparkling plays at shortstop in helping the Baltimore Orioles beat the Minnesota Twins 1-0.

With the appearance, Ripken became only the second major leaguer to play in 2,000 consecutive games. Lou Gehrig played 2,130 in a row.

At this rate — if there's no strike — Ripken would match Gehrig's mark in the 71st game next year, slated for June 20. Fittingly, the Orioles would host the New York Yankees, Gehrig's old team. On June 21, Ripken would set the mark against New York at Camden Yards.

NEW YORK (AP) — Labor Secretary Robert Reich met separately last week with the lead negotiators for baseball players and owners, and the Clinton Administration said it is willing to assist in the stalled talks.

Atlanta Braves owner Ted Turner said the government should become involved in the salary-cap dispute, which is threatening baseball's eighth work stoppage in 22 years. The sides said they will meet next on Wednesday, a day later than originally scheduled. The union has set an Aug. 12 deadline for a walkout.

Eugene Orza, the associate general counsel of the Major League Baseball Players Association, said the union was willing to talk with the Labor Department but not let any outside party impose a settlement.

CLEVELAND (AP) — Baseball fan organizations, angry over the threatened players' strike and promoting a one-day boycott of major league baseball, moved up the day they hope fans will stay away from droves.

"Fans First" and a handful of allied groups are calling for a fans' strike Aug. 11, one day before the strike date set by the players' union.

BASKETBALL

BOSTON (AP) — The Boston Celtics signed free agent forward-center Pervis Ellison.

The 6-foot-10 Ellison was the first pick overall in 1989 by Sacramento. He played the last four years with Washington, and has averaged 13.2 points and eight rebounds in five seasons.

PHOENIX (AP) — Center Mark West, who in six seasons did not miss a regular-season game for Phoenix, was traded to the Detroit Pistons for second-round draft picks in 1996 and 1999.

West is the NBA's all-time field goal percentage leader among active players at .592, and he trails only Artis Gilmore's .599 on the all-time list.

West has career averages of 6.4 points, 5.4 rebounds and 1.43 blocks.

Skating delayed; U.S. gymnast wins four medals at Goodwill

By SALVATORE ZANCA
Associated Press Writer

ST. PETERSBURG, Russia (AP) — The Goodwill Games continue to be hit by organizational problems.

The short track speedskating competition had to be pushed back by six hours today because the ice at the Yubileiny Palace of Sports wasn't ready.

Goodwill Games president Jack Kelly said the delay would allow the ice surface to cure and thicken.

There were indications that a further delay might be needed, possibly overnight.

Kelly said the delay in making the ice stemmed from the hot weather, with temperatures in the 90s and a power outage Sunday which slowed the process of converting the venue from boxing to skating.

"Unfortunately, this wonderful weather we've been getting is great for everything else but making ice in a building that doesn't have air conditioning," Kelly said. "This would be very similar to what would happen anywhere."

It's the second time organizers have had to reschedule an event. The swimming competition at the start of the Games was put off for a day because of murky water in the pool.

Kelly said the delay in short track speedskating would not affect the figure skating events, which are due to begin Wednesday.

On Monday, practices were moved to an auxiliary rink, where the ice was soft and brown. Later in the day, skaters were moved again, this time to a back-up rink near the venue.

Alexi Zakrevski, director of the Yubileiny Palace, declined to let reporters see the skating rink.

However, a photographer who moved to get inside saw skaters with hoses spraying water on the rink, apparently because the building's water supply was insufficient.

The photographer said there was only a thin layer of ice on the rink, with bare floor visible in some spots.

Zavreski seemed embarrassed at the slipup and blamed it on the unseasonably hot weather.

"It's too hot," he said. "The temperature on the roof is 48 degrees (115 fahrenheit)."

Monday's competition was highlighted by the individual apparatus finals in women's gymnastics.

Shannon Miller had something to prove after losing an all-around title for the first time in two years, to Russia's Dina Kochetkova. So she went out and won two gold and two silver medals.

Coach Steve Nunno gave Miller a pep talk after the loss to Kochetkova.

"After yesterday," Nunno said, "we had a little discussion and I told her, 'You still have another day of competition to go. You have the opportunity to redeem yourself and show them who is the best in the world.'"

Miller, the most decorated U.S. gymnast in history, won gold in the balance beam and floor exercise and silver in the vault and uneven bars. That brought her medal total for the Games to five — two golds and three silvers.

Miller scored 9.824 in the vault to finish behind Liliya

Podkopyeva of Ukraine with 9.831. On the uneven bars, Svetlana Khorkina of Russia won with 9.862 points, while Miller had 9.850.

Miller won the beam finals with 9.875 points. She started with a front somersault to the bar and ended with a full twisting back double somersault. In between, she added a pair of reverse splits and had a series of a back handsprings followed by two back aerials.

Miller rounded off the competition with an outstanding floor routine, which earned her a score of 9.937.

"I knew I had to come in and hit my routines," she said. "I tried to do my best in both competitions. And it seems I got better as the days went by. I got more used to the equipment. I knew it was going to be a challenge."

Another U.S. medal was won by Marianna Webster, who gained a bronze in the beam behind Miller. But not without a fight by Nunno.

Webster was originally listed in fifth place with a score of 9.625. But Nunno appealed to

the judges, arguing that they had not awarded her enough points based on the difficulty of her routine. The judges revised Webster's score to 9.725, moving her up to third.

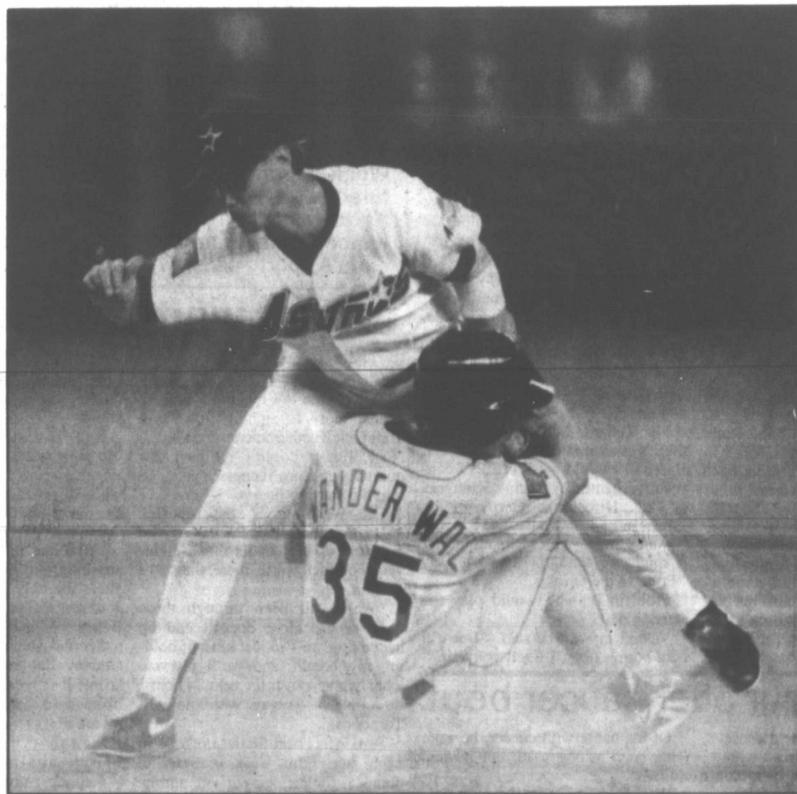
It was one in a series of scoring errors and computer glitches during the three days of women's gymnastics.

"The judges were absolutely wrong in evaluating her base score," Nunno said. "They didn't know what her amount was worth. I wasn't going to be denied out of another medal for the United States."

In other events Monday, Olga Sedakova of Russia won the gold in the solo competition of synchronized swimming. Becky Dyroen-Lancer of the United States was second. Dyroen-Lancer teamed with Jill Sudduth to win the duet competition.

In women's volleyball, the United States beat Germany 3-0, China defeated Cuba 3-1; Japan swept Peru 3-0 and Russia downed the Netherlands 3-0. Wednesday's semifinal matchups are: United States vs. China, and Russia vs. Japan.

Safe slide



Colorado Rockies' John Vander Wal (35) slides safely into second base on a steal as Houston Astros second baseman Craig Biggio can't make the tag during the eighth inning of Monday's game. The Rockies beat the Astros, 8-3. See related story, Page 10. (AP photo)

Pampa Bambino all-stars win wild game to advance

By BOB DIXON and JOHN WARNER
Special to *The Pampa News*

Bambino baseball is not for the faint hearted. The Pampa American 9-10 year old Bambino all stars made an unbelievable comeback and then outgouged New Orleans, La. Lakeshore 14-13 in eight innings in the 1994 Southwest Regional 10 and Under Bambino Tournament at Optimist Park Monday. Long time observers commented that it was one of the most memorable games ever played at the Optimist Park.

In a game which had rounds of good pitching, good hitting and good defensive plays, the Pampa team had many heroes. Among them were Michael Galloway, who slid home with the winning run in the bottom of the eighth, and Matt Driscoll as the Pampa team defeated one of the great baseball programs in the country.

Lake Shore jumped out to a 2-0 lead in the second inning. Billy Hall smashed a double to lead off the inning. Ryan Blackman beat out a bunt. He wound up on third and Hall scored when the throw to first got by the first baseman. Blackman came home moments later on an infield out.

Pampa American evened the score in the third inning without the benefit of a base hit. Galloway and Driscoll walked. A.J. Smith ran for Driscoll. A passed ball advanced both runners. A bad throw back to the pitcher allowed an alert Galloway to score and an attempt to get Smith at third resulted in a wild throw which let Smith score.

Two runs in the bottom of the fourth gave Pampa a brief lead. Luis Gonzales and Randy Tice reached base on walks. They scored on a double by Nathaniel Hill. Pampa lead 4-2.

Eighteen runs crossed the plate in the fifth inning. The walk bug struck Pampa's pitching. Lake Shore scored 10 runs on only three hits. Pampa's pitcher, Kyle Francis, had trouble throwing strikes as he walked seven and a suddenly jittery defense committed three errors.

Down 12-4, Pampa American came back with a determined seven hit attack scoring eight times to knot the score at 12 all. Francis started the rally with a single. Ryan Nash also singled. Pinch hitter Aaron Keller was hit by a pitch to load the bases. Max Simon forced Keller at second as Francis scored. Tice doubled over the center fielder's head to bring home Nash. Hill plat-

ed both Simon and Tice on a single up the middle. Galloway singled to keep the rally alive. Driscoll walked to load the bases again.

Francis was safe on an error which scored Hill. Nash walked, forcing in a run. Chase Babcock then drove in two more runs with a double to tie the game at 12-12.

Tice came on to pitch the sixth inning and shut Lake Shore out without a run. Pampa got a runner aboard when Simon singled but failed to score.

Francis came back to pitch the seventh inning for Pampa American. A walk and a wild pitch put a runner at second with two outs for Lake Shore. A single up the middle by Ryan Willis sent the runner home narrowly beating a good relay throw to the plate. A single by Brandon Hall off he second baseman bounded into center field. Again the runner tried for home. Again the throw from Nash was on the mark. This time it was just in time as catcher Galloway blocked the plate and made the tag for the final out of the inning. Lake Shore lead 13-12.

With two out in the bottom of the seventh, Nash and Babcock walked. Keller delivered a clutch single to right to score Nash just ahead of the throw and the game was tied again at 13 each.

In the eighth for Lake Shore, Francis struck out the first batter and walked the second. Hill came on to pitch. Two passed balls allowed the runner to go to third. Hill hit the first batter he faced on a full count. With runners at second and third, Hill struck out the next two batters to send the game into the bottom of the eighth.

Tice lead off the Pampa American eighth with a bunt but was thrown out at first. Hill struck out. Galloway drew a walk. The end came with unexpected suddenness. Driscoll hit a lazy single up the middle. Galloway stopped at second. However, the ball got through the center fielder and Galloway took off. He rounded third and streaked home. The throw came in slightly off the mark and not in time as Galloway slid across the plate with the winning run as the Pampa stands erupted into a deafening roar of approval.

Hill was the winning pitcher. Craig Castrinos was the loser despite allowing only one earned run while pitching the last three innings.

Pampa American is still very much alive. The all stars challenge Kiamichi County, Okla. at 7 p.m. today.

Rogers focuses on start tonight

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Just like he did in his last start, Texas Rangers pitcher Kenny Rogers will be trying to get out every batter he faces tonight.

He doubts it will happen again, and almost hopes it doesn't.

"When the first guy gets on, I'll be relieved," said Rogers, who pitches against the Chicago White Sox in his first start since throwing the 12th perfect game in modern major-league history last Thursday.

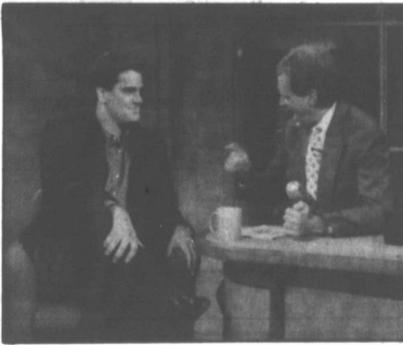
"People are going to think about doing it again, but I'm already resigned to the fact that's not going to happen."

While the thought of tying Johnny Vander Meer's 1938 feat of back-to-back no-hitters is great, Rogers is still just trying to get over his 4-0 gem over the California Angels.

The last few days have been a whirlwind as Rogers has temporarily become the most famous person with his name.

That "other" Kenny Rogers sent the pitcher a congratulatory telegram, as did Sandy Koufax, another member of the elite perfect-game club and an occasional volunteer pitching coach for the Rangers.

"I'll frame them both," Rogers said.



Rangers pitcher Kenny Rogers, shown on Monday's edition of "Late Show with David Letterman," was named the American League player of the week. (AP photo)

Switzer looks for back to replace injured Lassic

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — The Dallas Cowboys didn't really want to see too much of Derrick Lassic this season, since he's the backup in case something happens to Emmitt Smith.

But they learned Monday that he'll probably miss the entire season because of a non-contact injury he suffered while covering a kickoff during Sunday night's 17-9 exhibition victory over the Minnesota Vikings.

Lassic will have surgery this week to repair a torn quadriceps tendon above his right knee and will be out three to four months, doctors said.

"It just makes you sick to think you've lost a quality player like him, not only a quality player, but a good player," Cowboys head coach Barry Switzer said Monday. "Here you're losing a player who can win ball games for you."

Cowboys trainer Kevin O'Neill initially termed the injury a "partial tear," but Monday's magnetic resonance imaging test revealed enough of a tear to require surgery.

"We'll be fortunate whenever we get him back," Switzer said. However, even if he could return late in the season, the Cowboys might be reticent to use him in that situation. If he is placed on injured reserve, he will be ineligible to play this season.

"We went from the strongest we've ever been, in however many years I've been here, and we've now gone back to page one," running backs coach Joe Brodsky said.

"We've got a premier running back that we don't want to take a chance on, and Lincoln (Coleman) is still struggling with conditioning. We just don't have any depth at the position any more," Brodsky said.

The Cowboys will search the abundant free-agent field, possibly looking for a young running back whose salary would be able to fit under the salary cap. Among the unsigned running backs are Dalton Hilliard, Darrin Lewis, James Rouse, Leonard Russell, Heath Sherman, Lorenzo White and Russell White.

Rockies still have Astros' number

HOUSTON (AP) — When Mike Kingery singled to left in the ninth inning, Colorado Rockies Manager Don Baylor was a little surprised to see Kingery pull up at first.

"He had a chance to hit for the cycle there," Baylor said with a smile. "I thought he would just keep on running until they tagged him."

For Colorado, that was about the only question in this game as the Rockies continued their two-year mastery over the Houston Astros with an 8-3 victory Monday night. It was the fourth straight loss for the Astros, sending them to 3 1/2 games behind Central Division leading Cincinnati.

Kingery had a single, double and triple in his previous four at bats and was hoping for one of baseball's rarest achievements, hitting for the cycle, when he came up in the ninth. But since he has only four homers this season, he knew the unusual feat was unlikely.

"I only hit home runs when a pitcher makes a bad mistake," Kingery said. "I wanted the cycle because it's so rare. I just tried to be aggressive. I know you don't get many chances to go after something like that."

In the Rockies' clubhouse, the only other subject was the team's continued domination of the Astros. Last season, Colorado took the series between the two teams 11-2, including 7-0 at home. This year, the Rockies are off to a 5-2 series advantage over the Astros.

"I don't know why it happens," Baylor said. "It all started with last year when they had us down 8-0 in a game at home and we came back and won. All kinds of things happened in that game. They missed bases on hits and their relievers couldn't get us out. I think it affected them."

"And our guys just feel confident now when we come in here. It's just one of those things. The Astros got

swept in Los Angeles and then they come in here against us and are probably wondering what the hell is going to happen now?"

Actually, they've come to expect just this kind of performance against Colorado.

"We don't play well against them," pitcher Pete Harnisch said. "We don't pitch well and don't hit well and don't play good defense against them. I don't know why it is."

"Baseball's a funny game," second baseman Craig Biggio said. "You see a lot of things happen that you don't know why they happen. That's just the strange thing about the game."

Astros Manager Terry Collins wasn't buying any hex theories, though.

"I don't know what happened here last year," the first-year manager said. "All I know is the Rockies are hitting the heck out of the ball right now."

The Rockies also shy away from talk of a hex.

"I have no idea," Kingery said. "I'm not the guy to ask because I wasn't here last year. When I played with the Giants, we could never win here."

"I guess that's just the way baseball is," Charlie Hayes said. "I don't know why we play these guys so well. We can't beat San Francisco. It's just one of those things."

Harnisch, 7-5, lost for the first time since coming off the disabled list with a sore shoulder, ending a streak of six straight wins. "I just couldn't get the ball down," he said. "I didn't get anybody out when I had to."

"I thought against Los Angeles (in losing a three-game series over the weekend) we were very flat. And we were again tonight. This is the flattest I've seen us all year. We haven't lost five straight this year and I hope we get out of this before we do."

Ripkin now playing in Gehrig's shadow

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — The letters came pouring into Camden Yards every day, addressed to Mr. Cal Ripken.

Some pack pictures of Lou Gehrig. Others carry old articles about him. A few contain hand-written remembrances of the Iron Horse.

Ripken saves them all, without looking at any of them.

"I put them in a file folder. I know where it is," he said. "Someday, when my days are over, the baseball fan in me will come out and I'll read them."

"But not now. It's like if I know too much about him, it might change my approach," he said. "I've never been obsessed with Mr. Gehrig or tried to erase his record."

Nor has he ever watched "Pride of the Yankees" from start to finish, by the way.

"I've only seen parts of it," he said. "I haven't seen the whole thing."

Still, are there any two players in the history of baseball now linked more closely than Gehrig and Ripken?

On Monday night, Ripken went where only Gehrig had gone before, playing his 2,000th straight game for the Baltimore Orioles.

It used to be Pete Rose and Ty Cobb together. Rose became so crazed in chasing the career hits leader that he used a Cobb bat, put a picture of Cobb in his office and

even named his son Ty. Rose could rattle off Cobb's statistics almost as well as his own, which he often did.

Not so with Ripken and Gehrig.

"I know he was a great player, a great hitter," Ripken said. "I remember seeing black-and-white films of him back when I was 6, 7, 8 years old. Beyond that, I don't know much."

No matter that Ripken has hit the most home runs by a shortstop in history or set a single-season record for fewest errors by a player at the position. When it comes time to chisel his plaque at the Hall of Fame, the first line will surely be about his streak, whether or not he reaches Gehrig's record of 2,130.

"I'm comfortable with that part of my identity," Ripken said. "I'm comfortable with that idea."

For knowing so little about Gehrig, Ripken is much like him.

Gehrig seemed content to see the attention go to other great players, most notably teammate Babe Ruth. Gehrig, played by Gary Cooper in "Pride of the Yankees," pretended to barely even notice when those around him made a big fuss about his 2,000th consecutive game.

Ripken seemed similarly humbled Monday night at the Metrodome when it took a prolonged standing ovation to get him to take off his batting helmet in a salute. It didn't take any prodding, remember, for Rickey Henderson to rip up the bag and pro-

claim, "I am the greatest!" after setting the career record for stolen bases.

Instead, he's content to do an occasional milk commercial back home in Baltimore or return to his hotel on the road to get ready for the next game. Many times, he stays in hotels other than where the rest of the Orioles are booked, just to avoid the attention the streak brings.

If there's no players' strike this year, Ripken is on pace to match Gehrig's mark next June 20, at home against New York. He would then set the record with game No. 2,131 the next night at Camden Yards against the Yankees, Gehrig's old team.

Those games were rightly placed in the middle of a six-game homestand on the tentative 1995 schedule. If the strike intrudes and Baltimore is faced with playing the record-breaker on the road, an opponent might switch series so that Ripken can do it at home.

For Ripken, 34 later this month, there's even another record out there. Baseball's world mark is 2,215 consecutive games by Sachio Kinugasa of the Hiroshima Carp in the Japanese League from 1970-87.

And someday, after Ripken retires, it might be time for a movie, say "Pride of the Orioles."

Problem is, who would play the starring part?

"Don't know," he said. "But it'll be a boring story. I'll tell you that."

Azinger returns to PGA tour after cancer bout

GRAND BLANC, Mich. (AP) — Nearly a year after winning his first major golf tournament, Paul Azinger has an even bigger triumph to his credit — he's apparently beaten cancer.

Eight months after being diagnosed with lymphoma of the right shoulder blade, an ailment that forced him to leave the PGA Tour, Azinger is ready to return this week at the Buick Open.

"I'm glad to be back," Azinger said today on his arrival at Warwick Hills Golf and Country Club. "It's been a long road that went quickly."

He disagreed with the popular theory that he decided to play the Buick

Open as a warmup for the defense of his PGA Championship next week.

"I wouldn't be here if I didn't think I could be competitive," Azinger said.

Still, he admitted to being a tad nervous about his return.

"I've had little butterflies the last six or seven days," Azinger said. "It's kind of like the beginning of the year. You always want to get off to a good start."

"I don't know quite how I'm going to feel. I'm sure my competitive juices will start flowing, maybe even this afternoon if I get a good gambling game going (in practice)."

Of his battle with cancer, he said, "It's been a long road, but it went quickly."

"I now join a long list of people who have survived cancer."

Azinger, father of two girls, hopes to regain his status as one of the Tour's best players. But he knows no matter what happens, his life has new direction since he learned he had cancer.

"I've got a new calling," he said. "I need to be an inspiration to people. I have a chance to reach out to thousands of people. It would be gross negligence if I didn't do something."

Lady Harvester Softball



Pampa Lady Harvester softball team were recently named runners up in the Texas softball champions following a tournament in Midland last week featuring teams from across the state. The Lady Harvester were defeated by Big Springs in the championship round of the tournament who went on to win the competition. Team members include Serenity King, Meredith Horton, Stefanie Cooper, Hope Hickman Conch, Shawna Austin, Rhonda Been and Jill Trollingen, standing with Manager Pat Montoya, and Danette Hoover, Misti Plunk, Veronica Santacruz, Julie Montoya and Lara Adams, sitting. Not pictured is Jessica Whitney. Because of their outstanding play in the tournament Horton, Austin and Plunk were named to the All-Tournament Team. Pampa's junior varsity team was eliminated for competition but still won the tournament's sportsmanship award. (Courtesy photo)

Turner waits to get Shuler into camp

By The Associated Press

Though the Washington Redskins appear close to signing first-round draft pick Heath Shuler, rookie coach Norv Turner doesn't yet have the quarterback from Tennessee penciled into the starting lineup.

The Washington Post reported today that the two sides had agreed on most of the details of an eight-year contract worth more than \$19 million.

"We've all been through these deals where close doesn't end up happening, so I'm just kind of holding my breath, and we'll just see what happens over the next 24 hours, or couple of days or, who knows?" Turner said.

Turner has said Shuler must be in camp early this week in order to compete for the starting job, and he hopes to get him some playing time in Monday's exhibition game against Buffalo.

"I think we can get him ready to play some in that game," Turner said. "They don't tend to be overly complicated in preseason, so I think it would be a good opportunity for him."

Los Angeles found out that third-year quarterback T.J. Rubley's problems through the first 10 days of

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training camp are more than psychological.

Rubley, who started seven games last season, has tendinitis in his right elbow and will sit out at least one week of practice. The team suspects the ulnar nerve is either pinched or damaged.

"I've had pain before, but never anything like this," Rubley said. "I guess the only thing that can help it is to rest and put some ice on it."

Second-year tight end Chris Gedney has recovered sufficiently from last year's broken collarbone and injured heel to be named the starter for Chicago's exhibition opener Friday against the Eagles.

Gedney caught 10 passes for 98 yards as a rookie last season but missed nine games.

"He's had a real good camp catching the ball, and he's really made significant improvement with his blocking in the last four days," said Bears coach Dave Wannstedt. "That's the thing that has been holding him back a little bit."

The Philadelphia Eagles, the last NFL team to bar the media from weekday practices, will allow

reporters to watch the team's practices this season.

"With the type of team we have, it's the right thing to do," said coach Rich Kotite said.

Monday's light workouts will remain closed, but the media will be allowed to observe the first 35 minutes of practices Wednesday and Thursday, and all of practice Friday and Saturday. On most weeks, NFL teams have Tuesday off.

The San Francisco 49ers could be down to one healthy tight end for their exhibition opener Friday night at Tempe, Arizona.

Coach George Seifert said backup tight end Ted Popson was given an injection to try to reduce pain and swelling from a lower back problem. He is not expected to play against the Cardinals, joining starting tight end Brent Jones (ankle) and backup Brett Carolan (Hamstring) on the sidelines.

Bryce Burnett is the only healthy tight end in camp.

"Carolan has a slight pull but it's enough to keep him out maybe (today)," Seifert said. "We think he'll be able to play in the ballgame but it's not inconceivable that we'll go into the game with one tight end, unless we can knock him off between now and then."

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Mitchell criticizes 'those who don't want change' in health care

By DAVID ESPO
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Senate Majority Leader George Mitchell labored over the details of his eagerly awaited health reform plan Monday and said "those who don't want change" had waged an expensive effort to torpedo the top item on President Clinton's agenda.

After meeting with Clinton, Mitchell said the legislation he will unveil Tuesday would eventually provide "insurance for all Americans." He predicted the Democratic-controlled Congress will approve a health reform bill this year, despite vast differences between his measure and the one outlined Friday by House Democratic leaders.

Clinton, too, attacked those who attack his program. Speaking in Jersey City, N.J., with the Statue of

Liberty as a backdrop, the president said: "Don't let the fearmongers, don't let the dividers, don't let the people who disseminate false information frighten the United States Congress into walking away from the opportunity of a lifetime."

Votes are expected in both houses of Congress over the next two to three weeks on health reform, climaxing one of the most fiercely fought battles in recent memory. For his part, Clinton scheduled a Wednesday night prime time news conference at which he is expected to appeal for support.

Mitchell has been working for weeks to craft legislation that can satisfy Clinton's demand for universal coverage and still win majority support in the Senate. The task is made vastly more complicated by strong opposition to Clinton's proposal, contained in the House mea-

sure, to require businesses to pay 80 percent of the cost of insuring workers and families.

Mitchell's bill is expected to rely on insurance reforms and subsidies for low-income pregnant women, children, people between jobs, small businesses and perhaps others in an attempt to spread coverage. He's expected to hold mandatory employer requirements in reserve until 2001, and employ them only if coverage hasn't reached 95 percent of the population.

Even then, businesses and employees would be called on to split the cost of insurance 50-50, and small businesses would be exempt. States where 95 percent coverage had been reached would be exempt.

There were signs that Mitchell's careful work was paying dividends.

Sen. Jay Rockefeller, D-W.Va., a strong supporter of Clinton's original

bill, told reporters he was comfortable with the majority leader's approach.

Mitchell's task is to hold the liberals like Rockefeller in line while attracting enough moderate and conservative Democrats to amass a majority.

One moderate, Sen. Kent Conrad, D-N.D., who helped craft a Finance Committee bill that shuns mandatory employer contributions, said Mitchell's approach was "entirely reasonable."

Another Finance Committee moderate Democrat, Sen. David Boren of Oklahoma, expressed opposition, while a third, John Breaux of Louisiana, said, "it has to be improved." Breaux said Mitchell was still working over the details, saying the majority leader had solicited his advice a few moments earlier about a detail of the legislation.

Speaking with reporters outside the White House, Mitchell said little

on the specifics of his plan.

"I think a large, expensive ... effort has been made by those who don't want reform, those who don't want change, those who want to continue the current disaster system to oppose the bill," he said.

Republicans in both houses of Congress generally oppose mandatory employer contributions in any form, meaning the Democratic leadership has less maneuvering room in its effort to find a majority.

Forty of the Senate's 44 Republican senators favor a measure drafted by GOP leader Bob Dole to rely on insurance changes and subsidies to spread coverage.

In the House, a bipartisan group is attempting to draft a measure along the same lines that can topple the measure unveiled Friday by the Democratic leadership.

While their bill is completed in

outline form, House leaders are still struggling to resolve several sticking points, including whether a standard package of insurance benefits should cover abortion, and if so, whether any restrictions should be applied.

Also up in the air is an issue of assistance for retirees between the ages of 55 and 64. Fifty-two Democrats have sent House Majority Leader Richard Gephardt a letter seeking assurances that his legislation would make sure low-cost coverage is available for this group. Many of the lawmakers are from states that are home to basic industries such as auto and steel.

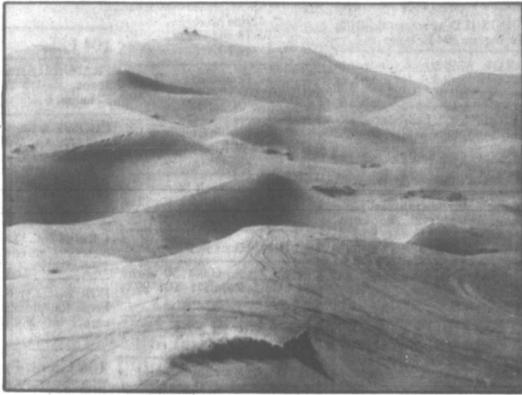
Many black lawmakers also favor this provision, saying minority workers are forced to retire early in disproportionate numbers, on small pensions, after spending their working lives in physically demanding occupations.

Hot times ahead in newest national parkland

By LARRY GERBER
Associated Press Writer

BAKER, Calif. (AP) — Tourists planning a summer vacation in America's newest national parkland had better beware of wrong turns. These are nature's meanest neighborhoods, where 100-mile vistas warp in the stinging desert heat and where scanty pools of water shimmer away into mirages, tormenting the thirsty.

You might find scorpions and rattlesnakes underfoot or surprise a mountain lion looking for a meal. But they're not as dangerous as the flash floods, like the ones that washed out the tracks of the old Tonopah & Tidewater Railroad in 1916, the 1920s and 1930s.



An off-road enthusiast (bottom) skims over a track-crossed dune in the South Algodones dunes near Glamis, Calif., part of the new national parkland under pending legislation in Congress. (AP photo/Press-Enterprise)

More than 6.6 million acres of Southern California's Mojave Desert are destined to become national park or wilderness under legislation that passed the House last week. A separate measure passed the Senate, and the two are headed to a conference committee to work out the difference after 10 years of political tussle.

The legislation would create the largest single expanse of federally protected wilderness and parkland in the Lower 48, a place to visit and look at more than a playground.

Visitors realize quickly that they, too, need protection — hat and sunscreen at the absolute least.

In the 100-degree-plus afternoons, advertised for all to see on the 134-foot "World's Tallest Thermometer" in Baker, pencil erasers can melt. Human skin stings, on slow broil even in the shade.

The desert patchwork extends more than 150 miles north and

south of this Interstate 15 rest stop, from Death Valley to Joshua Tree national monuments, both slated to become national parks within the new preserve in a vast, sparsely populated region near the Nevada line.

Environmental groups say federal protection is necessary to save the desert from overuse. They worry about rare species like the desert tortoise and the kangaroo rat, and the dun-colored landscape itself, a sweep of badlands, cinder cones, lava beds, fossils, sand dunes and monster Joshua trees.

The Senate would declare the East Mojave a park, barring hunting and prospecting. The House would call it a "national preserve," allowing at least some hunting.

Local folks accustomed to grazing a few head of cattle, mining, hunting and going where they want across the desert generally detest the whole notion that the region's beauty and wildlife need protection, especially from them.

"These things are here, but not in the quantity they make it sound. And they're scattered all over this area," Irene Ausmus said, her gesture sweeping from Hole in the Wall up to the Mescal Mountains. "It's a letdown, once you discover that."

She complained about the government's "arrogant" attitude toward the area's few voters as she welcomed a visitor with a cool soda and a two-fan breeze at the post office and general store she runs at Cima, ZIP code 92323.

Commission OKs collider settlement

DALLAS (AP) — Faced with the alternative of expensive, protracted litigation, members of a commission that oversees Texas' investment in the super collider on Monday approved a settlement with the Department of Energy.

Shelton Smith, chairman of the Texas Natural Research Laboratory Commission, called the settlement a "good deal" for the state of Texas and the federal government.

"As a result of Congress' decision to terminate the collider, it appeared almost inevitable that the state of Texas and the United States Department of Energy were about to get into a legal war of massive proportions. As this commission ... knows, that would have been a war with no winners, only survivors," Smith said.

Congress killed the super collider in October. But dismantling the project has been delayed as the commission and Energy Department discussed dividing the project's assets.

Texas contributed \$539 million of the more than \$2 billion spent on the atom smasher before it was canceled. The state wanted to ensure it recouped its losses.

A proposed settlement announced July 22 would give Texas title to the buildings and land on the super collider's sprawling campus.

In addition to \$145 million in cash outright, Texas could receive another \$65 million if the state's plan for a cancer treatment facility is approved under peer review. The state wants to take the collider's partially completed linear accelerator and use it to build a proton-beam cancer therapy center.

Smith said the commission could reject the entire settlement if the \$65 million grant does not materialize.

The federal government, meanwhile, would retain ownership of the 14 miles of underground tunnel already drilled of the atom smasher's planned 54-mile oval. It would also keep half of the collider's equipment, ranging from supercomputers to cryogenics, with Texas able to purchase the other half at favorable rates.

Smith and commission director Phil Stafford outlined the settlement and the proposed alternative uses for the collider's assets.

The state of Texas is studying an applied superconductivity and cryogenics technology center; a regional center for high-performance computers; medical uses of the collider's linear accelerator; and restoring the Blackland Prairie.

Washington, D.C., attorney Daniel Joseph, who served as counsel to the commission, gave the settlement his stamp of approval.

Morales says records to be secret on resigning DA

AUSTIN (AP) — Attorney General Dan Morales' office on Monday refused to release state records in its investigation of an East Texas district attorney who is resigning.

Henderson County District Attorney E. Ray Andrews, the target of the inquiry, says even he doesn't know what the files might contain.

"They've kept it secret from me," said Andrews, who has submitted his resignation effective Aug. 15. "It would be sort of interesting. I don't guess I'll ever get to see it."

The Associated Press and other news organizations had sought the information under the state's Open Records Act.

But while the investigation has ended, Morales spokesman Ron Dusek said Monday the office considers the case open and the records secret at least until Andrews' resignation is to take effect.

"At this time, that file is still open. The file won't be closed until after Aug. 15," Dusek said.

Andrews announced his resignation last month. A grand jury that had

been scheduled to begin hearing evidence in the case then was dismissed by state officials.

According to the *Athens Daily Review*, investigators had been looking into allegations against the prosecutor since May 1993, when he crashed his car into a pole.

The newspaper reported that inside the car, police found whiskey and beer, which Andrews initially said didn't belong to him. He later admitted the liquor did belong to him but said the investigation was politically motivated.

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