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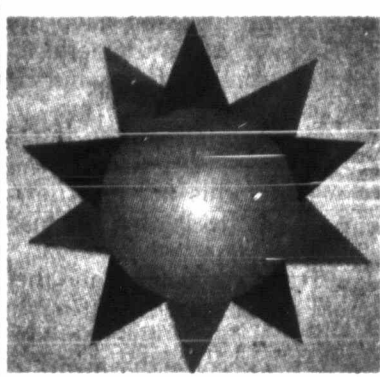
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**PAMPA** — Justice of the Peace Margie Prestige set a \$100,000 bond yesterday for Lamont L. Nickleberry, 23, 1100 Prairie Drive, on the charge of possession of 110 grams of cocaine. She also set a \$5,000 bond on a marijuana possession charge and a \$500 bond has been set for DPS warrants out of Amarillo. Nickleberry, who was arrested yesterday morning, is still in Gray County Jail.

**HUTCHINS, (AP)** — A raccoon helped uncover a missing Texas inmate Friday.

Billy Bob Peacock, 21, escaped Thursday morning from a Hutchins State Jail team that was assigned to work in a nearby vegetable field south of Interstate 20 and east of Interstate 45.

Peacock turned up around 6:40 a.m., hiding in a culvert near Interstate 20, TDCJ spokesman David Nunnelee said.

An TDCJ officer stationed along the Hutchins State Jail perimeter saw a raccoon turn into a culvert, then back out and run. The officer and a supervisor peered into the culvert and found Peacock.

Officers ordered the inmate to come out, but he ran through the culvert in the opposite direction.

Police fired a warning shot, followed by a second shot at the inmate, which missed, Nunnelee said. A third shot hit him in the upper thigh.

Peacock went to Mesquite Hospital for treatment before going back to Hutchins State Jail.

- Agnes Hodges, 91, homemaker, ranch worker.
- Robert H. Hbilland Jr., 71, retired farmer, rancher.

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## Expert: La Nina drought yet to arrive

The hot, dry weather that has spread across Texas and Oklahoma this summer has nothing to do with La Nina. The drought of La Nina has yet to arrive.

The dry conditions over a large part of Texas are not related to the developing La Nina, according to a forecaster who has tracked such weather patterns for two decades.

"La Nina has a lag time as far as how it effects the weather patterns, and it doesn't usually show up until the fall," said Ed Andrade, lead forecaster at the National Weather Service in Amarillo. "It just happens to be the worst of both worlds right now. We're dry now, and we're forecasting the continuation of dry weather based on the cold phase that could be fairly significant."

**"We had a Category Four La Nina beginning in late 1995 through early spring of 1996. That resulted in some of the driest weather during that period we've seen in the panhandle in quite some time. It's looking like it could very well happen again."**

— Ed Andrade, lead forecaster NWS in Amarillo

El Nino is a natural occurrence of warming water that occurs around Christmas off the Pacific Coast of South America. La Nina is its counter part. The Eastern Pacific turns cold.

Due in large part to new remote, bob-

bing weather collecting stations in the Pacific, the National Climate Prediction Center in Washington, D.C., has been able to accurately predict El Nino and La Nina occurrences for only the past year or so.

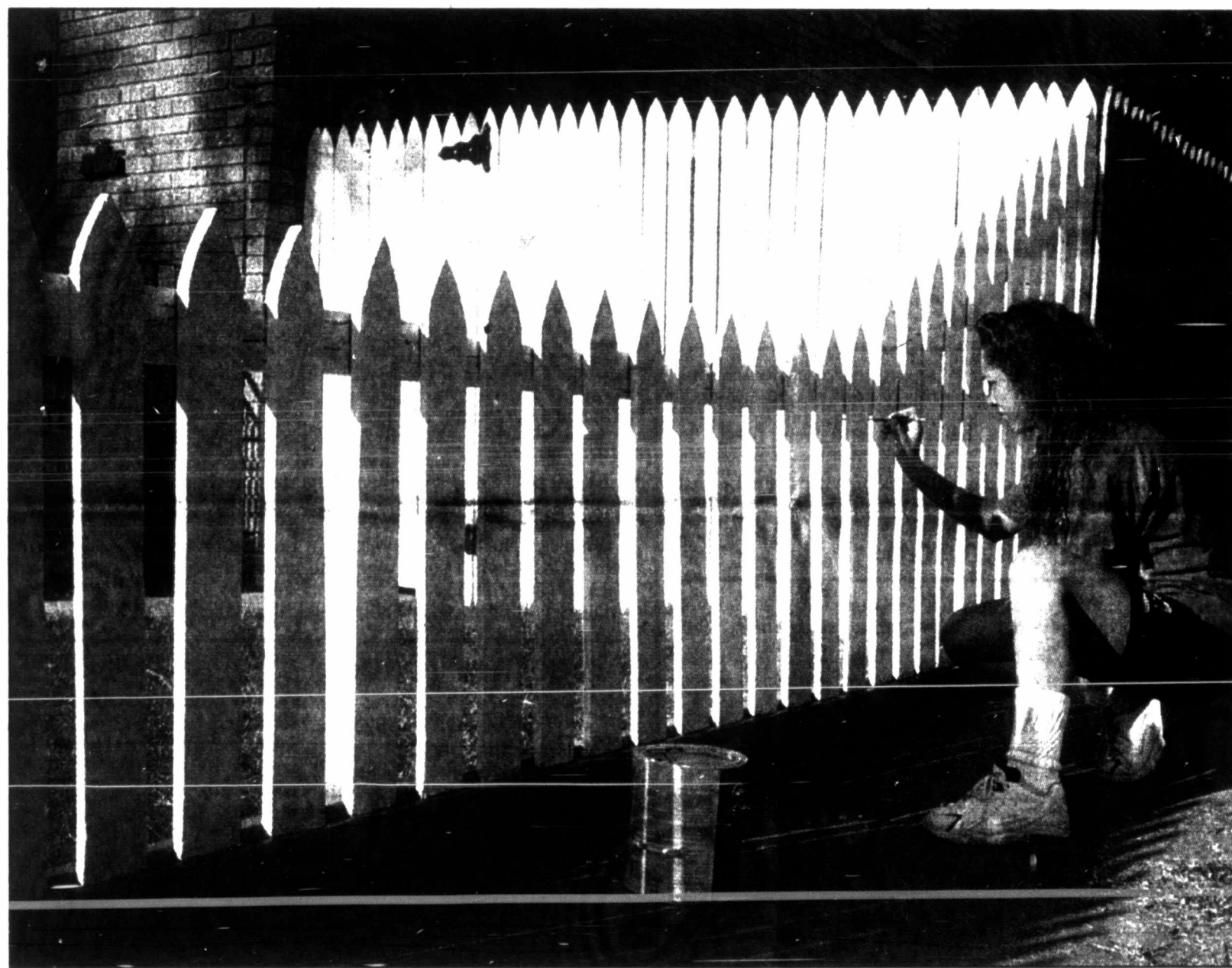
Andrade wrote his master's thesis on El

Nino phenomenon back in the mid-1980s, a time when little was known about the Southern Oscillation as it is officially called. Since then, the National Oceanic and Atmosphere Administration (NOAA) has dropped a series of data collecting buoys across the Western Pacific where El Nino has its origins.

The abnormal warming of the El Nino cycle occurs every few years on average although it appears those cycles are coming closer together. Andrade, however, warns that there is not yet enough data to draw solid conclusions concerning the length or strength of the cycles. La Nina of 1995-96 was strong and followed by a strong El Nino this past year, however, and the National Climate Prediction

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### A summer's day work...



In the cool of the morning, Titia Willis helps her mom, Sandra, paint the fence around their home on Somerville. This morning it was a pleasant 71 degrees while this afternoon temperatures were expected to soar toward the century mark. For the weekend there is a chance of rain.

(Pampa News photo by David Bowser)

## Borger columnist charged in sex cases kills self

**BORGER** — A Borger newspaper columnist shot and killed himself today after being indicted by a Hutchinson County grand jury Wednesday on sexual misconduct charges.

Andrew Jackson "Jack" Roberts, 75, a columnist for the Borger News-Herald, shot himself about 7 a.m. today at his home in Borger, Hutchinson County officials said.

"We received a 911 call a few minutes after 7 a.m. today," said Borger Police Lt. Charles Keys.

Keys said they found Roberts on the floor of a small shop building in the backyard of his residence at 1414 Clayton Street. He had a single gunshot wound to the chest.

Hutchinson County Justice of the Peace Beverly McClure said Roberts appeared to have died from a self-inflicted gunshot wound.

"There is no evidence of foul play," Keys said, "and no foul play is suspected."

Roberts was arrested Wednesday after a Hutchinson County grand jury returned four indictments alleging six counts of sexual misconduct with boys from 11-to-13 years old. Roberts was released on \$50,000 bond.

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## Witness testimony from hypnotized victim to be allowed

By DAVID BOWSER  
Staff Writer

A Pampa judge ruled this week that testimony by a victim who was hypnotized by investigators will be allowed a robbery case.

Judge Lee Waters, 223rd District Court, ruled that testimony by Charles Hearron, 39, the clerk on duty at a convenience store when it was robbed and who was hypnotized by Pampa police during the ensuing investigation, will be allowed in court.

Billy London Hughes, 27, one of three men accused in the June 24, 1997 robbery of the Allsup's Convenience Store at 140 S. Starkweather, filed a motion to suppress the post hypnotic testimony.

The other two men accused in the robbery, Johnny Bailey, Jr., and Felix Scott, pleaded guilty in the case.

Judge Waters this week denied

Hughes' motion to suppress post hypnotic testimony by Hearron.

Charlie Love, a Pampa police detective, had hypnotized Hearron and questioned him about the robbery during the investigation.

During a pretrial hearing on the motion to suppress the testimony in late June, Hughes' attorney, Ken Fields, put a clinical psychologist on the stand who questioned Love's qualifications.

District Attorney John Mann, however, pointed out that the man who trained Love also trained state law enforcement officers in the use of hypnosis during criminal investigations and that Love holds state certification.

Judge Waters denied the defendant's motion to suppress the post-hypnotic testimony but will allow the defense to present its expert witness during the trial.

The trial is tentatively set for August.

## New librarian hired

By JEFF WEST  
Staff Writer

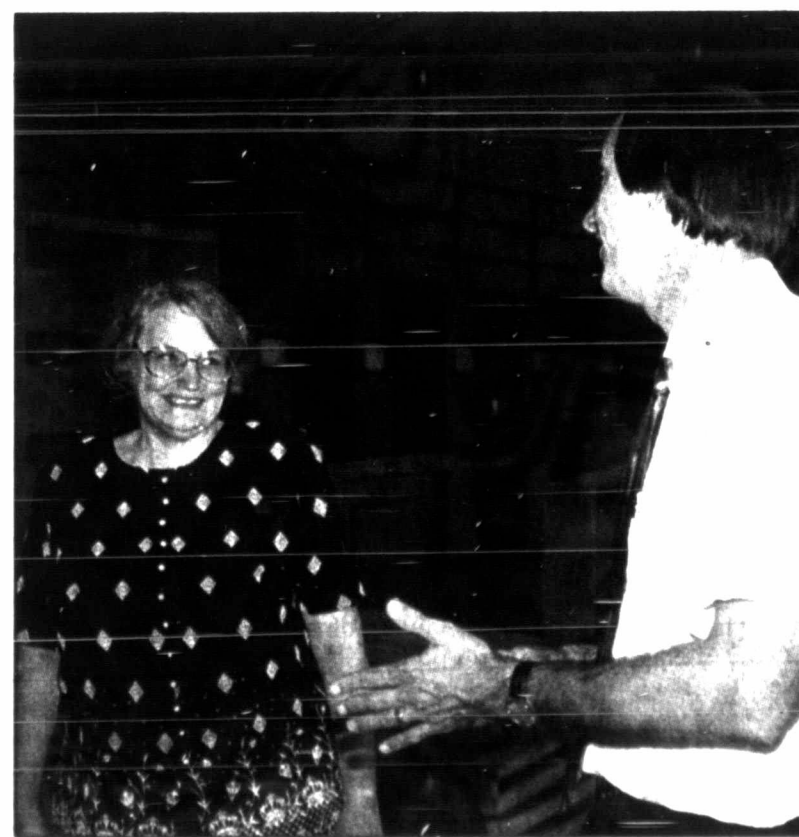
This fall Pampa is not only getting a newly remodeled library it's getting a new head librarian to run it.

The city has been looking for a head librarian since July 1 of last year when Dan Snider retired after 20 years to go into the ministry.

Since then, Director of Community Services Bill Hildebrandt has interviewed several candidates. Now, the Lovett Library be run by Anne Stobbe.

She is currently working as assistant coordinator for the Texas Panhandle Library System. She has been with the system which works with almost all the public libraries in the panhandle so she is familiar with this area and its needs. She has even consulted with the Lovett Library during her job so she has some first-hand knowledge of the resources that are here. She

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Anne Stobbe (left) is shown around Lovett Library by Bill Hildebrandt who explains what changes are in store.

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## Ambassadors from OBC to sing at Bible Baptist Church

Sunday, July 26th, the Bible Baptist Church will host the Ambassadors, a men's singing group from Oklahoma Baptist College, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Dr. Joe Finn, (not pictured) is the Dean of the college and will be doing most of the preaching.

The schedule is as follows: Sunday School, 9:45, Dr. Finn; Morning Preaching, 11 a.m., Dr. Finn; Dinner on the grounds, 12-2 p.m.; preacher boys preaching, 6 p.m.; evening preaching 7 p.m., Dr. Finn. Special music by the Ambassadors throughout all of the services.

Pastor Bob Hudson of the Bible Baptist Church currently has two sons enrolled in the college, and his two older sons graduated from the college and are pursuing their calling as missionaries.

The Ambassadors are on tour on behalf of the college. More information is available about the college, the Ambassadors, the Bible Baptist Church, or transportation by calling 669-7830. A nursery is always provided.

## Clinton declares disaster in Texas

WASHINGTON (AP) — The broiling summer's toll on humans and agriculture prompted President Clinton to declare a disaster for Texas farmers and order \$100 million to pay electric bills and buy air conditioners and fans.

The president also repeated his support Thursday for several measures in Congress to help farmers across the country who are suffering from incomes that are down 35 percent compared to 1996, partly because of disasters and partly due to lagging foreign trade coupled with big harvests.

"We simply can't flourish if we let our rural roots shrivel and decline," the president said from the White House in a session broadcast to radio stations in farm states.

Clinton, noting that the summer of 1998 is on track to being the hottest on record, said: "This scorching heat shows no sign of abating. It has destroyed crops, led to widespread power outages and, worst of all, has resulted in the deaths of over 100 people."

To help people stay cool in 11 Southern and Western states, Clinton ordered release of \$100 million from the low-income home energy assistance program.



(Pampa News photo by Miranda Bailey)

(left) Earl New, George Gamblin, Halden Suttle, J.B. Fife and Jack Hood gather to prepare for First Christian Church's Souper Supper this Saturday, July 25. This month the men of the church are doing a hamburger cookout. They will serve from 11 to 2 p.m. at the VFW Hall located at 105 S. Cuyler. This is a special outreach program for the First Christian Church that happens the last Saturday of each month. For more information call 669-3225.

## If GM gets its way, relationship with UAW could change significantly

DETROIT (AP) — If an arbitrator agrees with General Motors Corp. that two crippling United Auto Workers strikes violate their national contract, the balance of power between the company and union could fundamentally change.

Such a ruling, if upheld, likely would make the UAW less willing to use its strongest tool — the strike — against any of the Big Three automakers. The union would be more likely to turn to arbitration to resolve national disputes between triennial contract talks.

"That would certainly civilize the process a great deal," said Dale Brickner, a retired Michigan State University labor professor. "What it would do in the long run is reduce the number of local strikes."

Arbitrator Thomas Roberts was to preside today over the third day of a hearing called to consider the strikes' legality.

GM filed a grievance against the union last month, alleging the strikes at two parts plants in Flint violate their national contract. If successful, the company has said it will ask a federal court for a back-to-work order and financial damages. It has lost more than \$1.2 billion so far.

The UAW on June 5 struck a Flint stamping plant that makes body panels for GM's big cars and high-profit pickups and sport utility vehicles. Six days later, it hit a plant that makes spark plugs, filters and other parts for nearly every car and truck GM produces in North America.

The result is GM's North American production has come to a virtual halt. Twenty-seven of 29 major assembly plants are idle; 193,100 GM workers at those plants and more than 100 parts plants are out of work.

### Hemphill County Extension Service announces 4-H Rodeo

CANADIAN — The annual Hemphill County 4-H Rodeo is slated Aug. 7 and 8 in Canadian. The Friday night performance will kick-off at 6 p.m. Activities will begin at 4 p.m. Saturday.

There will be three age groups for the regular performance: 8-12, 13-15, 16-19. The 4-Hers will compete in three events with ribbons awarded. Each performance of the rodeo will be a separate jackpot, so youth can enter both days. Buckles will be awarded based on the average of an event for both days. The All-Around buckle for each age group requires contestants to compete in at least two events each day. All entry fees will be paid back in prize money for each event and rodeo performance.

The rodeo will begin Friday with team roping followed by Pee Wees and the 8-12 age group. Older youth will run their events concurrently. Saturday's rodeo will follow the same order. The 8-12 age group will compete in breakaway roping, barrels, poles, goat tail untying, bareback ponies, junior bulls and adult-youth ribbon roping. Events for 13-15 age group include: breakaway, ribbon roping, barrels, poles, goat tying, bareback and bull riding. Youth 16-19 can compete in tie-down calf roping, ribbon and breakaway roping, barrels, poles, goats, bareback and bull riding.

Team roping will also be offered to all age groups and youth can either rope up and back or change partners. Adult-youth ribbon roping and team roping will not count for All-Around points.

Entry fees and forms are due by Aug. 1. No late entries or call-in entries will be accepted. Rodeo entry forms and rules are available by calling the Extension office at (806) 323-9114 during weekdays.

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Texas Editorials

By The Associated Press

A sampling of editorial opinion from Texas newspapers: El Paso Times on selling the Zapruder film:

One of the more gruesome — both physically and morally — moments in United States history is now available on home video for \$19.95.

Now everyone can watch — in newly enhanced color and clarity — as the 35th president of the United States, John F. Kennedy, has part of his skull ripped open by an assassin's bullet, all in the comfort of the home.

And, of course, all in the name of history, right? Wrong.

The excuse is poor subterfuge for profit motivation. The 45-minute video ("Image of an Assassination: A New Look at the Zapruder film") is little more than vulgar voyeurism and the commercialization of a president's tragic slaying. The video consists of a 40-minute preamble and six separate showings of President Kennedy's head exploding when hit by a bullet on that fateful day in Dallas' Dealey Plaza.

Releasing the video for public consumption is a constitutional privilege of the Zapruder family. But it's also capitalism at its moral worst. Some things in life, or as in this case, death, should not be treated as grist for profit. Sadder still, though, is the fact that people want their own copy of this famous but graphic murder. ...

Austin American-Statesman on increasing college scholarships:

A proposal to boost spending for college scholarships more than threefold could limit the so-called Hopwood effect at the state's premier universities and expand access to higher education for thousands of Texans.

Last week, the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board asked state lawmakers to increase scholarship dollars to nearly \$500 million a year. They hope lawmakers will use a portion of a projected multibillion-dollar budget surplus to do so.

If state leaders are to prepare all Texans for the challenges of the new technology-driven workplace, they should ensure that residents have access to higher education. Expanding scholarship dollars is a wise investment in the state's future.

Houston Chronicle on Congress and open government:

It was hailed as a breath of fresh air when the reform-minded Republican Congress passed a rule a couple of years ago requiring witnesses testifying before House committees to reveal the amount of federal contracts and/or grants they received. It was widely hailed as the "truth in testimony rule."

The philosophy behind the measure was that witnesses in congressional hearings are often primarily interested in increasing their federal funding, and that the taxpayers and the Congress have a right to know whether a witness has a possible conflict of interest that might shade his or her testimony. Often there is nothing wrong with having such a vested interest, but it should at least be spelled out up front.

The Heritage Foundation has now issued a study giving the House an overall C-plus grade in enforcing the rule. It also points out that some House committees are failing to enforce it at all. Of the 971 witnesses who testified between January and May last year, 743, or 77 percent, filed the required disclosure forms, says the study, which graded nine committees and 28 subcommittees.

The grades range from the A-plus given to the Banking and Financial Services Committee to F's for the Education and Workforce Committee and the Appropriations Subcommittee on the Veterans Administration, Housing and Urban Development and Independent Agencies. The powerful House Ways and Means Committee got an "incomplete" for refusing to release information on compliance.

Obviously, there is room for improvement in compliance and fully informing the public, which is perfectly capable of judging for itself whether testimony in favor of funding crosses the line into conflict of interest.

Or was the Congress merely paying lip service to this open-government reform all along?

San Antonio Express-News on soft money and politics:

Even if Congress fails to eliminate soft money in federal elections, the reform effort will continue.

The Federal Election Commission recently decided to seek public comment on a proposed rule that would close the unsavory soft-money loophole.

The proposal would ban the unlimited, unregulated money that flows to political parties from special interest groups.

Under current law, the money must be used for "party building" and not to directly help federal candidates win elections.

But the 1996 presidential election marked a new level of soft-money abuse, which circumvented federal contribution limits to candidates by disguising the use of unregulated cash.

Opponents say the FEC doesn't have authority to change the rules. Others disagree.

Eliminating soft money is necessary for the integrity of federal elections. The FEC should force the issue by proceeding with the rule if Congress doesn't get the job done.

As the old saying goes, there is more than one way to skin a cat. Let the foes test the FEC's authority in court.

Special interest groups should be able to use soft money for communication on issues, but the parties' use of unlimited contributions for federal candidates must stop.

Media is not anti-military

Dan Rather  
 Syndicated columnist

In the aftermath of CNN's discredited report about the alleged use of lethal gas by U.S. forces in Laos, an old accusation against the press is being revived. It is the charge that the majority of American journalists are anti-military.

It isn't true. Never has been. The fact is, and the record shows, American journalists as a whole are and have been over the years decidedly PRO-military. Foreign reporters and other international observers often accuse us of favoring our armed forces — and they're right.

We try not to show our bias, but it manifests itself almost every time U.S. military forces are deployed anywhere in the world.

This includes Vietnam. It's a myth that most American journalists in Vietnam didn't like the military, weren't pulling for America to win, and as a consequence "the media lost the war." Some Americans, including some who fought valiantly in Vietnam, genuinely believe that myth. But others have viciously spread the myth for their own self-serving, often very partisan political purposes. The worst among these people were never in Vietnam, including some who went to great lengths to avoid going when it was most dangerous. Now, whenever it suits their purposes, they pose as experts.

This reporter reserves special scorn for such people.

Journalists are not blameless. We often bring criticism upon ourselves, sometimes through

carelessness, sometimes through arrogance, and, yes, in at least a few cases, because a very few American journalists DO have anti-military biases.

All journalists make mistakes. That specifically includes myself. It also includes CNN, a basically good outfit that has admitted it created its own nightmare in that discredited report. However it happened, for whatever reasons, it was a mistake.

But there is now a concerted effort underway in some quarters to smear American journalists as a group because of that mistake.

Based on long personal experience with American military men and women, this reporter doubts that most rank and file members of our military services will sucker for this smear, for the same reason most of the general American public won't. They're too smart. They read, listen to and watch the news.

Americans will judge us individually. And they'll do the same with our accusers — some politicians, including some self-described "conservatives"; and some people with admirable military service records. Americans will see

that some of our accusers are sincere, while others are simply opportunists.

Americans will reason it out just as they reasoned, for example, that it would be senseless and indecent to blame the whole Army for the atrocities committed at My Lai by one company.

However, some people are easily misled. And about this, we journalists need to be more careful, thoughtful, and more willing to admit our mistakes.

Sometimes we defend the fundamental truth of a story without acknowledging how it comes across and that's a mistake. A story may be true, but still perceived as biased, if the facts are not presented in full, with careful attention to context and perspective. And the PERCEPTION of bias can be as damaging to a journalist's reputation as the EXISTENCE of bias.

We must scrutinize our work and others' — for bias, and then correct it. We must be on high alert for even the perception of bias.

Journalism is not an exact science. It is, even at its best, a crude art. To pretend otherwise makes us vulnerable to misconceptions, even smears, such as the present one.

In the land of the American dream, someone must protect the dreamers. Experienced journalists know this. And about this, most of us are biased — fiercely so.

Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Friday, July 24, the 205th day of 1998. There are 160 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On July 24, 1959, during a visit to the Soviet Union, Vice President Richard M. Nixon got into a "kitchen debate" with Soviet leader Nikita Khrushchev at a U.S. exhibition.

On this date:

In 1783, Latin American revolu-

tionary Simon Bolivar was born in Caracas, Venezuela.

In 1847, Mormon leader Brigham Young and his followers arrived in the valley of the Great Salt Lake in present-day Utah.

In 1923, the Treaty of Lausanne, which settled the boundaries of modern Turkey, was concluded in Switzerland.

In 1929, President Hoover proclaimed the Kellogg-Briand Pact, which renounced war as

an instrument of foreign policy.

In 1937, the state of Alabama dropped charges against five black men accused of raping two white women in the Scottsboro Case.

In 1969, the Apollo XI astronauts, including the first two men to set foot on the moon, splashed down safely in the Pacific.

In 1974, the U.S. Supreme Court unanimously ruled that President Nixon had to turn over subpoe-

naed White House tape recordings to the Watergate special prosecutor.

Ten years ago: On the campaign trail, Republican George Bush heard chants of "ERA," a reference to the proposed Equal Rights Amendment, from members of a professional women's group in Albuquerque, N.M. Democratic nominee Michael Dukakis was heckled by anti-abortion protesters in St. Louis.

Fate of independent council law

Walter Mears  
 AP Special Correspondent

When Congress sets about renewing, overhauling — or undoing — the independent counsel law next spring, Kenneth Starr's performance will be exhibit A.

And whatever his pursuit of President Clinton produces by next spring, Democrats are going to be arguing that the way he's going about it warrants restraints on his successors.

Republicans contend he's displaying the independence the law was written to provide so that administrations wouldn't be investigating themselves — and that there ought to be more, notably on Democratic fund-raising abuses in the 1996 campaign.

That's a role reversal since the last time the law was revived, after an 18-month lapse forced by Republicans outraged when an independent counsel went after their president, George Bush, with a politically damaging report just before he lost the 1992 election to Clinton.

Ironically, Clinton and Attorney General Janet Reno then urged Congress to renew the independent counsel law that gave Starr his franchise. Whitewater at first, now broadened and centered on the Monica Lewinsky sex and cover-up allegations.

Starr's no-holds methods have been riling Democrats for months, never more than in his theatrical enforcement of subpoenas for testimony from Clinton's Secret Service bodyguards, called before a stand-in grand jury as soon as he got court clearance.

Under the independent counsel law expiring next June, prosecutors must operate in accord with established Justice Department policies, a provision originally included at Republican insistence.

The Democrats say he has ignored that rule, especially in forcing Secret Service agents to

testify to questions about what they've observed and heard while protecting the president.

No federal prosecutor had sought to compel such testimony before. Starr argued that the Secret Service "may have observed evidence of possible crimes," and won the power to question them. The Justice Department and the Secret Service had argued that to do so would intrude on the protection of presidents, this one and his successors, who might keep more distance from agents who could become forced witnesses.

This is not a situation in which agents are alleged to have seen the president overtly committing a crime. Instead, Starr wants pieces of a puzzle he can use to build a case that there was a crime — presumably perjury or cover-up.

Even his defenders agree that there ought to be some limits on what a prosecutor can demand of a presidential bodyguard, and Sen. Orrin Hatch, chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, said he'll have the committee take that up next year.

He said Secret Service witnesses should be summoned only in "the most serious cases, where testimony is unique and directly related to accusations of criminal behavior."

Hatch said the Secret Service should have gone to Congress in the first place, instead of going to court to argue for a protective privilege against testimony. "In any event, that is something that we can clarify next year, and I intend to do so," he said.

The Republicans say that will deal with longer-term concerns about the impact on presidential security.

Starr will have his testimony by then. Breaking at least one Washington habit: Security, no matter how intrusive and at times, seemingly excessive, usually prevails. As when Pennsylvania Avenue was shut down to traffic one Saturday in 1995, with no notice and no time to even change the signs to reroute Washington traffic. The Secret Service said it had to be done to protect against the threat of terror bombs. There have been attempts in Congress to get the avenue reopened, but the case is as closed as the roadway.

There are assorted formulas for change in the independent counsel law, along with arguments that it ought to be scrapped outright. There have been five special prosecutors on Clinton administration cases, under the law requiring the attorney general to apply for their court appointments when there are reasonable grounds to pursue allegations of wrongdoing by top officials.

Once chosen, they serve without time or spending limits, four years and, according to the Democrats, approaching \$40 million, in Starr's case.

There are varying proposals for change, to limit terms to perhaps two years and then require reappointments; to restrict budgets by making them subject to specific appropriations like the rest of government; to set more demanding standards as to what has to be demonstrated to warrant an outside prosecutor.

Another proposal: A permanent office of independent counsel, in but not controlled by the Justice Department, with a Senate-confirmed appointee in charge.



# Postoperative radiation therapy for lung cancer suspect

LONDON (AP) — Some lung cancer patients treated with radiation therapy after surgery to remove the tumor are 20 percent more likely to die than those who undergo only the surgery, a three-decade series of studies, the results of which were published today, has found.

Many lung cancer patients get postoperative radiation therapy to get rid of any remaining cancer cells, although some doctors have become more selective about which patients receive such treatment. The results of previous studies examining the effectiveness of the therapy have been contradictory or inconclusive.

In the largest study of its kind, an international team of researchers say that exposing lung cancer patients to radiation therapy after surgery may do more harm than good and that the technique should not be used routinely.

The study, published in this week's issue of *The Lancet*, a British medical journal, combined information gathered over the past 30 years in nine studies involving a total of 2,128 lung cancer patients worldwide.

About 900,000 people are diagnosed with lung cancer every year, according to the World Health Organization.

Dr. Gordon McVie, director general at the Cancer Research Campaign in London and a lung cancer specialist who was not part of the study, said the research was authoritative and important.

"It should be compulsory reading for chief executives of hospitals. In

many parts, this is routine treatment. It has been assumed that it was a good idea," he said. "I was unsurprised that radiotherapy didn't prolong survival, but what I'm really concerned about is that it could actually do harm. There is a very clear message here."

The patients in the study had non-small-cell lung cancer, which accounts for 80 percent of all lung cancer cases. A total of 1,056 had surgery and radiotherapy while 1,072 had surgery alone.

The detrimental effect was greatest in patients in the early stages of the disease, the study said. In those with more advanced but still operable lung cancer, the study said radiation therapy did not seem to cause harm although it also did not appear to help.

Researchers are unsure why radiation therapy caused more deaths earlier.

"The 21 percent relative increase in the risk of death associated with radiotherapy, equivalent to an overall reduction in survival from 55 percent (for surgery alone) to 48 percent (for surgery and radiotherapy) at two years, represents a substantial hazard to these patients," said Lesley Stewart of the Cambridge, England-based Medical Research Council, which led the study.

Researchers concluded that radiation therapy should not be given routinely to patients in the early stage of non-small-cell lung cancer and

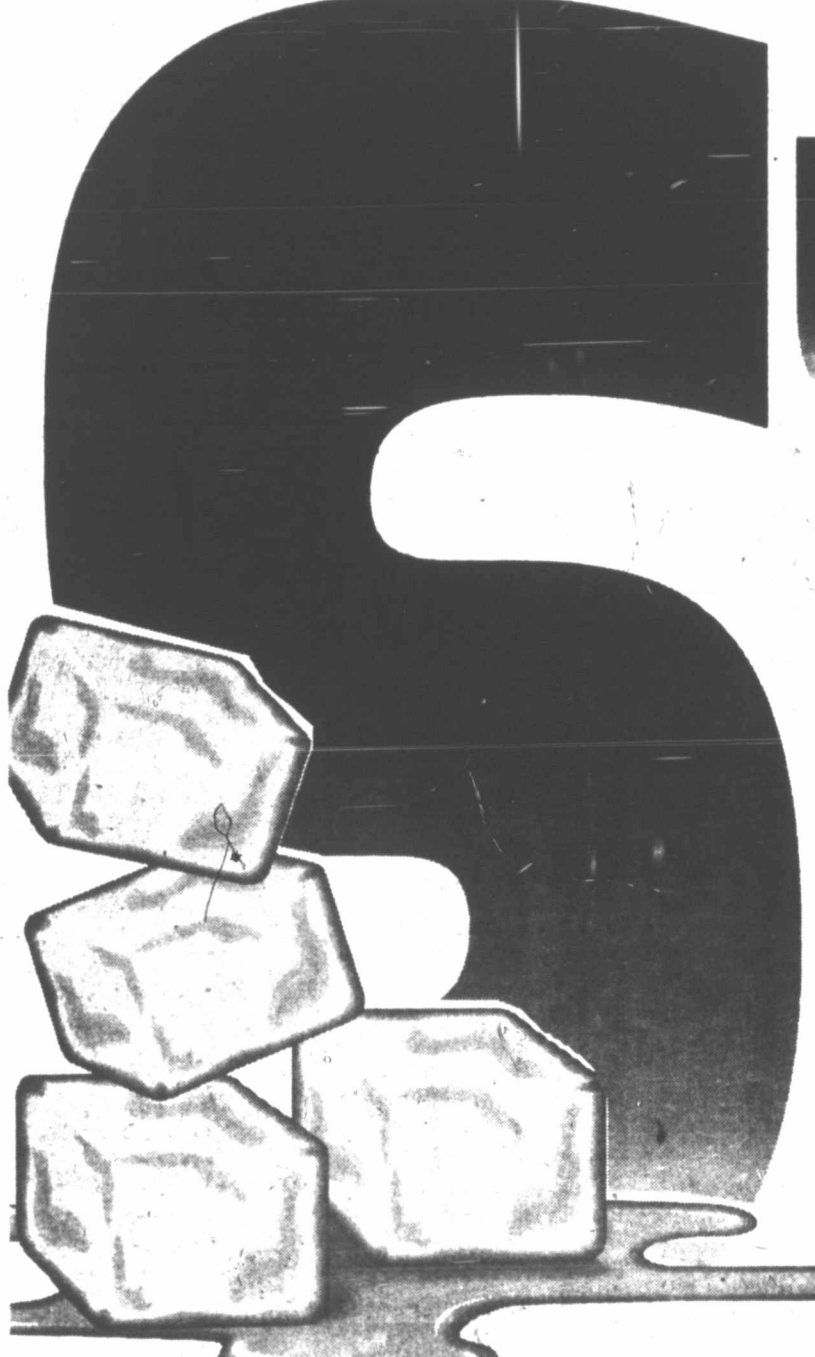
that its role in the treatment of more advanced stages of the disease "is not clear and may warrant further research."

Although he had not read the study on Thursday, Dr. J. Frank Wilson, a professor of radiation oncology at the Medical College of Wisconsin in Milwaukee and a member of the board of chancellors for the Reston, Virginia-based American College of Radiology, said radiation treatment has become more precise in the past 30 years. Fewer patients now receive surgery for lung cancer, he said.

"We're talking about obsolete methodology," he said. The study also isn't entirely new to oncologists. In cases where there is no indication that the cancer has spread to the lymph nodes in the lung and chest, cancer specialists have known for years that radiation would be detrimental, said Dr. William Sause, a radiation oncologist at LDS Hospital in Salt Lake City.

"If radiation is to be applied postoperatively, it needs to be done in very selected cases, such as if the surgeon leaves some tumor behind," Sause said.

In an independent commentary, also published in *The Lancet*, Dr. Alistair Munro of Ninewells Hospital in Dundee, Scotland, said post-operative radiotherapy doses are too high and that there are "valuable lessons to be learned" from the Cambridge study.



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# RELIGION

## There's more than one way to rate a movie

• We have a rule at our house: If a movie is in black and white and most of the cast is dead, you can watch it.

And avoiding cinematic sex and violence isn't the point of the rule. Instead, I hoped to shield the kids against mindless drivel.

Old movies, before 1980 for sure, are higher quality in content, plot, action and direction. The last 20 years of cinema have been a veritable wasteland. An occasional movie is worthwhile - "Schindler's List" is one - but most simply presume the viewer can understand little more than boffo comedy ("Dumb and Dumber") or illogical relationships ("City of Angels") in which a string of non-sequiters pur-

ports to be dialogue.

As the years passed, I devised an informal and unscientific rating system. An okay movie rates "wait to rent the 49 cent video." Slightly better ones are in the "dollar movie only" category. Bad movies are "ask for your dollar back" and the really, really poor movies are "a criminal waste of natural

From the Back Pew...

By Cheryl Berzanskis



resources." A movie "worth owning" ("Citizen Kane") is rare.

A flick containing sex isn't a movie unless the scene's only function is to let an actress

get naked ("The Postman"). Likewise, a lack of sex is not an indicator of quality - did you see "Edward Scissorhands"? Conversely, one of the most outstand-

ing adult movies of all time, "Cat on a Hot Tin Roof" has a fully clad cast but a complex and sexually charged plot.

Should Siskel and Ebert call, here is my take on some of the latest crop:

"Seven Years in Tibet" - Pointless, plotless and boring. Not even the magnificent Himalayas could redeem the shallow pretensions of Brad Pitt as brave soldier. Ask for your dollar back.

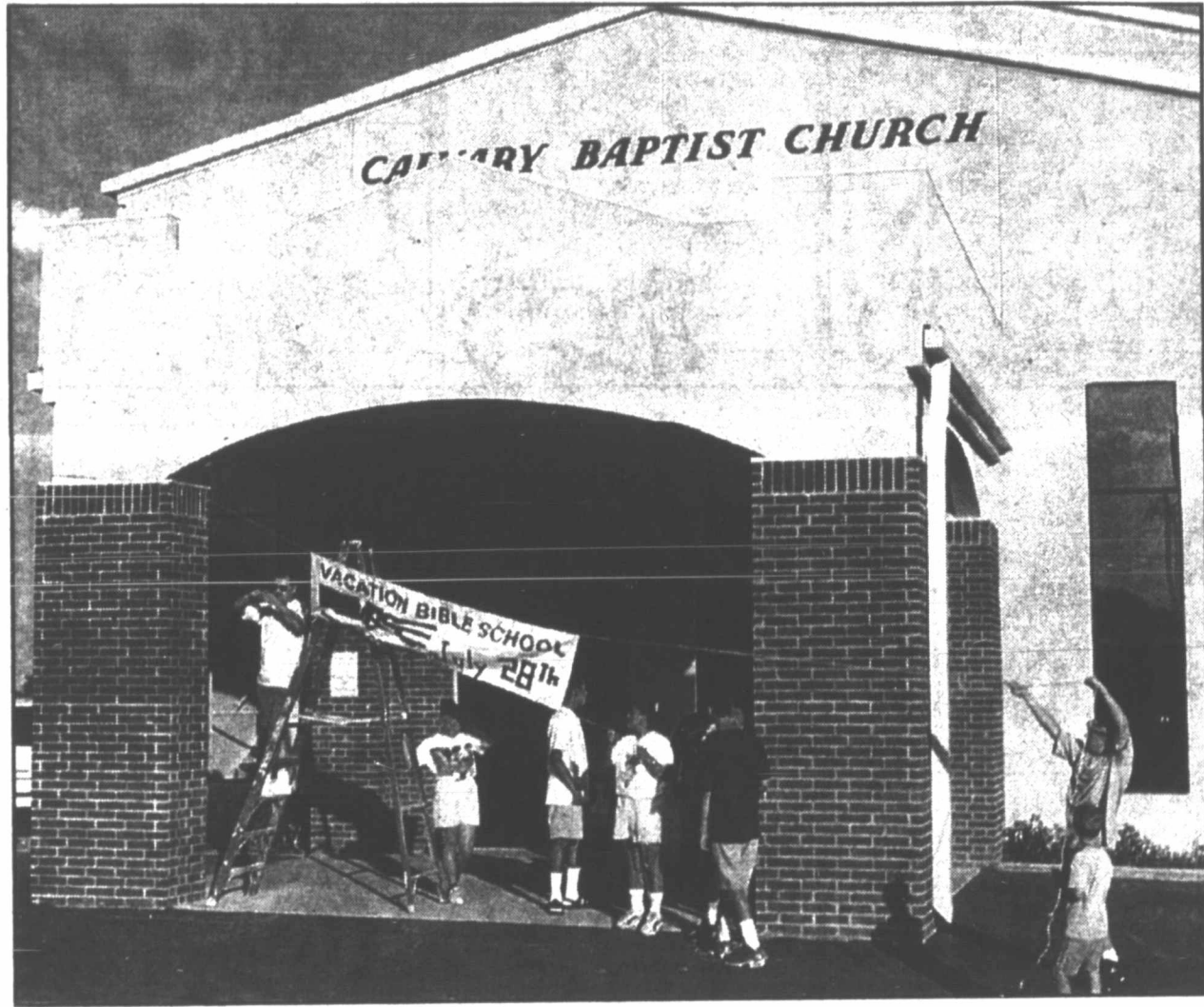
"The Postman" - A worthless flick in which Don Quixote is asked to be a sperm donor. This movie could have been great in the spirit of "Man of La Mancha." Instead, an utterly contrived subplot which serves as a vehicle to undress the female lead, degrades the

movie to the level of insult. Ask for your dollar back.

"City of Angels": Nicolas Cage's job description surely read, "Actor must be able to maintain an air of perplexed earnestness for most of two hours. Willingness to engage in gratuitous, though modest sex scene with Meg Ryan required." Children can't miss the meaning of "Does that feel good?" in this PG-13 movie. Criminal waste of natural resources.

"L.A. Confidential" - Clarify the plot and you've got a very entertaining movie. This was worth sticky floors at the movie house. Pay a dollar.

And now I think I hear the telephone ringing.



Adults and youth at Calvary Baptist Church, 900 E. 23rd, prepare for Vacation Bible School. Preregistration is Monday from 5-7 p.m. at the church. From left are Mike Kelsey, Jessica White, Johnathan Brockington, Veronica Arreola, Jesse Glaesman, Jarred Etheredge, Shelby McCahen and Brandon Crook. (See story on Page 3)

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# SPORTS

## Rodriguez leads Rangers past Royals 8-4

By STEVE BRISENDINE  
Associated Press Writer

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Ivan Rodriguez put all talk about a slump to rest.

After a string of 12 hitless at-bats that dropped his average from .349 to .336, Rodriguez returned to his AL-leading form Thursday night.

He singled in his last three plate appearances, driving in a run and boosting his average back to .342, as the Texas Rangers beat the Kansas City Royals 8-4.

"It was a couple of bad games, that's all," said Rodriguez, who was 0-for-11 in the series before he singled off shortstop Mendy Lopez's glove to lead off the Texas fifth. "You're not going to get a hit every game. I'm just glad I got three hits tonight."

So was Texas manager Johnny Oates, who gave Rodriguez a break from catching duties Thursday and used him as a

designated hitter.

"I was possibly going to give him (Friday) night off if he struggled offensively, but now with three hits, I know he'll be ready to play tomorrow," Oates said. "He was struggling more mentally than physically."

Rodriguez wasn't the only Texas batter to have a big night.

Rusty Greer went 3-for-5 and drove in three runs, boosting his career average against Kansas City to .366, and Juan Gonzalez drove in a run for his major league-leading 114th RBI.

Gonzalez has 26 RBIs this season against the Royals, more than against any other team, and is one RBI away from tying the single-season record for RBIs against one opponent.

Bill Haselman homered and drove in two runs for the Rangers, and Mark McLemore had three hits.

Texas got 13 of its 18 hits in four-plus innings against starter

Glendon Rusch (6-12). The 13 hits allowed were a career high for Rusch.

"He hasn't been real sharp with his command, and his breaking ball hasn't been as good as in the past," Royals manager Tony Muser said. "I think Glendon's trying to too hard right now. Offenses like that against a young pitcher intimidate you a little bit."

Greer, Gonzalez and Roberto Kelly each hit RBI singles in the third. Greer added a two-out, two-run single in the fourth for a 5-0 lead.

Texas opened the fifth with three consecutive hits, including an RBI single up the middle by Haselman that made it 6-0.

Reliever Xavier Hernandez (5-1) stopped two Kansas City rallies in the middle innings. He took over for starter Darren Oliver with two outs and three runs across in the Royals' four-run fifth, giving up an RBI single

to Terry Pendleton before retiring Sal Fasano on a fly ball.

"Sometimes (starters) come up one out short of a win," Oates said. "As a manager, you hate making that move. But you also want to make sure ... that they don't get a loss in a well-pitched ball game. It's a gut feeling. I went as far as I could tonight."

Kansas City loaded the bases with two outs in the sixth, but Hernandez got Jeff King to ground into a force play.

The Royals stranded 12 runners — six in scoring position. They also had another runner doubled off third base.

Dean Palmer hit a sacrifice fly and Shane Mack and King had RBI hits in the Royals fifth. Haselman opened the ninth with his fourth homer.

Jose Offerman went 4-for-4 and Jermaine Allensworth had three hits for the Royals.

Notes: Gonzalez has a season-high 13-game hitting streak. ...

Greer extended his longest hitting streak of the year to eight games. His .366 career average against the Royals is his best against any single opponent. ... Gonzalez is still ahead of Hack Wilson's record RBI pace of 190, set in the 1930 season. Wilson had 106 RBIs after 101 games. ... Offerman's four hits matched a career high, and he extended his hitting streak to a season-high 12 games. ... Rusch has not beaten an AL opponent since June 19, when the Royals won 8-4 at Detroit. His last win was a 6-1 decision on June 30 at St. Louis. ... Texas third baseman Fernando Tatis turned an unassisted double play to deny at least one Royals run — possibly two — in the first inning. With runners on second and third and one out, Tatis snagged Palmer's hard-hit line drive near the bag and then doubled off Allensworth to end the inning.

## Notebook

### GOLF

PAMPA — Pampa Lions Club is sponsoring a Day-Night Golf Scramble Friday, Aug. 7 at Hidden Hills.

It will be a four-person scramble with a shotgun start at 6:30 p.m. There will only one golfer per team with a handicap less than 10.

Sandwiches and drinks will be provided.

Proceeds from the scramble will benefit the eye glass program in the Pampa schools.

The scramble will have a \$35 entry fee, which includes cart, green fees and a "glow ball."

Call David Teichmann at 806-669-5866 to enter.

### Football

WICHITA FALLS, Texas (AP) — Remember Thanksgiving Day, 1994 when Jason Garrett saved the game with one of the most dramatic performances in the history of the Dallas Cowboys?

Well, it took three years but Garrett has finally been promoted to No. 2 quarterback for the Cowboys, taking over for Wade Wilson, who was not re-signed and ended up at Oakland.

Garrett completed 15 of 26 passes for 311 yards and two touchdowns over the Green Bay Packers to earn NFC Player of the Week as a sub for the injured Troy Aikman.

From that day forth, Garrett has had the confidence of the players on the Cowboys team.

The promotion hasn't changed Garrett, the young man who played at Princeton and signed as a free agent.

"My focus has always been to work and be prepared if you have to go into the game," Garrett said. "We all know Troy is going to be in there but if he gets hurt, I

have to be ready. I have to be ready to play every snap this year if I have to."

Aikman is one of Garrett's biggest fans.

"Nothing has been handed to him, he's earned the right to be No. 2," Aikman said.

Garrett is thriving in the new Chan Gailey offense in which the quarterback and the receiver have to make the correct reads.

"I love this offense," Garrett said. "It's a lot of fun to run."

Wide receiver Ernie Mills said Garrett "has a nice touch on the ball and he gets it there. He's an excellent back-up to Troy."

Gailey certainly thinks so. "He's not as big, fast, or have as strong an arm as you would like," Gailey said.

"But the issue with me is decision making and he does a great job."

Garrett is expected to play against Seattle in the July 31 preseason opener in Texas Stadium.

"We want to get Jason a lot of action in this offense," Gailey said.

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. (AP) — North Carolina will play Texas in a two-game football series in 2001 and 2002, UNC athletic officials said.

Thursday's announcement came after discussions between the two schools on whether to postpone or cancel the games. The discussions began after former UNC coach Mack Brown resigned in December to become head coach at Texas.

"The two schools considered postponing the games out of a concern that the games might have too much focus on the coaches, rather than the institutions or the student-athletes," said UNC athletic director Dick Baddour. "However, we believe in the larger sense this series is good for both programs."

The Longhorns will host the Tar Heels on Sept. 8, 2001. The Tar Heels will host Texas on Sept. 14, 2002.

## Lockout talks still in turmoil

NEW YORK (AP) — Opening a new line of attack in the NBA labor fight, the players union Thursday filed an unfair labor practice charge with the National Labor Relations Board that seeks to end the lockout.

The charge alleges that the NBA improperly imposed a lockout without having bargained to an impasse as required under the National Labor Relations Act.

"The NBA can't call a lockout until games are scheduled to begin," union director Billy Hunter said. "At this point, any unilateral change, including a ban on free agent signings, is premature and impermissible under the labor laws."

The NLRB played a major role in bringing the baseball strike to an end in 1995, noting that owners had not bargained in good faith up until the point when the players went on strike. The NLRB asked a federal judge to grant an injunction restoring baseball's old work rules, and the strike ended March 31, 1995, when Judge Sonia Sotomayor granted the injunction.

"The board will determine, on as prompt a basis as possible, whether the rights of the basketball players, as employees, have been violated," said Daniel Silverman, regional director of the NLRB's New York office. "We fully recognize the needs of the parties and the public for a decision without delay, and we will do our best to meet that objective."

Silverman said his office will conduct an investigation over the next few weeks, then make a determination what to do next.

If the board agrees with the union, it can ask a federal judge to issue an injunction restoring terms of the old collective bargaining agreement that expired June 30.

"NBA players want to play ball," Hunter said. "The players have instructed us to do everything in our power to prevent NBA owners from delaying the start of the 1998-99 season."

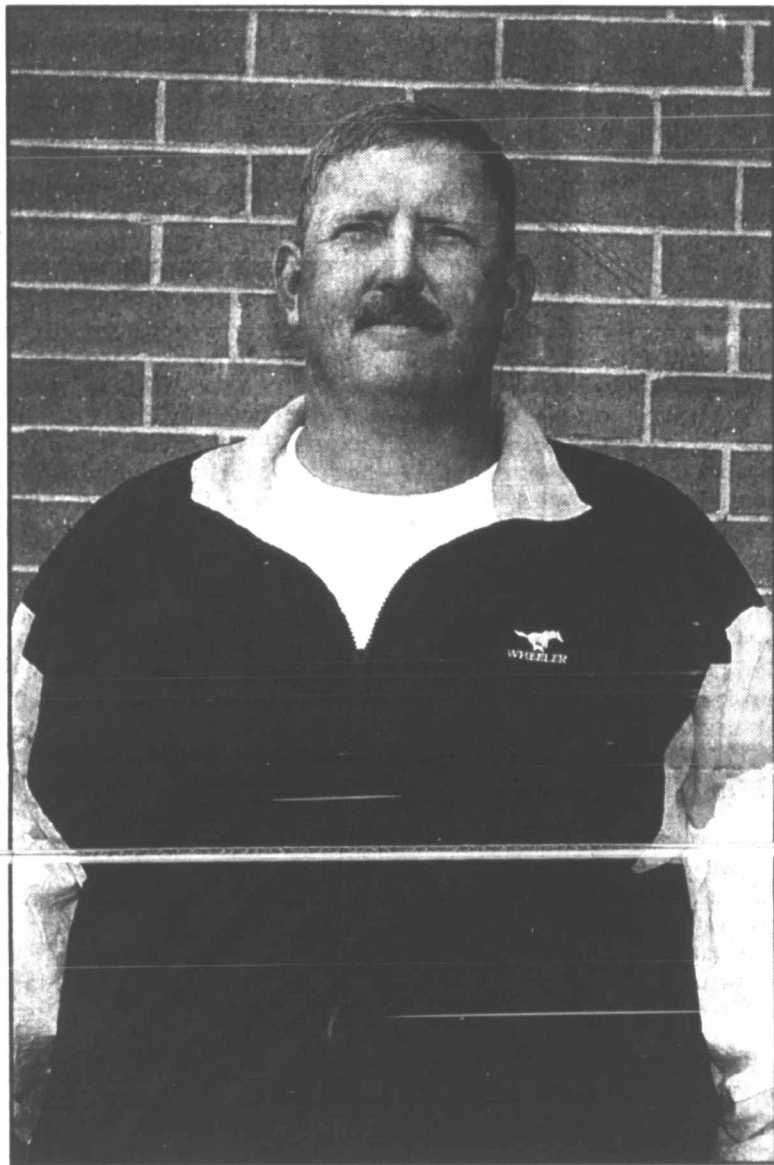
In its one-page filing, the union said the lockout is not really a lockout, but rather a unilateral imposition of changes to work rules. The union asked that an injunction be granted so players can be allowed to negotiate and sign contracts under terms of the old agreement.

The NBA, served with the papers Thursday afternoon, did not immediately comment.

The labor battle is now being fought on several fronts. Commissioner David Stern and Hunter met Tuesday for breakfast and agreed to resume formal talks. They were to confer again Friday to set a date.

The union has filed a grievance with arbitrator John Feerick on behalf of some 200 players with guaranteed contracts who are not being paid during the lockout. The league has sued the union in federal court, seeking a ruling saying it should not have to pay players during a lockout and that Feerick should be prevented from holding an arbitration hearing on the complaint.

## Verden honored



(Pampa News photo)

Wheeler head football coach Jim Verden has been named 1997's Class A Coach of the Year by REEBOK Team Uniforms. The award was made in conjunction with the Texas Sports Writers Association and with the approval of the Texas High School Coaches' Association, University Interscholastic League and the Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools. Wheeler was state runners-up to Granger with an 11-4 record last season. The Mustangs improved on a 10 semifinalists record in 1996.

## Puerto Rico loses semifinal matchup

NEW YORK (AP) — Anthony Ronaldson hit two 3-pointers during a 14-0 run at the start of the second half, lifting Australia to an 86-74 victory over Puerto Rico in the Goodwill Games basketball semifinals Thursday night.

The Australians advanced to the gold-medal game against either a team of U.S. college stars or Lithuania. Puerto Rico will play for the bronze medal.

Shane Heal, who played one season for the Minnesota Timberwolves, led Australia with 21 points, and Ronaldson had 20. Andrew Gaze, who led Seton Hall to the NCAA championship game in 1989, scored 15 points and Chris Antsey of the Dallas Mavericks had 14.

Australia led 44-41 at halftime before starting the second half with its 14-0 burst that gave it a 58-41 advantage. Puerto Rico, which trailed the United States by 19 in a preliminary game before rallying to win by eight, closed within seven with 10 minutes left, but got no closer.

Australia shot just 41.5 percent from the field, but outscored Puerto Rico 22-4 at the free-throw line.

Jose Ortiz, formerly of the Utah Stars, led Puerto Rico with 23 points. Diving began, with world champion Irina Lashko of Russia winning the 1-meter springboard over China's Guo Jingjing. The Chinese pair of Tian Liang and Sun Shuwei won the men's synchronized platform gold, posting the day's only perfect scores.

Beach volleyball's grand old man, 41-year-old Sinjin Smith, injured his left calf as he and U.S. teammate Ricci Luyties lost 15-5 to Canada's John Child and Mark Heese. Smith returned to the match after a 5-minute timeout and said he would play Friday against the top U.S. team, Karch Kiraly and Adam Johnson, which lost to Brazil's Guilherme Marques and Para Ferreira 15-3. Brazil scored the first three points and then ran off seven in a row for a 10-1 lead.

In other matches on the Central Park sand, Martin Conde and Esteban Martinez of Argentina took 1 hour, 19 minutes and 135 serves to defeat defending champions Jan Kvalheim and Bjorn Maaseide of Norway 16-14, and Julien Prosser and Leo Zahner of Australia beat Martin and Paul Laciga of Switzerland 15-13.

## Tri-State Seniors tee off next week

PAMPA — Because of prior commitments, defending champion Eddie Duenkel won't be entered in the Tri-State Senior Golf Association Tournament this year.

"I support the tournament 100 percent, but I'm got more irons in the fire than I can handle this year," Duenkel said. "I just won't be able to play."

A year ago, Duenkel became only the second Pampa golfer to win the Tri-State title. Pampa's Elmer Wilson was a two-time winner in 1996 and 1994.

This year's Tri-State Tournament is scheduled for July 27-31 at the Pampa Country Club course.

Registration begins Sunday, starting at 1 p.m. at the Pampa Country Club. A hospitality hour for contestants and their wives starts at 6:30 p.m. at the Pampa Community Building, 200 N. Ballard.

The final registration will be held Monday from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Practice rounds will also be played.

A senior wives 9-hole tournament will also be played Monday, starting at 3:30 at the PCC course.

There will be a men's scramble on Tuesday with starting times at 7:30, 10:45, 12:15 and 2:15.

A ladies luncheon and style show will also be held Tuesday, starting with refreshments being served at 11:30 a.m. at the PCC. A bridge tournament will be held following the style show.

The actual tournament tees off Wednesday and ends Friday with stroke play in all flights. Trophies will be presented at the end of the tournament.

A putting contest for the senior wives will be held from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Wednesday. The seniors will also compete in a putting tournament from 3 to 4 p.m. and from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

The annual banquet is set for Thursday, starting at 7:30 p.m. in the Heritage Room at M.K. Brown Auditorium.

A senior wives golf 2-person scramble will be held at the Pampa Course on Thursday.

### Tri-State Medalists

- 1935 — Sam Orr, Amarillo, 80
- 1936 — Bob Skaggs, Clovis, N.M., 78
- 1937 — Bob Skaggs, Clovis, N.M., 77
- 1938 — Chick Garland, Slaton and Sam Orr, Amarillo, 78
- 1939 — Bob Skaggs, Clovis, N.M., 74
- 1940 — Chick Garland, Slaton and Roy Allen, Oklahoma City, 76
- 1941 — John Payne, Edmond, Okla., 75
- 1942 — Red Glover, Austin, 75
- 1943 — Roy Allen, Oklahoma City, 77
- 1944 — Red Glover, Austin and Joe Swillum, Albuquerque, N.M., 74
- 1945 — Frank Mitchum Sr., Pampa, 74
- 1946 — Pop Hooker, Oklahoma City, 73
- 1947 — Chick Trout, Lubbock, 70
- 1948 — Roy Allen, Oklahoma City, 71
- 1949 — Chick Trout, Lubbock, 70
- 1950 — J.R. Farmer, Big Spring and George Hale, Albuquerque,

- N.M., 72
- 1951 — Roy Allen, Oklahoma City, 71
- 1952 — Frank Day, Plainview and Dr. H.C. Johnson, Altus, Okla., 69
- 1953 — Harry Althaus, Fort Bayard, N.M., 71
- 1954 — J. R. Brown, Amarillo, 67
- 1955 — Tom Davis, Petersburg and Cliff Rogers, Amarillo, 71
- 1956 — J.R. Brown, Amarillo, 71
- 1957 — J.R. Farmer, Big Spring, 69
- 1958 — Coyal Francis, Wichita Falls, 70
- 1959 — J.R. Brown, Amarillo, 68
- 1960 — Mally Reynolds, Dallas, Chick Trout, Lubbock, E.M. Daley, Bowie and Frank Day, Plainview, 73
- 1961 — J.R. Brown, Amarillo and Lew Lacy, Oklahoma City, 70
- 1962 — A. Pete Edwards, Lubbock, J. R. Brown, Amarillo and Alvin Gates, Oklahoma City, 71
- 1963 — Jack Kitter, Oklahoma City, 71
- 1964 — John Bohlender, San Antonio, 71
- 1965 — Leo Daniels, Amarillo, 71
- 1966 — David Goldman, Dallas, 73
- 1967 — David Goldman, Dallas, 69
- 1968 — David Goldman, Dallas, 66
- 1969 — David Goldman, Dallas, 67
- 1970 — Don Eisenhart, San Antonio, W.T. Gordan, Wichita Falls and Jack Pope, Oklahoma City, 68
- 1971 — C.L. Duniven, Jr., Amarillo, 64
- 1972 — Bill Coffey, Fort Worth, 69
- 1973 — Harold DeLong, Shawnee, Okla., 70
- 1974 — Dr. Joe Donaldson, Pampa, 73
- 1975 — C.L. Duniven, Jr., Amarillo, 69
- 1976 — Eddie Smith, Tishomingo, Okla., 70
- 1977 — Roy Peden, Kermit, 68
- 1978 — J. Carroll Weaver, Sinton, 70
- 1979 — Harold DeLong, Shawnee, Okla., 69
- 1980 — Harold DeLong, Shawnee, Okla., 70
- 1981 — J.R. Ferguson, Dallas and Roy Peden, Kermit, 69
- 1982 — Scott Hall, Pampa, 68
- 1983 — Bob Giese, Amarillo, 70
- 1984 — Harvey T. Eshleman, Kemp and Andy Manning, Richardson, 71
- 1985 — Jack Williams, Plainview, 71
- 1986 — Harvey T. Eshleman, Kemp, 71
- 1987 — Jake Broyles, Lamesa, 72
- 1988 — Jim Kirk, Ardmore, Okla., 68
- 1989 — Jim Deaton, Missouri City, Harold DeLong, Shawnee, Okla., Jim Kirk, Ardmore, Okla. and Jack Williams, Plainview, 73
- 1990 — Dick Alexander, Lubbock, 73
- 1991 — Don Matheson, Fort Worth, 73
- 1992 — E.C. Roark, Amarillo, 70
- 1993 — Jake Broyles, Lamesa, 72
- 1994 — Dill DeLoach, Carrollton and Joe Bob Browning, Amarillo, 69
- 1995 — Merle Terrell, Pampa, 70
- 1996 — Gary Bowe, Lubbock, 73
- 1997 — Eddie Duenkel, Pampa and Carroll Langley, Pampa, 72.



# Tim Floyd may just be Chicago's coach-for-a-day

By NANCY ARMOUR  
AP Sports Writer

CHICAGO (AP) — If Phil Jackson gives the word, Tim Floyd's new job with the Chicago Bulls might be the shortest one he's ever had.

For now, the former Iowa State coach's official title is director of basketball operations. But that's just temporary, something to tide him over while chairman Jerry Reinsdorf asks Jackson one more time if he wants to come back. If Jackson says no, the head coaching job is Floyd's.

Make that when, Jackson's agent said.

"For a long time, they have known that Tim Floyd would replace Phil Jackson, and for a long time, they have known that the '97-98 season would be Phil's last with the club," Todd Musburger, Jackson's agent, said Thursday. "It is more than a little disingenuous to suggest they

have held the door open for him.

"Does it have something to do with Michael and taking responsibility for Michael's ultimate decision?" he asked. "Maybe."

That would be Michael as in Michael Jordan, perhaps the game's greatest player ever. The same guy who led the Bulls to six NBA titles in eight years. And the same guy who insisted again last week that he won't play for anyone but Jackson.

That includes Floyd, who has a solid record as a college coach but no NBA experience.

"This is all about Michael's wishes," Floyd said during the news conference the Bulls held Thursday to introduce him.

"We're in agreement that Michael will get together with Mr. Reinsdorf, if he can get Michael to come back, and try to talk Phil Jackson into coming back to join the team," Floyd said. "I'm not going to do any-

thing to deter that possibility from happening."

Reinsdorf said he didn't know what the prospects are of getting Jackson to return. Every time Reinsdorf asked, Jackson said he didn't want to come back.

"We're going to try one more time," Reinsdorf said. "And maybe Michael can talk him into it."

It won't happen, Musburger said.

"Is there, within the realm of reasonable possibilities, a scenario that would force Phil to change his mind? The answer is no," Musburger said. "Any" is a big word. But reasonable possibility? Absolutely not."

Jackson, who returned almost two weeks ago from a vacation in Turkey with his wife and former Sen. Bill Bradley and his wife, wasn't available for comment.

A message on his answering machine in Montana said he was

"... uh, occupied right now. That could be a variety of things from riding a bike, rocking on the porch, fishing off the dock."

Maybe that's why Floyd looked a little uneasy as he sat at a table with Reinsdorf and general manager Jerry Krause in front of dozens of reporters. With his wife, daughter and mentor Don Haskins looking on, he cracked jokes, smiled and did his best to win everyone over.

But he knows the person he really has to impress is Jordan, who was on a golf course. Jordan has said he won't make any official decision on his future until the NBA lockout ends.

"My interest is trying to play for a seventh world championship," Floyd said. "I'm really not interested in changing a whole lot about what's taken place here because this has been pretty special."

A fishing buddy of Krause's —

"don't call me Jerry Krause's boy," Floyd said Thursday. — Floyd has long been considered Jackson's replacement. The Bulls also interviewed current NBA assistants Rick Carlisle, Ron Rothstein, Scott Skiles and Paul Silas.

Floyd, 44, was 243-130 during his college coaching career and his only losing season (12-18) was his last one. He was 81-47 in his four years at Iowa State and was runner-up for the AP's national coach of the year award in 1995-96, when the Cyclones finished 24-9 despite losing four starters.

"Certainly the coaching situation is one piece of the puzzle, but it's not the only piece of the puzzle," said David Falk, Jordan's agent. "It would be unfair to Tim Floyd for people to think Michael would make a career decision based on an individual he's never met."

Floyd said he is sincere about not wanting to change things. He wants to keep veteran assistant Tex Winter, the creator of the Bulls' vaunted triangle offense, as well as assistants Frank Hamblen and Bill Cartwright. He plans to stick with the same offense, and he has always been defensive-minded.

There are some things about coaching in the NBA that he has to learn, but Floyd said the lockout gives him time to prepare. He might not be Jackson, but Floyd said he'll do the best he can.

"I want our players to expect from Tim Floyd honesty, forthrightness, respect, individual attention, direction and expectations of greatness. I'm going to expect the same things in return," he said. "I don't think we're going to have any problem. I think we're going to be on the same page."

# Big 12 coaches Win pushes Padres to pinnacle

DALLAS (AP) — Rick Neuheisel hung the moon for Colorado fans during his first two seasons as coach of the Buffaloes. His third year, some fans wanted to hang Neuheisel. His net gain is perspective.

Neuheisel, in Dallas along with other Big 12 Conference coaches for two days of meetings to discuss the upcoming season, says 1998 is not necessarily a pivotal year for his future at Colorado.

"It seems to me that every year has been a pivotal year in my career," he said Thursday. "I went from two years of 'please stay' to one year of 'please go.' So I'm somewhere in the middle of that, and hopefully I've learned to gain perspective."

"I'm never going to be as good as everybody thought I was and I'm never going to be as bad as everybody thought I was. I'm just going to do the very best I can, and I can live with that."

The Buffs were 20-4 in their first two years under Neuheisel, and he was hailed as a young coaching genius. Then came last year's 5-6 record, technically diminished to winless because they used an ineligible player.

Neuheisel says Colorado will be better than that this year. He has simplified the defense, hired a new offensive line coach, Tom Cable, and installed a new two-back running game that's designed to keep other teams from eating the clock against Colorado.

He also put the Buffaloes on notice during spring drills that no roster spot was safe. There was no such roster competition last year, and Neuheisel felt like it cost the team.

"It was just a decision I made and maybe it wasn't even a conscious decision," he said. "They might have won the jobs anyway but I think we would have been a better football team for the competition."

Neuheisel isn't the only Big 12 coach on the hot seat this season.

Iowa State's Dan McCarney and Oklahoma's John Blake both said they feel pressure to start producing, although neither believes his job is on the line this season.

Blake, 7-16 in his third year with the Sooners, is hoping for his first winning season.

"There was pressure the first day I took the job, but I also understand the situation," he said. "Oklahoma has tradition. We want to win."

Blake insisted he has the complete backing of Oklahoma officials but acknowledged it's time for his regime to show some results.

"It is time for us to start improving," Blake said. "I said when I took the job you'll see tremendous improvement in this football team in three or four years because we'll have talent here."

McCarney enters this season with a 6-27 record at Iowa State, including 1-10 last year.

"I honestly don't feel any more pressure than I have in any of the years I've been there," said McCarney, who thinks he'll field his best team this year, with some 15 junior college transfers expected to contribute.

"We took over a program that had bottomed out and played through the toughest schedule that school has had in the history of the school. We continue to build on our foundation that we have built. It's built on rock, not sand."

First-year Nebraska coach Frank Solich might face the highest expectations of the lot. He's taking the helm of the defending national champions and trying to fill the shoes of retired coach Tom Osborne, merely one of the most prolific coaches ever.

"I know what the expectations are," Solich said of the Cornhusker faithful. "Some people might have 8-3 expectations. I haven't run into many of them. They don't seem to ask me how we're going to do. They tell me how we're going to do."

The San Diego Padres have been good before. Never this good.

Not since they joined the NL as an expansion team in 1969 have the Padres been 32 games over .500 or 13 games in first place. But that's just where they are now after defeating the Arizona Diamondbacks 3-0 on Thursday.

"Nothing about this club surprises me," manager Bruce Bochy said. "We're getting outstanding pitching and clutch hitting. It's nice to have a 13-game lead, but we do have a lot of baseball left. Still, I'm sure a lot of people are surprised about a 13-game lead."

The Padres completed a six-game sweep of the Diamondbacks at home this season and improved to 14-0 against NL West opponents this year at Qualcomm Stadium. In all, they have a 36-10 home record, second in the majors to the New York Yankees (36-7).

San Diego has won 10 of 12 to open its 13-game lead over San Francisco. Before this season, the Padres' previous biggest lead was 12 on the final two days of the 1984 season. That year, they won their only NL pennant.

Padres starter Joey Hamilton (9-9), mentioned in numerous trade rumors, gave up four hits, struck out 10 and walked none in eight innings to win his fourth straight decision.

The trade talks heated up after Hamilton lost six straight starts in a streak that went through June 3.

"I made some comments then about the trade talks and I had no business doing that. I should have kept them to myself," Hamilton said. "I feel strongly now that they are going to keep me, especially the way I've been throwing."

Over his last four starts, Hamilton has allowed only five earned runs in 27 innings for a 1.67 ERA. He has lowered his season ERA to 4.62.

"When he's on, he's one of the toughest in ball," said Ken Caminiti, who homered off Brian Anderson (7-9).

Trevor Hoffman pitched the ninth for his 32nd save, and 40th straight since last season. He moved within one of the mark set by San Francisco's Rod Beck (1993-95).

**Cardinals 8, Giants 1**  
At San Francisco, Kent Bottenfield (3-5) allowed one run and three hits in seven innings and got his first RBI since 1993 to lead St. Louis.

Mark McGwire, who leads the majors with 43 homers, went 0-for-2 with three walks, an RBI and two runs scored.

Danny Darwin (6-8) lost his fifth straight decision for the Giants, who have dropped 11 of 13 since the All-Star break.

Late Thursday, San Francisco acquired relievers Jose Mesa and Al Morman and infielder Shawn Dunston from Cleveland, and got outfielder Joe Carter from Baltimore.

**Cubs 2, Expos 1**  
At Chicago, Mark Clark and Rod Beck combined on a six-hitter as Chicago won its fifth straight. The Cubs went 6-0 at Wrigley Field against Montreal this season.

Clark (6-9) allowed four hits in eight innings, and Beck pitched the ninth for his 29th save.

Jeremy Powell (0-1) lost in his major league debut.

**Mets 6, Brewers 5**  
At Milwaukee, Mike Piazza singled and scored on pinch-hitter Matt Franco's single in the ninth as New York won its fourth straight.

Piazza singled — his third hit — off Mike Myers (2-2) with one out. After Bernard Gilkey was hit, Chad Fox relieved and gave up Franco's single.

Greg McMichael (2-3) got the win and John Franco got three outs for his 20th save.

**Pirates 9, Marlins 1**  
At Pittsburgh, Jose Guillen and Lou Collier drove in three runs and Jon Lieber (8-10) won his third consecutive start.

The Pirates have won six of their last seven. Gregg Zaun went 4-for-4 as Florida lost for the eighth time in nine games.

Turner Ward, Kevin Young and Jose Guillen, Pittsburgh's 3-4-5 hitters, each had three hits and went a combined 9-for-11 with five RBIs.

Brian Meadows (9-7) took the loss.

**Braves 3, Phillies 2**  
At Philadelphia, Javy Lopez and Curtis Pride hit back-to-back homers to snap a sixth-inning tie.

Kevin Millwood (11-5) gave up eight hits and two runs in seven innings, and Kerry Ligtenberg struck out the side in the ninth for his 12th save.

Lopez hit his 21st homer and Pride followed with his third in the sixth off Tyler Green (6-7) to give the Braves a 3-1 lead.

**Rockies 6, Reds 4, 1st game**  
**Rockies 6, Reds 4, 2nd game**  
At Denver, Dante Bichette and Larry Walker each hit two-run homers as Colorado completed a soggy day-night doubleheader sweep.

The Rockies had to endure a 1-hour, 31-minute rain delay in the nightcap before sending Cincinnati to its seventh straight loss following a 10-game winning streak.

Bichette hit his 15th homer off Pete Harnisch (7-5) in the first inning of Game 2. After the delay, Walker followed a single by Ellis Burks with his 11th homer.

Bobby Jones (4-4) pitched his best game in two months, allowing three runs and six hits in seven innings.

Pedro Astacio (8-10) won the opener for Colorado. Mike Remlinger (6-11) took the loss.

**Astros 8, Dodgers 6, 10 innings**  
At Los Angeles, Mark Guthrie walked Ricky Gutierrez on four pitches with the bases loaded in the 10th to force in the go-ahead run as Houston overcame an early six-run deficit.

The Astros trailed 6-0 after the first inning but came back against Los Angeles' bullpen, scoring five runs in the eighth, highlighted by Moises Alou's two-run homer.

**Tigers 3, Indians 2**  
Cleveland traded for reliever

Doug Jones before the game, then traded away reliever Jose Mesa after Detroit's win at Jacobs Field.

Damion Easley extended his hitting streak to 19 games — his second 19-game string of the season — and later scored the tiebreaking run on Bobby Higginson's single in the Tigers sixth.

Jones, the Indians' career saves leader, was acquired from Milwaukee for pitcher Eric Plunk. Several hours later, Cleveland traded Mesa, who could not close out Game 7 of last year's World Series, to San Francisco for reliever Steve Reed in a five-player deal.

**Orioles 9, Athletics 7**  
Webster went 4-for-5 and set career highs for RBIs and hits. He is 17-for-30 (.567) with four homers and 15 RBIs in his last seven games with an at-bat.

Joe Carter drew a leadoff walk in the ninth and Webster homered off Mike Fetters (1-5). A day earlier, Fetters gave up a game-winning homer in the ninth to Rafael Palmeiro.

Right after the game, the Orioles traded Carter to San Francisco for minor league pitcher Darin Blood.

The Orioles (51-51) reached .500 for the first time since May 15 and won their 10th in a row at Camden Yards. Ben Grieve homered for Oakland.

The game took 3 hours, 51 minutes, not counting a 67-minute rain delay.

**Angels 6, Twins 5**  
Anaheim was 0-40 when trailing after eight innings before rallying to win at the Metrodome.

Down 5-2 in the ninth, the Angels tied it against Rick Aguilar with an RBI single by Tim Salmon and a two-out, two-run single by Jim Edmonds.

With one out in the 10th, Cecil Fielder hit a drive that Minnesota right fielder Matt Lawton fielded on a bounce. Lawton made a strong throw to first base, and Fielder barely beat it for a single. The Angels went on to load the bases and Craig Shipley hit an RBI single.

# Former world champ coaches rookie to top ride at Frontier Days

By ROBERT W. BLACK  
Associated Press Writer

CHEYENNE, Wyo. (AP) — A world champion's advice may have helped an Oklahoma cowboy to the highest-scoring bull ride to date at this year's Cheyenne Frontier Days rodeo.

Danell Tipton, a rookie on the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association tour, earned 89 points on "CB73" Thursday during the sixth performance of the rodeo.

The 25-year-old Spencer, Okla., cowboy tallied the best score since Michael Gaffney's 89-point effort in the first round of last year's rodeo.

Tipton said some tips from his idol, 1982 world bull riding champion Charles Sampson, made the difference.

"Oh man, Charles taught me dang near everything I know," said Tipton. "We been in his house (in Denver) doing basics all day because I've been having trouble bucking off on bulls that turn back to the left. We kind of put it together ...

and he's been a great influence for me."

Tipton, competing in Cheyenne for the first time, moved to first place in the second round and grabbed the lead in the overall standings with 161 points.

"It's a great beginning, especially here at the 'Grand daddy of 'em all,'" he said. "Shoot, man, this is a great rodeo. This is the best rodeo in the world."

Douglas, Wyo., bull rider Eric Oliver earned 81 points and appeared on his way to the pay window.

"I was needing one," Oliver said. "I got thrown off my first one, so I was needing to draw a pretty good bull."

Oliver won the Wyoming high school bull riding title in 1990 and 1991 and won the Central Rocky Mountain Region title in 1992 while attending Casper College.

Chad Brennan of Ellsworth, Neb., also scored 81 points in bull riding. He and Oliver

were tied for third in the second round, two points behind Vince Stanton of Weiser, Idaho, and eight points behind Tipton.

Stanton trailed Tipton by three points in the overall race.

Abilene, Texas, steer roper Jim Davis used a 12.1-second run to move into second place in the second round.

Davis was only three-tenths of a second behind Shorty Garten of Pawhuska, Okla.

Dan Fisher of Andrews, Texas, led the overall standings.

In steer wrestling, Leon Vick of Bennett, Colo., moved into first in the cumulative standings, while John Hall of Stringtown, Okla., held the lead in the second round.

Among saddle bronc riders, current world all-around leader Ty Murray of Stephenville, Texas, sat atop the second round for the second day in a row.

Mike Outhier of

Weatherford, Okla., moved into a tie for first in the overall standings after a 72-point ride.

Outhier and Shawn Tibbs of Dupree, S.D., each had 153 points.

Former five-time world bareback champion Bruce Ford of Kersey, Colo., suffered a concussion when his horse fell and Ford hit his head on the ground. He was treated and released from a local hospital.

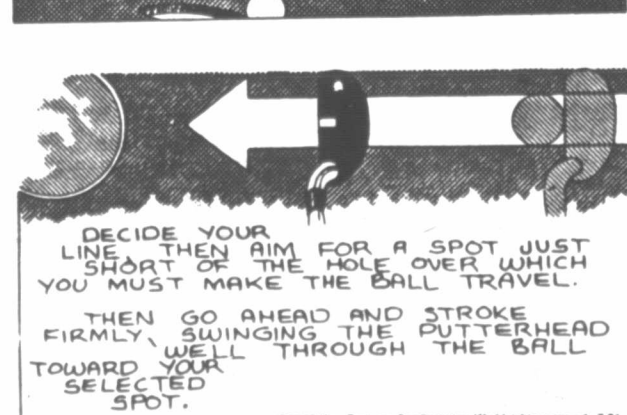
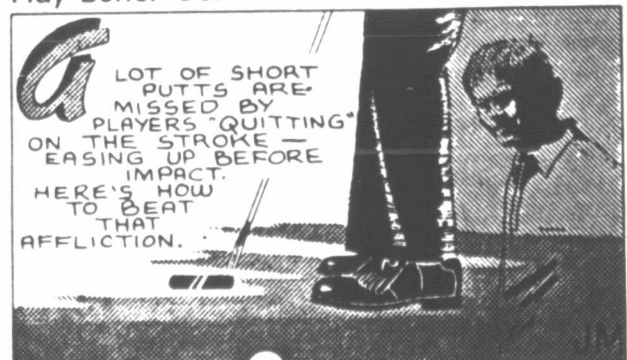
Clint Corey of Kennewick, Wash., continued to lead the bareback standings, while Scott Lund of Bozeman, Mont., paced the second round.

In calf roping, Tommy Eaton of Ada, Okla., held onto first place in the overall standings, while Charles Russell of Shamrock, Texas, maintained the top spot in the second round.

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# Starr probes claim by guard that he, Ickes say Clinton, Lewinsky alone

By RON FOURNIER  
Associated Press Writer

Guided by testimony from a Secret Service official, Whitewater prosecutor Kenneth Starr is trying to find out whether a top White House aide caught President Clinton alone with Monica Lewinsky in a room just off the Oval Office.

A government official, speaking on condition of anonymity Thursday night, said a member of the Secret Service's uniformed division has told a grand jury that he and Harold Ickes found the pair alone — but not engaged in any improper behavior.

The testimony prompted Starr to call Ickes, who at the time of the alleged incident was Clinton's deputy chief of staff, before a grand jury Thursday. The officer's account, if accurate, would add a White House aide as witness to a Clinton-Lewinsky meeting alone.

The government official said the uniformed officer posted outside the Oval Office received a telephone call from the White House operator one Saturday. When the operator requested Clinton, the officer noticed Ickes walking down the hallway and told him there was a call for the president.

Ickes and the officer looked for the president in the Oval Office. Clinton was not there, so they opened the door to an adjoining room. The official said they found Clinton and Ms. Lewinsky alone together.

The official did not identify the uniformed officer. A retired uniformed division officer, Lewis C. Fox, has said Clinton and Lewinsky were alone in the Oval Office for 40 minutes in late 1995. Clinton testified under oath that he could not recall being alone with Ms. Lewinsky.

Starr is trying to determine whether Clinton had an affair with Ms. Lewinsky, lied about it under oath and attempted to cover it up. Clinton has denied having sexual relations with the former White House intern.

The testimony may turn the attention to Ickes and other White House advisers who may have seen Clinton and Ms. Lewinsky alone, the official said. Several uniformed officers have testified to the Starr grand jury, since the Supreme Court cleared the way last week.

Ickes denied the story to CBS, which reported Thursday that the alleged incident took place in early 1996. Ickes, now an informal adviser to Clinton on the Lewinsky matter, could not be reached by The Associated Press late Thursday, though messages were left at his home, office and with his paging service.

Earlier, Ickes told the AP that he was not asked about Ms. Lewinsky during his 20 minutes before the grand jury.

Ickes said so far he only had been asked his name, address and how long he had worked for the president. He expected to return to the grand jury next week.

"My sense is, what they'll want to know is what I heard and saw while at the White House," Ickes said, "but I don't know."

Speeding up the Lewinsky investigation, Starr used two grand juries simultaneously Thursday so he also could take testimony from the president's chief bodyguard.

Secret Service agent Larry Cockell testified for an hour, and his attorney indicated there were no questions about Clinton's conversations with his private lawyers following the president's Jan. 17 deposition in the Paula Jones sexual harassment lawsuit.

"He did not have to invoke privilege for any of the questions that were asked," said lawyer John Kotelly, who earlier stated that Cockell would attempt to decline to answer questions involving attorney-client privilege or national security.

Cockell, who was told he would not have to return, rode back to the White House with the president and his attorneys after the Jones deposition.

# Microsoft roundly criticized at Senate committee hearing

WASHINGTON (AP) — A computer industry executive told a Senate committee that Microsoft deliberately designed its computer software to disable his rival product. Microsoft blamed a mistake in his own software for the problem.

Microsoft further suggested that the executive, Rob Glaser, chairman of Seattle-based RealNetworks Inc. and a former senior vice president at Microsoft, was using his testimony as leverage in negotiating a potentially lucrative contract with the software giant.

Glaser's complaint was among the most sensational leveled during Thursday's hearing before the Senate Judiciary Committee.

Rival executives portrayed Microsoft as a software saboteur and backstabbing bully of the high-tech industry. They accused the company of using the dominance of its Windows operating system to press computer makers to snub software competitors.

Microsoft officials declined an offer to testify.

Michael Jeffress of Television Host Inc., accused Microsoft of negotiating to buy his company in 1996, but reneging after he shared his technology and business plans. Microsoft later introduced a similar product on its own.

"Windows is the only operating system to run essential software that (people) use. You have no choice. You have to buy Windows," said Larry Ellison, billionaire chairman of Oracle Corp. "If Bill

(Gates) is allowed to continue ... innovation in my industry will be stifled, and we'll never live in an information age until that's resolved."

"When you own the bridge and the toll gate, you can pretty soon decide what kind of cars get across," agreed Jeff Papows, chairman of Lotus Corp.

Papows accused Microsoft of using its influence to dissuade at least two computer makers, Compaq and Acer, from selling Lotus software over Microsoft's own programs.

Glaser, negotiating a contract with Microsoft potentially worth millions, testified that Microsoft deliberately designed its new Media Player software to "break" RealNetworks' popular software, which the company said is downloaded free by people 100,000 times each day. Both products allow people to hear audio and watch video on the Internet.

In a demonstration, Glaser showed his Real Player software working perfectly on a computer, but failing with an error message after he installed Microsoft's Media Player.

"The code would have had to be written deliberately to that effect," Glaser said.

But late Thursday, Microsoft's engineers said they discovered that the cause of the incompatibility between Real Player and Media Player was the result of a bug in Glaser's own software.

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