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High today around 100 Low tonight low 70s For weather details see Page 2.

PAMPA — Justice of the Peace Margie Prestige set a \$100,000 bond vesterday 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 TDCI 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

· Agnes Hodges, 91, homemaker, ranch worker. • Robert H. Hölland 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 sig-

"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.

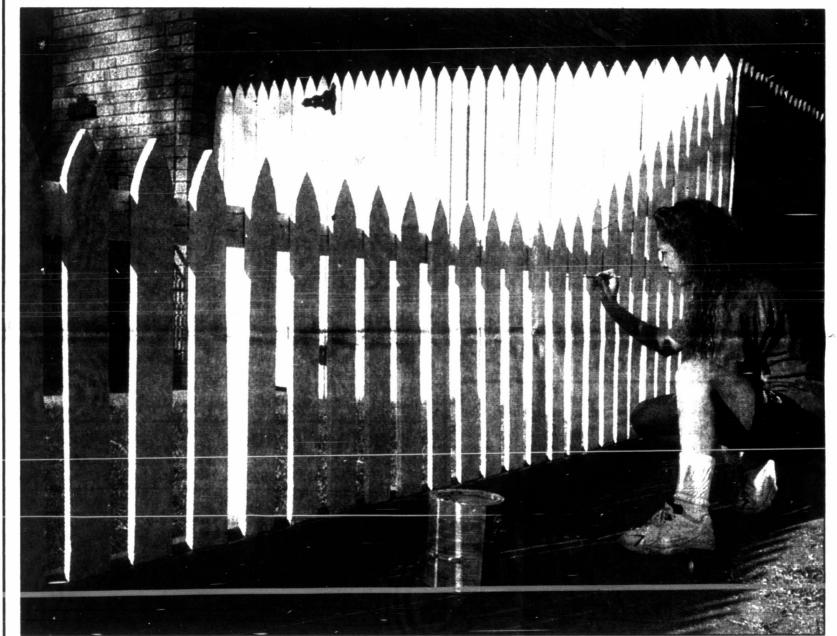
Andrade wrote his master's thesis on El

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.

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 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 ninutes after / a.m. today, 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 arrested was 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 gators will be allowed a robbery investigation.

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 however, pointed out that the investigation, will be allowed in man who trained Love also

Billy London Hughes, 27, one of three men accused in the June during criminal investigations 24, 1997 robbery of the Allsup's and that Love holds state certifi-Convenience Store at 140 S. Starkweather, filed a motion to suppress the post hypnotic testi-

the robbery, Johnny Bailey, Jr., its expert witness during the and Felix Scott, pleaded guilty in trial.

Hughes' motion to suppress post hypnotic testimony by Hearron.

Charlie Love, a Pampa police detective, had hypnotized week that testimony by a victim Hearron and questioned him who was hypnotized by investiabout the robbery during the

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, trained state law enforcement officers in the use of hypnosis

Judge Waters denied the defendant's motion to suppress the post-hypnotic testimony but The other two men accused in will allow the defense to resent

The trial is tentatively set for Judge Waters this week denied August.

New librarian hired



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

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 firsthand knowledge of the resources that are here. She

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Services tomorrow

HOLLAND, Robert H. Jr. — Graveside services, 10:30 a.m., Ochiltree Cemetery, Perryton. PINSON, H. Pauline Prichard — Graveside services, 10 a.m., Shamrock Cemetery, Shamrock. STROUP, J.R. "Jim" — 2 p.m., First Baptist Church, Quitaque.

WILSON, Rev. Jim R. — 4 p.m., Temple Baptist Church, Odessa.

Obituaries

AGNES HODGES

MELROSE, N.M. - Agnes Hodges, 91, mother of a McLean resident, died Wednesday, July 22, 1998. Services were to be at 10 a.m. today in First Baptist Church with the Rev. Roy Roach and the Rev. Lewis Johnson officiating. Burial will be in Elida Cemetery under the direction of Wheeler Mortuary of Portales, N.M.

Mrs. Hodges was born at Mason, Texas, and moved to New Mexico in 1931. She married Rudolph Hodges in 1925 at Brady. The couple worked on ranches in the Elida and St. Vrain area for more than 60 years. She had been a Melrose resident since 1974. She was a homemaker and a member of First Baptist Church of Melrose. She had also been a member of Fields Baptist Church

Survivors include her husband, Rudolph; five daughters, Cora Lee Parson of McLean, Dortha Fae McCarthy of Kingman, Ariz., Illa Mae Smith of Melrose, Billie Rains of Elida and Betty Joan Faubion of Winchester, Calif.; 12 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; and five great-greatgrandchildren

ROBERT H. HOLLAND JR.

PERRYTON – Robert H. Holland Jr., 71, father of a Pampa resident, died Thursday, July 23, 1998. Graveside services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday in Ochiltree Cemetery with the Rev. Craig Vandeburgh officiating. Burial will be under the direction of Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home of Perryton.

Mr. Holland was born at Perryton and had been a lifelong Perryton resident. He married Charlotte Blundell in 1959 at Perryton; she died in 1988. He was a retired farmer and rancher. He was a member of First Baptist Church.

Survivors include five daughters, Patti Hudson of Pampa, Stacy Sanders of Hobbs, N.M., Holly Holmes of Irving and Glenna Kottas and Sandy Deal, both of Perryton; a son, Robert H. Holland III of Perryton; two sisters, Wilma Schuster of Lubbock and Virginia Andrews of Perryton; and 15 grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to a favorite

Calendar of events

THEE PLACE

Thee Place for Singles is open 7-10:30 p.m. Saturdays at 520 W. Kingsmill. ADHD/ADD SUPPORT GROUP

Efforts are under way to form a support group for parents of children with attention deficit) hyperactivity disorder or attention deficit disorder. Those interested are asked to call Conrie after 6 p.m. and weekends, 669-9364.

ST. MARK CME CHURCH St. Mark will host a monthly breakfast the first Saturday of every month from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. Donations will be accepted.

FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN COWBOYS The Fellowship of Christian Cowboys potluck will meet on the fourth Saturday of each month at 6 p.m. in the Clyde Carruth Pavillion. For more information, contact Keven Romines at 665-8547 or Jim Greene at 665-8067.

NORTH FORK BAND Will be featured at the Pampa Area Singles Dance at M.K. Brown, Saturday from 7:30-11. Tickets are \$5 per person, bring finger foods.

Police report

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

Thursday, July 23 Pat Jarrell Helton, 25, Allison Texas, was arrested on charges of unlawfully carrying a weapon. Johnny Todd Preston, 26, 700 Lefors, was arrested on charges of unlawful possession of a firearm by a felon.

Burglary involving \$450 worth of goods was eported in the 500 block of W. Browning. Theft of \$49 in goods was reported in the 1100

block of S. Barnes. Telephone Harassment was reported in the 1000 Block of S. Barnes

Friday, July 24 Bryan Lovall Myers, 39, Stinnett, was arrested on charges of no valid drivers license and war-

Michael Lynn Dubose, 38, 424 N. Dwight, was arrested on charges of violation of probation.

Walter Johnson, 26, 1001 Varnon, was arrested

Sheriff's Office

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

Thursday, July 23 Rodney Eugene Scott, 22, 1020 Neel, was arrested on charges of failure to display drivers license and warrants.

Ambulance

The Rural/Metro reported the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today. Thursday, July 23

10:21 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Columbia Medical Center and transported one to a local nursing facility.

1:05 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1000 block of Duncan. No one was transported. 4:30 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to a local nursing facility and transported one to Columbia Medical Center.

Friday, July 24 3:32 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the Baten Prison Unit and transported one to Columbia Medical Center.

Fires

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

6:24 a.m. — Two units and three personnel responded to the 700 block of W. Foster on a trash

Clarification

Peggy Smith who was listed in Thursday's court report is not the same Peggy Smith who owns Peggy's Place.

Accidents

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

Thursday, July 23 No charges were listed when a 1992 Oldsmobile driven by Dawn Renee Uresti, 29, 2635 Navajo, rear-ended a 1993 Nissan driven by Floyd Clifton Adams, 79, 710 Somerville, after both were stopped at Hobart and Somerville waiting to turn right. No injuries were reported.

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LIBRARIAN

said she had known Snider and the rest of the staff

Stobbe said she wanted to get back to a library because she always liked working with the public. "Right now I work with a wonderful bunch of librarians but I don't get ever get to meet with the public," she said. "Working with a library this size you get to do all kinds of things, and I was excited

about working with a place that has a renovation." One of the things she does now is to handle reference questions and requests that some of the libraries in the area can't handle like the library patron in Quitaque who is interested in Celtic

"People have songs they look for, and federal

She said she has been a head librarian before in the St. Joseph Public Library in St. Joseph,

Stobbe said her brother recommended Texas as a great place to live and after more than seven years in the Panhandle she agrees. She will be starting her new job here on

eled Lovett Library is scheduled to be completed and may have to commute for a while. The new librarian said she will have to sell her

September 8 nearly two months before the remod-

house in Amarillo that she shares with two cats and two dogs and can't move until she gets it sold.

Stobbe was interested in changing jobs because, About every seven-to-10 years you get where you run out of new ideas and need a little stimulation, and a change is nice so you can bring new things to

Texas, Oklahoma will honor each other's gun packin' law

ties have signed an agreement allowing residents of states whose standards for obtaining a license to each who hold concealed handgun licenses to carry their firearms in the other state.

procity agreement Friday. He said Texas is working said. with several other states on similar pacts.

"This agreement will allow licensed Texans to travel freely in our neighboring state of Oklahoma while enjoying the same or similar privileges their licenses give them at home," Thomas said.

The pact is the second Texas has forged with another state. Texas and Arkansas also have reached an agreement.

When the state's concealed handgun law was state to state.

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas and Oklahoma authoripassed in 1995, reciprocity was allowed only with carry were at least as stringent as those of Texas.

Since Texas law requires more extensive training Col. Dudley Thomas, director of the Texas and background checks and most other states, no Department of Public Safety, announced the reci-reciprocity agreements were negotiated, the DPS

However, the Legislature in 1997 changed the law, making such agreements possible as long as the other state has laws that meet federal requirements for purchasing a handgun.

We are working with several other states especially our close neighbors — to establish more reciprocity agreements," Thomas said. "But Texans should remember that weapons laws vary from

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LA NINA

Center is forecasting a very strong La Nina for

"El Nino pretty much phased out or died in early May, very quickly," Andrade said. "The same time it phased out very quickly, the increased up-welling. the cool ocean water, of the Pacific caused the water temperatures on the surface to become below normal. That trend is becoming very apparent now, we're going into an opposite phase, a cool phase."

The National Climate Prediction Center said there will be a very strong La Nina by late fall and early

"It's in the developing phase now," Andrade said. "The data that's out there confirms that. They expect it to continue to intensify and become pretty

Andrade said La Nina is predicted to be a Category IV, the top end of the scale, which usually has some negative impact on precipitation on the southern U.S.

"With El Nino, we saw all the rain last winter and early spring," he said. "La Nina is the exact oppo-

The cold ocean waters of the Eastern Pacific tends to result in a large area of below normal precipitation across the southern U.S.

"Texas is very much included in that," he said. The climate prediction center is forecasting relatively dry conditions beginning in the fall, continuing through the upcoming winter and ending in the spring, in April and May of 1999. The climate prediction center was confident about their forecasts concerning El Nino. They are also confident about their forecasts concerning La Nina.

"We're kind of dry now," Andrade said. "The southern panhandle is dry. The northern panhandle has had quite a bit of rain over the last several weeks. The got some last month, too. So they're a little bit better off as far as soil moisture, but from about Interstate 40 south, it's been quite dry."

Overall, he said, spring rains have been below

"If we don't get a decent summer rainfall, then when we go into our normal drier fall and winter, drier than what we normally get, it's going to have some pretty significant consequences for this area, especially in the spring," he said.

The forecast is for below normal precipitation

through May.

"That's when we start getting into our rainy season," he said. "We could have a fairly prolonged dry period, in some cases, drought conditions.

He said 1996 was the best example of what La Nina can do. We had a Category Four La Nina beginning in

late 1995 through early spring of 1996," Andrade said. "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."

The only good part to that, he said, was when La Nina weakened in early June, 1996, the Texas Panhandle ended up with significant rain the rest of the summer. There was significant flooding in the northern Texas Panhandle, and Amarillo made up its rainfall from late June through August.

"But that may have been just because the monsoons were more active that year," Andrade said.

Neither La Nina nor El Nino typically have no effect in the summer. There is a lot that effects weather patterns during the summer months, but El 🧃 Nino/La Nina is not one of them, he said.

"They're biggest effect is in the fall and spring,"

The forecast for dry weather this fall and next spring is for a large part of the central plains, 'It's going to be the heart of the wheat belt and the

been dry already like Florida," he said. "Even if they get some summer rains, they'll become dry again." El Nino/La Nina aren't normally associated with temperature changes, Andrade said, but only with

southern tip of the United States, places that have

During El Nino years, there tend to be more hurricanes in the Eastern Pacific which translates into

more moisture for the desert Southwest. The Eastern Pacific is our best source for hurricane moisture. up along the coast of Mexico,"

In La Nina years, there are fewer hurricanes in the Eastern Pacific and more in the Atlantic.

"We don't often get much hurricane moisture from the Atlantic storms unless they go directly to Texas," Andrade said. "Then we get some residual moisture from those hurricanes. The Eastern Pacific side, up along Baja California, down through the coast of Mexico, that's our best location to get moisture from the tropics coming up."

And for right now it appears La Nina is giving the

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BORGER

"He apparently decided to take his own life," Assistant District Attorney Adam Reed said today. The charges against Roberts stem from reported incidents in August, 1988; October, 1988, and June, 1998, according to Reed.

Roberts was accused of one count of aggravated sexual assault of a 13-year-old boy in 1988 and five counts of indecency with a child by sexual contact. Hutchinson County officials said four counts of indecency with a child stem from reported incidents in 1988. One count stems from this year.

Borger police said a parent and child made the latest accusation in early July. The 13-year-old boy claimed Roberts hired him to do lawn work and to wash a car. The boy told police that Roberts invited him to a backyard shed where he gave the boy a back rub and fondled him.

District Attorney Clay Ballman said files from the

former district attorney's office indicated that Roberts was accused of sexually molesting boys in 1988. The parents of the three boys who accused him of molestation in 1988 met with then District Attorney Steve Cross and agreed not to press charges if Roberts sought counseling, Ballman said.

Two of the three boys from 1988 told authorities they were willing to reopen the case. The third, officers said, did not respond to a subpoena. Ballman said a 10-year statute of limitations has

not expired on the 1988 allegations. Aggravated sexual assault, a first degree felony, is punishable by a maximum of life or 99 years in the penitentiary. The second degree felonies of indecency with a child are punishable by a maximum penal-

ty of 20 years each. Roberts graduated from Borger High School in 1940 and covered sports for the Borger News-Herald and radio station KHUZ before moving to Taylor. He returned to Borger in 1987.

LOCAL FORECAST

Weather focus

Mostly sunny and hot today with a high of about 100 and southwest winds at 10-20 mph. Tonight, mostly clear with a low in the low 70s and south winds at 5-15 mph. Tomorrow, partly sunny with a high in the upper 90s and south-southwest winds at 15-20. Yesterday's high was 92; the overnight low, 71.

REGIONAL FORECAST WEST TEXAS — Panhandle Tonight, a 20 percent chance of evening thunderstorms, Otherwise mostly clear. Low in the upper 60s. Southwest to south wind 5-15 mph. Saturday, partly sunny with a 20 percent chance of mainly afternoon hot. A slight chance of thunderthunderstorms. High in the mid- astorms east. High 97 to 104. dle 90s. Southwest to south wind 15-20 mph with higher gusts possible.Low Rolling Plains — Tonight, partly cloudy with a slight chance of thunderstorms. Lows mid 60s west to upper 70s east. Saturday, partly cloudy with a slight chance of thunderstorms. Highs mid 90s to around 100. Permian Basin/Upper Trans near 80 coast. Saturday, partly Pecos — Tonight, partly cloudy cloudy and hot with isolated with a slight chance of thunderstorms. Lows around 70. Highs in the upper 90s inland to Saturday, partly cloudy with a near 90 coast.

slight chance of thunderstorms. Highs 95-102. Concho Valley/Edwards Plateau around 100. Far West Texas — Tonight, chance showers/Thunderstorms. Lows around 70. Saturday, partly cloudy. A slight chance of thunderstorms. Highs lower 90s. Guadalupe Mountains/Big Bend Area — Tonight, chance of Mountains/Big thunderstorms. Lows upper 50s to lower 70s. Saturday, slight

80s to around 102. NORTH TEXAS — Tonight, clear west and central. Partly cloudy with isolated evening thunderstorms east. Low 76 to 82. Saturday, partly cloudy and

SOUTH TEXAS — Hill Country and South Central Texas — Tonight, partly cloudy. Lows in the 70s to near 80. Saturday, partly cloudy and very hot. Highs near 100.

Southeast Texas and Upper Texas Coast — Tonight, fair. Lows in the mid 70s inland to showers and thunderstorms.

Coastal Bend and the Rio Grande Plains — Tonight, fair skies. Lows near 80 coast to the Tonight, fair. Lows 75-80. mid 70s inland. Saturday, partly Saturday, partly cloudy. Highs cloudy and hot. Highs near 90 coast to the upper 90s inland, near 102 Rio Grande plains. **BORDER STATES**

NEW MEXICO — Tonight, partly to mostly cloudy Scattered to numerous showers and thunderstorms, most widespread mountains, west and north. Locally heavy rainfall possible west and north. chance of thunderstorms. Highs Showers and thunderstorms becoming less numerous late tonight. Lows 40s and 50s mountains with upper 50s to lower 70s elsewhere. Saturday, partly to mostly cloudy with mainly afternoon and evening showers and thunderstorms, most numerous mountains, west and north. Highs upper 60s to mid 80s mountains and northeast, mid 80s to upper 90s elsewhere. Lows 40s and 50s mountains with upper 50s to lower 70s else-

OKLAHOMA — Tonight partly cloudy with a chance of thunderstorms, mainly central and north. Lows upper 60s to upper 70s. Saturday night, partly cloudy with a chance of thunderstorms, mainly north. Highs 97 to 105. Lows in the 70s.

City briefs

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(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 form 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 Dale Brickner, a retired Michigan State University labor professor. national contract, the balance of power between the company and union could fundamentally change.

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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.

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 jack-pot, 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 8concurrently. Saturday's rodeo will follow the same order. The 812 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 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.

"That would certainly civilize the process a great deal," said "What it would do in the long run is reduce the number of local

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

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

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

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

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

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 peo-

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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

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 45minute 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 scholar-

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 opengovernment 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

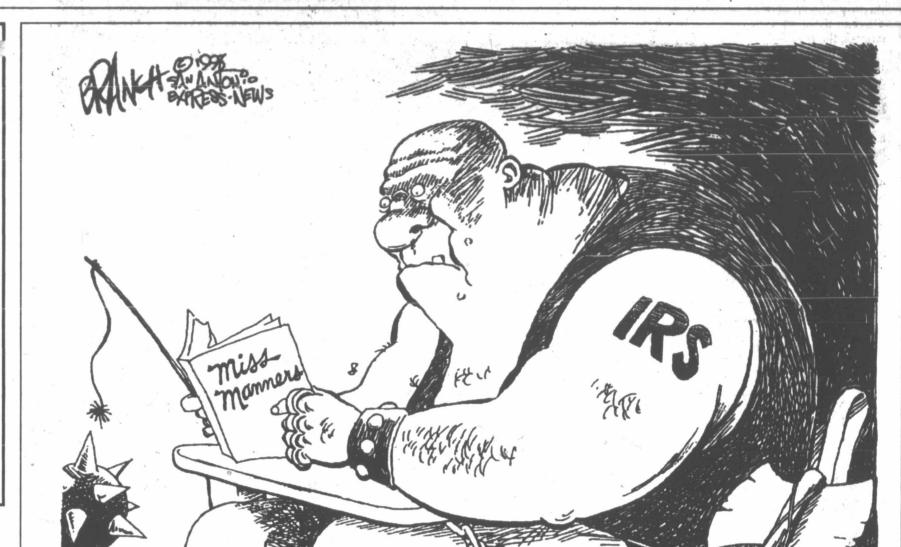
unsavory soft- money loophole. The proposal would ban the unlimited, unregulated money that flows to political parties from special interest groups. Under current law, the money must be used for "party

building" and not to directly help federal candidates win elec-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 saving 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

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 as a group because of that mistake.

valiantly in Vietnam, genuinely believe that But others have viciously spread the it was most dangerous. Now, whenever it suits their purposes, they pose as experts.

This reporter reserves special scorn for such people.

Dan Rather Syndicated columnist

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

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

Based on long personal experience with American military men and women, this myth for their own self-serving, often very par- reporter doubts that most rank and file memtisan political purposes. The worst among these bers of our military services will sucker for this people were never in Vietnam, including some smear, for the same reason most of the general who went to great lengths to avoid going when 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 "con-Journalists are not blameless. We often bring servatives"; and some people with admirable criticism upon ourselves, sometimes through 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 compa-

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

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

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 present-day Utah. the Soviet Union, Vice President leader Nikita Khrushchev at a U.S. exhibition.

On this date:

Caracas, Venezuela.

In 1923, the Treaty of Lausanne,

Switzerland.

In 1929, President Hoover proclaimed the Kellogg-Briand unanimously ruled that President In 1783, Latin American revolu- Pact, which renounced war as Nixon had to turn over subpoe- in St. Louis.

In 1937, the state of Alabama In 1847, Mormon leader Brigham dropped charges against five tor. Young and his followers arrived in black men accused of raping two the valley of the Great Salt Lake in white women in the Scottsboro

Richard M. Nixon got into a which settled the boundaries of including the first two men to set. Amendment, from members of a "kitchen debate" with Soviet modern Turkey, was concluded in foot on the moon, splashed down safely in the Pacific.

In 1974, the U.S. Supreme Court

tionary Simon Bolivar was born in an instrument of foreign policy. naed White House tape recordings to the Watergate special prosecu-

> Ten years ago: On the campaign trail, Republican George Bush heard chants of "ERA," a reference In 1969, the Apollo XI astronauts, to the proposed Equal Rights professional women's group in Albuquerque, N.M. Democratic nominee Michael Dukakis was heckled by anti-abortion protesters

Fate of independent council

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 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

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

Walter Mears

are going to be arguing that the way he's going testify to questions about what they've observed and heard while protecting the presi-

> 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

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 prosecu-

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 suspe

LONDON (AP) - Some lung cancer patients treated with radiation many parts, this is routine treatment. It has been assumed that it was a 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 med-

ical 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.

good idea," he said. "I was unsurprised that radiotherapy didn't pro-long 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

"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,

Researchers concluded that radiation therapy should not be given "It should be compulsory reading for chief executives of hospitals. In 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 postoperative radiotherapy doses are too high and that there are "valuable lessons to be learned" from the Cambridge study.



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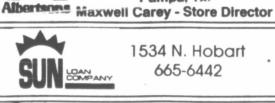
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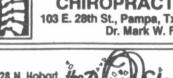
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RELIGION

There's more than one way to rate a movie

• We have a rule at our house: If a ports to be movie is in black and white and most of dialogue. 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 mind- informal and less drivel.

Old movies, before 1980 for sure, are rating system. higher quality in content, plot, action An and direction. The last 20 years of cine- movie rates ma have been a veritable wasteland. An occasional movie is worthwhile - the 49 cent "Schindler's List" is one -

but most simply presume the viewer Slightly better comedy ("Dumb and Dumber") or egory. Bad movies are "ask for your in which a string of non-sequiters pur- movies are "a criminal waste of natural Conversely, one of the most outstand- undress the female lead, degrades the ringing.

As the years devised an unscientific okay "wait to rent video.

can understand little more than boffo ones are in the "dollar movie only" cat- get naked ("The Postman"). Likewise, a been great in the spirit of "Man of La illogical relationships ("City of Angels") dollar back" and the really, really poor - did you see "Edward Scissorhands"?

From

By Cheryl Berzanskis

lack of sex is not an indicator of quality Mancha." Instead, an utterly contrived

"worth own-ing" ("Citizen Should Siskel and Ebert call, here is is my take on some of the latest crop: Kane")

A flick plotless and boring. Not even the magcontaining nificent Himalayas could redeem the isn't shallow pretensions of Brad Pitt as brave soldier. Ask for your dollar back. damned unless the scene's only

"The Postman" - A worthless flick in function is to which Don Quixote is asked to be a let an actress sperm donor. This movie could have and you've got a very entertaining subplot which serves as a vehicle to

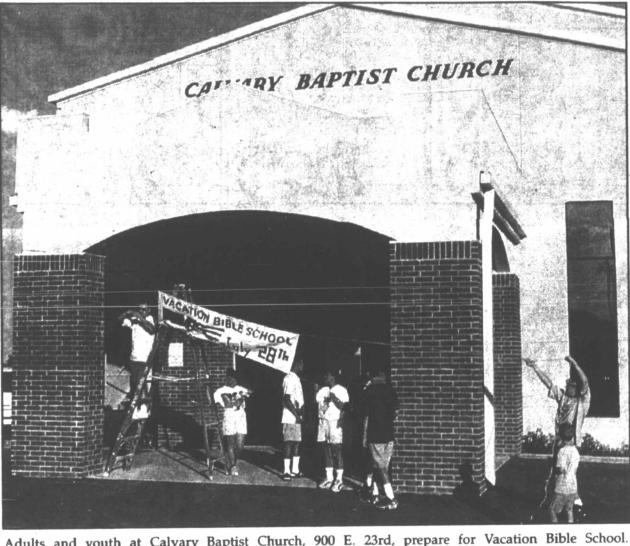
"Seven Years in Tibet" - Pointless,

resources." A ing adult movies of all time, "Cat on a movie to the level of insult. Ask for m o v i e Hot Tin Roof" has a fully clad cast but a 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 movie. This was worth sticky floors at the movie house. Pay a dollar.

And now I think I hear the telephone



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)

VBS set at Calvary

Baptist Church Calvary Vacation Bible announces School, Passport to the Holyland. The tour leaves promptly on Tuesday, July 28.

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This tour is for children ages 4 years by Aug. 1 through 6th grade. The time is 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m., Tuesday, July 28 through Friday, July 31st, Saturday, Aug. 1 at 4 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. A carnival will follow from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

The carnival attractions are: games, dunking booth, food, soft drinks, cotton candy, snow cones, karoke booth. Make reservations today. Call 665-0842, the church is at 900 E. 23rd.



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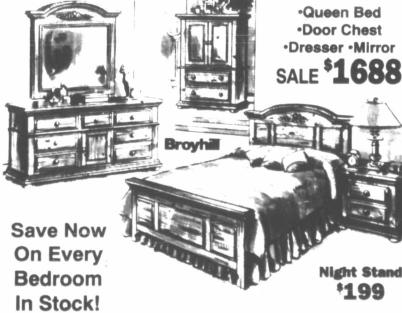
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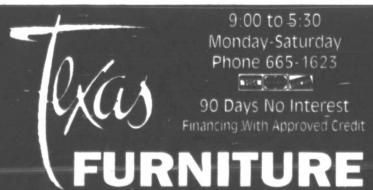
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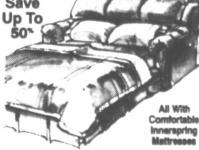
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Restaurant Help Eager to Close Sweep Diners Toward the Door

DEAR ABBY: Last night my boyfriend and I ate at a very good Chinese restaurant. The sign says it closes at 9 p.m. We arrived at 8:45, were seated and ordered a small

While we were starting the soup, the server brought the main course. As we began the main course, he brought the fortune cookies and the bill and placed them on the table. He said they were closing the cash register and asked us to pay immediately. At the same time, another employee began vacuuming around us and the other couple who were still eating.

Abby, it's a large restaurant, and they could have started cleaning at the other end of the room. The woman of the other couple asked them if they'd please turn off the vacuum, and was told they were closing. Meanwhile, my boyfriend and I paid for a meal we couldn't enjoy. Had we known they would rush us, we could have ordered the meal to go.

We are late eaters, so we usually ask when we enter a restaurant if they're still serving. Are restaurant closing times generally considered the same as store closings when customers should be out the door at a designated time? What do you

> DISAPPOINTED DINER IN SAN CARLOS, CALIF.

DEAR DISAPPOINTED: Don't fault the employees at the Chinese restaurant. The posted

Horoscope

SUNDAY, JULY 26, 1998

BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

The Stars Show the Kind of Day

You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive;

*** Reach out for others, and

stay determined about what you

want. Take time to straighten out

domestic matters. Your sense of or-

ganization comes into play. You are

a self-starter; now use this skill to

improve your home life. Be nurtur-

ing with family. Tonight: Hang out

**** Much comes out in discus-

sion You are interested in finding

out more of what is going on with

others. A loved one needs to clear the

air and snare what is going on with

tions. Let your creativity flourish.

** You are concerned about money

- spending as well as making it.

the two! Be lighter about life, espe-

common goal. Tonight: Barbecue.

**** Your friendly ways draw

others. Popularity increases. Estab-

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

Tonight: Dance the night away.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

at home.

3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

Abigail Van Buren

closing time is just that, a closing time that should be honored just as customers should abide by the closing time of a depart-

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ment store. Next time you must eat late, in consideration for the restaurant owner and employees. select a restaurant with a later closing time - or order take-out.

DEAR ABBY: In response to the letters in your column about domestic abuse - one from a divorce lawyer in Florida and another from Attorney General Tom Udall of New Mexico - I am sure they both mean well, but domestic abuse is not cut-

Yes, we need to protect women from batterers and free them from arrest when they defend themselves. But one-sided laws that protect only women (battered by men) are just quick-fix schemes - "sound

Blanket protection for women doesn't address gay and lesbian

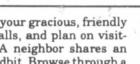
relationships (like it or not, they do exist - and they, too, have batterers). Women are also batterers and abusers, not just in lesbian relationships, but also in straight relationships. Men, too, can be victims.

Laws against domestic violence should focus on the abuser, whoever the abuser is - male or female, straight or gay, rich or poor. Law enforcement and politicians should be trained to understand all the possibilities, and then take educated action to end abuse. We already have too many laws and too many police. What we really need now is more respect for both - and for one

STEPHEN RANDOLPH SAN FRANCISCO

DEAR STEPHEN: You make a good point. However, I believe the laws are written the way they are because the vast majority of spousal battery cases involve men abusing women. After reading your letter. I would concur that the laws should be amended so that all batterers, regardless of gender, should be liable for their

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self well. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) **** Nothing will stop you, even if you wake up a bit out of sync. Friends seek you out. Make time for a fun get-together with friends. Get more physical in an enjoyable sport. Your sensitivity comes through, to help solve a problem. Tonight: Do

LEDICA (Dept. 23-Uct. 22) *** You would prefer to say less him. High energy marks interacand just watch others do their thing. Your sense of humor comes out with others, though it is quite likely you aren't going to reveal the whole story just yet. Awareness is crucial to making a judgment about a close Understand the correlation between

cially with family. Togetherness **** Take the information you happens when planning a new budreceive and use it to your benefit. get and working together toward a You don't always have all the answers, but your choices are sound. Friendship blossoms with talks about travel, goals and desires. Don't

DAGES

friend. Tonight: A night to yourself.

night: Where the action is.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) *** Partners feel they must make a grandstand play and might push you hard to join them. Actually, there isn't a problem, but they don't realize it. You adore being in the limelight. Check in with an older relative. Be direct with others. Tonight: In the winner's circle.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) **** Accept someone's suggestion. He might get tough, to get you to agree. He really means well. Worry less about what is behind his actions. Get past a fear of taking risks. Be willing to try something different. Laughter happens, once you relax. Tonight: A different setting. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

**** Do something special for a partner who shows you appreciation in every way possible. His caring attention adds a lot to your life. Get tagether with others play it low key and don't push too hard. Put your feet up, and relax. Tonight: A night for two

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

**** Others seek you out. Popularity peaks. Listen carefully to your instincts with a child who needs more fun in his life. Let him get to know you better. Do what makes you laugh. Loved ones surround you. If single, a friend could be important. Tonight: Dinner with the gang.

BORN TODAY

Producer-director Blake Edwards (1922), singer Mick Jagger (1943), actor Kevin Spacey (1959)

lish limits in your gracious, friendly way. Make calls, and plan on visit-

ing friends. A neighbor shares an interesting tidbit. Browse through a favorite store. Tonight: Happy wherever you are. **LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22)

*** Laughter marks your communications. Intuitively, you understand what someone's request is about. Caring abounds. Listen carefully to your inner conversations about money. You are more on target than you think. Be sensitive to your feelings. Tonight: Treat your-

what you want.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) hesitate to try something new. To-

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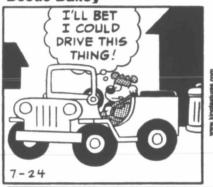
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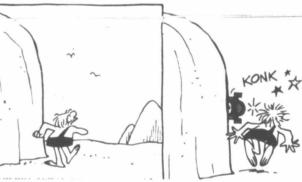


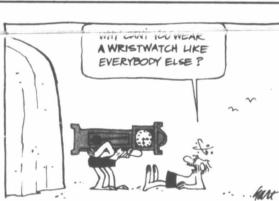
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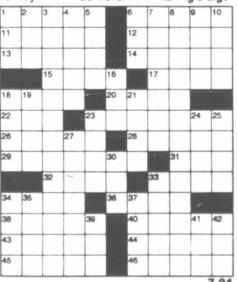
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It will be a four-person scramble with a shotgun start at 6:30 p.m. There will only one golfer per team with a handicap less than 10.

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

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WICHITA FALLS, Texas 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

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 me ball and he gets it there. He's an excellent backup 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 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.

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 atbats 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.

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 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 Texas got 13 of its 18 hits in runs across in the Royals' fourfour-plus innings against starter run fifth, giving up an RBI single

to Terry Pendleton before retir-"ing 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 seasonhigh 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

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, finding 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.

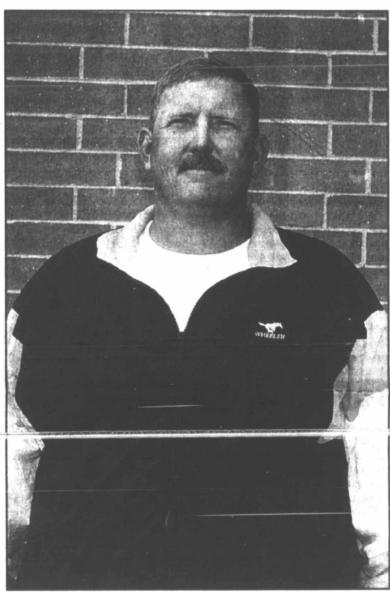
The NBA, served with the papers Thursday afternoon, did not immediately comment.

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



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 University Coaches' Association, School 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 Ioses 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

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

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 N.M., 72. commitments, defending champion Eddie Duenkel won't be City, 71 entered in the Tri-State Senior Golf Association Tournament and Dr. H.C. Johnson, Altus, 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 69 Elmer Wilson was a two-time winner in 1996 and 1994.

Tri-State year's This Tournament is scheduled for July 27-31 at the Pampa Country Chick Trout, Lubbock, E.M. Club course.

Registration begins Sunday, starting at 1 p.m. at the Pampa 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 Dallas, 73 PCC course.

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

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 69 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.

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1996 — Gary Bowe, Lubbock, 1997 — Eddie Duenkel, Pampa and George Hale, Albuquerque, 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 iust temporary, something to tide him over while chairman Jerry Reinsdorf asks Jackson one more anyone but Jackson. 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

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 fitles in eight years. And the same guy who insisted again last week that he won't play for

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 Thursday. "It is more than a little back to join the team," Floyd disingenuous to suggest they 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 refurn. 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 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

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.

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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

"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."

ready for season

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

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

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

Neuheisel isn't the only Big 12 coach on the hot seat this sea-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

"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 conational 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.'

Big 12 coaches Win pushes Padres to pinnacle

The San Diego Padres have been good before. Never this

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 13game 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 sixsweep 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 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 and Lou Collier drove in three 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 Shawon Dunston from Cleveland, and got outfielder Joe Carter from Baltimore. Cubs 2, Expos 1

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

Clark (6-9) allowed four hits days of the 1984 season. That in eight innings, and Beck pitched the ninth for his 29th

> his major league debut. Mets 6, Brewers 5

At Milwaukee, Mike Piazza singled and scored on pinchhitter 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

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 runs apiece and Jon Lieber (8-10) won his third consecutive

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.

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

Brian Meadows (9-7) took

Braves 3, Phillies 2

At Philadelphia, Javy Lopez and Curtis Pride hit back-toback homers to snap a sixthinning tie.

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 10game winning streak.

off Pete Harnisch (7-5) in the Jeremy Powell (0-1) lost in the delay, Walker followed a single by Ellis Burks with his 11th homer.

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 sixrun 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

Turner Ward, Kevin Young 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 Kevin Millwood (11-5) gave saves leader, was acquired up eight hits and two runs in 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.

loe 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 Bichette hit his 15th homer Francisco for minor league pitcher Darin Blood.

.500 for the first time since May 15 and won their 10th in a row

at Camden Yards. Ben Grieve Bobby Jones (4-4) pitched his 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 Aguilera 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 Cleveland traded for reliever Craig Shipley hit an RBI single.

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Former world champ coaches rookie to top ride at Frontier Days By ROBERT W. BLACK and he's been a great influence were tied for third in the sec-

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 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 said. "I got thrown off my first 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 ... bull riding. He and Oliver

for me." Tipton, competing

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, espe-Professional Rodeo cially 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

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

ond round, two points behind Vince Stanton of Weiser, Idaho, and eight points behind Tipton. Stanton trailed Tipton by

three points in the overall 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 stand-

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 Ty Murray leader of Stephenville, Texas, sat atop the second round for the second day in a row.

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

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

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

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 be 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

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, Start 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.

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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

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 back-stabbing 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

WASHINGTON (AP) - A computer industry executive told a (Gates) is allowed to continue ... innovation in my industry will be Senate committee that Microsoft deliberately designed its computer stifled, and we'll never live in an information age until that's

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

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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