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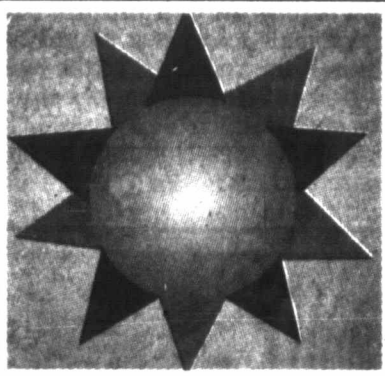
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ABILENE, Texas (AP) — Abilene police are investigating the death of a 15-year-old girl who apparently hanged herself in the Taylor County Juvenile Detention Center on Monday.

The teen was taken to Abilene Regional Medical Center and pronounced dead at 1:27 p.m.

Justice of the Peace Rex Andrew ordered an autopsy by the Tarrant County medical examiner's office.

Abilene police Sgt. Garland Wade said his department is investigating.

"The entire matter will be immediately and thoroughly reviewed," County Judge Lee Hamilton said.

Bob Wakefield, the center's chief juvenile probation officer, said the girl had visited her mother and returned to her cell at 11:35 a.m.

"At five minutes to 12, they brought her lunch and she had hung herself," he told the Abilene Reporter-News. The girl tied a bed sheet to the mesh covering the windows, he said.

"There wasn't anything in this person's history to indicate that this might be a problem," Wakefield added. "We had no indication at all that we needed to watch her carefully."

The girl had been taken to the juvenile center Friday night after she was involved in an aggravated assault that hospitalized another teen, authorities said.

• Georgia Sue Harkins Forgy, 53, homemaker.
• Herman Wisdom Oldham, 75, retired farmer.

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Case of Christmas Eve murder in court Testimony expected today

By DAVID BOWSER
Staff Writer

Testimony was expected to begin this afternoon in the trial of Jesus Santacruz, 35, of Pampa, in the murder of Richard Lamont Proctor, 18, of 1109 Huff Road, on Christmas Eve, 1996.

Jury selection began in 31st District Court of Judge M. Kent Sims about 9 a.m. today.

In a pretrial hearing Monday afternoon, 31st District Attorney John Mann said three witnesses had been granted immunity to testify against Santacruz in the case. Deborah Howard, Angie Santacruz and Richardo DeLeon were granted immunity in the case, Mann said.

DeLeon was arrested Friday, Oct. 10, 1997, along with Santacruz in connection with Proctor's death following an almost year long investigation into the shooting.

Proctor was gunned down Christmas Eve near the 800 block of Henry Street.

Witnesses said he was getting into a blue-gray Cadillac with two friends when he was shot once in the back of the head with a large caliber handgun.

"The shot was fired through the back window," said Pampa Police Chief Charlie Morris.

Officers at the time indicated there were two 16-year-old boys with Proctor at the time of the shooting. The one that was driving raced to a friend's house in the 100 block of West Albert Street. Police said they were summoned to that address shortly before midnight Christmas Eve where they found Proctor dead, slumped over in the front seat of the car.

The lawyer for Santacruz, Gene Thompson, filed motions in 31st District Court requesting notice of intent to offer extraneous conduct, requesting the state to reveal any agreement between the state and witnesses that could influence testimony and requesting the state to reveal

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(Pampa News photo by David Bowser)

Gray County Jail Administrator David Potter unshackles Jesus Santacruz today before going in the 31st District Courtroom to stand trial for murder. Jury selection started this morning in the case in which Santacruz is accused of gunning down Richard Lamont Proctor on Christmas Eve, 1996.

Trial delayed pending state crime lab analysis

A 32-year-old Pampa man charged in the brutal beating of a convenience store clerk last fall was back in jail today after a judge denied his request for a speedy trial.

Dewayne Gordon Hickman is charged with aggravated assault in the beating of a 46-year-old clerk at the Minute Mart early on the morning of Oct. 21, 1997.

Hickman, arrest last October, had filed a motion for a speedy trial. In a pretrial hearing Monday afternoon 31st District Judge M. Kent Sims denied the motion.

Hickman is accused of being inside the Minute Mart at 1106 Alcock when the clerk came to open the store about 4 a.m., Oct. 21, 1997. Officers said the clerk apparently surprised a would-be burglar hiding inside the store. Hickman is accused of attacking the woman and beating her. She suffered two broken arms and numerous gashes to her head and body.

Hickman was arrested at his home, 2116 Coffee, on Oct. 25, 1997. He was held on \$250,000 bond on the assault charge and without bond for

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Creating city police reserve force possible

Police Chief Charlie Morris will unveil a proposal today for the creation of a police reserve program within the Pampa Police Department.

He will make the presentation, which will not be voted on today, as part of the city commission work session at 5 p.m. at Pampa City Hall. The work session will be followed by the regular meeting at 6 p.m.

On the regular agenda:

- Commissioners will act on a resolution honoring Wayne Stribling for his service on the PEDC. Stribling has declined another reappointment.
- Second and final reading of Ordinance No. 1317 changing the zoning from multi-family to retail for the area behind Franks Thriftway on Hamilton Street
- Second and final reading of Ordinance No. 1320 to all for "Panhandle Regional Licensing Agency."
- First reading of Ordinance No. 1321 making various budget amendments
- Consider the award of bids for the purchase of refuse containers. (This is the final purchase of new dumpsters from the current plan which will bring the total to 1,400 new dumpsters bought. Hundreds more were refurbished)
- Resolution approving the proposed PEDC program with Kirk Carrell Dairies. (This resolution is a formality required for the incentive package previously approved by budget amendment for this project)
- Consent agenda which includes June payments, bids on six delinquent properties and authorization for demolition on tax properties.

School renovation update set

An elementary facilities renovation update is first on the agenda after Pampa ISD board members tour Woodrow Wilson Elementary at tonight's regularly scheduled board of education meeting.

Consideration for stipends and extra-duty assignment compensation and a possible amendment to fair labor standards and sick leave policies are included agenda items.

Members will receive updated

information concerning this year's district budget and will be asked to set a date to adopt it. In addition, a Worth the Wait Curriculum update is scheduled to be given concerning district-wide abstinence education for the coming year.

Other action items for consideration tonight include:

- 1998-99 campus fund raisers
- policy amendment regarding open and closed campuses
- 1998-99 student code of conduct

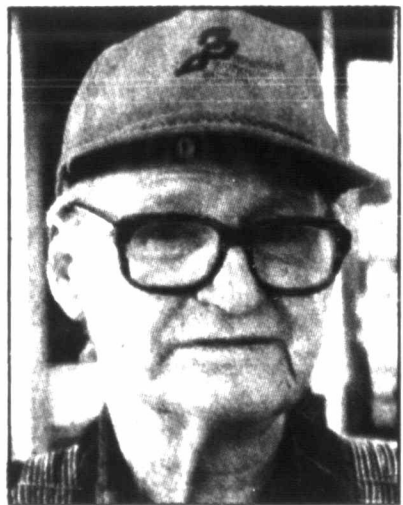
• 1998-99 agreements with Grandview-Hopkins, Lefors and Miami school districts for education of tuition-free transfers

• Telecommunications Infrastructure Technology Grant

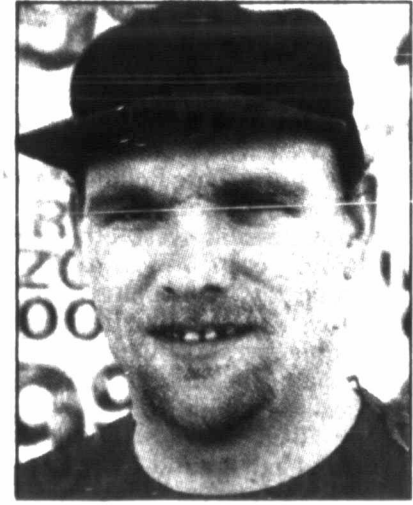
• candidate endorsement to fill position on the TASB Board of Trustees.

The board meets at 6 tonight at Woodrow Wilson Elementary School, 801 E. Browning.

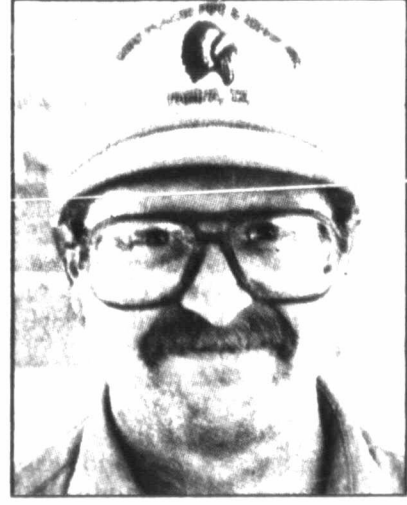
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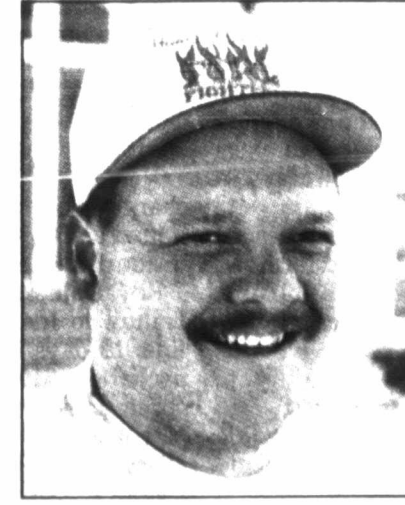
"They ought to, but I don't ride motorcycles. My youngest has one."
--Glen Woodruff



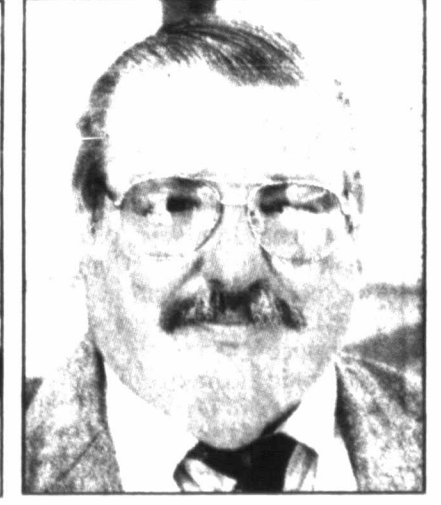
"No, I don't think so."
-- Johnny Hughes



"It should be a matter of personal discretion. If it was my family? Yes!"
-- Danny Kohler



"It needs to be left up to the individual."
-- Jody Miller



"I had a son that was killed on a motorcycle. He was wearing a helmet. As far as the safety aspect, I think it's probably a good idea, but I do believe people ought to have the right and choice to make their own personal decision."
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GM, UAW settle some issues; work on others

By BRIAN AKRE
AP Auto Writer

FLINT, Mich. (AP) — General Motors Corp. and the United Auto Workers tentatively settled disputes today at two strike-bound parts plants but still sought the final pieces of a deal to end the walkout that has crippled production nationwide.

Negotiators resolved issues at the parts plants in Flint, at a third plant in Flint that wasn't struck, and at plants in two other cities. But they were still working on the final details of a settlement to a dispute at two brake plants in Dayton, Ohio, union officials said.

"We want to be sure we have it all done before we have a news conference," UAW Vice President Richard Shoemaker said.

The strikes, which began last month, have brought GM's North

American assembly operations to a virtual halt and have cost the company an estimated \$2.2 billion in lost profits.

The nation's largest automaker had insisted that any deal to end the Flint strikes must also resolve the festering disputes in Dayton and Indianapolis. GM has said it made no sense to settle the strikes in Flint and then face the potential of additional strikes.

Besides the two parts plants in Flint, issues at the Buick City complex in Flint and a stamping plant in Indianapolis were tentatively settled, said Cal Rapson, the UAW regional director in Flint.

The latest round of high-level talks began Monday morning and recessed shortly after 2 a.m. EDT today at a Holiday Inn on the outskirts of Flint. They resumed about 9 a.m.

Union officials set up a hotel meeting room for a news conference to announce a deal once it is reached.

"We're all hoping it's going to happen today," UAW spokesman Reg McGhee said earlier today.

UAW President Stephen Yokich, who generally had kept a low profile throughout the strikes, was seen talking to his staff and GM negotiators throughout Monday in and outside the hotel. GM also had some of its top executives there, including its chief financial officer, J. Michael Losh.

The framework for a settlement appeared to be shaping up. One proposal being discussed would have GM promise not close the Delphi Flint East parts plant and two Delphi brake plants in Dayton, Ohio, for up to five years. In exchange, the UAW would

agree to a four-year national contract in 1999, rather than the traditional three-year pact, said sources who spoke on condition of anonymity. But that proposal remained under discussion and was still subject to change, a union source emphasized.

About 9,200 workers went on strike June 5 at the Flint Metal Center stamping plant, and at Delphi Flint East six days later.

There were indications that a major dispute that prompted the first strike, GM's decision to stop investing in the Flint Metal Center, had been resolved. One source said the UAW agreed to help improve productivity at the plant to a set level in exchange for \$180 million in new equipment.

The marathon sessions began Saturday, the final day of a four-day arbitration hearing to consider GM's complaint that the strikes

were illegal. That has led to speculation that both sides fear the potential of an unfavorable ruling and were rushing to end the strikes before the arbitrator issues his decision, expected this week.

A ruling against the union could limit its ability to use strikes over local issues as leverage to bargain over broader investment issues, as GM alleges the UAW has done in Flint. GM also has said it may seek damages and an immediate back-to-work order if the strikes are ruled illegal.

If a strike settlement is reached soon, it could include an agreement that GM withdraw the grievance that went to arbitration and a related lawsuit filed in U.S. District Court.

On Monday, GM reopened two assembly plants that had been idled last month due to a lack of

parts from the Flint plants: the Chevrolet Corvette plant in Bowling Green, Ky., and a nonunion factory that makes full-size sport utility vehicles in Silao, Mexico.

The UAW has threatened to strike the Corvette plant, which is GM's only U.S. assembly plant still without a local contract 21 months after the automaker and union signed a three-year national agreement.

Billy Jackson, president of UAW Local 2164 in Bowling Green, said his workers were upset that they had to build cars using replacement parts that GM obtained from outside sources.

The plant's workers were "building Corvettes with a very bitter taste in their mouths about the backdoor, strike-busting tactics being used by GM," Jackson said.

Consumer confidence drops 3 points in July

By RACHEL BECK
AP Business Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Consumer confidence fell almost 3 points in July as Americans became more concerned that the economy will slow in coming months and that jobs will be harder to find.

The Conference Board reported today that its index of consumer confidence fell to 135.4 in July from a revised 138.2 reached in June, which was a 29-year high.

July's decline was larger than Wall Street analysts' had expected.

"Job uneasiness, a major factor in consumer confidence, helped push down consumer confidence in July," said Lynn Franco, associate director at the Conference Board, a New York-based private research group.

"While consumers are not expecting economic growth to accelerate, they are looking for business growth to continue through the remainder of 1998."

Consumer sentiment is important because consumer

spending accounts for two-thirds of the nation's overall economic activity.

The report comes as economists scour new data for signs pointing to the direction of the economy. There are worries that Asia's year-old economic crisis will become a greater drag on the U.S. economy and hurt corporate profits.

Although the confidence index remains high, the survey indicates Americans are starting to worry that the economy's pace will soon slow.

Consumers in July were also nervous about the outlook for the next six months. More consumers said they plan to buy a car, home or purchase a major appliance in the next six months.

The consumer confidence index, started in 1967, is compiled from responses to questions sent to 5,000 households nationwide. The survey polls consumers on matters ranging from job prospects to buying plans. The index compares results with its base year, 1985, when it stood at 100.

Delta won't fly Fido, Fluffy— too hot!

ATLANTA (AP) — Delta Air Lines has stopped checking live animals as baggage because of the oppressive heat that has gripped much of the nation.

The policy change will last through Sept. 15, the airline said Monday.

Atlanta-based Delta, the nation's third-largest carrier, said the high temperatures in many cities — coupled with aircraft

taxi delays — can subject animals to heat stress, which could lead to sickness or death.

Passengers who had planned to fly with Fido or Fluffy between now and Sept. 15 will be able to cancel their reservations without penalty, the airline said.

The only exception to the new policy will be in the case of pet owners who are now in the middle of a trip. They will be

allowed to return home with their pets as checked baggage if the temperature when they fly does not exceed 85 degrees. If the flight-time temperature is higher than that, they can reschedule without penalty for an early morning or evening flight, when the weather is cooler.

Fort Worth, Texas-based American Airlines halted the

practice in May because temperatures were so varied at airports across the country.

"We have this policy year-round that if the ground temperature reaches 80 degrees we stop checking animals as bags," said American spokesman Tim Smith. "It's not worth the agony of hurting an animal."

American's policy change also lasts through Sept. 15.

Investigators of Japan food poisoning ponder mass murder theory

TOKYO (AP) — The killer who slipped cyanide into a pot of curry at a festival in western Japan, fatally poisoning four people, might have been aiming at mass murder rather than targeting specific victims, investigators said today.

The poisonings Saturday in Wakayama, a small coastal city 280 miles southwest of Tokyo, were major news in Japan, where memories are still fresh of the 1995 nerve gas attack on the Tokyo subways that killed 12 people.

The latest killings prompted cancellation of similar festivals in the area for fear of copycat crimes. Officials in Wakayama and the Tokyo area urged farmers with access to dangerous chemicals to keep a close eye on their supplies.

Funerals were held today for two of the victims, Takatoshi Taninaka, 65, head of the residents' association, and his deputy, Takaaki Tanaka, 53.

Also killed were a 10-year-old boy and a 16-year-old girl.

Officials said today that 43 of the 60 others sickened remain hospitalized. None was in serious condition.

The difficulty in targeting individuals at a potluck meal means the attacker might have been trying to kill as many people as possible. Kyodo News agency reported today that the two officials had served themselves.

"We are investigating now with all possibilities in mind, including indiscriminate mass murder with cyanide," said police spokesman Hideaki Goto. He said there were no suspects yet.

The investigation has focused on when the killer might have been able to slip the poison into the three pots of curry.

The investigators also found that four people who cooked the curry fell ill and were hospitalized after eating it, Kyodo News reported. It was unclear why the curry was still put on sale.

San Jose man gets millions for Web address, newspaper says

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A man struck it rich by selling a Web site address to Compaq Computer Corp. for \$3.35 million, the San Francisco Chronicle reported today.

Quoting unidentified sources, the newspaper said Compaq paid Jack Marshall of San Jose one of the highest prices ever for a Web site — in this case, www.altavista.com.

The deal settles a two-year fight between Marshall and the computer giant, which owns the Alta Vista Internet search engine.

"I believe this is the largest known figure for a domain name transaction," said Edwin Hayward, who runs www.igoldrush.com, a Web site that tracks such purchases.

The trade in Web addresses is not unusual, but most addresses are sold for far lower prices. Speculators buy popular names for \$100 and then sell the addresses to corporations for much higher prices.

In 1996, a court ruled against the purchase of trademarked names, but generic names remain fair game.

Earlier this month, Microsoft Corp. agreed to pay \$5 million to a small, now-defunct software company from the Chicago area that said Microsoft stole from it the name of Internet Explorer, the name of browser software which Microsoft has heavily promoted for three years.

The Alta Vista name wasn't trademarked when Marshall bought the rights in January 1994 for his startup company, Alta Vista Technology.

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Compaq, launched a search engine called Alta Vista. Because it didn't own the Alta Vista address, it was located at www.altavista.digital.com.

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Opinion

Encryption is covered in First Amendment

First Amendment guarantees the right of free speech — this should include the Internet.

There's some indication that Republicans finally might be crafting policies to guarantee Americans' right to use codes to protect electronic communications and to allow American companies full freedom to develop and market encryption programs serve that purpose.

Encryption software currently is banned from being exported from the United States under a tortuous interpretation of laws governing the export of munitions — because, says the Clinton administration, it can be used by enemy governments and terrorists to shelter their communications against U.S. intelligence.

The ban effectively makes it difficult for American companies to justify developing such programs, since a large part of their market is cut off by government decree.

But in California's Silicon Valley recently, House Speaker Newt Gingrich told the Technology Network, a group of computer executives, "I start from the baseline that encryption will ultimately be universal. In no way can Export (restrictions) trap it in the U.S."

The Clinton administration so far has refused to alter its policies banning encryption exports. And the Republican Congress's efforts to date have not produced acceptable legislation to change the policy.

The speaker's comments point in a hopeful direction. The First Amendment guarantees the right to free speech without government interference.

As Speaker Gingrich said, the encryption of messages "will be universal" within a few years that means every e-mail or financial transaction over the Internet or phone lines will be encrypted.

If that were the case, then any government restrictions would be, in effect, universal restrictions on speech.

Speaker Gingrich's words now have to be put in the form of concrete legislation restoring Americans' right to encrypt.

—Odessa American

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Thomas Paine

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CASA aids judges, children

The Texas Crime Victims' Compensation Fund, which is administered by the Office of the Attorney General, provides \$500,000 a year in state funding to train volunteers under a contract with Texas CASA Incorporated. This organization provides services for 44 Texas CASA programs.


CASA stands for "Court Appointed Special Advocates." The volunteers who serve with the Texas CASA programs provide a vital service for abused children. They are the children's special advocates in court.

Harris County Protective Services placed an infant, less than six months old, in foster care. The baby had suffered multiple fractures at the hands of her father. A CASA volunteer was assigned by the judge to monitor the infant's progress.

When the CASA volunteer visited the infant's mother, she found that the young woman loved her child. She also showed a genuine interest in keeping the infant, but was involved in an abusive marriage as well as battling low self-esteem.

With the CASA volunteer's help, the mother received counseling and was able to escape the abusive relationship. The child, who had developmental problems, received therapy and is now progressing well. Best of all, the child is out of foster care and living in a safe home with her mother.

The above case involves just one of more than 7,000 abused Texas children who were



Dan Morales
 Attorney General of the State of Texas

helped by nearly 2,000 volunteer CASA volunteers last year.

CASA volunteers serve as the eyes and ears of the judge who appoints them. Texas law authorizes judges to assign CASA volunteers for abused or neglected children in the court system.

The volunteer's main goal is to find the child a safe, permanent home as quickly as possible. CASA volunteers are carefully screened and trained on child abuse prevention, court procedures and available government services. Volunteers are subject to annual performance reviews of their progress.

Studies show assigning a CASA volunteer to a case reduces the time the child spends in foster care from an average of 24 months to 15 months. In 1995-96, this shortened time in foster care produced a savings to the state of \$88.6 million in foster care costs. This savings is based on the annual average direct cost of

foster care of \$17,123 per child, which does not include court costs, state caseworkers' salaries or other administrative expenses.

Studies show that getting children into stable homes at the earliest possible moment in their lives is the most effective way to curb juvenile crime. CASA complements a number of other programs within the Office of the Attorney General that help abused or neglected children and children at risk.

Divisions of the Office of the Attorney General which serve or protect children include: Juvenile Crime Intervention, Prosecutor Assistance and Special Investigations, the Crime Victims' Institute, Crime Victims' Compensation, Sexual Assault Prevention and Crisis Services and the Child Support Program.

A CASA volunteer is a responsible adult who offers stability to a child in crisis. The volunteers do not receive financial compensation for their efforts. But although the work is difficult, it is very gratifying.

One CASA volunteer recalled a child she had helped place in a foster home. When one of the child's close family members died, the CASA volunteer attended the funeral to offer her condolences. The child, then almost 18, introduced her to people as "my CASA volunteer who was always there for me."

For the CASA volunteer, this type of recognition was payment enough for the hours she had spent helping that child.

Today in history

By The Associated Press
 Today is Tuesday, July 28, the 209th day of 1998. There are 156 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On July 28, 1945, a U.S. Army bomber crashed into the 79th floor of New York's Empire State Building, killing 14 people.

On this date:
 In 1540, King Henry VIII's chief minister, Thomas Cromwell, was executed, and Henry married his fifth wife, Catherine Howard.

In 1794, Maximilien Robespierre, a leading figure of the French Revolution, was sent to the guillotine.

In 1868, the 14th Amendment to

the U.S. Constitution, guaranteeing due process of law, was declared in effect.

In 1896, the city of Miami, Fla., was incorporated.

In 1929, Jacqueline Bouvier Kennedy Onassis, first lady from 1961 to 1963, was born in Southampton, N.Y.

In 1932, federal troops forcibly dispersed the so-called "Bonus Army" of World War I veterans who had gathered in Washington to demand money they weren't scheduled to receive until 1945.

In 1943, President Roosevelt announced the end of coffee rationing.

In 1959, in preparation for state-

hood, Hawaiians voted to send the first Chinese-American, Hiram L. Fong, to the U.S. Senate and the first Japanese-American, Daniel K. Inouye, to the U.S. House of Representatives.

In 1965, President Johnson announced an increase in American troops in South Vietnam from 75,000 to 125,000.

In 1976, an earthquake devastated northern China, killing at least 242,000 people, according to an official estimate.

Ten years ago: Both houses of Congress overwhelmingly approved some \$6 billion in aid for drought-stricken farmers.

Five years ago: President Clinton

declared himself ready to provide air power to protect peacekeepers in Bosnia if he received a request from the United Nations.

One year ago: The Clinton administration and congressional leaders reached a tentative agreement on balancing the budget by 2002 while slashing taxes for millions of families, students and investors. Five people were killed in a flash flood in Fort Collins, Colo.

Today's Birthdays: "Polka king" Frankie Yankovic is 83. Movie director Andrew V. McLaglen is 78. Actor Darryl Hickman is 67. The president of Peru, Alberto Fujimori, is 60.

Only one cure for dependicitis


Ever lend money to a friend? If you did, in addition to being paid back, you probably expected at least a word of thanks. I'm not saying all good deeds need strings attached, just that generosity, sometimes should be a two-way street.

Consider our "friends" at the United Nations. The United States generously gives \$19 billion a year in foreign aid to nations that routinely vote against us at the world body. In fact, during the 1997 U.N. session, 74 percent of these foreign-aid recipients voted against the United States a majority of the time.

Every one of the 10 countries that voted most frequently against the United States receives U.S. aid. Even Cuba, a country that voted against us 87 percent of the time in 1997, gets \$2 million in U.S. aid. Combined, these top 10 "friends" of the United States will receive \$230 million in U.S. economic assistance this year.

In a true display of ingratitude, Haiti — to which President Clinton sent U.S. troops to restore democracy in 1994 — will receive more than \$101 million from the United States this year. Yet, in 1997, the island nation voted against us 57 percent of the time at the United Nations.

According to J. Brian Atwood, administrator of the U.S. Agency for International Development, the goal of foreign aid is to "significantly contribute to achieving the adminis-



Edwin Feunler
 Feunler is president of the Heritage Foundation.

tration's foreign policy objectives." If that's the case, it isn't working.

For example, much has been made of the arms race between Pakistan and India and how the United States should have prevented both countries from conducting nuclear tests. Although there was certainly a failure of U.S. intelligence, there was no shortage of U.S. "assistance" given to either country. India ranks as the fifth-largest recipient of U.S. aid and was to take in \$144 million from U.S. taxpayers in fiscal year 1998, while Pakistan was slated to receive \$6.7 million.

This money prevented neither country from defying U.S. wishes and bursting through the door of the nuclear club before President Clinton cut off their aid. It also hasn't stopped either country from thumbing its nose at the United States during U.N. voting sessions: India 80 percent of

the time in 1997, and Pakistan 69 percent of the time. Next year, Congress wants to "limit" foreign aid to \$18.9 billion, a figure Secretary of State Madeleine Albright calls "unacceptably low." Secretary Albright is correct that the figure is unacceptable. It's unacceptably high.

If foreign aid fails to promote American interests, perhaps it at least helps those countries receiving it.

Alas, of the 67 countries that have been receiving U.S. economic assistance for decades, 37 have experienced less than one percent annual growth while on the dole. Of these, more than half — 19 — are poorer than before they started receiving U.S. aid. The reason: a disease I call Dependicitis.

Dependicitis is a crippling disorder that strikes those addicted to handouts. Indifference, apathy and a satisfaction with the status quo are the most visible symptoms. Dependicitis is also hereditary — passing from generation to generation and regime to regime.

Just as social workers are finally trying to wean welfare recipients from dependency on government, the United States should phase out foreign aid as a means of breaking the welfare addiction that afflicts too many countries.

As for those countries that continue to take our money and routinely vote against us at the United Nations, they should be the first to get the ax.

Lewinsky breaks silence, talks to Starr

WASHINGTON (AP) — Monica Lewinsky is breaking her silence and telling prosecutors she had sexual relations with President Clinton, a possible prelude to a deal giving her complete immunity from prosecution, legal sources say.

In a nearly five-hour interview Monday in a midtown Manhattan residence, Ms. Lewinsky's account included information considered relevant to Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr's criminal investigation of possible obstruction by Clinton and others, but she did not say Clinton asked her to lie, the sources said.

Ms. Lewinsky's account closely tracked her lawyers' proffer of evidence to prosecutors early on in the probe, according to a key source. In that proffer, Ms. Lewinsky was said to have told of having a sexual relationship with the president.

The source said the earlier proffer contained "a fair amount of information" dealing with Ms. Lewinsky's conversations with the president and his confidants about how they would deal with the Paula Jones sexual harassment lawsuit against Clinton. The president denied under oath in the Jones case that he'd had sexual relations with Ms. Lewinsky and she filed an affidavit in the suit saying "I have never had a sexual relationship with the president."

Today, Ms. Lewinsky's former friend, Linda Tripp, whose secret tape recordings triggered the criminal investigation of the president, returned for more testimony before the grand jury. She was carrying a large, square briefcase.

"It's going to be an interesting week, we think," said Mrs. Tripp's spokesman, Philip Coughter, who accompanied her to the federal courthouse. A number of Secret Service personnel also entered the courthouse to testify before the grand jury in the perjury and obstruction probe.

Six additional Secret Service uniformed officers have been subpoenaed to testify this week, Mike Leibig, head of an association of Secret Service officers, said Monday night.

Leibig said 11 Secret Service personnel have given grand jury testimony in the Lewinsky probe.

The Lewinsky-prosecutor talks came on a day that Starr won a majority victory from a panel of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia.

In a 2-1 decision, the panel rejected Clinton's claim of attorney-client confidentiality and ordered presidential adviser Bruce Lindsey to answer questions before a grand jury.

The panel majority said none of Lindsey's conversations as a White

House adviser were protected from grand jury testimony. The judges said Lindsey dispensed legal advice in "at least one" conversation, thus permitting a ruling on whether government lawyers could withhold information in a criminal investigation.

The answer was no, the majority said. "With respect to investigations of federal criminal offenses, and especially offenses committed by those in government, government attorneys stand in a far different position from members of the private bar," U.S. Circuit Judges Judith Rogers and A. Raymond Randolph said.

A meeting with investigators has been a requirement for Ms. Lewinsky's immunity since prosecutors first confronted her Jan. 16 with 20 hours of secret tape-recordings on which she alleged an 18-month presidential affair and cover-up to Mrs. Tripp.

A second meeting between the former White House intern and

Starr's staff appeared likely. Ms. Lewinsky, 25, entered Monday's meeting with limited legal protection often referred to as "queen-for-a-day" status. Under that agreement between prosecutors and Ms. Lewinsky's lawyers, none of the answers she gave Monday can be used against her.

Robert Luskin, a former Justice Department lawyer and now a defense attorney, said Ms. Lewinsky's cooperation "makes it more likely Starr is going to get Ms. Lewinsky's testimony."

Defense attorney Nancy Luque added, "I wouldn't let her speak (with prosecutors) without some form of immunity. I can't think of any advantage except to avoid an indictment. I don't understand it unless there's a deal."

Deputy Whitewater prosecutor Robert Bittman and Starr's ethics counselor, Sam Dash, participated in the questioning, along with a female colleague, the sources said.

Consumer advocacy group urges ban of diabetes drug

WASHINGTON (AP) — Some consumer advocates want the government to follow Britain's example and pull a popular diabetes drug off the market, saying it causes dangerous liver toxicity that has killed at least 26 people worldwide.

The consumer advocacy group Public Citizen condemned the Food and Drug Administration's plan to instead upgrade warnings to doctors that patients who are prescribed the diabetes drug Rezulin must be watched closely for signs of liver damage.

"How many more Americans will have to die or require liver transplants before Parke-Davis and the FDA take action to protect people in this country by banning the drug?" wrote Public Citizen's Dr. Sidney Wolfe in a petition filed Monday with the FDA.

But Rezulin, widely hailed as a unique treatment for Type II or adult-onset diabetes, offers an important benefit for patients who aren't adequately treated with other medicines, the FDA responded.

The problem is that doctors aren't following the agency's repeated warnings to closely test every diabetic to see whether Rezulin is harming his or her liver, said FDA's Dr. Florence Houn.

Deaths "have persisted since the first warning, the majority of which showed there was not proper monitoring," Houn said. "More education for health care providers is needed."

Manufacturer Parke-Davis insists Rezulin is safe when used properly. It will send letters today to 500,000 doctors saying the FDA has upgraded its warning for Rezulin: Doctors should test patients' livers for signs of toxicity monthly for the first eight months of Rezulin therapy. Stopping Rezulin when liver tests show signs of toxicity can prevent permanent damage.

"People have to remember there are 18 million patients with diabetes out there, and they need treatment," said spokesman Stephen Mock.

But Public Citizen said warnings aren't enough. As of June 5, the FDA had received reports of at least 21 deaths among Rezulin users, 100 hospitalizations for liver toxicity and three liver transplants in the first 15 months the drug was sold, Wolfe said.

FDA's Houn said 14 deaths linked to Rezulin involved Americans. The other seven occurred in Japan, the only other country where Rezulin is sold, Wolfe said. Since June 5, details of another five American deaths have been sent to FDA for evaluation, he added.

Rezulin was taken off the market in Britain last December, when doctors worldwide had reported just six deaths.

Last month, the National Institutes of Health abruptly canceled a study of whether Rezulin could prevent Type II diabetes in high-risk patients because one of the patients being studied died from drug-induced liver toxicity.

The Rezulin concern comes a month after two other drugs were pulled off the market when safety warnings failed to prevent patient injuries. The FDA banned the painkiller Duract for causing liver failure after four deaths and eight liver transplants. The blood pressure drug Posicor was banned after 24 deaths and 400 injuries when it interacted dangerously with other medications.

Rezulin, known chemically as troglitazone, is the first drug to attack the underlying trigger of Type II diabetes.

With this form of the disease, the body's natural insulin — a hormone that converts blood sugar into energy — gradually loses its ability to work. Blood sugar rises, risking kidney damage, blindness, heart disease and other complications. Insulin shots control many patients' blood sugar, but an estimated 1 million Type II diabetics need additional help.

Partisan spat over tax free medical savings accounts resurfaces

WASHINGTON (AP) — A long-simmering disagreement between Democrats and Republicans over tax-exempt medical savings accounts has boiled over into congressional debate of new health insurance laws.

The House, split on partisan lines, voted Friday to make the health care expense accounts, known as MSAs, available to most Americans as part of broader legislation to protect consumers from health plan abuses.

"The source of Americans' frustrations with HMOs is the lack of control which patients and doctors feel," said House Ways and Means Committee Chairman Bill Archer, R-Texas. "With MSAs, patients, not insurance companies, control their choices. There are no gatekeepers. There are no middlemen."

But with the Senate set to vote on similar health insurance legislation as soon as this week, White House advisers have marked MSAs as grounds for a veto. Health and Human Services Secretary Donna Shalala calls them "risky, untested insurance schemes" that benefit mainly the healthy and wealthy.

Fear that money going into MSAs will be sucked out of the pot that must pay for care for those who get sick is shared by a handful of Republican lawmakers. They lobbied House leaders successfully last week to leave government workers out of any MSA expansion.

And Sen. John Chafee, R-R.I., is trying to broker a bipartisan compromise on health plan legislation in the Senate that would put off any MSA action this year.

Conservative groups, however, are pressing hard for Republican supporters of MSAs to stand their ground.

The Small Business Survival Committee, allied in favor of MSAs with the Christian Coalition and 1996 presidential candidate Steve Forbes, spent \$180,000 this month on radio ads in 10 states.

The commercials are designed "to essentially stiffen the spines of Republican senators" and make sure they don't waiver in the face of opposition to MSAs, said committee president Karen Kerrigan.

In the House, conservative GOP lawmakers have written to Speaker Newt Gingrich warning that "it is imperative" for MSAs to be in any final bill sent to President Clinton.

GOP legislation would cut short an MSA pilot project limited to self-employed Americans and those who work for small businesses, and instead let any company offer MSAs to employees.

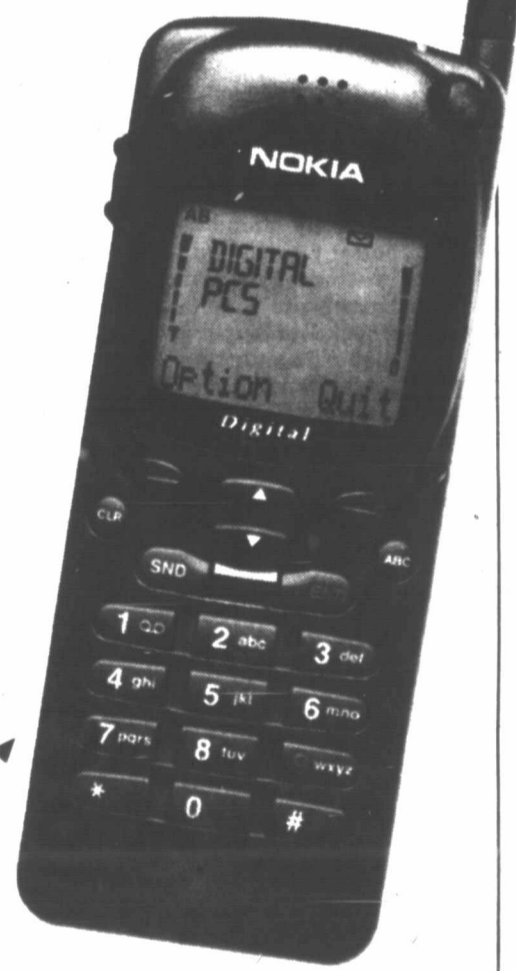
The current pilot project allows up to 750,000 Americans to try MSAs through 2000. So far, at least 22,051 people have — about 17 percent of them previously uninsured — according an Internal Revenue Service count that has not been updated since last year.

The Golden Rule Insurance Co., one seller of MSA policies and a contributor to lobbying campaigns for more of them, reports 85,000 customers.

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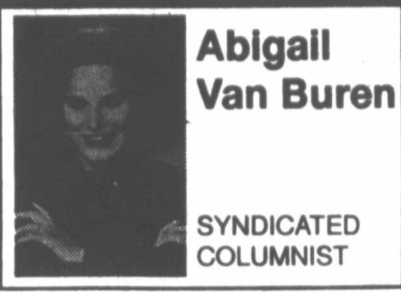
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Mom Doesn't Want to Wait To Give Son What He's Due



Abigail Van Buren

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giving son a helping hand.

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I are having a major disagreement concerning our two sons' inheritance. When we die, our sons will inherit everything 50-50, with the exception of our family business, which is worth a considerable amount of money. My husband has already turned the business over to our eldest son, "Donald." My husband feels that Donald has earned this because "he stayed with us." Donald and his family have enjoyed a very prosperous life because of the family business.

"Steve," our younger son, started his own business in a different field. He has always struggled, and his family has never known the same level of comfort as Donald's. This troubles me.

I am trying to convince my husband that we should give Steve at least part of his inheritance while we are alive. He needs the money to enlarge his business. We would never miss the money. I think it's fair, but my husband refuses to let Steve have it until we're both dead. What do you think, Abby?

SADDENED MOTHER

DEAR SADDENED MOTHER: I see no reason to withhold the money from Steve, when to give it to him now would help him and his family.

Unless your husband can give you a valid reason, which does not include standing on ceremony, I recommend consulting with an attorney and arranging to give your strug-

listed. We used to assume that it was because of our name changes upon marriage. We do not assume so anymore.

Abby, our family is trying to sort out this whole mess. My mother will be eligible for Social Security in a few years and is understandably concerned. All of the emotional issues aside, none of this would have occurred if Gran had not lied.

Thank God, my life is an open book! I assured my children, at one point, that they will never wake up to find that their father is not really their father, that I had other children, or that I may not be their mother.

Once our sense of humor returns, I think we will write Gran's memoirs. Thank you, Abby, for existing.

STUNNED ON THE WEST COAST

DEAR STUNNED: I'm sure the memoirs will make fascinating reading. Your letter calls to mind Sir Walter Scott's memorable quote, "Oh, what a tangled web we weave, when first we practice to deceive!"

Everybody has a problem. What's yours? Get it off your chest by writing to Dear Abby, P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, Calif. 90069. For a personal reply, please enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

DEAR ABBY: In response to the woman who cannot forget that her parents were not truthful with her regarding when they got married, here is another story about the same thing: My mother recently got the shock of her life. While trying to obtain a passport, she received a letter stating that the information she submitted was incorrect. It appears that Mom's father was not her father, and there is no official record of her birth. Also, the maiden name my mother, my siblings and I have used on official documents was the wrong name! Our grandmother is too ill to explain why she lead us to believe that the man we called "Grandpa" was Mom's father when he wasn't. When my brother tried to obtain a Social Security number for his infant daughter, he was told there was a problem. My sister and I have received letters from Social Security periodically stating that there was a problem with the name(s)

going to do your own thing. Go with impulse, even if just for today. Tonight: The action is at home. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

***** Let your personality emerge. A friend gives you a jolt, but you aren't surprised, are you? By now, you should expect the unexpected. You could hear giggles and whispering. You are right not to share your news with the world. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

*** Even you can be extravagant sometimes. A friend urges you to do what you want. Put practicality aside for a few hours, and let go. Letting responsibilities dominate all the time isn't healthy. Add more vitality and joy to your life. Tonight: Maintain your budget.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ***** Express your whimsical nature. A boss shares his views with an unusual sense of humor. Avoid always looking at this person as an authority figure. He, too, is human. Accept an invitation to go to a baseball game or a long lunch. Tonight: A force to be dealt with.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ***** Be wise, and don't share everything on your mind. You could inadvertently offend someone. Seek to better your communications. Listen to someone's real message. It might be time to plan a long weekend. Check out supersaver prices. Tonight: Do your thing.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ***** Stay in touch with friends. A partner suggests scheduling an

office party, even if isn't the season for it. Bring others together. While making calls, catch up on each person's news. Talks also need to revolve around a long-term goal. Tonight: With your friends.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ***** Take the lead at work again. People spill the beans. You hear more than you have ever wanted to. Maintain perspective—and a sense of humor. Meeting times change; be flexible. Someone might complain, but only because he cares so much. Tonight: Happily appease someone.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ***** Take steps to get to know your co-workers and associates better. Invite others to a fun picnic this weekend. You see that you cannot keep indulging the way you have been. Could it be diet time? Make a long-distance call. Tonight: Think exotic, do exotic.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ***** Partners give you helpful feedback. Continue listening and inquiring. One-to-one relating is instrumental to your success. A child or new flirtation brings mirth, laughter and naughtiness to your life. Allow this person free rein. He adds a lot to your happiness. Tonight: A midweek date.

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Comic strip panels for Mallard Filmore.

Horoscope

WEDNESDAY, JULY 29, 1998

BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

***** Work with surprising thoughts, friends and events. You need to know when to kick back and relax as well as when to work. There is no time like the present. Allow others to join you, as you opt to play hooky. Tonight: Socialize.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

***** Plunge into work, if you can prevent yourself from being distracted. A boss continues an erratic pattern, but frankly, you don't care. You find others amusing, and full of fun. Whether at your desk or walking on the street, there is a smile on your face. Tonight: Enjoy what is.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

***** Allow news to sink in. Think through a decision carefully, even if you are not in the mood. You decide to take half of the day off to be frivolous and shop. Check out that new item that you have been thinking of. Tonight: Take a gamble.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

***** Think before you leap. An associate urges you on, and basically, you concur with what he suggests. Listen carefully to a family member, though ultimately you are

Marmaduke

Marmaduke comic strip panels.

"I never could figure out why they call that walking your dog."

The Family Circus

The Family Circus comic strip panels.

"I rushed in here so you guys wouldn't be worried 'bout me!"

Crossword Puzzle

by THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS of songs

1 Reactor type

7 Cain's victim

11 Ivanhoe's love

12 Met star

13 Callous

15 Cleaner

16 Listen to

18 Metallic element

21 Depend

22 Gobi, for one

24 Ltd.'s kin

25 Delly

26 Bakery buy

27 Gown wearers

29 Doll's cry

30 Concept

31 Cotton unit

32 Fiery crime

34 Abeyance

Crossword puzzle grid with words filled in.

Yesterday's Answer

1 doubled

2 Pot fill

3 Bike parts

4 Fatal

5 Dadaist

6 Hima-layan land

7 Felony, e.g.

8 Hard stuff

9 For men only

10 Food fish

11 Mine output

12 Order's partner

13 Capp and

14 Pacino

15 "Golly!"

16 Corn serving

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USATF still in turmoil over suspensions

By BERT ROSENTHAL
AP Track Writer
NEW YORK (AP) — Track and field's national governing body is incensed over the drug suspensions of shot putter Randy Barnes and sprinter Dennis Mitchell by the sport's world organization.

"USATF is concerned and dismayed that the IAAF chose to temporarily suspend two American athletes on the basis of unproven allegations that they have committed a doping offense," Craig Masback, executive director of USA Track & Field, said Monday night. "USATF objects to the IAAF suspensions and will not enforce them.

"U.S. athletes are entitled to a full and fair hearing prior to being declared ineligible to compete. USATF has on several occasions informed the IAAF of its obligations under the Amateur Sports Act. Therefore, we are outraged that the IAAF knowingly breached our confidentiality rules, which were put in place to protect those ultimately determined to be innocent."

The International Amateur Athletic Federation disclosed the indefinite suspensions Monday.

Masback said that Barnes and Mitchell would "receive the full

support of USATF until such time as it is determined that they have committed a doping offense."

IAAF spokesman Giorgio Renieri said today he could not comment specifically on Masback's remarks. But he said IAAF rules could not be adjusted for different national federations.

"We know what the problems and laws are in the U.S.," Renieri said. "But we are the governing body for track and field for all countries in the world, and we have to apply the rules for everybody."

He said it was now up to the U.S. federation to act on the Barnes and Mitchell cases.

Barnes, the 1996 Olympic gold medalist and the world indoor and outdoor record-holder, and Mitchell, the 1992 Olympic bronze medalist in the 100 meters, were cited by the IAAF for failing out-of-competition drug tests April 1.

Barnes, who could face a life suspension for a second offense, was tested in Charleston, W.Va., and Mitchell in Gainesville, Fla.

Mitchell is president of USATF's Athletes Advisory Committee, the athletes' voice in the national governing body, which has taken a strong stance against drugs.

His suspension was handed

down last week and represents his first drug offense.

The IAAF did not officially announce the suspensions, and the precise terms of the punishment have yet to be determined.

These are two of the most prominent suspensions in track and field, following Ben Johnson at the 1988 Olympics, Butch Reynolds in 1990 and Mary Slaney in 1997.

Johnson is banned for life after two suspensions, but has requested reinstatement. Reynolds served a 27-month suspension and now is competing. Slaney was found innocent after several months and also is running again.

The suspensions come at a time when IOC president Juan Antonio Samaranch has suggested some performance-enhancing drugs be stricken from the list of banned substances.

They also come as U.S. track and field is seeking to regain its prestige and reputation but has had difficulty attracting sponsors and television coverage.

In determining an athlete's drug test, the IAAF examines a urine sample twice. Renieri said from Monaco that only the A sample from Barnes and Mitchell has been tested. However, that is sufficient to levy a suspension.

If the B samples are positive,

the IAAF then rules on the severity of the punishment pending a hearing by USATF. If the B sample is negative, the athletes are cleared.

Barnes was first suspended for two years starting in 1991 for the steroid methyltestosterone at a meet in Malmo, Sweden, in 1990. This time, the substance is androstenedione, a banned nutritional supplement.

Mitchell tested positive for testosterone. If found guilty following the B sample, he probably would receive a two-year ban.

Renieri did not know the testosterone level in Mitchell's sample. The allowable ratio of testosterone to epitestosterone (another natural substance) is 6:1. Anything above that level merits an investigation.

Mitchell's suspension was handed down last week, after he finished fifth in the Goodwill Games 100 and ran on the winning U.S. 400-meter relay team. If Mitchell is banned, he and the relay team of Jon Drummond, Tim Harden and Maurice Greene would be disqualified and forced to refund all prize money from the meet.

Mitchell was entered in the U.S. Open at Edwardsville, Ill., Saturday night, but the IAAF would not allow him to compete.

Sammy's slammin'

By BEN WALKER
AP Baseball Writer

Now everyone can call him Grand Slammin' Sammy.

Sosa hit his 39th and 40th home runs, including the first slam of his career, as the Chicago Cubs beat the Arizona Diamondbacks 6-2 Monday night.

Sosa had hit 246 homers — no player in major league history had gone longer at the start of a career without a slam — until connecting in the eighth inning at Phoenix.

"Thank God," he said, "I'm not going to have to hear that no more."

The record for most consecutive homers without a slam at any point in a career is 266 by Cal Ripken.

Sosa was teased by teammates after ending his streak, which began in 1989 when he hit his first big league homer for Texas against Roger Clemens.

"I'm sure he's glad to get that monkey off his back, because it was really just a fluke thing that he hadn't hit one," Cubs manager Jim Riggleman said.

Sosa tied his career high for home runs in a season and also matched his career-best with six RBIs. He has 102 RBIs, the fourth straight year he's reached the 100-RBI mark.

In other NL games, Colorado defeated Pittsburgh 8-7 in 13 innings, Atlanta beat Cincinnati 3-2 in 10 innings and Houston downed Florida 9-1.

Before Sosa, the record for homers at the beginning of a career without a slam was 209 by Bob Horner. Three players finished their careers with more than 150 home runs and no slams — Glenn Davis (190), Ron Kittle (176) and Claudell Washington (164).

Sosa set a major league record with 20 home runs in June, but had hit just four in July until connecting Sunday at Wrigley Field against New York.

"I've been swinging too hard, trying to hit the home run," he said. "The first at-bat he got me, and I said to myself I have to be more relaxed and go out there and make good contact."

Sosa hit a two-run homer in the sixth off Willie Blair, then hit a 438-foot drive to center field in the eighth off Alan Embree.

"That's twice he's pulled my pants down and embarrassed me," said Embree, who gave up Sosa's home run in June. "I have to figure out a way to get that guy out."

Rockies 8, Pirates 7, 13 innings
Vinny Castilla homered twice and doubled, and Jeff Reed hit an RBI double with two outs in the bottom of the 13th inning that lifted Colorado over Pittsburgh at Coors Field.

The Pirates led 7-2 in the sixth before the Rockies rallied. Neifi Perez singled home the tying run in the ninth.

Todd Helton hit a leadoff single in the 13th and beat the relay home on Reed's double.

Jose Guillen, who had a career-high four hits, and Al Martin each homered for Pittsburgh. Guillen also threw out Perez at third base from the base of the wall in right for his 12th outfield assist.

Pirates leadoff man Tony Womack had two hits and also set a major league record for consecutive at-bats without grounding into a double play. He has gone 889, breaking the mark of 887 by Brooklyn's Pete Reiser set in 1946.

Braves 3, Reds 2, 10 innings
Ozzie Guillen singled home the tiebreaking run with two outs in the 10th inning and Atlanta won at Cincinnati.

Guillen's third hit sent the Reds to their 10th defeat in 11 games. Cincinnati lost for the second straight day in 10 innings, with Stan Belinda (4-8) taking the loss both times.

Legalization of performance drugs questioned

LAUSANNE, Switzerland (AP) — On the same day American track and field stars Dennis Mitchell and Randy Barnes were suspended, IOC president Juan Antonio Samaranch's call for legalization of some performance-enhancing drugs was questioned.

The initiative comes amid a drug scandal that has tarnished the Tour de France and the indefinite suspensions of Barnes, the world indoor and outdoor record holder in the shot put, and Mitchell, the 1992 Olympic bronze medalist in the 100 meters.

Samaranch was quoted Sunday as saying the list of banned substances should be drastically reduced and that drugs that don't damage an athlete's health should not be prohibited.

"Doping now is everything that, firstly, is harmful to an athlete's health and, secondly, artificially augments his performance," he said in an interview with a Spanish newspaper.

Steroids and EPO, a synthetic hormone that boosts endurance by stimulating the production of red blood cells, are known to pose serious health hazards.

The IOC said Monday that Samaranch's statement was "fully in line with the ongoing work of the IOC and its medical commission, aimed at checking and updating the list of prohibited substances."

Jacques Rogge, an IOC executive committee member and vice president of the IOC medical commission, was surprised at Samaranch's remarks and wondered whether he was misquoted in the *El Mundo* newspaper.

Rogge, a Belgian surgeon, said it was impossible to differentiate between drugs that are hazardous or not.

"You have drugs that are bad for the health which don't improve performance, and should be on the banned list, and you have drugs that improve performance which are not bad in therapeutic doses," he said.

In Australia, Sydney Olympics Minister Michael Knight said today that Samaranch told him he had not softened his stand on performance-enhancing drugs.

Knight spoke to Samaranch by telephone as Australian athletes and sports administrators protested Samaranch's remarks.

"Mr. Samaranch assured me the IOC's campaign against drugs in sport would continue with full determination and vigor," Knight said.

Samaranch's remarks also elicited condemnation from officials and athletes in Germany and Britain.

"I fell under the table when I heard that," said professor Wildor Hollmann, honorary president of the World Association for Sports Medicine and of the German sport doctors union. "This way of thinking is nonsense. That would be an unbelievable step backwards."

British Olympic Association chief executive Simon Clegg said the Samaranch's comments were "harmful" and went against the BOA's policy.

Steve Overtt, winner of the 800 meters at the 1980 Moscow Olympics, said the remarks showed Samaranch wanted to "throw in the towel" in the fight against drug cheats.

"I think he is saying that they can't control it, which is a shame," he said. "How do you define dangerous? Is it when someone keels over and dies?"

Wooten learns to deal with stress and control problems

By The Associated Press

Playing football and keeping his starting job with the New York Giants aren't Tito Wooten's only concerns these days. The safety has another battle every day — learning to deal with the stresses of life.

And in many ways, it's a lot harder than playing a game that involves hitting and physical contact. That's part of football.

Wooten's battle is to keep it out of his everyday life. Over the last six years he's been arrested five times, including a couple of times on charges of assaulting women.

The last time was on Dec. 7, hours after Wooten played in the Giants' victory over the Philadelphia Eagles. He was arrested and charged with simple assault for allegedly hitting his girlfriend, Akina Wilson, in a New Jersey motel room.

A domestic violence restraining order was issued against Wooten, but the charges were later dismissed when Wilson told a municipal court judge the couple had made up.

In early January, Wilson committed suicide while Wooten was in Louisiana registering for a college course. She died of carbon monoxide poisoning in the garage of Wooten's West Paterson, N.J., home, his Mercedes idling next to her.

"I feel like if I hadn't gone to Louisiana, it would not have happened," Wooten said Monday in between practices at the Giants' training camp at the University at Albany. "But when someone has her mind set to do that, it will come to pass no matter where she's at, that's what my mother and my grandmother told me."

Since the death, Wooten signed a four-year, \$8 million contract with the Giants and has gone to counseling to deal with his anger.

"I've learned to restrain myself," said Wooten, who says he telephones counselors or the Giants when he feels anger developing.

"You can't just go flying off the

handle and do whatever you want to do," Wooten said. "You have to think and reason things out. You can't just react."

Broncos
Any lingering questions about the soundness of John Elway's surgically repaired throwing shoulder were answered Monday.

During a controlled scrimmage, Elway completed a 40-yard sideline pass against tight coverage that found rookie Marcus Nash in stride. This came one day after Elway completed long passes to Nash and tight end Shannon Sharpe in a passing drill.

Starting safety Tyrone Braxton bruised his left shoulder in the morning workout and did not participate in the afternoon session. Rookie running back Chris Howard felt a twinge in his left hamstring in afternoon practice and left the field with an ice pack.

Bears
First-round draft pick Curtis Enis was accused of sexual assault and is the subject of a grand jury investigation, police confirmed Monday.

A woman reported the alleged assault to police on May 30. Police referred the complaint to a Dallas County grand jury after the investigation yielded no physical evidence.

The former Penn State running back, the No. 5 overall selection in April's draft, has not yet signed. He was said to be in the Dallas area, where he is holding out after rejecting a six-year, \$13.2 million offer from the Bears.

Enis left Penn State a year early and turned pro after accepting more than \$1,000 worth of clothing from a sports agent, a violation of NCAA rules.

49ers
San Francisco signed first-round pick R.W. McQuarters, a defensive back who gave up his final year of eligibility at Oklahoma State to enter the NFL draft, to a four-year contract

Monday night.

McQuarters, chosen 28th overall, was named to the All-Big 12 football team.

Oilers
Linebacker Lemanski Hall had a slight concussion Monday morning after being knocked down during practice by rookie guard Lonnie Gilbert.

"Things are a little cloudy right now, but he remembers things, so the doctors will check him out," coach Jeff Fisher said. "But he bounced right up. He was trying to get the number of the offensive player that hit him. We haven't told him yet."

The Oilers, who have enjoyed temperatures in the mid-80s during the first two days of camp, practiced through a heavy rain in the morning.

Tennessee got a little healthier as offensive lineman T.J. Washington was activated off the physically unable to perform list. He had a muscle pull in his right leg that kept him from passing the physical the past two days.

Cardinals
Cedric Smith, the blocking back in Arizona's short-yardage formations, has a torn ligament in his right knee and will miss the season after surgery.

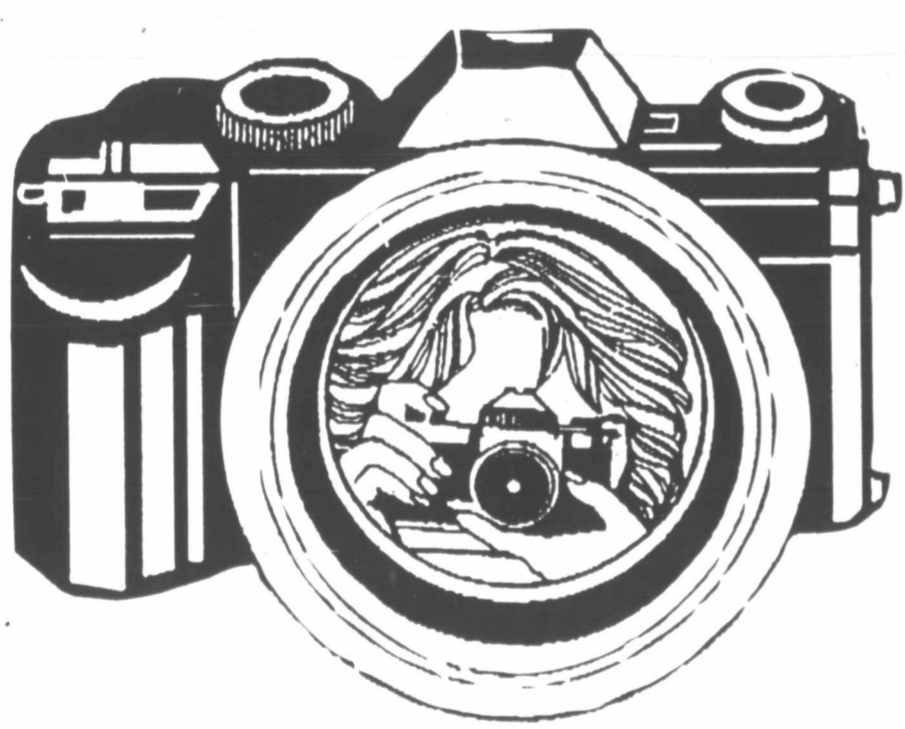
Team orthopedist Russell Chick tested Smith in Phoenix and found a torn anterior cruciate ligament. The 250-pound fullback was hurt Friday when rookie safety Pat Tillman knocked him out of bounds on a practice play. Smith's shoe caught on the artificial turf and he landed awkwardly.

Chiefs
Former Missouri fullback Ernest Blackwell, taken in the seventh round last spring, left camp unexpectedly.

"Ernest came to me yesterday and said that he had some issues that he was trying to deal with and wanted to go home," coach Marty Schottenheimer said.

Also gone was Nate Parks, a second-year offensive lineman. Schottenheimer declined to discuss Parks' situation.

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Lawmakers, public honor fallen officers in Capitol's Rotunda

WASHINGTON (AP) — In exceptional homage, two Capitol Police officers felled by an armed intruder are being memorialized today in the stately Rotunda by the lawmakers and public they were sworn to protect.

In flag-draped caskets, the bodies of Jacob J. Chestnut and John Gibson lay in the center of the awe-inspiring hall beneath the Capitol's famous Dome. They became only the 27th and 28th national figures so honored in a tradition that began with the assassinated Abraham Lincoln.

Two dozen Capitol Police colleagues saluted as hearses pulled up to the central steps on the East Front of the Capitol and the coffins were carried inside.

Even before the bodies were returned to the Capitol, members of the public were lining up for a viewing in the Rotunda.

Jeffrey Barrow, 13, and his father, Don, a locksmith from Atlanta, arrived at 5 a.m. They had been in the Capitol Friday afternoon when the gunman inexplicably opened fire at one of the main entrances.

"I wanted to come and pay respects," said Jeffrey Barrow. "I've been asking myself why would he want to kill them. They didn't do anything to him."

A nationally televised ceremony was set for the afternoon at which President Clinton, House Speaker Newt Gingrich and Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott were scheduled to speak.

The alleged assailant, Russell E. Weston Jr., 41, is recovering from wounds in his chest and elsewhere and facing further surgery at D.C. General Hospital. A diagnosed paranoid schizophrenic, he was charged preliminarily with killing a federal officer, which carries a possible death sentence. Additional charges were pending.

The formal honors for Chestnut and Gibson began Monday when the House and Senate approved a resolution lauding the two men "for the selfless acts of heroism they displayed on July 24, 1998, in sacrificing their lives in the line of duty so that others might live."

The resolution also provides funeral expenses

plus a gift equal to a year's salary to their wives and children, and authorizes a plaque in the officers' honor to be placed in the Capitol.

The roll call in the House was 392-0. The Senate — with nearly three-fourths of its members present, mostly sitting in their chairs — used a voice vote.

The House, where the two officers worked, dedicated its entire day to speeches saluting them. A parade of senators also spoke in their honor, though that chamber spent much of its day debating credit union legislation.

"They died doing their job. They died being professionals," said an emotional House Majority Whip Tom DeLay, R-Texas, for whom Gibson served as bodyguard.

Earlier in the day, a distraught DeLay placed flowers on a corner of the Capitol's East Front steps, which have become an impromptu floral memorial to the two officers.

Both men will be buried at Arlington National Cemetery. Chestnut is an Air Force veteran, and the Army approved Gibson's interment there after it was requested by Gingrich, R-Ga., and House Minority Leader Dick Gephardt, D-Mo.

Weston's case was transferred to federal court, where U.S. Magistrate Judge Deborah Robinson said she will evaluate the case daily until Weston has recovered sufficiently from gunshot wounds to appear in court. Weston's doctors said they were concerned about his heart and possible blood clots.

His court-appointed lawyer, A.J. Kramer, met with him for about 45 minutes. He said little about the session, other than that Weston was alert and in poor physical shape.

The gunman tore into the Capitol on Friday afternoon and almost immediately shot Chestnut, who was guarding an entrance used by visitors. He then dashed into a corridor used by DeLay and his aides, where the intruder and Gibson fired at each other from point blank range as people ducked under desks and behind locked doors. A female tourist also was wounded and was discharged from a hospital Saturday after being treated.

Legendary love story may be myth

WILLIAMSBURG, Va. (AP) — It was a love story for the ages: the young Indian princess Pocahontas, madly in love with the English Capt. John Smith, begging the chief — her father — to spare her lover's life.

Ever since Smith first wrote it down more than 300 years ago, there have been stories, art works, books — and the Disney movie extravaganza "Pocahontas."

The only problem: the story may not be true. While historians have long questioned the truthfulness of Smith's account, two researchers who examined previously ignored Indian oral histories say the explorer and leader of the Jamestown colony may have simply misunderstood native rituals.

Smith claimed that the Powhatan Indians kidnapped him and that chief Powhatan, the head of a 32-tribe kingdom in the Chesapeake Bay area, was about to kill him with a club when Pocahontas threw her body over his and begged her father to spare him.

Researchers Karen Aneiro and Robert C. Hale

looked into Indian traditional storytelling — a source overlooked in favor of Smith's written account. They presented their findings this week at a conference of the International Union of Anthropological and Ethnological Sciences at the College of William and Mary.

The Powhatans had no written language, and historians and scholars until recently ignored the Indian tradition of passing down stories orally.

In this case, that tradition suggests that Smith was captured by the Indians "but that he wasn't going to be beaten to death," said Ms. Aneiro, of the University of Florida. "It was an adoption ritual. It was something he didn't understand."

Seth Mallios, a University of Virginia anthropologist and archaeologist, agreed that Smith may have misunderstood a ritual.

Mallios said that to be accepted into Indian society, a foreigner had to undergo a ritual "death" and then be symbolically reborn. During the ritual death, the tribe would make preparations that would appear to the untrained eye like the setup for an actual execution.

Study: Income jumps from welfare to work

WASHINGTON (AP) — Welfare recipients moving into the work force are best off at the outset when they have part-time, low-paying jobs and are still receiving some welfare benefits.

But these supports disappear as they work more hours for more money and the marginal increase in income grows smaller and smaller.

"Once a parent is already working at a low-wage job, increasing pay doesn't do much to increase income," said Gregory Acs, co-author of the study released Monday by the Urban Institute's Assessing the New Federalism project.

Together with a second study released Monday, researchers

offered evidence that moving from the welfare rolls to the ranks of the working poor is not as tough as once thought and pays off, though moving further up the economic ladder is tougher.

The second study surveyed employers and found they prize a positive attitude and reliability far above experience and training when hiring and that they saw these qualities in the welfare recipients they hired.

The first study examined how the income of a single mother with two children in 12 states changes as she works more for better pay. It found the average woman would see her income increase 51 percent after she began working

20 hours a week for \$5.15 per hour.

But nearly doubling her hours to 35 hours per week would only increase her income by 20 percent, because she would begin losing welfare and food stamps. And a huge pay raise — for \$5.15 to \$9 per hour — would only boost her bottom line by 16 percent, as the earned income tax credit for the working poor begins to phase out.

In states with low welfare benefits, getting a job makes a huge difference.

In Mississippi, for instance, a family's income more than doubles when a parent begins working at a minimum-wage job just 20 hours per week. But in Washington state, incomes increase just 38 percent.

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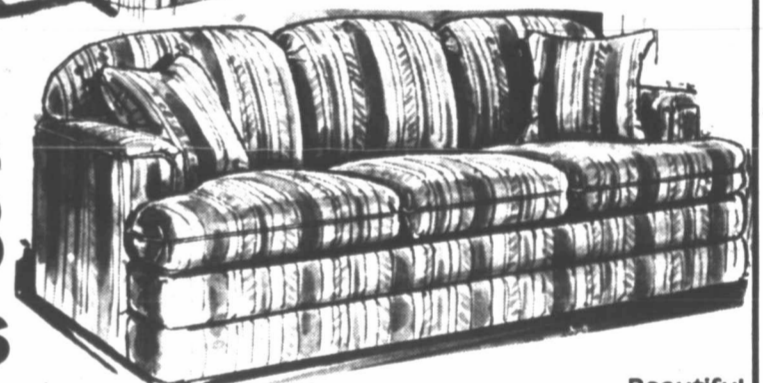
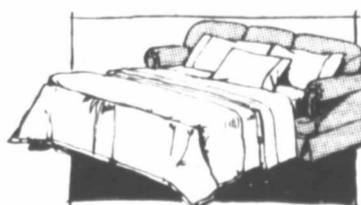
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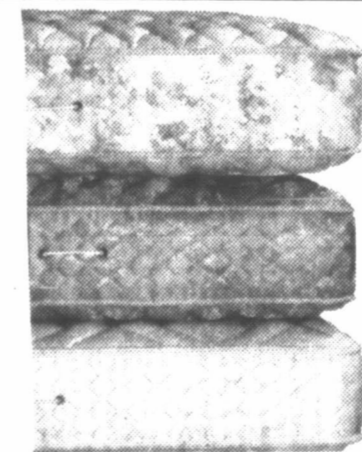


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