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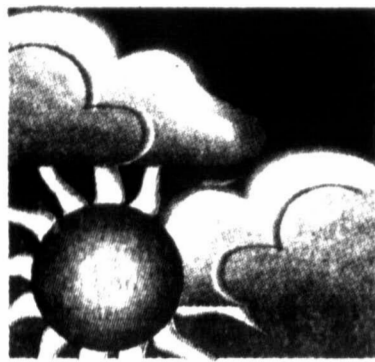
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80s. See Page 2 for
weather details.

PAMPA - City commissioners will hold a special meeting Thursday at 5 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers at City Hall.

During the special meeting, commissioners will be presented a budget amendment for the Pampa Economic Development Corporation. The amendment is expected to be related to the executive director position.

Members of the PEDC board of directors have been searching for a new executive director since the resignation of Jack Ippel in March.

PAMPA - The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board will meet Thursday at 6 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers at City Hall.

Once again, the development of Dr. V.E. von Brunow park will be on the topic for discussion. The Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1657, the Pampa Area Foundation for Outdoor Art and descendants of von Brunow have submitted development ideas to the advisory board.

Other agenda items include: a request from the Pampa Community Youth Services Inc., a creative playground, wildscape gardens and the water bill donation report.

PAMPA - A special meeting of the Traffic Commission has been set for Thursday at 7 p.m. in the City Hall City Commission Chambers.

Among items for consideration are a citizen request to erect a stop sign in the 400 block of North Gray, a request to modify parking around Pampa High School, a change in parking restrictions in the 1300 block of Christine and installation of a traffic light at Kentucky and Sumner. The meeting is open to the public.

PAMPA - The Pampa Area Unified Ministerial Alliance will be sponsoring a benefit barbecue Sunday for the Macedonia Baptist Church.

The barbecue will be held from 12 noon until 2:30 p.m. Sunday in the Heritage Room at M.K. Brown Memorial Auditorium. Tickets are \$10, with proceeds to benefit the church in its rebuilding project.

Total donations for the project are at nearly \$10,000, with another \$100,000 needed for the rebuilding project.

The Fifth Sunday Worship Service will be held at 6 p.m. Sunday in the Heritage Room, with offerings being accepted for the building fund.

People wishing to donate to the fund may write checks payable to PAUMA or Macedonia Baptist Church and mail to 1200 S. Sumner, Pampa, TX 79065.

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Trial continues for suspect in Shamrock case

WHEELER - Testimony is expected to continue today in the aggravated assault, robbery and kidnapping trial of a prison escapee who area law enforcement officers say led them on a three-day manhunt east of Shamrock over the New Year's holiday.

Michael Ray Dunn, also known as Christopher Wayne Adams, 27, is accused of holding up Puckett's Food Store in Shamrock on Dec. 30, 1996, at gun point and forcing employees in the store into a rear room. He is also accused of taking the store manager's car and ramming a Wheeler County deputy's patrol car during a high speed chase.

Dunn's eye shifted back and forth Tuesday afternoon among the seven-woman, five-man jury as District Attorney John Mann read the five indictments against him, one for robbery, one for aggravated assault and three for kidnapping.

Testimony in the case began shortly after 2 p.m. Tuesday in Judge M. Kent Sims' 31st District Court after Dunn pleaded not guilty to each of the five indictments.

In his opening statement, Mann said he expected to show that Puckett's Food Store in Shamrock was help up about 8 a.m. on Dec. 30, 1996, by a man carrying a sawed-off .22 caliber rifle.

Mann said the robber forced Buddy Wood, then the store manager, Scott Porter, the meat market manager at the time; and Joyce Allison, a store employee, into a back room of the store after taking the store's money. The three were bound with duct tape and the robber escaped in Wood's car.

Wheeler County Deputy Sheriff Jerry Bailey spotted the car east of Shamrock and stopped it. As Bailey got out of his patrol car, the driver of the stolen sedan put his car in reverse, ramming Bailey's car, then drove off. The stolen car was later found abandoned and a manhunt was launched for the driver.

Mann said Scott Barefoot, a

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local rancher, was feeding his cattle New Year's Day when he was approached by a stranger. Having been warned there was a manhunt under way for the man who robbed Puckett's, Mann said, Barefoot pulled a gun from his pickup and contacted authorities.

Game Warden Robert Greenwalt arrived and arrested the man who approached Barefoot, Mann said.

"The person taken into custody was Michael Ray Dunn," Mann told the jury.

Wood, Porter and Allison testified Tuesday afternoon about their experiences during the robbery of the Shamrock grocery store, and Bailey testified about the high speed chase in which he was involved.

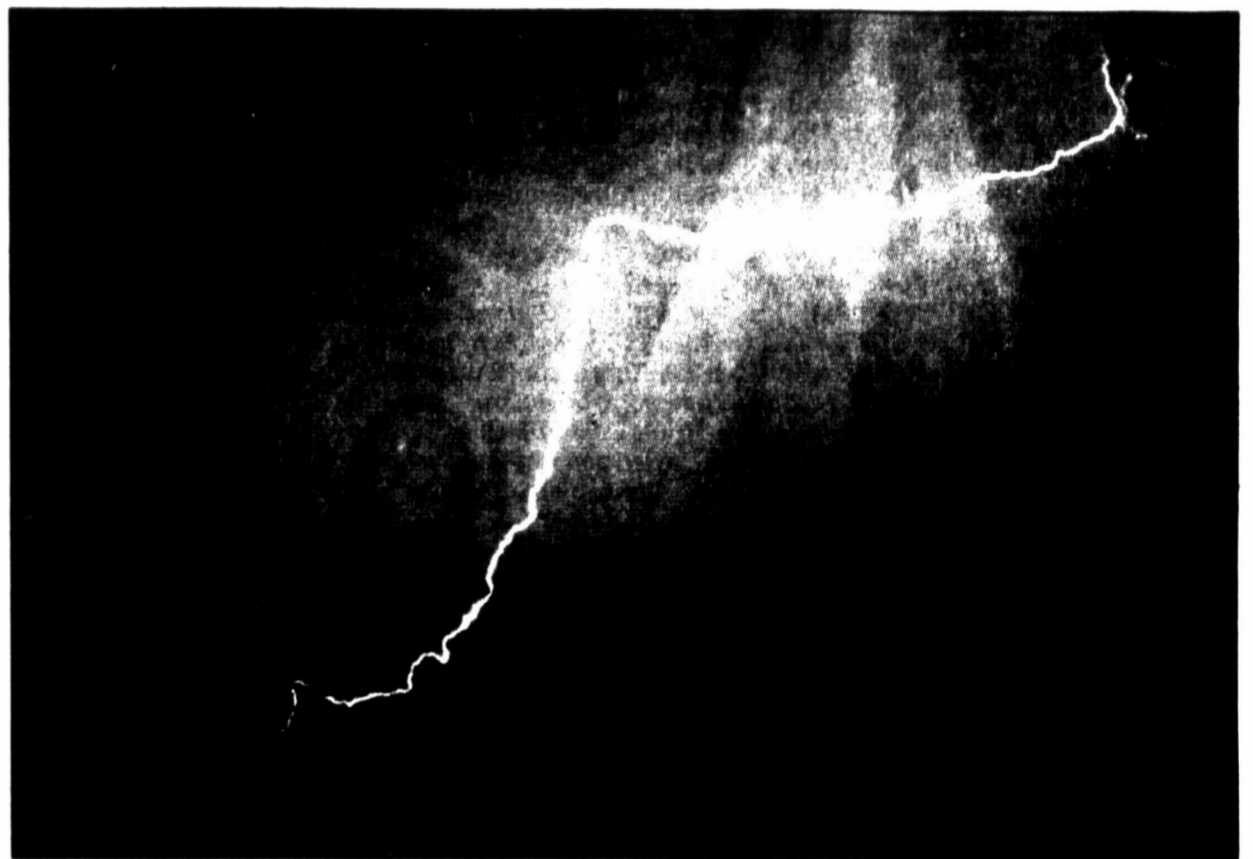
Shamrock Constable Jerry Bob Jernigan testified concerning the robbery and the circumstances of Dunn's arrest following the extended manhunt.

"When he was arrested," Jernigan said, "he looked like he'd been rode hard and put up wet."

Among the evidence introduced Tuesday afternoon was a sweatshirt taken from Dunn that had been marked "Oklahoma corrections department." Mann said to the jury that Dunn was an escapee from a private prison in Mansfield, Texas, and was serving a 45-year sentence for armed robbery in Oklahoma.

Dunn, Mann said, identified himself to officers following his arrest as Christopher Wayne Adams. A check with the FBI later revealed Dunn's identity.

Lightning strike



(Pampa News photo by Danny Cowan)

A lightning bolt darts from the night sky Tuesday behind Magnolia Street in east Pampa as a summer thunderstorm flashed across the city. The storm left an official 0.15 inch of rain on the city. More chances for showers and thunderstorms are in the forecast through Thursday night.

City discusses debris in alley problem

By LAURA HALEY
Staff Writer

Once again, debris in the alleys was a topic of discussion at the city commissioner workshop meeting Tuesday afternoon.

Commissioner Bob Dixon had requested the subject be placed on the June 24 workshop agenda during a special workshop meeting held by commissioners last week. The topic centered on the problems of debris in the alleys and the city's responsibility for removing those items.

"The city does not have the manpower to take care of this problem - in any department," said Dixon.

City Manager Bob Eskridge agreed and gave commissioners and audience members history of the problem. In the past, the city has had a great deal of problems

with debris, such as furniture, appliances and other large items being stored in the alleys. Sanitation workers began picking up these items at no cost, even though it was not their responsibility to keep the alleys clean for their crews and other city departments who needed access.

But residents began taking advantage of the free disposal of these items that they city workers were providing and the problem of alley debris increased, said Eskridge.

He also mentioned a similar situation has occurred with the problem of high weeds throughout the city. Commissioners recently passed an ordinance that would allow residents to be charged if city workers must mow private property to control the high weeds.

In order to address the alley problem, the city commissioners

decided last year to charge residents if city workers had to remove debris, such as furniture and appliances, from the alleys. Workers made one last sweep through the city to clear the alleys.

It has taken almost a year, but the workers are only five blocks from completing this task and those alleys that are now clean are under effect of the ordinance once they are cleaned.

Under the new ordinance, residents can either remove the debris themselves at no cost, can borrow a truck from the city to remove the debris themselves at no cost or can allow a city worker to remove the debris at a charge. The charge depends on the amount and type of debris that must be removed and can be added to a resident's water bill.

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Pampa prepares for Top O' Texas Rodeo

Local entries are now being accepted for various events of the Top O' Texas Rodeo and Kid Pony Show scheduled for July 7-12.

Kid Pony Show entry forms are now available at the rodeo office, 200 N. Ballard in Pampa, for youths up to age 15. The Kid Pony Show performances are set for Monday through Wednesday, July 7-9, at 7 p.m. daily.

Kid Pony Show entries close at 5 p.m. on Thursday, July 3. No entries will be accepted after that time. The rodeo office will be closed Friday, July 4, for the Independence Day holiday.

Entries are being accepted for the Mutton Busting event to be held during the 51st Annual Top O' Texas Rodeo. The event, to be held nightly Thursday through Saturday, July 10-12, is open to boys and girls ages 7 and under

and limited to six contestants each night.

There is no fee for entering the Mutton Busting, but participants must be entered in the Kid Pony Show to be eligible to participate. Prizes will be awarded to the winners.

According to Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association rules, people must be a PRCA member to enter the pro rodeo events.

However, there are several events scheduled for the PRCA rodeo in Pampa for local entrants who are not PRCA members.

Plans are under way for the Celebrity Pickup Race scheduled for 6 p.m. on Thursday, July 10. This exciting event is sponsored by LOL Cattle Company, and entry forms are now available at the rodeo office.

Double Mugging entry forms are also available at the rodeo office for local cowboys to try their skills. Sponsored by Bowers Ranch, this event allows local cowboys and girls an opportunity to test their skills at a rodeo event.

The 51st Annual Top O' Texas Rodeo performances will be held Thursday, Friday and Saturday, July 10-12, at 7:30 p.m. Beutler and Gaylord Rodeo Company will produce this year's show again with much outstanding stock. Charlie Throckmorton of Fort Worth will be announcing the fast action this year.

On Thursday, July 10, starting at 5:30 p.m. there will be a free barbecue for Thursday ticket holders. Sponsors for this year's barbecue are Mundy Companies, Albertsons and Danco Oil Tools.

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Sponsors sought for Boys Ranch participants

The Top O' Texas Rodeo Association has once again invited the boys and girls from Boys Ranch and Girls Town to participate in the Kid Pony Show, scheduled for July 7-9.

However, the association needs the assistance of the people of Pampa and surrounding area in order for these boys and girls to participate.

Sponsor donations are now being accepted at the Top O' Texas Rodeo Association office at 200 N. Ballard in Pampa. The donations are to pay the entry

fees for these children. Entry fees range from \$8 to \$16 per event per child. Any donation will be greatly appreciated, association officials said.

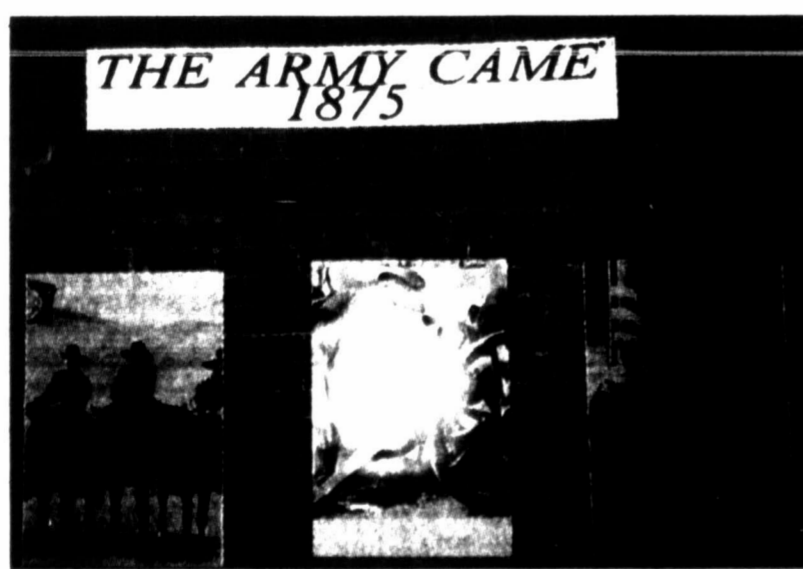
These children would not be able to participate in the Kid Pony Show without the generous support of the people of this area.

The boys and girls who came in 1996 were excited and very appreciative of the caring donations that enabled them to participate, association officials noted.

The Pampa Chapter of the Fellowship of Christian Cowboys will again be furnishing dinner to the Boys Ranch participants and sponsors each evening. Anyone wishing to donate to the evening meal is asked to contact Carolyn Stokes, chapter secretary, at 665-0190 or 665-7896.

TOTRA officials ask area residents to help them provide "a wonderful opportunity" to these boys and girls who might not otherwise get to participate in the Kid Pony Show in Pampa.

Early military exhibit



(Pampa News photo by Sherry Cromartie)

And "The Army Came in 1875." Photos and early day military items on exhibit in the Bison to Boom Town Room at White Deer Land Museum in Pampa tell the history of the first military command to come into the area. The items have been provided by Gray County commissioner and historian Gerald Wright of Pampa. Wright's display indicates the first established cantonment, located at some point on one of the northern tributaries of the North Fork of the Red River, was under the command of Major James Biddle of the 6th Cavalry. It was known as Sweetwater Creek, located east of Gray County inside Wheeler County in the Texas Panhandle. In December 1875, the Texas Panhandle was under the command of the Department of Missouri. By February 1875, additional troops were dispatched to the camp, which was moved from Sweetwater Creek to eastern Gray County. It was called Cantonment Creek.

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Services tomorrow

COLBERT, Miles Sr. - 2 p.m., Open Door Church of God in Christ, Pampa.

Calendar of events

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS

Narcotics Anonymous, a new non-profit group to aid people having problems with the use of narcotics, will have meetings at 8 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at 1121 S. Hobart. For more information, call 669-6260 or 669-2665.

IMMUNIZATION CLINIC

The Texas Department of Health will be having an immunization clinic offering vaccines that give protection against several childhood diseases, including polio, diphtheria, lock jaw (tetanus), whooping cough (pertussis), measles, rubella, mumps and HIB (haemophilus influenzae Type B) in Pampa at Columbia Family Health Care Center, 600 W. Kentucky, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday, June 26. The TDH is charging money to help with the cost of keeping the clinic open. The amount charged will be based on family income and size, and the ability to pay.

SKELLY-GETTY-TEXACO RETIREES CLUB

The Skelly-Getty-Texaco Retirees Club will meet at 12 noon Thursday, June 26, at the Pampa Senior Citizens Center.

Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by Attebury Grain of Pampa

Wheat	3.07	
Milo	3.93	
Corn	4.61	

The following show the prices for which these securities could have traded at the time of compilation:

Occidental	24 1/16	up 3/16
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The following show the prices for which these mutual funds were bid at the time of compilation:

Magellan	90.63	
Punitan	19.49	

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

Amoco	88	dn 1/4
Arco	22.08	up 3/16
Cabot	27.5/16	dn 7/16
Cabot O&G	17.9/16	dn 1/16

Chevron	73 7/8	dn 3/8
Coca Cola	70 1/4	dn 1/16
Columbia/HCA	39 13/16	dn 1/8
Enron	39 3/4	up 5/8
Halliburton	74 3/4	up 1/4
Ingersoll Rand	61 7/8	dn 3/16
KNE	41 3/8	NC
Kerr McGee	63 7/8	dn 7/16
Limited	19 13/16	dn 1/16
Mapco	31 9/16	dn 3/16
McDonald's	49 3/16	dn 7/16
Mobil	69 13/16	dn 1 1/16
New Atmos	24 1/4	up 3/16
Parker & Parsley	34 1/2	dn 1/16
Penney's	52 3/16	dn 1/16
Phillips	43 7/16	up 5/16
SB	119 5/8	dn 3/16
SPS	89 1/16	up 1/16
Tenneco	45 3/4	NC
Texasco	110 1/16	dn 1/8
Ultramar	30 15/16	up 1/16
Wal Mart	33 7/16	dn 1/8
West York Gold	38 7/8	up 3/8
Silver	4.73	
West Texas Crude	19.01	

Accidents

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

TUESDAY, June 24

A 1989 maroon Mustang driven by Heather Dawn Herndon, 17, 1801 N. Dwight, ran into a guard rail in the 1100 block of North Somerville. Herndon was cited for failure to control speed.

A 1987 gray Nissan Pulsar NX driven by Angel Andres Mata Jr., 30, 615 N. Faulkner, collided with a 1989 red Chevrolet S-10 truck driven by Melissa Ann Cox, 17, 1500 W. 22nd, at the intersection of Francis and Ward streets. Mata was cited for failure to yield right of way.

Emergency numbers

Energas	665-5777
SPS	669-7432
Water	669-5830

Ambulance

Rural/Metro reported the following calls for the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. Wednesday.

TUESDAY, June 24

8:17 a.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1300 block of North Hobart on a medical assist. One patient was transported to Columbia Medical Center.

11:21 a.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1100 block of Prairie Drive on a medical assist. One patient was transported to Columbia Medical Center.

11:58 a.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to Columbia Medical Center for a patient transfer to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

4:26 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the 900 block of Brunow on a welfare check. No one was transported.

8:39 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1100 block of North Somerville on a motor vehicle accident. No one was transported.

9:48 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to a local nursing center on a medical emergency. One patient was transported to Columbia Medical Center.

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4:22 a.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to Skellytown on a medical assist. One patient was transported to Columbia Medical Center.

5:36 a.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the 2400 block of Rosewood on a medical assist. One patient was transported to Columbia Medical Center.

Police report

The Pampa Police Department reported the following calls and arrest for the 24-hour period ending 7 a.m. today.

TUESDAY, June 24

Criminal mischief resulting in \$550 in damages to a door, a door window and a screen was reported in the 1000 block of Alcock. A juvenile was taken into custody and charged with the offense.

A theft of a \$300 black phone bag was reported in the 1500 block of North Coffee.

Arrest

Debra Kay Howard, 41, 618 Brunow, was arrested on five municipal warrants. She remains in custody.

WEDNESDAY, June 25

A burglary of a habitation was reported in the 700 block of North Sumner. Approximately \$2,000 worth of stereo equipment was stolen.

Fires

The Pampa Fire Department reported the following call for the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. Wednesday.

TUESDAY, June 24

8:37 p.m. - Three units and six personnel responded to a motor vehicle accident at the intersection of Hobart and Somerville.

Sheriff's Office

The Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrest for the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

TUESDAY, June 24

Arrest

Billy Glen Brown, 33, 618 Brunow, was arrested on three warrants. He remains in custody.

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Rodeo

While eating barbecue that evening, those attending the opening night performance can watch the ever-popular Celebrity Pickup Race followed by the Wardens Pickup Race. The Texas Department of Criminal Justice, Jordan Unit is hosting the regional wardens meeting and wardens from various units in the area will be competing against each other in their own pickup race.

Friday night, July 11, is Family Night for the rodeo, with special entertainment provided by Susie Luchsinger, gospel and country western singer. Her performance is sponsored by the Fellowship of Christian Cowboys and several area churches.

Discounted ticket prices are available for senior citizens and children when an adult ticket is purchased for Friday's performance.

Saturday, July 12, will be loaded with rodeo action, starting with the Top O' Texas Rodeo Parade at 10 a.m. The parade will start at the M.K. Brown Auditorium parking lot and wind its way through downtown Pampa. Parade entry forms also are available at the rodeo office.

PRCA steer roping, sponsored by Frank Johnson, will be held at 1

p.m. that Saturday at the rodeo arena. In addition, the Pony Express Tournament will be held following the steer roping, with the finals to be held at 7 p.m. that night.

The Wrangler Bullfight, sponsored by Wayne's Western Wear and Bowers Ranch, will be held each night of the rodeo. Some of the top PRCA bullfighting clowns will be coming to compete, including John Brogan, Frank Newsome and Gary Martin. Also, Jim Bob Feller, one of the best barrelmen and PRCA clowns, will be on hand.

Sirloin Stockade will be furnishing dinner to the cowboys each evening in the Cowboy Cafe, and Dobson Cellular will be providing a free long distance call. The Fellowship of Christian Cowboys will be providing ice cream for dessert, and JuDale School of Hair Design will be furnishing free hair cuts to the PRCA cowboys.

The Top O' Texas Rodeo is a Dodge Ram Tough Rodeo, thanks to Robert Knowles Dodge sponsorship. Coors and the North Country Coors Distributorship are sponsoring Rodeo Jackpot, in which members of the audience can win prizes while playing a fun game.

The rodeo dance, sponsored by First American Bank, SSB, will be held Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights at the Clyde

Carruth Pavilion, featuring popular area band Kracker Jack. Tickets may be purchased at the door.

In conjunction with this year's rodeo events, the Top O' Texas Rodeo Association will be holding the Miss Top O' Texas Rodeo and Miss Top O' Texas Rodeo Teen pageants.

Pageant directors Sonja Longo and Jamie Greene have put together an outstanding pageant, TOTRA officials said, with the help of many sponsors, including M & H Leasing, Duncan, Fraser and Bridges Insurance Agency, and the Clark Carr family of Canadian.

The contestants will have their horsemanship competition at the arena at 4 p.m. Thursday, July 10. The contestants also will be presenting the sponsor flags during each evening's performance, with the coronation ceremony to be held during the Saturday night performance.

The Queens Luncheon and Style Show will be held at 11:30 a.m. Friday, July 11, at the Pampa Country Club. Tickets are on sale at the rodeo office for the luncheon, with the public encouraged to attend.

For more information on tickets and entry forms for all events, contact the rodeo office at (806) 669-3241 or write Box 1942, Pampa, TX 79066.

El Paso considers naming street after Old West madam

EL PASO (AP) - Will city leaders give the green light to a street name honoring a legendary madam from the red light district of old?

The City Council has postponed until next Tuesday a decision on whether to rename Fourth Street for Beulah M'Rose, an Old West prostitute linked to famed gunslinger John Wesley Hardin.

Council members have already approved four other street names in the same area - Pat Garrett, Edge of Texas, Last Roundup and Wes Hardin. But they said they wanted to gather more information before naming a street after M'Rose.

"Don't you think we could find a more appropriate woman to name the street after?" asked city council member Jan Sumrall.

Local historian Leon Metz selected the names, which were to have a western theme. The streets in the Newman subdivision in northeast El Paso are being renamed because several streets in south El Paso have the same names.

The area is also the site of a steakhouse and Western-themed restaurant expected to open soon.

Donation earmarked for library remodeling

By LAURA HALEY
Staff Writer

A \$700,000 donation, the largest ever awarded for a city building, has been earmarked by the Lovett Library Memorial Foundation to remodel the city's library.

"It's hard to say thank you enough to them," said Commissioner Jeff Andrews during the meeting. "They have already spent an atrocious amount of time and money on this project ... It's unheard of to take that big of step on a city building."

City commissioners approved an agreement between the foundation, the city and the Lovett Library Advisory Board Tuesday evening during their regular meeting, specifying the purpose of the funds.

Last year, the foundation funded a comprehensive study of the library's facilities and operations. The study, conducted by Providence Associates Inc. of Denton, concluded the Lovett Memorial Library needed an estimated \$1 million in renovations to improve accessibility, lighting and conform to standards established in the Americans with Disabilities Act. That figure was later reduced to \$700,000.

The proposal was submitted to the city commissioners by Providence Associates in January, at which time commissioners voiced an inability to fund such remodeling.

In the agreement, the foundation has donated \$700,000 for the remodeling and construction costs. Also included in that monetary figure are architect's fees and a fee for a construction supervisor to oversee the changes.

Members of the foundation will oversee the project, with final approval on bids and inspections coming from city commissioners. Any changes in the remodeling plans over \$70,000 must be approved by the foundation.

Although it is not expected, the agreement contains a clause that any funds over the allotted \$700,000 may fall onto the city. The foundation does have the right to pay for any additional funds but it is not stipulated in the agreement that it must.

Changes recommended include conforming ramps, bathrooms and doorways with ADA standards, remodeling the location of the different sections, improving the lighting and using current storage space for children's areas.

There will be no additions to the existing building except an elevator on the west side of the building to conform with ADA standards. All other changes and construction will be within the existing building.

City commissioners, with Faustina Curry absent from the regular meeting, also voted upon the following items:

- Kelly R. Keith was appointed to fill an unexpired term on the

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board.

- LaTonya Jeffery was appointed to fill an unexpired term on the M.K. Brown Auditorium Board.

- A disbursement to Four R Industrial in the amount of \$238,02 was approved.

- A disbursement to Pampa Concrete Company in the amount of \$18,858.20 was approved.

- The final plat of the new Summit Subdivision was approved.

- The consent agenda was approved. Items on the consent agenda included minutes of the May 24 regular meeting and the June 17 special meeting, a resolution to transfer funds from a fully paid G.O. Bond I&S fund to the Series 1992 G.O. Bond I&S account, a resolution adopting financial policies for the 1997-98 budget, an ordinance placing stop signs at the Russell Street and Randy Matson Avenue intersection, ordinances relating to school zones and crosswalks and the May 31 list of disbursements in the amount of \$1,001,739.50.

In an executive session, commissioners reappointed Lewis Meers and Richard Stowers to the Pampa Economic Development Corporation Board of Directors. Jerry Wilson was appointed to fill Larry Orman's unexpired term on that board. Orman resigned his position because he is moving.

Phil Vanderpool was also reappointed as a municipal city judge by commissioners.

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Debris

But this new ordinance is not without its problems, pointed out Dixon. In some cases, city workers are unable to track down the culprit that placed the items in the alley. Residents, he pointed out, could easily place their debris in alleys that are not adjacent to their residence.

Although most residents, about 95 percent, said Eskridge, comply with the new ordinance and remove debris from their alleys, Dixon said his concern was the

five percent that would not comply.

Residents, he said, were voicing concerns about being charged for debris that did not belong to them.

"In most cases, people are going to know who did it," said Eskridge, who advocated along with commissioners Jeff Andrews and Faustina Curry that citizens should be more proactive and police their own alleys as they would their front yards.

Andrews also pointed out that residents who are worried about

being charged for the debris also have the option of removing the debris themselves at no cost.

In most cases, commissioners pointed out, residents who take the time to load the debris will go ahead and haul it to the landfill rather than dump it in another alley. And, as time passes and more residents become accustomed to the new ordinance, the problems should get better, Eskridge said.

After the clearing is complete, the city will begin grading the roadways as part of the improvements to the city's alleys.

Friends and families lay bus crash victims to rest

VALLE HERMOSO, Mexico (AP) - Relatives and friends have buried 14 maquiladora workers who died in a fiery bus crash in this town about 25 miles south of the Texas border.

The bus was carrying about 40 workers to the Maquila del Sur plant when it collided with a car

during a rainstorm Monday morning. The bus plunged into a 16-foot-deep canal and burst into flames, police said.

Fifteen people, including the bus driver, were killed. Among the victims was Adriana Figueroa Segura, daughter of former Mexican Congressman Antonio

Figueroa. Twelve others were injured in the accident, police said.

On Tuesday, work stopped at the factory as family and co-workers buried the dead. About 350 factory employees boarded buses and caravaned to nearby communities for funeral services.

Weather focus

LOCAL FORECAST

Tonight, partly cloudy with continued chance for showers and thunderstorms. Low in low 60s. Thursday, partly cloudy with 20 percent chance for afternoon thunderstorms. High in mid 80s. Tuesday's high was 91; the overnight low was 62. Pampa received 0.15 inch of moisture in the 24-hour period ending at 6 a.m. today.

REGIONAL FORECAST

West Texas - Panhandle: Tonight, partly cloudy with scattered thunderstorms. Lows in mid 50s to low 60s. Thursday, partly cloudy with chance for afternoon thunderstorms. High in mid to upper 80s. South Plains: Tonight, partly cloudy. A slight chance of thunderstorms. Lows 65-70. Thursday, partly cloudy. A slight chance of thunderstorms. High around 90.

North Texas - Tonight, partly

cloudy with a slight chance of thunderstorms. Lows 70 to 75. Thursday, partly cloudy with a chance of thunderstorms, mainly south and east. Highs 87 to 93.

South Texas - Hill Country and South Central: Tonight, mostly cloudy with a slight chance of showers or thunderstorms. Lows in low 70s. Thursday, mostly cloudy with a chance of showers or thunderstorms. Highs near 90. Upper Coast: Tonight, partly cloudy with a chance of showers or thunderstorms. Lows in low 70s inland to near 80 coast. Thursday, partly cloudy with a chance of showers or thunderstorms. Highs near 90 inland to upper 80s coast. Coastal Bend and Rio Grande Plains: Tonight, partly cloudy with a slight chance of showers or thunderstorms. Lows in upper 70s coast to mid 70s inland. Thursday, partly cloudy. Highs in mid 80s coast to near 90 inland.

BORDER STATES

New Mexico - Tonight, fair to partly cloudy west. Partly cloudy central mountain chain eastward with widely scattered thunderstorms, mainly during the evening then isolated thereafter. A little cooler northeast. Lows upper 30s to mid 50s mountains with mid 50s to 60s lower elevations. Thursday, partly cloudy. Widely scattered afternoon and evening thunderstorms east with isolated afternoon and evening thunderstorms continental divide to the central mountain chain. Highs 70s and 80s mountains and north with 90s lower elevations south except near 100 southwest deserts.

Oklahoma - Tonight, partly to mostly cloudy. A chance of showers and thunderstorms, mainly north. Lows from mid 60s to low 70s. Thursday, partly cloudy. A slight chance of showers and thunderstorms north. Highs from upper 80s to mid 90s.

City briefs

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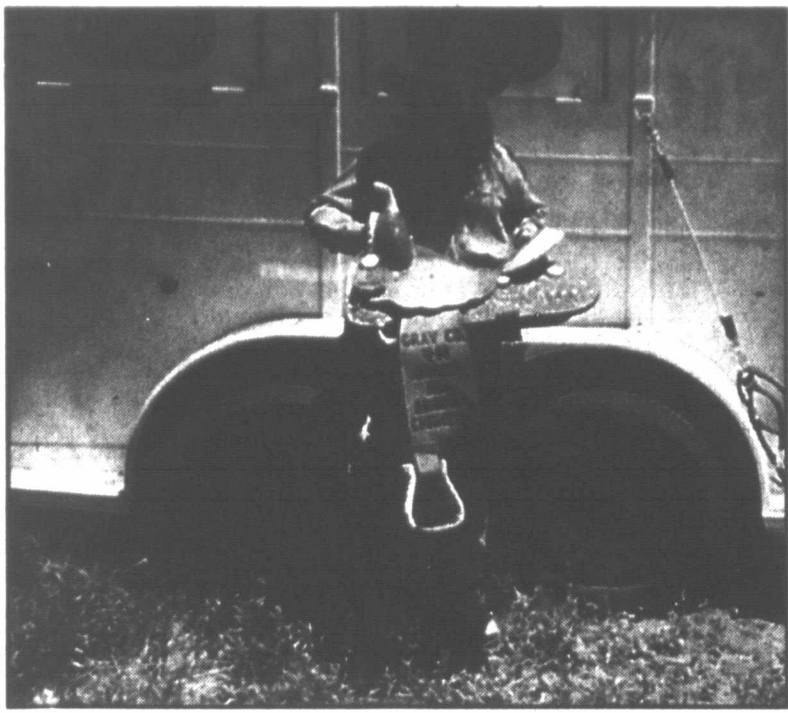
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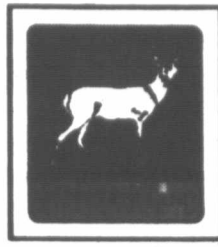
(Special photo) Sequin Downey claimed the All Around Champion Saddle donated by the Bowers Ranch for the 1996 Gray County 4-H rodeo. This year's rodeo will be Aug. 22-23.

White Deer Land Museum has new booklet

The recent publication of "Romance of the Pampas," a 29-page booklet of historical photographs and fictional vignettes that create an album of the settlement of this region, marks a new era in the life of the White Deer Land Museum.

The black-and-white art quality brochure was conceived, designed and written by WDLM advisory board members Michael Trimble, Mary Fatheree and Pernie Davis and made possible by grants from the Pampa Chamber of Commerce, the Gray-Pampa Foundation, the H.E. and Inez B. McCarley Foundation, the Nona Payne Foundation and the Memorial Fund of the White Deer Land Museum.

The purpose of the publication is three-fold: to increase the use and enjoyment of our unique museum by residents of the Texas Panhandle; to bring tourists to



Memo from the Museum by Mary Fatheree

the city; and to create interest in this area as an attractive place to settle, raise a family or start a business.

Keepsake copies of "Romance of the Pampas" are available at the Museum's Holland Wing for a \$5 donation.

Plans are in the final stages for the White Deer Land Museum Foundation's second Street Dance to be held in front of the Museum at 112 S. Cuyler on Saturday, Aug. 30, from 7 p.m. until 11 p.m. "An Evening Under the Stars II" is the Foundation's

major fund-raising effort and will feature a char-broiled hamburger buffet prepared by a team of experienced outdoor chefs from around the county.

The burgers will be accompanied by ranchstyle beans, potato salad, beverages and homemade cookies. Members of the Foundation and advisory boards will prepare their favorite salsas and dips for starters.

Guests will dance to the music of the Magic City Cowboy Band and the Rocking Chair Cowboys, well-known local groups. The Museum will be open for guided tours and viewing of the Holland Wing's summer exhibit, "From Bison to Boom Town—Transforming the Plains." Tickets for the event will be \$15 per person and will go on sale the latter part of July. (See this column in August for more information.)

Volunteers from both Museum boards hope to make the Street Dance an annual county-wide event that reflects the early days in Pampa when community members pooled their resources to provide their own entertainment. Make plans now to join the fun.

The Museum's special exhibit, "From Bison to Boom Town," will be on view from now until Sept. 1, during regular Museum hours of 1 p.m. until 4 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday. (Watch for an announcement soon of extended summer hours.)

The exhibit was mounted by a committee headed by former Pampa High School history instructor Howard Graham, assisted by the Curator/Director Anne Davidson. It features Museum artifacts and photographs and the Santa Fe Railroad equipment and memorabilia collection of Dale Worley of Amarillo.

Art Works from private Pampa collections provide accents to the tableaux, which range from the period of Plains Indian and military dominance to the railroad, farming and ranching, settler and boom town years.

Logo caps from some of the oil and oil-related industries in the area are displayed in the Boom Town tableau, and the Exhibits Committee would welcome more. If you have a logo cap you would like to add to the display, please bring it by the Museum at your convenience.

The White Deer Land Museum is in the process of acquiring artifacts for a permanent oil and gas exhibit. If you are a part of the industry and have memorabilia from Gray County's boom town days that you would like to give to the Museum, please contact the Curator/Director at 669-8041.

The Museum now has a state-of-the-art security system, a new computer-printer and the beginnings of a web-site on the Internet — all made possible by Foundation and memorial funds, a grant through the Panhandle Museum Resource Sharing Consortium, and the invaluable services of volunteers and the Gray County museum staff.

As we enter the 21st century, we invite the residents of this county and rest of the Texas Panhandle to join us in a revitalized Museum with a program of future events designed to appeal to every member of your family.

McQuay sentenced again

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Larry Don McQuay, the convicted child molester who has begged the state to castrate him, has been sentenced to 20 years in prison after a judge found him guilty on three more counts of child molestation.

McQuay, who claims to have attacked scores of children, wants to be castrated because he fears he'll commit further crimes.

He was paroled in April 1996 under mandatory release rules after serving six years in prison for the sexual assault of a seven-year-old boy in San Antonio. Under terms of his release, McQuay was kept in a lockup in downtown San Antonio.

On Tuesday, McQuay, 33, waived his right to a jury trial but pleaded innocent to three charges of indecency with a child stemming from a 1989 incident in San Antonio.

No testimony was presented, and after 15 minutes of reviewing written evidence state District Judge Terry McDonald found McQuay guilty. He assessed three 20-year sentences to be served concurrently.

Describing McQuay as "manipulator," McDonald ordered that he be taken to the Texas

Department of Criminal Justice in Huntsville immediately.

Later, outside the courtroom, defense attorney Clay Conrad described McQuay as a man "obsessed with his fantasies" who should receive treatment or the castration he has sought.

The defense has indicated it will challenge the latest charges based on the time that elapsed between the incidents and his indictment last August.

Although McQuay had asked to be castrated, Bexar County District Attorney Steve Hilbig said the best way to protect the public from him is to keep McQuay behind bars.

TDCJ spokesman Glen Castlebury said Tuesday that McQuay likely will be eligible for surgical castration under a new state law making the operation available on a voluntary basis to repeat child molesters.

"It appears he will be eligible for the new castration law. We will have to examine that," Castlebury said. "We have a joint committee between our people and the University of Texas Medical Branch working right now on the whole issue of how to implement (the law)."

McLean rodeo winners named

McLEAN — Results of the McLean Route 66 Roundup Rodeo held Friday and Saturday, June 20 and 21, in McLean's Rodeo Arena indicate the following place winners and their times:

Bareback: 1. Justin Henderson of Hereford, scored 66; 2. Ike McClendon of Decatur, 63; 3. Jody Stelzig of Weatherford, Okla., 61.

Saddle bronc: 1. Clint Talcott of Guymon, Okla., scored 63 (only one qualified rider).
Tie Down Calf Roping: 1. Kurt Kiehne of Portales, N.M., time 9:1; 2. Jim Locke, Miami, 9:3; 3. Rowdy Slavin of Goodwell, Okla., 9:5; 4. Jed Garrison of Channing, 9:6.

Breakaway: 1. Shelly Johnston of Garden City, Kans., time 2:6; 2. Kelly Johnston of Garden City, 2:8; 3. Karen Smith of Childress, 3:2, in a tie with Chasity Rickman of Hereford.

Steer Wrestling: 1. Pecos Schafer of Shallowater, 4:4; 2. Billy Billingsley of McLean, 6:2; 3.

Matt Reeves of Pampa, 6:6; 4. Scott Quick of Hydro, Okla., 7:0.

Barrels: 1. Kelly Garrison of Channing, time 16:831; 2. Peggy Bleiker of Elk City, Okla., 17:023; 3. Linda McConnell of Hereford, 17:039; 4. Brianna Brooks of Booker, 17:094.

Team Roping: 1. Jim Locke of Miami and David Christian of Amarillo, time 8:3; 2. Kyle Krahn of Dalhart and Bryan Potter of Dalhart, 8:4; 3. Kurt Kiehne of Portales, N.M., and Brook Deerman of Hope, N.M., 8:6; 4. Kyle Krahn and Flynn Farris of Dalhart, 9:0; 5. Todd Pinkston and Jerry Cloud of Elk City, Okla., 9:3; 6. Two teams tied: Bobby Simmons of Eastland and John Paul Lucero of Villanueva, N.M., and Jim Locke of Miami and Kelvin Sharp of Amarillo, 13:1.

Bulls: 1. Layne McCasland of Wheeler, scored 74; 2. Casey Drake of Sayre, Okla., 72; 3. Mike Keith of Amarillo, 71; 4. Brad Johnson of Dallas and Will Daniels of Amarillo, 70.



THE WHITE DEER LAND MUSEUM

This is the cover of the new booklet promoting the White Deer Land Museum in Pampa.

State briefs

Homeowner said he thought odds were with him

LAKEWAY (AP) — Five years ago, a year after a record flood swamped Lake Travis, Jim Strubar thought the odds were in his favor in building a residence on the scenic waterfront.

"I went back and checked the records and I felt it was worth the risk building here," said Strubar, 47. "I figured it would be another 100 years before floods would hit like they did in 1991. I was wrong."

Tuesday, he was living out of a motel because eight feet of water were in his living room. A family of ducks swam on a nearby street in the neighborhood, called Graveyard Point because it was once a cemetery.

Strubar's was among the 200 to 300 Lake Travis homes that have been damaged from flooding spurred by weekend rains that sent rivers spilling over their banks. Four deaths have been blamed on the flooding.

Many areas of central Texas picked up between 5 and 10 inches

of rain on Sunday in a matter of hours. The rain turned quiet streams and rivers into raging rapids that flooded homes along a 100 mile stretch from just west of San Antonio to just west of Austin.

Davidians plan to inhabit compound once again

WACO (AP) — Branch Davidian Clive Doyle wants to move followers of David Koresh back to the Mount Carmel property where the charismatic leader and more than 80 of his followers perished in a fire four years ago, according to a published report.

The Waco Tribune-Herald reported in a copyright story today that Branch Davidian Clive Doyle wants to move Koresh followers back to what they consider hallowed ground.

Koresh and more than 80 of his followers perished in the April 19, 1993, fire after a 51-day standoff with authorities. The fire erupted as federal agents moved in to drive Branch Davidians out of the compound.

Doyle, who lost a daughter in the fire, asked the McLennan County Sheriff's Department to move other residents off the land east of Waco.

Sheriff's department investigator Terry Fuller met Monday with First Assistant District Attorney Crawford Long to determine if there are legal grounds to proceed with Doyle's trespass complaints against three relatives of a one-time rival of Koresh who now live there.

Insurers, corporations file \$10 million lawsuit

HOUSTON (AP) — Five chemical corporations and their insurers have filed a \$10 million lawsuit blaming four companies for warehouse fires in a Houston neighborhood two years ago.

On June 24, 1995, a fire broke out at the Houston Distribution Inc. warehouse in Pleasantville. The fire sparked up again on two separate occasions the following month.

Attorney Randy Donato filed the state district lawsuit this week on behalf of Great Lakes Chemical Co., Elf Atochem North America Inc., PMC Inc., Gotco Lubricants USA Inc. and Reichhold Chemicals Inc.

The chemical corporations are suing for the stockpiles they lost in the fires and the resulting loss of business.

The lawsuit accuses Italian-based Enichem Elastomeri and Delaware-based Brandywine Compounding Co. of negligence in the packaging and storage of their chemicals.

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We believe that freedom is a gift from God and not a political grant from government, and that men have the right to take moral action to preserve their life and property for themselves and others.

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Inside the Beltway
with
Rep. Mac Thornberry

Extra funding for Pantex plant

In a vote of the House National Security Committee, U.S. Rep. Mac Thornberry won approval of a provision which will provide the Pantex Plant with \$25 million in additional federal funds for the coming fiscal year.

"As we talk about bringing in new missions to Pantex," Thornberry stated, "I think it's also important that we not lose sight of the need to keep basic operations at the Plant in good, working order. The federal funds included in this bill will not only help do that, but will also help Pantex prepare for the Stockpile Life Extension Program, a developing mission which will keep many at the Plant busy for years to come."

According to Thornberry, the \$25 million will be spent on infrastructure improvements and enhanced surveillance activities at Pantex. These funds were approved as part of the Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1998, which passed the National Security Committee by a vote of 51-3.

In addition to the \$25 million, the Act also authorized \$255 million to Pantex for its regular operating budget, and \$11.9 million for the following two projects:

- \$6.9 million to upgrade sewage treatment quality
- Five million for a hazardous waste treatment and processing facility.

In addition to securing the funds for Pantex, Thornberry also succeeded in stopping an administration effort to extend the period of time the Department of Defense has to pay off contracts with meat and poultry producers in the 13th District and elsewhere. Under current law, the Prompt Payment Act requires DoD to pay for meat and poultry products within seven days, and other perishable commodities within 10 days. The Administration proposed changing the law to allow DoD and other government agencies to pay for "mixed invoices" (e.g., meat and non-meat products) in 30 days.

Thornberry noted that the Defense Authorization Act also includes several provisions which will benefit the men and women in our Armed Forces. These provisions included: Raising military pay by 2.8%, increasing the family separation allowance from \$75 to \$100 a month, directing \$947 million toward the construction and improvement of family housing (which is 39% more than the President's request), and, restoring \$274 million to the Defense Health Plan.

In addition to the Defense Authorization Act, the National Security Committee also approved the Defense Reform Act, a bill to begin forcing sweeping reforms designed to change the way the Department of Defense is organized and conducts business.

Both bills are tentatively scheduled to be considered by the full House of Representatives this week.

Thought for today

"What reinforcement we may gain from hope.
If not, what resolution from despair."
John Milton, *Paradise Lost*

Berry's World



"I recommend that you reduce stress by NOT trying to be MARTHA STEWART."

Where have all the flowers gone?

Dave Bowser

Pampa News staff writer

CROW AGENCY, Mont. — I always thought it strange to go into battle with radios blaring rock and roll, but we did.

With red tracers going out and green and yellow tracers coming in, Armed Forces Radio Vietnam blared the tunes of the day.

Sifting here on a bench listening to a park ranger talk about the boredom of garrison life in the 1870s broken only by brief skirmishes with Indians, I thought about another war 30 years ago. Tedious days broken by incoming rockets and mortars.

The park ranger talked about the heavy woolen uniforms the troopers wore on a summer's day in 1876. I thought about a Marine captain fresh from the field in his heavy green utilities sitting in the officer's club wondering aloud why Air Force officers who worked in nearby air conditioned offices were issued light weight jungle-camouflaged uniforms.

Looking over my shoulder at the white marble headstones that dot the hill behind me, I listen as the park ranger says the army in 1876 sent three columns out to attack Sioux and Cheyenne near the Little Big Horn River. The generals estimated no more than 2,000 hostile Indians. George Armstrong Custer and his 500-plus men found a village of about 12,000. I remembered a Navy Seal threatening the life of an intelligence officer after a raid on a village in Vietnam that was supposed to hold only a platoon of Viet Cong, the local militia. Instead, the Seal team found a company of North Vietnamese Regulars.

The park ranger told how Custer divided his command, sending part of them to attack the village from the south while he took the remainder to attack from the north instead of making a

single sweep through the village like he did when he attacked Black Kettle's village on the Washita 70 miles from present day Pampa.

At the Little Big Horn, the southern force attacked early, alerting the village. Custer was forced to fight a running battle that ended on the hill behind us. Strewn on the back side of the ridge across the five mile long battlefield were marble headstones marking the spots where men fell.

Custer's attack was uncoordinated as were the movements of the three columns that were supposed to reach the Little Big Horn at the same time, but didn't.

In his zeal for battle, Custer attacked rather than wait for the column that was a day behind him.

I knew Custer. I saw him one night in the eerie light of a flare, a young officer waving a .45 automatic crouched by a truck, exhorting us to come out of our bunker and fight the demons that were raining death down upon us. Perhaps later someone explained to him that the explosions were from rockets that had mostly likely been launched by timers, and that the 50-caliber tracers ricocheting off the mountains were shooting at where the enemy had been, but no longer was. Perhaps he learned not to expose himself or his men to unnecessary danger. Perhaps not.

It was not by accident that the land beyond

our concertina wire was referred to as Indian Country.

It's a question of tactics, a question of strategy, a question of living long enough to learn. Most of all it's a question of policy, and policy is made far from the battlefield.

Custer and his men were victims of a failed policy concerning the Indians just as thousands of others were victims of a failed policy in Southeast Asia.

The Plains tribes were not defeated by military might. They were ultimately defeated by economics. As the buffalo, the basis of their economy, disappeared so too did their way of life.

The Vietnamese were not defeated by the mightiest military machine of any nation on earth. They were defeated when they asked for most favored nation trade status.

In the past half century, I've buried too many family and friends to become emotional at a graveyard. I looked at the monument over the mass grave on Last Stand Hill with curiosity. I drove along the ridge noting with interest the sites pointed out on the audio tape that can be purchased from the visitors center. There was no emotion, only the detached interest of a tourist surveying a field of battle from more than a century ago.

It wasn't until the end of the tape when a lump came to my throat and tears welled up in my eyes. A military band struck up Garryowen, the Irish fiddle tuned the Seventh Cavalry had adopted as their own. The song Custer had the regimental band play when he went into battle at the Washita and again on the Little Big Horn.

I heard again AFVN playing The Animals version of "We've got to get out of this place."

Today in history

By The Associated Press
Today is Wednesday, June 25, the 176th day of 1997. There are 189 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:
On June 25, 1876, Lt. Col. George A. Custer and his 7th Cavalry were wiped out by Sioux and Cheyenne Indians in the Battle of Little Big Horn in Montana.

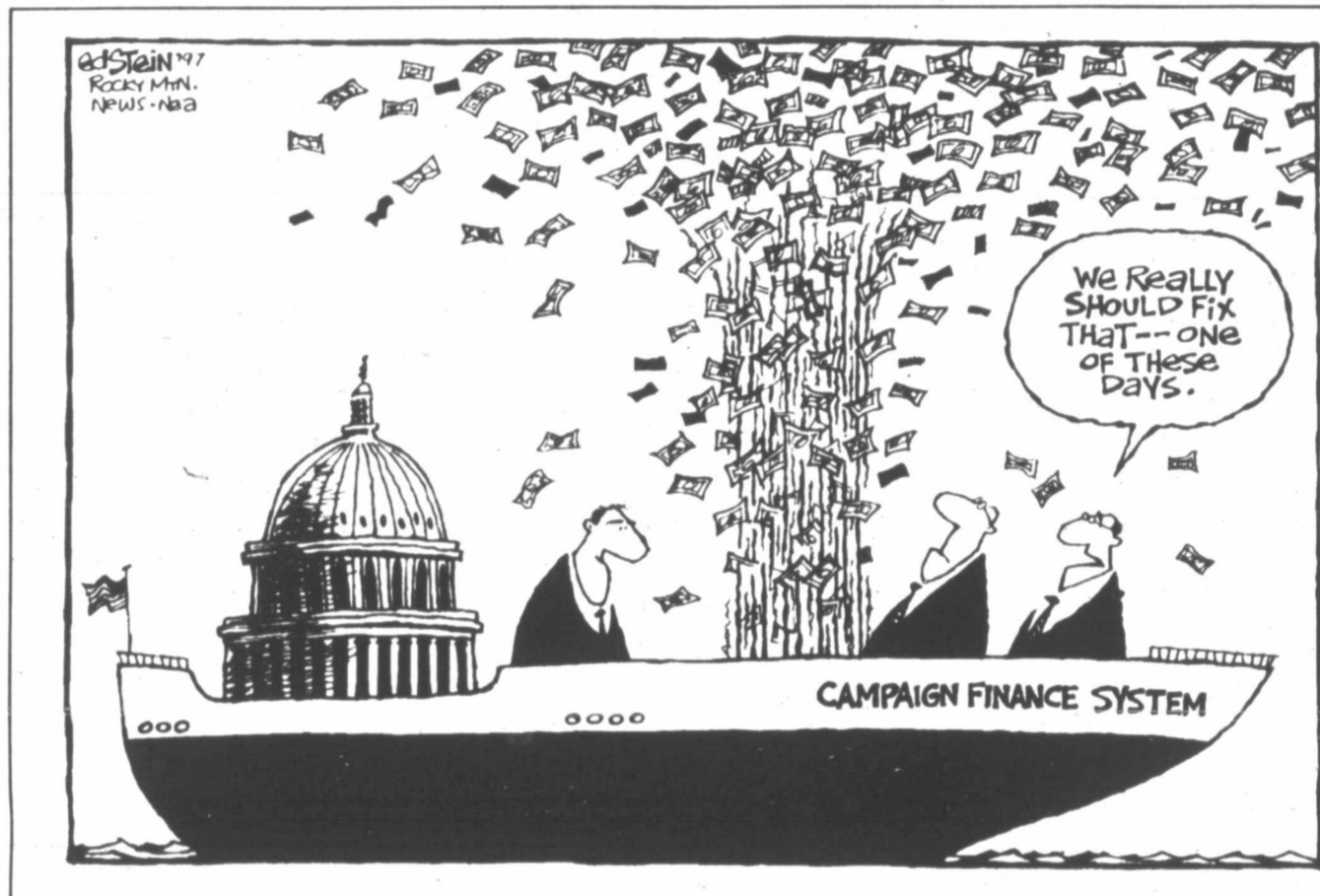
On this date:
In 1788, Virginia ratified the U.S. Constitution.

In 1868, Florida, Alabama, Louisiana, Georgia, North Carolina and South Carolina were re-admitted to the Union.

In 1906, a love triangle came to a violent end atop New York's Madison Square Garden as architect Stanford White, the building's designer, was shot to death by Harry Thaw, the jealous husband of Evelyn Nesbit.

In 1942, some 1,000 British Royal Air Force bombers raided Bremen, Germany, during World War II.

In 1950, war broke out on the Korean peninsula as forces from the communist North invaded the South.



Jews: An assimilation challenge



Mona Charen

President Clinton, apparently deaf to cliches, wished to inaugurate a "national conversation" on the subject of race. One would have thought this ground well plowed. Let's hope that the conversation will go beyond the tired incantations of white racism and discrimination. Those exist, and all good men deplore them.

But here's the more interesting news about race and ethnicity in America. While racial and ethnic distinctions still matter, they are less and less important. One excellent gauge of declining ethnic hostility is intermarriage. The rate of marriage between blacks and whites was about one percent in the 1940s and 1950s. Today, according to Census data, ten percent of black men marry white women.

The same pattern is more advanced among other ethnic groups. The rate of intermarriage among Japanese Americans is 50%, meaning only half of all Japanese Americans marry other Japanese Americans. For Italian Americans in their 30s, the intermarriage rate is 75%. Sixty-five percent of Irish Americans now choose to marry non-Irish. And fully 84% of Polish Americans are marrying those of other ethnic and religious heritages.

America is an open and welcoming society where assimilation is relatively easy and attractive. For the most part, this is good news. But not entirely.

For small, distinct groups hoping to maintain their separate existence, like the Jews, America's benevolent hug can be asphyxiating. This is not America's problem, but this is a Jewish challenge, and American Jews have yet to awaken to the danger.

Like all other ethnic and religious groups, Jews

are intermarrying. At last count, 52% of all Jews were marrying non-Jews. At the same time, the rate of conversion for non-Jewish spouses, which was 20% in the 1940s, has declined to five percent. The result, for those who care about the future of American Jewry, is demographic disaster.

In his extensively researched and carefully argued new book, *Faith or Fear* Elliott Abrams, former assistant secretary of state and now president of the Ethics and Public Policy Center in Washington, presents the dismaying news. Only 28% of intermarried couples celebrate Jewish holidays (while 54% celebrate Christian ones.) Not surprisingly, 90% of the children of mixed marriages marry non-Jews.

Whereas Jews once constituted 3.7% of the American population, their numbers have fallen to two percent and are declining precipitously.

As Abrams explains, this unraveling of the Jewish community is due to more than the absence of anti-Semitism. The Jews who arrived in the great migration waves of the early 20th century were often

eager to shake off their religious obligations along with their European accents. They embraced secularism emotionally and intellectually.

Twenty centuries of persecution at the hands of Christians convinced many Jews that their safety lay in a secularized, de-Christianized America. But there was more to it than that — and here Abrams is very measured — there was and is class and political prejudice among Jews toward conservative, religious Christians.

Many Jewish readers will be stunned to learn of the lengths most Christian denominations have gone to purge all anti-Semitic passages from their liturgies and teachings. So eager have the Christians been to erase anti-Semitism that they have even been willing to bend their traditional Christian understanding of salvation, allowing that the covenant between God and the Jews endures despite the coming of Christ. The Catholic Church, in a series of teachings beginning with *Nostra Aetate* in 1965, has banned unwanted proselytism, rejected the depiction of Jews as "deicides" and affirmed the Jewish peoples' continuing covenant with God. The major Protestant denominations have undergone similar transformations.

These efforts, while acknowledged by the tiny percentage of Jews who participate in interfaith conferences and such, are almost completely unknown to the majority of American Jews.

Would it matter if they did know? To some, certainly. But there is a larger percentage of American Jews who have embraced secularism not just because they fear Christianity but because they fear Judaism. And that subject, which Abrams tackles directly but tactfully, will be the subject of my next column.

Who speaks for Asian-Americans?



William Rusher

William Rusher is a Distinguished Fellow of the Claremont Institute for the Study of Statesmanship and Political Philosophy.

President Clinton picked just the right audience for his big speech on affirmative action on June 14: The commencement ceremony at the University of California's San Diego campus.

The graduating students, all of whom were admitted to the university while racial preferences were still in force, applauded almost every sentence of his speech enthusiastically. Others who had applied and been rejected because of their skin color, even though their grades and SAT scores were higher than many of those accepted, weren't on hand to hear Clinton explain why discrimination against them was necessary.

Neither were the applicants for state jobs who were pushed aside to fill quotas for minorities less qualified. And no one there, you can be sure, gave a moment's thought to the businesses whose low bids on government contracts were rejected in favor of higher bids by other businessmen lucky enough to belong to some favored minority.

It may seem harsh to refuse university admission to a black applicant merely because his academic qualifications are inadequate. Given the other disadvantages under which he (or she) usually labors, the impulse to help can be overwhelming. But we must remember that racial preferences are not a victimless crime: For every less qualified student admitted, a more qualified one must be turned away.

That is why I am utterly baffled by those alleged "spokesman" for the Asian-American community who support affirmative action, especially in college

admissions. For Asian-Americans are among those most unjustly discriminated against by affirmative action policies.

Experience in California and elsewhere makes it clear that Asian-Americans are, on the average, the best students in our public institutions of higher learning — better than blacks or Hispanics and, yes, better than whites. Whether this is owing to a superior genetic endowment, or stronger parental emphasis on the importance of study, or some other factor, the fact itself is indisputable.

For years, nevertheless, Asian-Americans were admitted under quotas that simply did not reflect their superiority. Only recently has this policy been modified, so that today the barriers are lower. But they still exist, and wherever more favored minorities are preferred thanks to "affirmative action," better qualified Asian-Americans are simply turned away.

This is bad enough, but the truth is that Asian-

Americans are being very badly served indeed by liberals in their own community who insist on helping the Democratic Party play race politics, even when doing so means stepping in the faces of young Asian-Americans who have every right to expect their support — or at least not their active opposition.

For example, Professor L. Ling-chi Wang of Berkeley scoffs at "the 'model minority' myth, in which Asian-Americans are portrayed as highly motivated and hardworking people." How would he portray them? He doesn't say, but he calls on them to "join with others" in a multiracial coalition "to defeat the forces of reaction."

Or consider a liberal front called Asian Pacific Americans for Affirmative Action, which during the campaign against California Proposition 209 had the gall to assert that "We need affirmative action so that people's qualifications, not stereotypes, are weighed" — even though the very foundation of affirmative action is the disregard of qualifications in favor of skin color, to the detriment of Asian-Americans.

Asian-Americans would do better to listen to Lance T. Izumi, an Asian-American who is a senior fellow at the Pacific Research Institute. He warns: "Empirical evidence demonstrates that Asian-Americans are clearly hurt by race-preference policies (at least in the university admissions area)."

As matters stand, the best interests of Asian-Americans are being sold like sacks of potatoes by self-appointed spokesman who are liberals first, Asians a distant second, and Americans last of all.



(Photos provided by Old Mobeetie Texas Association)

The 4th U.S. Cavalry Regiment, (Memorial) Association Inc. quadrille team, featured above, continues the tradition of the U.S. Cavalry horseman. Period tactics are applied to mounted drill which makes the riding performances historically correct. The Regiment will appear for the annual Wheeler County Heritage Day celebration at the Old Mobeetie Jail Museum grounds on Saturday, June 28.

Heritage Day festivities to kick off at Old Mobeetie jail this weekend

OLD MOBEETIE — On Saturday, June 28, the Old Mobeetie Jail Museum steps back into the past. Buffalo hunters, cowboys and soldiers live again in Old Mobeetie, Texas.

Throughout the day and evening there will be food and drink booths available. All educational activities and events are free to the public. The Old Mobeetie Jail Museum will be open to the public at no admission fee; however, donations are appreciated and will be accepted, according to Bobbie Hill, secretary of the Old Mobeetie Texas Association.

Heritage Day activities will include Native American dancers, buffalo hunters, blacksmithing, medicine show, pioneer traders, square dancers and wagon tours to Hidetown Buffalo Hunter's campsite, chuck wagon meals and flag auction. New living history exhibits will be jelly and soap making, butter churning, log sawing and corn shelling. New also this year will be several evening events, starting at 6:30 to 8 p.m. Saturday, with a barbecue dinner catered by Mr. Bar-B-Q. Then, at 8 p.m., a military cotillion will begin. Anyone wanting to participate in the cotillion will be taught the steps of the pioneer dances, which are scheduled at 4 p.m. Period dress is encouraged for participants, but it is not required.

Because of the response to the Tasura performance in the fall, the Old Mobeetie Jail Museum will present again an off-site Gallery Theater production. The performance is by the Witte Museum of San Antonio, and the one-man performance will be presented at 10:30 a.m. and again at 1:30 p.m.

Tasura, a Comanche who died over 100 years ago, appears before the audience to retell the story of his life, which closely parallels the demise of the Comanche people. Comanches were a dominant power in what is now the Southwestern U.S. and northern Mexico, where they ruled as "Lords of the Plains." The actor revealing the life and death of Tasura symbolizes the dilemma of a culture caused by change.

During Heritage Day, the 4th U.S. Cavalry Regiment (Memorial) Association Inc., a non-profit organization dedicated to enlightening the public regarding the true history of this regiment of the U.S. Army, will be on the grounds at Old Mobeetie Jail. Its reenactors bring the period of 1869 alive again through the living history performances at 10:30 a.m. and 2 p.m.

The quadrille team was formed to demonstrate the horsemanship that was important to the 1870s U.S. Cavalry. It continued to be central to the training of the troops until the



(Photo provided by Old Mobeetie Texas Association)

Tasura, a Comanche who died over 100 years ago, will be played by Uzziel Martinez, a San Antonio actor and high school teacher.

horse cavalry was dismantled in the 1940s. However, the Regiment continues this tradition. Period tactics are applied to mounted drills which makes the riding performances historically correct.

All uniforms, equipment and tack are historically correct for 1875. All horses are of dark color and between 14.2 and 16.2 hands high, and the soldiers perform to 1870s music in their riding review.

Proposed tougher clean air rules ignites battle among industry reps

WASHINGTON (AP) — In the privacy of a wood-paneled conference room, lobbyists for some of America's biggest industries have been plotting strategy several times a week to thwart a plan for tougher federal air pollution rules.

"Pony up more cash" for the National Governors' Association, read a participant's notes from one session.

Notes from another session urged participants to contact state and local Democratic Party committees, especially finance committees. "Tell 'em no more \$ unless they pressure elected officials on air issue," said the notes obtained by The Associated Press.

Utilities, automakers, oil companies, miners and manufacturers — industries most affected by the proposed new rules — have joined forces to wage a lobbying battle that participants on both sides say is unusually big and intense for a regulatory issue.

It has included airing expensive television and radio advertising, underwriting scientific studies to challenge the government's research and organizing "fly-ins" of business executives from states like Ohio and Pennsylvania to fan out across Capitol Hill.

The industry coalition hopes the yearlong, multimillion-dollar effort will pay off next month when the White House issues new clean air rules.

President Clinton must decide whether to endorse stricter new air quality standards proposed by the Environmental Protection Agency for smog and soot, or agree with industry that the changes would threaten local economic growth, and scale them back. The administration can implement the rules on its own, but Congress or the courts could later overturn them.

EPA Administrator Carol Browner wants to

reduce the allowable levels of ozone and fine particles in the air. The agency says the tougher standards would alleviate health problems that persist despite progress already made under the 1970 Clean Air Act.

A leader of the industry coalition, the American Petroleum Institute's Paul Bailey, said the rules are being driven by flawed science. "We want people to understand how there are virtually no health benefits, and how high the costs are," he said.

Even advocates of the new rules acknowledge the effectiveness of the industry campaign.

"Industry's fought a better fight than they have in years," said Greg Wetstone of the Natural Resources Defense Council, an environmental group. "They've forced us to play catch-up."

That was the strategy from the first planning sessions last year, according to the notes of coalition meetings.

The nation's governors were targeted by the coalition, which was organized by the National Association of Manufacturers and met regularly in the board room at the group's Washington headquarters.

At a meeting Nov. 5, the notes reflect a discussion about coalition members needing "to pony up more cash for the NGA," a reference to the governor's group. Bailey, who according to the notes presided over that meeting, said he did not recall such an exchange.

NGA's research arm, the Center for Best Practices, which solicits corporate contributions, raised nearly \$1 million last year from companies, many of which are active in the clean air fight. They include General Motors, Sun, Philip Morris, Mobil, Tenneco and Procter & Gamble.

Famed sea explorer Cousteau dies at 87

PARIS (AP) — French underwater explorer and filmmaker Jacques Cousteau, who opened the mysterious world beneath the seas to millions of landlocked readers and viewers, died in Paris this morning. He was 87.

The Cousteau Foundation, which in recent years handled all of the famed explorer's business and personal affairs, said in a statement announcing his death that "Jacques-Yves Cousteau has rejoined the World of Silence" — the title of one of his most noted documentaries.

The underwater adventurer, author, environmentalist and scuba pioneer had reportedly been ill for months though the foundation did not immediately divulge the cause of death.

Cousteau's 60-year-long odyssey with the Earth's seas — much of it on his famous boat, the Calypso — was more than a great adventure. He co-invented the aqualung, developed a one-man, jet-propelled submarine and helped start the first manned undersea colonies.

But the bespectacled, wiry Cousteau, often wearing his trademark red wool cap, became a household name primarily through his hugely popular television series, *The Undersea World of Jacques Cousteau*, and his many documentaries.

Cousteau liked to call himself an "oceanographic technician." But he was also a romantic who once said that for him, water was the ultimate symbol of love.

Jacques-Yves Cousteau was born June 11, 1910, in Saint-

Andre-de-Cubzac, a small town near Bordeaux. His father was a lawyer who traveled constantly. As a result, the boy was often on the move.

Academy. He served in the navy and entered naval aviation school.

A near-fatal car crash at age 26 denied him his wings, and he was transferred to sea duty, where he

"Sometimes we are lucky enough to know that our lives have been changed, to discard the old, embrace the new, and run headlong down an immutable course."

—Jacques Cousteau

He was a sickly child. Nonetheless, he learned to swim and spent hours at the beach. Formal schooling bored Cousteau; he was expelled from high school for breaking 17 of the school's windows.

His first dive was in Lake Harvey, Vt., in the summer of 1920. He was spending the season away from New York City, where he and his parents lived briefly.

In 1930, Cousteau passed the highly competitive entrance examinations to enter France's Naval

swam rigorously to strengthen badly weakened arms.

The therapy had unintended consequences, as Cousteau writes in his 1953 book, *The Silent World*, which has sold 5 million copies in more than 20 languages.

"Sometimes we are lucky enough to know that our lives have been changed, to discard the old, embrace the new, and run headlong down an immutable course," he wrote. "It happened to me ... on that summer's day, when my eyes were opened to the sea."

Actor Brian Keith dies in apparent suicide

MALIBU, Calif. (AP) — Brian Keith, the burly actor best known as Uncle Bill on the TV sitcom *Family Affair*, did not want to wait in a hospital for cancer to take his life.

Instead, Keith, 75, went home and apparently killed himself.

"Knowing Brian, who has been so independent all his life and always wanted to do things the way he wanted to do ... that could've meant beating the grim reaper before the reaper got him," said Kathy Garver, who played Cissy on the popular CBS-TV series, which ran from 1966 to 1971.

He left the hospital "because he didn't want to die there," she said.

Family members found Keith at his Malibu home Tuesday with a self-inflicted gunshot wound, sheriff's deputies said. Newspaper reports said Keith

had lung cancer and emphysema.

"He was a crusty old character, but a lot of fun," said Paul Doherty, an agent for Keith. "A wonderful guy, wonderful talent."

Keith appeared in movies throughout the 1950s and '60s, including such light comedies as Disney's *The Parent Trap* in 1961 and *With Six You Get Eggroll* with Doris Day in 1968.

On television, Keith played retired Judge Milton G. Hardcastle in the ABC crime drama *Hardcastle & McCormick* from 1983 to 1986.

In *Family Affair*, the blond-haired Keith played a bachelor raising his orphaned nieces and nephew — Buffy, Cissy and Jody — with the help of a proper English butler, Mr. French.


Johnnie Whitaker, who played Jody, said he spoke to Keith by telephone about five days ago.

"He was not feeling good because he had been going through the chemotherapy for his cancer, and he'd been having other problems," Whitaker said.

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Summer heat can take its toll on young and old

HOUSTON - Summer's heat can take its toll on both the young and old, so it's important to take precautions when the temperatures soar.

Heat can drain precious fluids from the body, leading to dehydration. One of the easiest ways to avoid dehydration is to drink plenty of water throughout the day.

Dr. Janice Zimmerman, an emergency medicine expert at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston, urges people to drink at least eight glasses of water a day unless advised otherwise by their doctor. Cold water is preferable because it is absorbed faster.

If strenuous outdoor activities are planned, drink about 8 ounces of water every 15 minutes and avoid caffeine drinks.

Zimmerman cautions people not to rely on thirst because it is not an adequate indicator of the need for water. By the time you are thirsty, the body's water reserves have already decreased significantly.

Additional tips for beating the summer heat include:

- Staying in the shade whenever possible.
- Wearing loose-fitting, light-colored clothing.

- Planning outdoor activities in the mornings or evenings.
- Keeping a water bottle nearby all day.
- Checking with your doctor or pharmacist to make sure medications you are taking do not make you more prone to heat-related problems.

Above all, watch for the symptoms of heat exhaustion which include fatigue, headache, mental confusion, lightheadedness, dizziness and nausea. Heat exhaustion is most common in people unaccustomed to outdoor work or play. Treatment includes resting in a cool place and drinking water.

Left untreated, exhaustion can lead to heat stroke, a life-threatening condition. If you have any question whether someone is suffering from heat exhaustion or heat stroke, see a physician.

Heat cramps, a less serious condition, often strike the stomach, arms or leg muscles and can be relieved by taking a break from activity and drinking water.

Following common sense guidelines and watching for signs of exhaustion will help you take the sting out of summer heat.

Medical briefs

DALLAS - Recent changes in the blood test for prostate cancer have improved its accuracy. It is a test men should undergo beginning at age 50, or a decade earlier if they are African-American or have a family history of prostate cancer.

"The rectal exam and the PSA - serum prostate-specific antigen - are the two tests to help determine if a man has prostate cancer," says Dr. John McConnell, chairman of urology at UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas. "It is especially important for African-American men to be tested because prostate cancer is more common among them and often occurs at an earlier age for them."

Men with dribbling urine, abnormally frequent urination, irregular flow and nocturnal urination should be checked by a urologist. Often the symptoms are caused by benign enlargement of the prostate - not cancer - and can be treated without surgery.

HOUSTON - If you're headed for a vacation in cold climates, beware of hypothermia.

Hypothermia occurs when the core body temperature falls lower than 98.6 degrees, and it can occur in the very young and the very old in relatively mild cold weather.

Symptoms include slurred or incoherent speech, violent shivering and a drop in awareness level, said Dr. Wayne J. Riley, director of the Travel Medicine Service at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston.

"Do not use rough treatment such as vigorous rubbing or rapid re-warming," Riley said. "This can further strain the body's ability to cope."

Instead, change cold, damp clothing, and place the person between thick blankets until professional medical help arrives.

DALLAS - Even people who have never exercised regularly can benefit from starting a routine later in life.

Studies of octogenarians have shown significant improvement in muscle strength and mobility among those who recently had joined the ranks of regular exercisers.

Dr. Craig Rubin, associate professor of internal medicine at UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas, suggests that seniors who want to begin exercising see a doctor first.

Then they should develop a reasonable exercise plan that incorporates flexibility, aerobics and strength activities.

Rubin says seniors are more likely to stick with their exercises if they are worked into a daily schedule with little inconvenience, such as riding a stationary bike while watching the evening news. Finally, they should pay attention to the signals their bodies send, challenging themselves without risking overexertion.

New guidelines set for testing for diabetes

By DANIEL Q. HANEY
AP Medical Editor

BOSTON (AP) - New federally endorsed guidelines recommend for the first time that all adults be tested for diabetes by age 45 to try to catch the disease before it begins its insidious destruction.

The guidelines, written by an international panel of experts, also lower the cutoff for declaring people diabetic and change the way the disease is classified.

The National Institutes of Health, which endorsed the recommendations, estimates that they could help identify 2 million of the 8 million Americans who have diabetes but don't know it.

The aim is to get these people started on diets, exercise programs and possibly drug treatment before the disease starts a cascade of complications that eventually damage the eyes, heart, kidneys and nerves.

The guidelines recommend using the readily available fasting plasma glucose test. The simple blood test costs \$5 to \$10 and requires that people not eat for eight hours beforehand.

The guidelines were released Monday at a meeting of the American Diabetes Association, which sponsored them. The World Health Organization plans to adopt them in slightly similar form later this year.

Currently, there is no across-the-board recommendation for screening people for diabetes. Instead, doctors test patients when they have some reason to suspect they may be diabetic. Symptoms of diabetes can include excessive thirst, frequent urination and weight loss.

"The earlier we diagnose diabetes, the more likely we are to retard its progression and the development of complications," said Dr. James R. Gavin III of the Howard Hughes Medical Institute in Chevy Chase, Md., who headed the committee that drew up the guidelines.

A high level of sugar in the blood is the hallmark of diabetes. Gavin said that since the last diabetes guidelines were issued in 1979, doctors have learned that the disease begins its painless destruction at lower sugar levels than had been thought.

About 16 million Americans have diabetes, but only about half of them have been diagnosed with the disease. With the new guidelines, "I think we will begin to get into the missing 8 million," said Dr. Frank Vinicor of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta.

The new cutoff on the blood test does not change the total number of Americans with the disease; the 16 million figure was based on a different type of glucose test.

Among the new guidelines:

- Every adult should have a diabetes test every three years starting at 45. Those who get a high reading should have the test repeated on another day.
- Those at higher than usual risk may need to be tested earlier or more often. These include American Indians, blacks, Asians, Hispanics and anyone who is overweight or has high blood pressure, high cholesterol or a strong family history of the disease.
- The cutoff for declaring someone diabetic should be lowered from the current 140 milligrams of glucose per deciliter of blood plasma to 126.
- Doctors should abandon the categories of insulin-dependent and non-insulin-dependent diabetes. Insulin-dependent, which once was called juvenile diabetes, should be termed type 1. Non-insulin-dependent, traditionally known as adult-onset diabetes, should be called type 2.
- Contrary to earlier recommendations, pregnant women do not need to be tested routinely if they are white, under 25, of normal size and have no close family members with the disease.
- Dr. George Alberti of the University of Newcastle upon Tyne in England said the WHO will adopt virtually the same guidelines for use worldwide.
- "This is very much a world consensus based on logic," he said.

New surgery technique can help relieve chronic heartburn

HOUSTON - Chronic heartburn can now be treated with minimally invasive surgery.

Surgeons at Baylor College of Medicine and The Methodist Hospital in Houston are using these techniques on patients with severe gastroesophageal reflux disease, the most common stomach disorder in the United States.

The major symptom of reflux disease is the reverse flow of acid and other fluid from the stomach into the esophagus.

The problem is caused by a weakened valve-like muscle at the base of the esophagus that functions as a lid on the stomach. Pressure in the stomach causes the valve to open, allowing food and acid to escape. Medication and dietary changes that reduce stomach acid can often resolve the problem. But in other cases, surgery is required.

Because the valve cannot be strengthened, surgeons create a new "high-pressure zone" by wrapping part of the stomach around the lower esophagus. This tighter squeeze on the end of the esophagus keeps food out, said Dr. Patrick Reardon, Baylor assistant professor of surgery.

With minimally invasive surgery, the procedure can be performed with miniature surgical tools through five tiny holes in the abdomen. Some of the holes are smaller than the width of a pencil, and the largest hole is less than half an inch in diameter, so patients are spared the scarring and pain associated with traditional surgery.

The surgery requires only an overnight stay in the hospital versus a week-long hospital stay for traditional surgery. And recovery is rapid, with patients being able to resume all activities after just one week instead of the four to six weeks needed after traditional surgery.

"Most patients can return to work within a few days," Reardon said.

Left untreated, reflux disease can cause ulcers, bleeding, cancer and other problems.

Surgery has several advantages over medication as a treatment for reflux disease. Patients who undergo surgery can usually return to their normal diet and lifestyle. Patients relying on medication for treatment must avoid spicy foods, caffeine, chocolate

and other substances that are likely to increase stomach acid or weaken the muscle valve at the base of the esophagus. They might also have to sleep on an inclined bed to prevent the flow of stomach acid into the esophagus.

"After minimally invasive surgery, most patients with reflux disease can resume a more normal, satisfying lifestyle," Reardon said. "And in the long run, surgery might be more cost-effective treatment, because acid-blocking medications available by prescription only can cost \$3 per pill, and most patients will need to take a pill daily for the rest of their lives." Minimally invasive surgery for reflux disease is a one-time cost.

"The other economic benefit of surgery should be fewer days missed at work for problems associated with reflux," Reardon said.

Traditional surgery for reflux disease has been shown to remain effective for 20 years. Because the minimally invasive treatment has been performed for only several years, long-term results aren't yet available. "But the short-term data suggests that the procedure performed with minimally invasive techniques provides the same durability," Reardon said.

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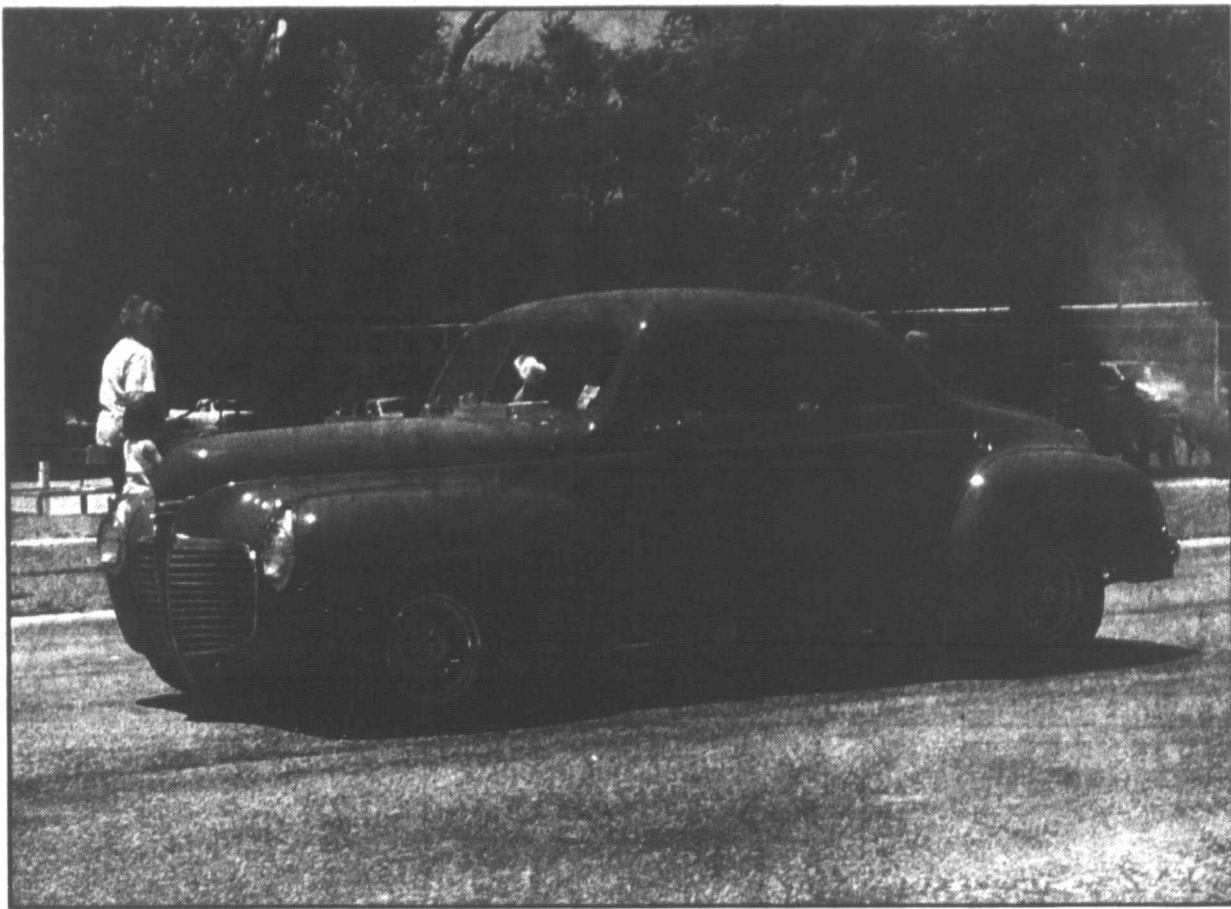
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The 1941 Plymouth is driven by Ray Deaver, one of the antique cars in the McLean Route 66 Rodeo Roundup parade on Saturday. Deaver won the Car Rally trophy for the Best of Show for his bright red Plymouth.

(Pampa News photo by Sherry Cromartie)

Gay day in offing for Six Flags over Texas

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — The owner and publisher of a gay-oriented publication will reportedly sponsor a family day at Six Flags over Texas, partly as a protest against a Southern Baptist boycott of Walt Disney.

The Arlington Morning News reported today that Brian Mellott, of The Texas Guardian, said he organized "Two Dads-Two Moms Gay Family Day Out at Six Flags" to call attention to discrimination against gays and lesbians.

Mellott said the event is also meant to protest the Southern Baptist Convention's recent decision to boycott the Walt Disney Co. for sponsoring "Gay Days."

"There are people who are afraid of gays," said Mellott, who expects 10,000 gays and lesbians to attend the event with their families. "It's like it used to be with blacks."

"It used to be when a black man walked down the street, some people would cross to the other side. The biggest reason that people treat gays the way they treat them is ignorance. They need to be educated that gays are people just like everybody else."

Six Flags spokeswoman Nancy St. Pierre said the theme park, which promotes itself as being family-oriented, is not sponsoring the event.

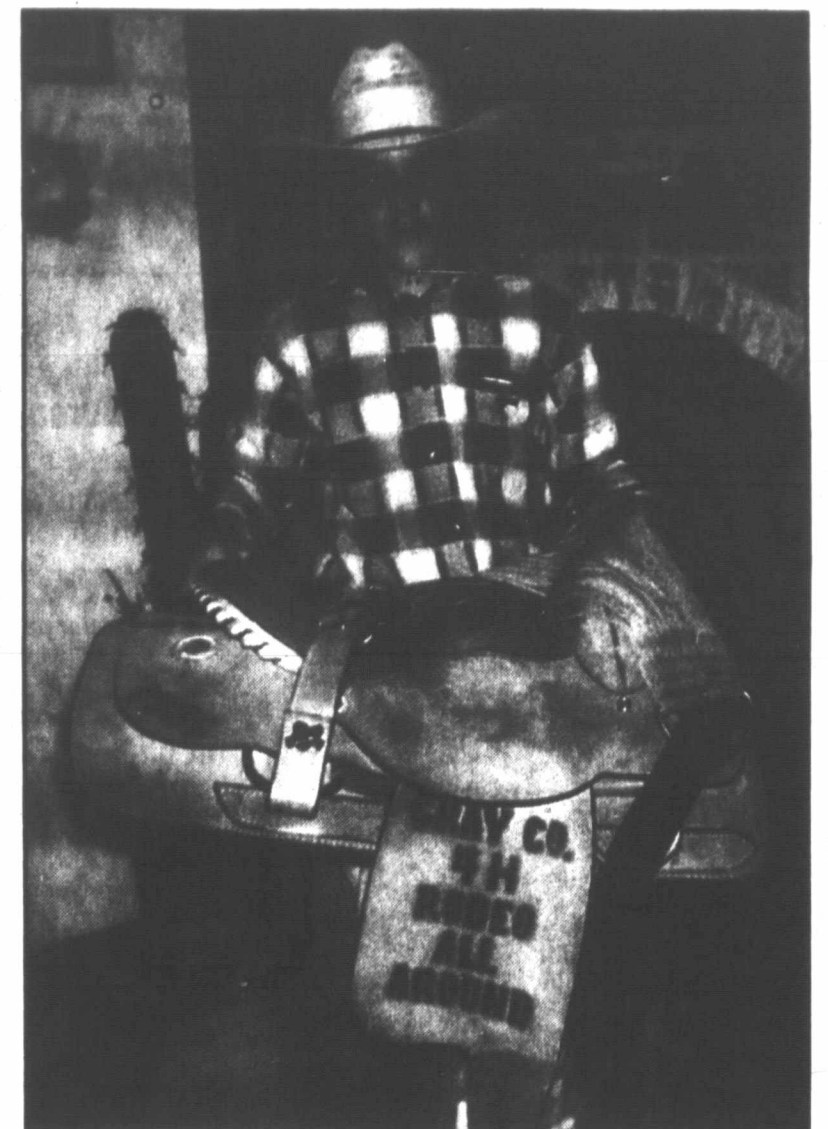
Ms. St. Pierre said she didn't know whether the theme park had declared Sept. 7 "Two Dads-Two Moms Gay Family Day Out at Six Flags," but said the park has offered \$8 discount coupons on its \$32 admission tickets to the group. Six Flags offers the same discount to other groups larger than 20.

"We cannot deny access to anybody," she said.

The park's decision to allow a gay-oriented event is "unfortunate," said the Rev. Gary Smith of Arlington, a member of the Southern Baptist Convention's governing board.

He said, however, he had no plans to organize a boycott against Six Flags, which is not affiliated with Disney.

4-H winner



(Special photo)

Hoechst Celanese donated the saddle won by Kade Zybach for the 1996 All Around Champion of the Gray County 4-H rodeo. This year's rodeo will be Aug. 22 and 23.

Director of Ochiltree Hospital District Board of Directors receives award

AUSTIN — M. Lawrence Ellzey, director of the Ochiltree Hospital District Board of Directors and Ochiltree General Hospital, has been named recipient of the 1997 Founder's Award from the Texas Hospital Trustees, a statewide association of hospital and health system governing boards.

Ellzey received the award during the Texas Hospital Trustee's Summer Forum May 31-June 1.

The Founder's Award, established in 1972, is the Texas Hospital Trustees' highest honor. The award is presented to trustees who have provided leadership and contributed significantly to the health care field. The award originally was given to the five founders of the Texas Hospital Trustees, and the 24 subsequent recipients' accomplishments have exemplified the group's dedication and concern for the health care field.

Ellzey has served on the hospital district board for almost 30 years, and is one of the hospital's first directors. He has guided the facility for the past three decades and served as president of the board from 1976-1983, 1987-91 and again in 1996-1997. Under Ellzey's governance, the facility has remained current, progressive and responsive to its patients needs.

Most recently, Ellzey guided the hospital's development of a physician hospital organization, the Perryton Healthcare Corporation, and a community based health plan.

In Ellzey's nomination for the award, his colleagues commended his dedication and concern for providing the Perryton community with quality health care. "If Ochiltree Hospital District has an epitome, it would be M. Lawrence Ellzey. He has been a part of our county's health care system for

many years," said a member of the hospital staff.

"Lawrence is very committed to his work in health care. He is a pioneer in the delivery of health care within our region," said Wallace N. Boyd, administrator of Ochiltree Hospital District. "He has made numerous contributions and has provided a strong voice for small rural hospitals in the Texas Panhandle and across the state," he added.

Ellzey has been a member of the Texas Hospital Trustees Executive Committee since 1993. He also is very active in the Perryton community. He currently serves as president of the Ochiltree Appraisal District Board, and is a former president of the North Plains Hereford Breeders Association.

He has served as director of the Perryton Chamber of Commerce and as president of the administrative board of the First United Methodist Church. He also was a member of the Perryton Federal Land Bank and Canadian Production Credit Association.

He and his wife, Mary Francis, were named "Citizens of the Year" in 1989 for their civic community endeavors in Perryton. They have five children, and own and operate the LZ Ranch. Ellzey is a native of New Orleans, and moved to Ochiltree County in 1917. He is a graduate of Southern Methodist University.

The Texas Hospital Trustees is an affiliated organization of the Austin-based Texas Hospital Association. Texas Hospital Trustees members serve on governing boards of Texas Hospital Association member institutions. Texas Hospital Trustees have approximately 358 hospitals/health system governing boards representing more than 4,000 trustees.

Teenager pleads innocent to killing baby at prom

FREEHOLD, N.J. (AP) — Appearing grim and nervous, a teenager whose baby boy was found strangled in a trash bin during her senior prom pleaded innocent to a charge of murder.

Melissa Drexler, 18, was charged Tuesday after an autopsy concluded her 6-pound, 6-ounce baby was strangled and left in a plastic bag taken from a sanitary-napkin receptacle in a restroom. She also was charged with endangerment.

Prosecutors said they do not

plan to seek the death penalty. If convicted, Drexler could get up to life in prison.

In court, her lawyer entered the plea on her behalf. She spoke only to answer "yes" to a judge's brief questions.

About an hour later, after posting \$50,000 bail, Drexler appeared to be on the verge of tears as she left the courthouse and made her way through a sea

of reporters and photographers and into a black sport utility vehicle.

"She's not very happy," attorney Steven Secare said after Drexler left. "She's very nervous."

He told reporters, "Melissa Drexler is not guilty of murder." The baby's body was found by a janitor at the catering hall on June 6.



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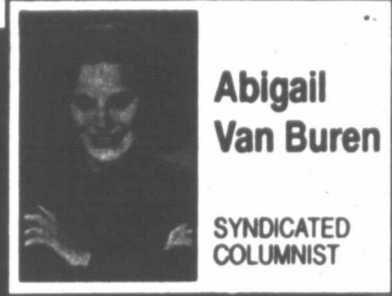
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Tales Of Overcoming Odds Inspire Others To Succeed

DEAR ABBY: I've kept a column of yours for more than a decade. It dealt with famous people who had overcome life's adversities to become outstanding winners. Mine is so worn, I can barely read parts of it. I tried to make a copy, but it didn't come out very well. Will you please print it again?
EVELYN McKINNON,
EASTPOINTE, MICH.

DEAR EVELYN: The column you're referring to was a two-parter. My readers had submitted names of individuals who managed to succeed against the odds. I think it's well worth repeating. Read on:

DEAR READERS: In a recent column, I shared an item sent by Herman Endler, who, at age 40, suffered a stroke that left him totally disabled. He wrote: "I wasn't able to get out of bed, but by the grace of God and a surgeon's skill, I made it. At times I was so dependent, I prayed it would all end. Then a friend gave me the enclosed inspirational piece, which I must have read 1,000 times. There were moments when I thought, 'This is it, this is the end. Then I'd read the message again, and it pulled me through.' "Abby, some of the greatest men and women of our times have been saddled with disabilities and adversities but have managed to overcome them.



Abigail Van Buren

SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

"Perhaps somewhere there is someone who is at the end of his or her rope and needs encouragement. Pass this along. It may save a life. It saved mine."

A portion of the inspirational piece:

"Bury him in the snows of Valley Forge, and you have a George Washington."

"Raise him in abject poverty, and you have an Abraham Lincoln."

"Subject him to bitter religious prejudice, and you have a Disraeli."

The response to that column was overwhelming. A distinguished publisher, philanthropist and former U.S. ambassador to Great Britain wrote:

"Dear Abby: Your column, 'From Adversity, Many Find Strength,' is indeed a masterpiece. I am adding it to my personal collection of reminders."

There are two great sources of inspiration in life, enthusiasm and

tragedy, and I have been boxed in by both. But having been boxed in by both, I also recognize that perseverance is the key to escape and satisfaction. Sincerely, Walter Annenberg"

Hundreds of readers submitted additional names for the list of those who had succeeded against the odds. Some contributions:

— Spit on him, humiliate him, then crucify him and he forgives you, and you have Jesus Christ.

— Strike him down with infantile paralysis, and he becomes a Franklin D. Roosevelt, the only president of the United States to be elected to four terms.

— When he is a lad of 3, burn him so severely in a schoolhouse fire that the doctors say he will never walk again, and you have a Glenn Cunningham, who set the world's record in 1934 for running a mile in 4 minutes, 6.8 seconds.

— Have him or her born black in a society filled with racial discrimination, and you have a Booker T. Washington, Harriet Tubman, Marian Anderson, George Washington Carver or Martin Luther King Jr.

— Make him the first child to survive in a poor Italian family of 18 children, and you have an Enrico Caruso.

— Have him born of parents who survived a Nazi concentration camp, paralyze him from the waist down when he is 4, and you have the incomparable concert violinist Itzhak Perlman.

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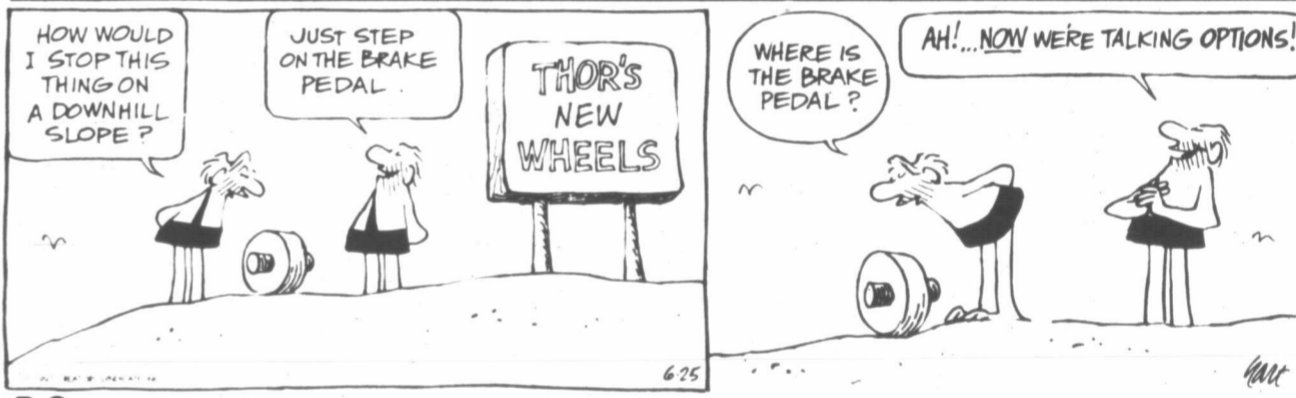
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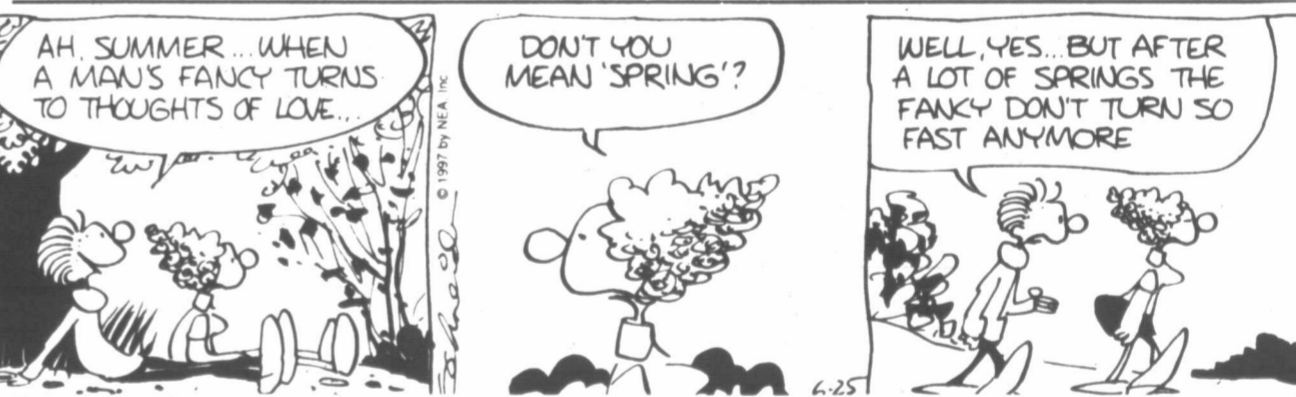
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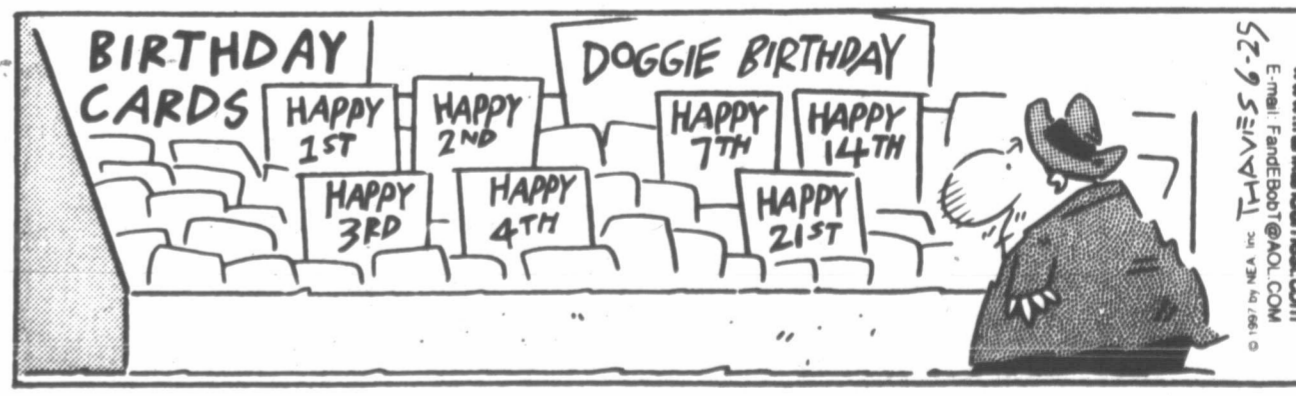
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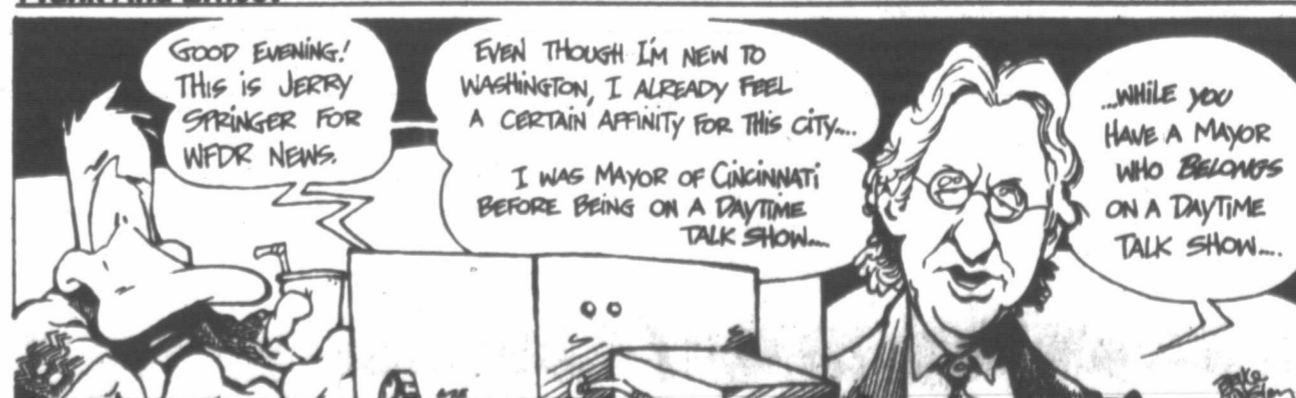
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Horoscope

Thursday, June 26, 1997

In the year ahead your popularity could ascend to some very high points, both socially and career-wise. There are also indications of another positive change regarding a favorite sport or hobby.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Today could provide the opportune time to discuss an important issue you've been wanting to talk about with your mate. He or she should be receptive and open-minded. Know where to look for romance and you'll find it. The Astro-Graph Matchmaker instantly reveals which signs are romantically perfect for you. Mailing \$2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 175R, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156.

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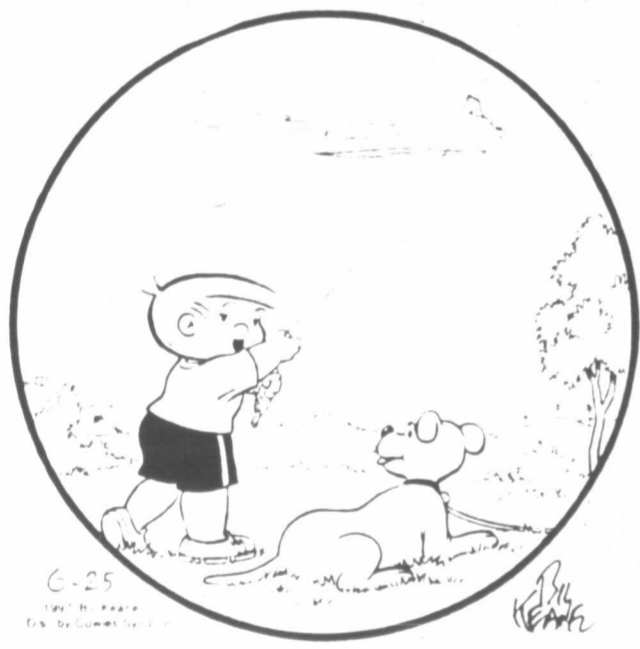
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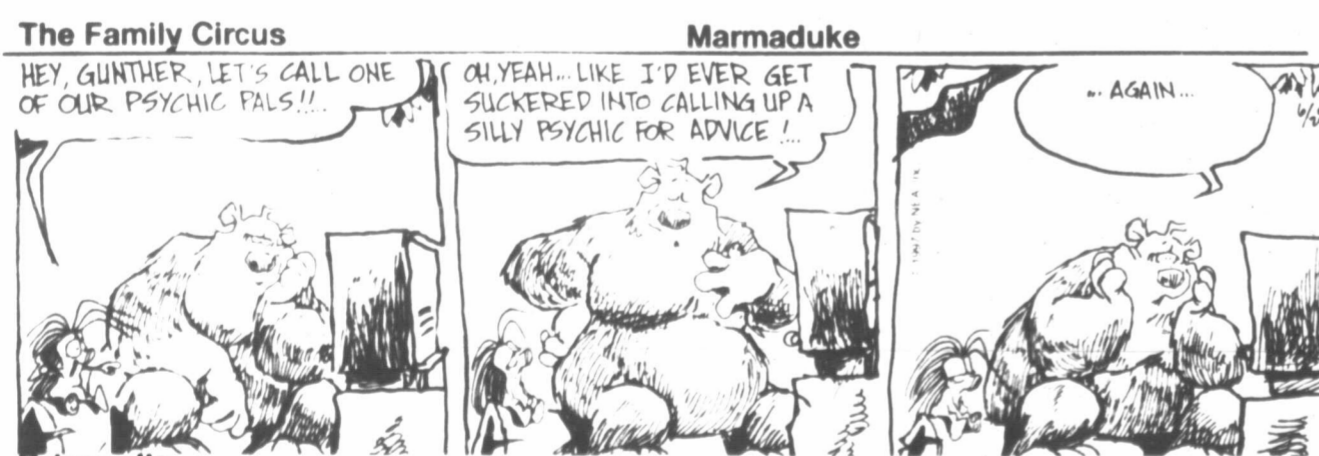
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"Don't you wish YOUR leash was this long?"



"Maybe if he's tired enough, he doesn't have to be comfortable."



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BASEBALL

DETROIT (AP) — Tino Martinez connected for his second home run and fifth hit of the game, breaking a ninth-inning tie Tuesday night and sending the New York Yankees over the Detroit Tigers 12-9.

The Yankees, who led 9-3 in the sixth, went ahead 10-9 when Martinez led off with his 25th homer against Mike Myers (0-4).

Former Tigers outfielder Chad Curtis, who tied a career high with five RBIs, added a two-run homer off Doug Brocail with one out. One out later, Brocail hit Derek Jeter in the hand with a 1-1 pitch, and the benches emptied.

Order was restored without any punches. Brocail was ejected by crew chief Jim McKeon.

Pinch-hitter Melvin Nieves hit a three-run homer as the Tigers rallied for four runs in the seventh, tying it at 9.

Graeme Lloyd (1-1) got the final out in the eighth inning for the win. Mariano Rivera pitched the ninth for his 24th save.

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Texas Rangers starting pitcher Ken Hill left Tuesday night's game against the Anaheim Angels in the fourth inning after being hit by a line drive in the right leg.

Hill gave up a leadoff single to Garret Anderson in a 3-3 game that nailed Hill in the right shin. Hill fell to the ground, attempted to get to his feet, then fell again.

The Rangers right-hander was helped off the field by two team trainers.

X-rays were negative, and Hill was listed as day-to-day by Texas.

BASKETBALL

HOUSTON (AP) — Charles Barkley has made it official: he'll play at least another season with the Houston Rockets.

Barkley said as early as June 11 that he was 99 percent sure that he would return.

"I definitely will be back next season," Barkley said. "I made the decision within the past week or so."

"I got completely away from basketball for awhile. I talked with Michael (Jordan) about it, and he thinks I ought to be back. And the past week I spent with my family in Alabama and they agreed."

Barkley said he was pleased with the inroads the Rockets had made regarding possible free agent acquisitions. Going into the off-season, Barkley said he wanted to see a commitment by the Rockets to get younger and more athletic before he made a decision.

FOOTBALL

HOUSTON (AP) — The NFL team once known as the Houston Oilers, already establishing a new identity in Tennessee, will pay \$3.5 million to its old landlord.

Harris County commissioners approved Tuesday the cash settlement that allows the Oilers to escape from their Houston Astrodome lease a year early. That leaves only similar and expected consent from the city of Houston to officially make the Oilers the Tennessee Oilers, a name they already have adopted.

As part of the deal, the Oilers also give to the county their dilapidated 7.2-acre practice facility.

The Oilers valued the place near the Astrodome at \$1.5 million, but some of their own players characterized it as a dump. Harris County Judge Robert Eckels said the site could be leased or used as a county park or perhaps razed and replaced with an Olympic-class swimming center.

"I'm pleased we have now got this behind us," Eckels said after the 3-0 vote. "I think it's a fair deal for the taxpayers of Harris County. We come in with a practice facility and cash. I think we're coming out ahead of the game."

The commissioners' action took just a few seconds and was included in several dozen items rubber-stamped simultaneously.

Big 12 players should fare well in NBA draft

AUSTIN (AP) — Players from the year-old Big 12 Conference could fare better in today's NBA draft than any other conference, league coaches say.

University of Texas coach Tom Penders says the conference is expected to have as many as three lottery picks, five first-rounders and at least eight players chosen out of 58 total in the two-round draft.

"And it could have been more," Penders told the Austin American-Statesman for today's editions. "I didn't see a league this past season that had more NBA prospects than ours."

He expects UT shooting guard Reggie Freeman to go in the second round.

Kansas forwards Raef LaFrentz, a junior, and Paul

Pierce, a sophomore, undoubtedly would have been lottery picks had they chosen to enter the draft early. Texas Tech guard Cory Carr would have been a first-rounder had he not withdrawn his name and returned to the Red Raiders for his senior season.

The San Antonio Spurs are expected to take Wake Forest center Tim Duncan as the first pick, but there are no solid No. 2 players.

It's possible, coaches say, that the Texas Tech center Tony Battie or Colorado guard Chauncey Billups, could go quickly, probably among the top five.

Iowa State center Kelvin Cato is also expected to be a lottery pick.

Point guard Jacque Vaughn and Kansas teammate Scott

Pollard are also expected to join Freeman and Iowa State's Dedric Willoughby in the first round.

No one seems surprised that the Big 12, a merger of Big Eight and Southwest Conference teams, has such an abundance of basketball prospects in a league

best known for its football prowess.

"It's a great basketball league," Tech Coach James Dickey said. "There are outstanding coaches and tradition-rich programs. I just hope we don't get our underclassmen raided every year."

Battie is leaving Tech after his junior season and is generally considered the top interior prospect behind Duncan.

"He's got tremendous upside to him," Dickey said. "The biggest adjustment he'll need to make is facing the basket."

Duncan looks forward to trading hoops for hype

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — Tim Duncan is looking forward to the days when he can spend more time playing basketball than talking about it.

"It will be a relief to get it all over with," Duncan said as he labored through yet another gang interview leading up to tonight's NBA draft at the Charlotte Coliseum.

Unlike virtually every other prospect in the draft, Duncan has a

good idea of what his future holds. The San Antonio Spurs have the first selection in the draft, and they plan to use it on Duncan, a two-time unanimous All-America from Wake Forest.

"I think it's a lot easier for me than for some of these other guys," Duncan said. "They're not really sure where the next three years of their life — or whatever — are going to be at. That takes a lot of

pressure off of me. But at the same time, just going in as the No. 1 pick adds its own additional pressure."

That includes interview after interview as part of the hype leading up to the draft. On Tuesday, about three dozen reporters, broadcasters and technicians crowded around Duncan, who was the picture of boredom during the 30-minute interview at a downtown Charlotte hotel.

Rangers defeated by Angels

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Craig Grebeck's one-out RBI double in the ninth off relief ace John Wetteland snapped a tie and the Anaheim Angels beat the slumping Texas Rangers 7-6 Tuesday night for their sixth straight.

Luis Alicea doubled with one out in the ninth off loser Xavier Hernandez (0-1) and Grebeck followed with a double off Wetteland down the left-field line to score Alicea and hand the Rangers yet another one-run loss.

They are 5-17 in such games this season.

Rich DeLucia (6-2) pitched one-third of an inning to pick up the victory, and Troy Percival pitched the ninth for his ninth save.

The Rangers lost their seventh in a row, their longest losing streak since 1995.

The Angels moved in front 6-4 with a three-run seventh.

Darin Erstad's pinch RBI single off Xavier Hernandez with the bases loaded tied the game at 4.

Tony Phillips' forceout grounder knocked in the tie-breaking run and another run scored on a throwing error by Rangers shortstop Benji Gil.

But the Rangers rallied for a run in the seventh on Juan Gonzalez's RBI single, then tied it at 6-6 in the eighth on an RBI pinch single by Lee Stevens.

Angels starter Dennis Springer gave up four runs and 10 hits, struck out four and walked two in six innings.

The Angels scored in the first when Phillips led off with a double, took third on an error and scored on a groundout.

The Rangers came back with three runs in the bottom of the first on Rusty Greer's two-run triple and Juan Gonzalez's RBI single.

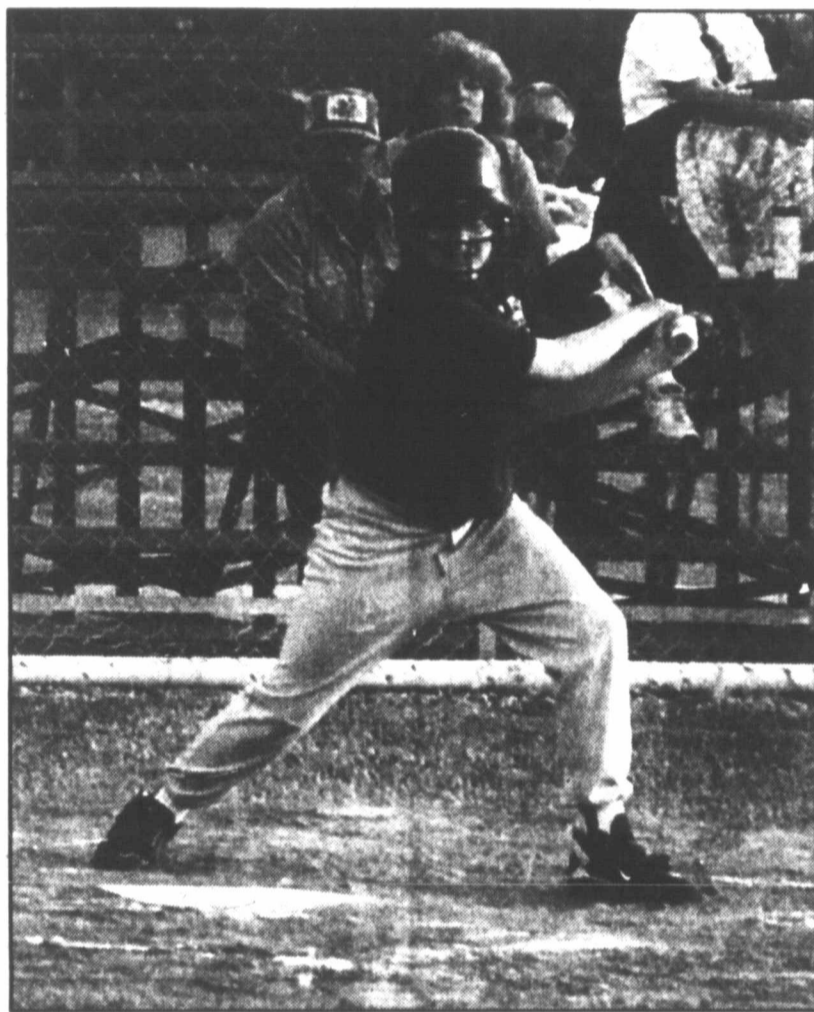
Anaheim tied it in the second on two-out singles from Jack Howell and Alicea and Gary DiSarcina's two-run triple.

Matt Whiteside replaced injured starter Ken Hill in the fourth after Hill left the game when he was struck in the right shin by a line drive off the bat of Garret Anderson. Hill was helped off the field by team trainers and was taken to a local hospital for X-rays, which were negative.

The Rangers grabbed a 4-3 lead in the bottom of the fourth on Mark McLemore's two-out RBI single.

Notes: Umpire Tim Tschida was ill and missed the game. The umpires worked with a three-man crew. ...Rangers catcher Ivan Rodriguez had four hits to match his career high. Rodriguez has a league-leading 31st multi-hit game. ...At the request of Rangers team president Tom Schieffer, two pet llamas were brought in by local handlers to stand around the batting cage while the Rangers took their swings prior to the game. Llamas, Schieffer explained, are a sign of good luck in Peru. ...The Rangers list Hill as day-to-day.

Batter up!



(Pampa News photo by Danny Cowan)

Jonathan Prock of Duncan, Fraser and Bridges takes a swing at a pitch during City Tournament action at Optimist Park. Duncan, Fraser and Bridges lost to Dyer's.

Local youngsters place in Junior Olympics meet

PAMPA — Ryan Hansen and Kyle Cambern of Pampa competed in the U.S.A.T.F. Junior Olympic meet held in Lubbock last weekend.

Ryan competed in the Bantam Division 9-10 year-olds and Kyle competed in the Midget Division 11-12 year-olds. Ryan ran his 800-meter race in 2:49.01 to place third. The winning time was 2:47.8.

Kyle ran his 800-meter race in 2:41.28 to place second. The winning time was 2:41.20.

In the 1500-meter events, Ryan ran 5:44.26 for second place with the winning time of 5:31. Kyle ran a 5:35 for second place while the winning time was 5:28.

The meet was the Region 12 meet, which including runners from the Panhandle, Midland, Odessa and San Angelo. It was the qualifier for the state meet, which will be held July 11-12 in Abilene. Abilene's meet will

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qualify runners for the U.S.A.T.F. Nationals held in Baton Rouge, La. on July 24-26.

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LEVELLAND — Dimmitt's Joey Flores has signed a national letter of intent with South Plains College, according to Texan track coach James Morris. Flores was the Class 3A state champion in the 800 meters as a freshman and was a four-time state qualifier in that event. He owns personal-best times of 1 minute, 55.5 seconds in the 800 and 48.4 in the 400.

Flores was sixth in the 800 at the 1997 state meet and also ran a leg on the Bobcats' 1600-relay team that finished seventh. He was contacted by West Texas A&M, Wayland Baptist, Abilene Christian and Texas Tech.

Rain threatens Wimbledon

WIMBLEDON, England (AP) — Showers threatened to wash out today's entire schedule at Wimbledon, creating the potential for a huge backlog of matches and raising the possibility of the tournament extending into a third week.

With rain still falling in late afternoon, it appeared increasingly likely that Wimbledon would experience the 28th complete rainout in its 127-year history.

With only 16 matches completed on Monday due to rain, the tournament already was behind schedule, with several first-round matches still to be played.

"The latest news from the London Weather Center indicates there is still light rain predicted for the time being, I'm afraid," All England Club chief executive Christopher Gorringe said in an announcement over the public

address system at 4 p.m.

"If and when we have any further news, good or bad, I will let you know. Thank you for your patience."

As a result of the mounting backlog, the referee's office said play on Centre Court and No. 1 Court would start two hours earlier at noon Thursday, while matches on the outside courts would be brought forward one hour to 11 a.m.

With the forecast calling for more wet weather the rest of the week, referee Alan Mills was faced with a daunting task of juggling the schedule.

Mills said he wasn't considering drastic measures yet.

"We can take one or two days of this," he said. "Obviously, it impacts the program later on. But we have the time to finish on time given a fair crack from the weather."

Team Four rallies for softball victory

PAMPA — Team Four defeated Team Two, 8-7, in seven innings Tuesday night at Hobart Street Park.

Kelsey Yowell pitched the first five innings, scattering three hits and giving up five runs. Team Two led 6-5 going into the sixth. Kimberly Clark pitched two-thirds of an inning in the sixth.

The leadoff batter for Team Two reached on an error, then Clark retired the next two batters in order. Clark issued a base on balls, then struck out the next two batters she faced. A dropped third strike allowed Team Two's batter to reach first safely and the runner that had reached on an error to start the inning to score. Yowell returned to the mound and issued a walk to the first batter she faced. The next batter flied out to end the inning.

Team Two led 7-6 after five and one-half innings.

Angie DeJesus was issued a walk in the bottom of the sixth and stole around to score the tying run going into the seventh.

Clark returned to the mound in the top of the seventh and retired the side in order to give her team a chance to win going into the bottom of the seventh with the score still tied at 7-7.

Christi Lee and Molly Seabourn each had very good defensive games for Team Four.

Yowell helped her own cause in the second, catching a line drive and doubling off the runner on first. However, the play of the day was made by Kristi Walling, who tracked down a hard shot near the first baseline in deep right field off the bat of Holly Brooks to end the top of the seventh and keep the score tied at 7-7.

Jennifer Quintana led off the bottom of the seventh, reaching on a base on balls. Quintana's quickness allowed her to steal second and third. Betsy Murray, with a count of 3-2, hit a single driving in Quintana from third for the winning run.

Team Two had four hits, three singles and a double. Lindsey Mitchell, Holly Brooks and Micki Petty each had a single, while Amanda Wiseman delivered Team Two's only extra base hit with a double.

For Team Four, Betsy Murray had two singles, including the game-winning RBI. Christi Lee led all batters with a double and a single. Candace Cathey and Walling each added a single.

Team Two went to Heather Petty in the bottom of the third, trailing 4-3. Petty struck out 10, issued three walks and allowed four hits in five innings pitched.

Team Four has a 7-1 record while Team Two is 8-1.

Comets win WNBA home opener, 70-55

By **MICHAEL A. LUTZ**
AP Sports Writer

HOUSTON (AP) — The Houston Comets' first home crowd was almost too big and supportive for the team's own good.

Overwhelmed by the largest crowd ever to see a women's professional basketball game in the United States, it took awhile for the Comets to settle into playing basketball for a 70-55 victory over the Phoenix Mercury Tuesday night in their home WNBA opener.

"You come in expecting to play before 7,500, then it goes to 10,000, then to 12,000 and all of a sudden it's a sellout," Comets coach Van Chancellor said. "That's quite an adjustment to make. You get caught up in that. You want to do good."

The crowd of 16,285 — the previous record was 16,102 at Sunday's game in Phoenix between the Mercury and the Charlotte Sting — gave the Comets (2-0) a warm welcome on the floor that is also home to the NBA Rockets.

The Rockets helped with the welcome, too. Charles Barkley presented a dozen roses to each Comets player before the game and several other Rockets players also attended the game.

The Comets liked the attention.

"No one said anything about the crowd but when we got out on the court we said 'Wow,'" guard Kim Perrot said. "It was such a good feeling. I don't think we could have won without the crowd."

The Mercury took an 11-4 lead to start the game but the Comets battled back for a 34-24 halftime lead and never trailed again.

Houston had to survive a pair of second-half Phoenix charges. Phoenix cut Houston's lead to 38-37 with 15:26 to play and 46-44 with 8:51 to go.

"This was a lesson well learned," Phoenix coach Cheryl Miller said. "Sometimes it's good to get your tail kicked between your legs."

After the Mercury pulled to 46-44, Perrot hit a fast-break basket and Acraim followed with two baskets and the Comets pulled steadily away. Cynthia Cooper was only 2-of-11 from the field but made eight of nine free throws for 13 points.

Toni Foster led the Mercury with 13 points and Marlies Askamp had 12.

After they stumbled to open the game, the Comets went on a 30-13 run the rest of the half. The spurt included a 13-0 run at one point.

Two free throws by Catarina Pollini with 5:45 left in the first half gave Houston its first lead 21-20. Wanda Guyton had 11 points in the half.

Holmes leads Rockies past Dodgers

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Emergency starter Darren Holmes pitched eight strong innings and Larry Walker hit his 22nd homer Tuesday night, leading the Colorado Rockies to a 6-2 victory over the Los Angeles Dodgers.

Holmes (3-1), starting in place

of Rockies ace Roger Bailey, who has a strained left hamstring, allowed five hits while walking two and striking out a career-high seven.

Holmes, normally a reliever, retired 16 of the last 18 batters he faced. Curtis Leskanic relieved to start the ninth.

Scoreboard

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Houston	37	39	.487	—		
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Montreal 5, Cincinnati 0	N.Y. Mets 3, Atlanta 2	Philadelphia 9, Florida 3	Chicago Cubs 3, St. Louis 0	Pittsburgh 6, Houston 0		
Los Angeles 5, Colorado 3	San Diego 11, San Francisco 6	Tuesday's Games				
San Francisco 4, San Diego 1	Cincinnati 7, Montreal 6, 10 innings	Florida 4, Philadelphia 1	N.Y. Mets 6, Atlanta 5	St. Louis 7, Chicago Cubs 2		
Pittsburgh 8, Houston 3	Colorado 6, Los Angeles 2	Wednesday's Games				
Florida (Fernandez 7-6) at Philadelphia (Maduro 3-6), 1:05 p.m.	Pittsburgh (Cooke 5-9) at Houston (Kile 8-3), 1:35 p.m.	Cincinnati (Merkler 5-5) at Montreal (P. Martinez 9-3), 1:35 p.m.	Atlanta (Glavin 7-4) at N.Y. Mets (Jones 12-3), 1:40 p.m.	San Diego (Ashby 3-3) at San Francisco (Fernandez 3-4), 3:35 p.m.		
Chicago Cubs (Trachsel 4-6) at St. Louis (Moms 5-4), 8:05 p.m.	Colorado (Burke 2-1) at Los Angeles (Valdes 3-8), 10:35 p.m.	Thursday's Games				
Montreal (Juden 8-2) at Florida (Rapp 4-4), 7:05 p.m.	St. Louis (Stottlemire 5-5) at Cincinnati (Burba 4-7), 7:35 p.m.	Philadelphia (Beech 0-2) at Atlanta (Neagle 10-1), 7:40 p.m.	Houston (Holt 7-5) at Chicago Cubs (Castillo 4-9), 8:05 p.m.	San Francisco (VanLandingham 4-5) at Colorado (Rekar 1-0), 9:05 p.m.		
San Diego (Bergman 1-2) at Los Angeles (Candotti 4-2), 10:05 p.m.	Only games scheduled					
American League						
At A Glance						
All Times EDT	By The Associated Press	East Division	West Division	Central Division		
W	L	Pct.	GB			
Baltimore	49	23	.681	—		
New York	42	32	.568	8		
Toronto	33	38	.465	15 1/2		
Boston	34	40	.459	16		
Detroit	32	40	.444	17		
Central Division						
W	L	Pct.	GB			
Cleveland	38	33	.535	—		
Chicago	36	37	.493	3		
Milwaukee	35	36	.493	3		
Kansas City	34	37	.479	4		
Minnesota	34	40	.459	5 1/2		
West Division						
W	L	Pct.	GB			
Seattle	43	32	.573	—		
Anaheim	40	34	.541	2 1/2		
Texas	36	37	.493	6		
Oakland	31	46	.403	13		
Monday's Games						
N.Y. Yankees 5, Detroit 2	Minnesota 7, Cleveland 2	Boston 7, Toronto 6	Milwaukee 5, Baltimore 0	Chicago White Sox 7, Kansas City 6		
Anaheim 1, Texas 0	Seattle 6, Oakland 5	Tuesday's Games				
N.Y. Yankees 12, Detroit 9	Cleveland 10, Minnesota 5	Boston 9, Toronto 6	Baltimore 6, Milwaukee 2	Chicago White Sox 4, Kansas City 0		
Chicago 7, Texas 6	Oakland 4, Seattle 1	Wednesday's Games				
N.Y. Yankees (Pettie 8-5) at Detroit (Thompson 7-5), 1:05 p.m.	Baltimore (Mussa 8-2) at Milwaukee (Eldred 7-7), 2:05 p.m.	Kansas City (Belcher 8-7) at Chicago White Sox (Darwin 2-5), 2:05 p.m.	Anaheim (Perisho 0-2) at Texas (Witt 8-4), 2:35 p.m.	Minnesota (Robertson 7-4) at Cleveland (Nagy 8-4), 7:05 p.m.		
Boston (Wakelin 2-7) at Toronto (Hertgen 8-3), 7:35 p.m.	Oakland (Wengert 3-5) at Seattle (Wolcott 3-4), 10:35 p.m.	Thursday's Games				
Detroit (Moehler 4-6) at Boston (Eshelman 1-2), 7:05 p.m.	Toronto (Clemens 11-2) at Baltimore (Ericsson 10-2), 7:35 p.m.	Chicago White Sox (Bladwin 4-8) at Minnesota (Hawkins 1-1), 8:05 p.m.	Milwaukee (Mercedes 3-2) at Kansas City (Haney 0-2), 8:05 p.m.	Texas (Santana 3-2) at Oakland (Prieto 5-5), 10:05 p.m.		
Anaheim (Dickson 8-3) at Seattle (Moyer 6-2), 10:05 p.m.	Only games scheduled					
SOCCER						
Major League Soccer						
At A Glance						
All Times EDT	By The Associated Press	Eastern Conference	Western Conference			
W	L	SOW	Pts	GF	GA	
D.C.	11	4	22	33	21	
New England	10	5	22	18	19	
Tampa Bay	7	7	19	23	25	
Columbus	7	8	2	10	22	
NY-NJ	5	10	1	13	16	25
Western Conference						
W	L	SOW	Pts	GF	GA	
Kansas City	9	5	2	23	29	
Colorado	8	8	1	22	25	
Dallas	8	7	3	18	25	
San Jose	5	10	2	11	23	
Los Angeles	4	10	1	10	14	
NOTE: Three points for victory, one point for shootout win and zero points for loss.						
Monday's Games						
No games scheduled						
Tuesday's Games						
No games scheduled						
Wednesday's Games						
Tampa Bay at Kansas City, 8:30 p.m.						
Thursday's Games						
No games scheduled						
Friday's Games						
No games scheduled						
Saturday's Games						
Los Angeles at Tampa Bay, 7:30 p.m.						
Kansas City at Colorado, 8 p.m.						
Dallas at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.						
BASKETBALL						
Women's National Basketball Association						
At A Glance						
All Times EDT	By The Associated Press	Eastern Conference	Western Conference			
W	L	Pct.	GB			
Houston	2	0	1.000	—		
New York	2	0	1.000	—		
Charlotte	0	1	.000	1 1/2		
Cleveland	0	1	.000	1 1/2		
Western Conference						
W	L	Pct.	GB			
Phoenix	1	1	.500	—		
Sacramento	1	1	.500	—		
Utah	1	1	.500	—		
Los Angeles	0	2	.000	1		
Tuesday's Game						
Houston 70, Phoenix 55						
Wednesday's Game						
Charlotte at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.						
Thursday's Games						
Utah at Cleveland, 7 p.m.						
New York at Houston, 8:30 p.m.						
Charlotte at Sacramento, 10 p.m.						
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Lieber pitches Pirates past Astros, 8-3

HOUSTON (AP) — Jon Lieber had something to prove against the Houston Astros. "I was determined to pitch well. I've had trouble here. I don't think I've ever won here before," Lieber said Tuesday night after pitching the Pittsburgh Pirates to an 8-3 victory over the Astros, giving Lieber his first victory in the Astrodome. Lieber (4-8) was 1-4 with a 5.19 ERA in eight previous appearances against Houston. He held Houston to one run on three hits in seven innings, while striking out five and walking five. It was Lieber's first victory over Houston since July 14, 1994. "My biggest problem pitching here has been getting the ball up. It's not a mental thing, it's just that some guys have trouble in some parks, and these guys are tough at home," Lieber said. "I was real happy with the way I pitched. They didn't hit many balls hard. I really went after the hitters and I used all my pitches."

Pittsburgh manager Gene Lamont was pleased with Lieber's performance. "This was one of his better outings. He kept the ball down, and his slider was sharp. Having a cushion helped him too," Lamont said. The Pirates, who lost a season-high six straight before winning two against Houston, have been buoyed by the return of Al Martin and Jermaine Allensworth from the disabled list.

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'Batman' soars to top; 'Speed' barely stays afloat

By JOHN HORN
AP Entertainment Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Weekend moviegoers flocked to the Caped Crusader and Hollywood's pretty woman as Sandra Bullock's seagone thriller *Speed 2: Cruise Control* founedered.

Batman and Robin debuted as the weekend's No. 1 box office draw with \$42.9 million. The fourth in the *Batman* movie series had a decent opening although it failed to beat the debuts of the two previous sequels.

Batman Forever in 1995 took in \$52.8 million and 1992's *Batman Returns* earned \$45.7 million in their opening weekends.

Other blockbusters had mixed results.

Speed 2: Cruise Control earned just \$7.4 million in dropping to fifth place after only two weeks, a decline of 54 percent from its debut weekend. If the trend continues, the movie could fail to make back millions of dollars in production and advertising costs.

My Best Friend's Wedding took second place with \$21.7 million in ticket sales — an opening record for a romantic comedy and for star Julia Roberts.

The previous top-grossing romantic comedy debut was *Sleepless in Seattle*, which opened with \$17.2 million in 1993. Roberts' biggest opening had been 1993's *The Pelican*

BOX OFFICE		
Top weekend movies		
Weekend of June 20-22, 1997		
All dollar figures in millions		
	Gross to date, weeks in release, number of screens	Weekend gross
1	<i>Batman and Robin</i> \$42.9, one week, 2,934 screens	\$42.9
2	<i>My Best Friend's Wedding</i> \$21.7, one week, 2,134 screens	\$21.7
3	<i>Con Air</i> \$10.4, three weeks, 2,941 screens	\$10.4
4	<i>The Lost World: Jurassic Park</i> \$8, five weeks, 3,086 screens	\$8
5	<i>Speed 2: Cruise Control</i> \$7.4, two weeks, 2,625 screens	\$7.4
6	<i>Austin Powers</i> \$4.5, eight weeks, 1,329 screens	\$1.3
7	<i>Gone Fishin'</i> \$1.2, four weeks, 1,525 screens	\$1.2
8	<i>Addicted to Love</i> \$32.5, five weeks, 1,401 screens	\$9.01
9	<i>The Fifth Element</i> \$59.8, seven weeks, 1,066 screens	\$8.65
10	<i>Buddy</i> \$9, three weeks, 1,623 screens	\$8.54

Brief, with \$16.8 million. Another blockbuster, *The Lost World: Jurassic Park*, passed the \$200 million in just five weeks. Two more big-ticket movies, *Hercules* and *Face/Off*, open in wide release next weekend. The top 20 movies at North American theaters Friday through Sunday, followed by

studio, gross, number of theater locations, receipts per location, total gross and number of weeks in release, as compiled Monday by Entertainment Data Inc. and Exhibitor Relations Co. Inc.:

1. *Batman and Robin*, Warner Bros., \$42.9 million, 2,934 locations, \$14,612 average, \$42.9 million, one week.
2. *My Best Friend's Wedding*, TriStar, \$21.7 million, 2,134 locations, \$10,159 average, \$21.7 million, one week.
3. *Con Air*, Disney, \$10.4 million, 2,941 locations, \$3,547 average, \$67.8 million, three weeks.
4. *The Lost World: Jurassic Park*, Universal, \$8 million, 3,086 locations, \$2,605 average, \$205 million, five weeks.
5. *Speed 2: Cruise Control*, Fox, \$7.4 million, 2,625 locations, \$2,833 average, \$30.9 million, two weeks.
6. *Austin Powers, International Man of Mystery*, New Line, \$1.3 million, 1,329 locations, \$960 average, \$48.5 million, eight weeks.
7. *Gone Fishin'*, Disney, \$1.2 million, 1,525 locations, \$784 average, \$16.1 million, four weeks.
8. *Addicted to Love*, Warner Bros., \$901,000, 1,401 locations, \$643 average, \$32.6 million, five weeks.
9. *The Fifth Element*, Columbia, \$865,000, 1,066 locations,

\$811 average, \$59.8 million, seven weeks.

10. *Buddy*, Columbia, \$854,000, 1,623 locations, \$526 average, \$9 million, three weeks.
11. *Hercules*, Disney, \$852,000, two locations, \$426,052 average, \$1.5 million, two weeks.
12. *Liar Liar*, Universal, \$649,000, 717 locations, \$905 average, \$171.3 million, 14 weeks.
13. *Jungle 2 Jungle*, Disney, \$531,000, 595 locations, \$892 average, \$57.1 million, 16 weeks.
14. *Breakdown*, Paramount, \$462,000, 980 locations, \$472 average, \$47.7 million, eight weeks.
15. *Volcano*, Fox, \$454,000, 693 locations, \$655 average, \$46.2 million, nine weeks.
16. *Trial and Error*, New Line, \$450,000, 1,109 locations, \$406 average, \$12.7 million, four weeks.
17. *The Saint*, Paramount, \$404,000, 675 locations, \$598 average, \$60.7 million, 12 weeks.
18. *Scream*, Miramax, \$332,000, 532 locations, \$624 average, \$102.3 million, 27 weeks.
19. *Ulee's Gold*, Orion, \$302,000, 33 locations, \$9,163 average, \$442,000, two weeks.
20. *Anaconda*, Columbia, \$268,000, 326 locations, \$822 average, \$61.3 million, 11 weeks.

Hint of search warrant sends administration attorneys scrambling

WASHINGTON (AP) — Whitewater prosecutors suggested last year they might seek a search warrant to hunt through the White House family residence for a box of documents, sending White House lawyers scrambling to avert what could have been an election year embarrassment.

The solution: A compromise was negotiated in which White House lawyers Jane Sherburne and Miriam Nemetz and usher Gary Walters hunted through the Clintons' rooms in the family residence for a box of documents with handwriting on it. Nothing turned up, according to lawyers and other people familiar with the episode.

In another development, FBI agents and Whitewater prosecutors have questioned Arkansas state troopers again in recent months about their knowledge of any extramarital relationships President Clinton may have had when he was governor, *The Washington Post* reported today.

It's part of an effort by Whitewater prosecutor Kenneth Starr to find close Clinton associates in whom he may have confidence and who might have knowledge about the truth of sworn statements Clinton has made in the course of the Whitewater investigation, the newspaper said.

The *Post* reported that eight troopers who served on Clinton's security detail had been asked about 12 to 15 women by name. It quoted deputy Whitewater prosecutor John Bates as saying it is "perfectly appropriate to establish the circumstances of the contact" between Clinton and the women, who could be potential witnesses.

Investigators told the newspaper such questions became essential in determining who might have participated in intimate conversations with the then-governor about his business dealings.

As for the White House search for documents, a source who spoke on condition of anonymity said, "Sherburne and Nemetz ... combed the place high and low, top-down, looking in the Clintons' closets,

under the beds, in all the rooms."

Prosecutors located witnesses who reported seeing the box in the investigation of the mysterious appearance of Hillary Rodham Clinton's billing records in the third-floor book room of the White House family residence, sources said.

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Prosecutors have been investigating the removal of the Clintons' personal papers from the White House office of the late White House Deputy Counsel Vincent Foster.

The billing records, which bear Foster's handwriting, outline Mrs. Clinton's work for the failing Arkansas savings and loan owned by the Clintons' Whitewater partners.

The records, which have Mrs. Clinton's fingerprints on them, dropped from sight at the conclusion of the 1992 presidential campaign. They were subpoenaed in the Whitewater probe in 1993 and a longtime assistant to Mrs. Clinton turned them over to prosecutors in January of last year, saying she had found them months before but hadn't realized what they were.

When officials in Starr's office were told that a box that might be relevant to their investigation was inside the family residence, prosecutors told White House lawyers they were prepared to go to court and seek a warrant to conduct a search, the individuals said. In a series of phone calls, the two sides struck the compromise.

Department of Public Safety offers summer traveling tips

It's summertime and time to start planning our vacation trips.

Trooper L.B. Snider, public information officer for the Texas Department of Public Safety, says safe vacation travel is as basic as one, two, three. First, prepare the vehicle; second, prepare the driver; and third, when traveling, use your best attitude and skills.

Basic vehicle preparation includes checking belts, hoses, radiator coolant, motor oil, transmission oil, power steering fluid, brake fluid and windshield solution. Replace wiper blades if needed and check the tires for wear and correct air pressure. Clean air and fuel filters can save roadside distress also.

Trooper Snider also urges drivers to be sure all the lights are functioning properly.

Driver preparation calls for adequate pre-trip rest and being free of alcohol and/or other drug impairment, which includes

medications that may affect safe driving. The driver(s) should be familiar with route plans and weather forecasts as well as possible alternate routes.

Snider recommends travelers to share travel plans with a family member or friend who would know how to contact the travelers should contact be needed.

In their traveling, Snider encourages all riders to make proper use of safety belts.

"Proper use of safety belts is as fundamental as a baseball catcher's protective gear, greatly increasing our ability to survive a collision," states Snider.

"Drivers are requested to use headlights during daytime travel as well as night. This helps other drivers to see us and ourselves to see others better and often quicker than helping avoid many daytime collisions and near misses," he said.

Additional travel tips Snider offers are

allow for occasional stops to enhance driver alertness, keep their eyes moving to avoid "highway hypnosis" and keep alert to changes to traffic, road conditions and the area environment.

Snider adds that motorists with mobile/cellular phones needing help or to get help for others may call, toll free, 1-800-525-5555 for DPS assistance. When using this number, be prepared to give good location information such as road number/name, distance from a town (estimate) and the type of help needed. However, if urgent help is needed motorists may need to use 911.

"The Texas Department of Public Safety believes that proper preparation along with alert defensive driving skills and a safe driving attitude go far toward safe traveling whether it be for summer vacation or just around the block," says Trooper Snider.

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