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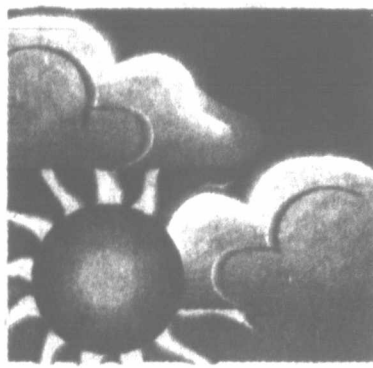
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PAMPA - Members of the Macedonia First Baptist Church will be sponsoring a goody and bake sale on Saturday, July 12 at 121 S. Cuyler, beginning at 9 a.m. and running until all baked goods are sold.

Proceeds will go to the building fund of the Macedonia Baptist Church, which collapsed earlier this year.

The Rev. I.L. Patrick and the members of the building committee invites everyone to purchase their favorite pie, cake, cookie or other goody and help a worthwhile event.

PAMPA - Tickets are on sale for Thursday's 11:30 a.m. luncheon and fashion show in honor of Top O' Texas Rodeo Queen. Tickets are \$9 in advance and may be purchased at the rodeo office at the Chamber of Commerce. Tickets at the door at Pampa Country Club are \$9. The Queen and Teen Queen will be crowned at Saturday night's rodeo performance. Luncheon goers will have a chance to win one of several door prizes including a three-day, two-night trip to Las Vegas. The luncheon is just one of many rodeo-connected activities in which the queen candidates will participate. Horsemanship competition will get under way at 4 p.m. Thursday at the arena. Also, contestants will participate in the grand entry of every rodeo performance.

- Jimmy Don Anders, 53, corrections officer
- Raymond Vance Jennings, 69, heavy equipment operator
- Arnold A. Karbo, retired Hoechst Celanese employee
- Katherine "Kay" Miller, 81, former city employee and former housekeeping supervisor at Coronado Community Hospital.
- James Clifton "Jake" Molfett, 78, retired farmer and former City of Clarendon employee

Parking lot full... Loss of spaces a headache at high school

By LAURA HALEY
Staff Writer

A new multi-purpose gym at the high school will take away approximately 89 parking spaces for students and faculty.

The building, which was approved by school board trustees at a cost of \$500,000, is being constructed on a parking area between the baseball stadium and the west side of the football bleachers. According to Jack Bailey, executive director of personnel for PISD, trustees and staff considered several alternatives of the building location and discovered the parking area was the only suitable location.

"That was the only place we could put the facility that did not have underground pipes that go to the high

school," said Bailey.

The problem with placing the building over the underground pipes, he said, is if one of the pipes burst in the future, the floor of the new building would have to be destroyed to get to the pipes.

But, the loss of the 89 spaces may prove to be a major concern in future years.

Fred Courtney, the liaison officer for the Pampa Police Department and the school district, addressed members of the traffic commission last Thursday about the potential problem. Despite the fact that the traffic commission had already revamped the high school parking areas two years ago, the loss of the parking spaces due to construction is forcing the high school to ask for more changes, said Courtney.

As space for parking for high school students and fac-

ulty seems to be dwindling, Courtney and traffic commissioners struggled to attempt to recover as many of the lost spaces as possible. Courtney asked the traffic commission for changes that could result in at least 30 parking spaces being recovered.

The first suggestion adopted by the traffic commission was to change a segment of the north side of Harvester Street directly in front of the high school from no parking and one-hour parking zones to parallel parking. Approximately 20 vehicles could parallel park along the front of the school and still leave enough room for buses, said Courtney.

Additional parallel parking spaces were approved by the commission along the east side of Charles Street from the corner of Harvester to the opening of the horseshoe

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Weed policy means owners must pay \$50

An abundance of rain has caused the panhandle to bloom into summer, to the dismay of city workers in charge of handling high grass and weed complaints.

"The thing is, do you want me to spend your tax dollars to mow somebody's lot for them?"

Richard Morris
public works

Although rain is always a welcome sight in this area, the high weeds and grass around town are not. And, many residents, annoyed with the unsightly growth, have voiced their objections to City Hall.

Richard Morris, director of public works, said in the past two weeks approximately 500 letters

have been mailed to home and land owners to mow their properties. "We're hoping most folks will mow when they get the letter," he said.

Those residents receiving a letter will have 10 days to mow their property. After those 10 days the city will file a lien against the property owner, said Morris. At this point, the lot still cannot be mowed for at least another 10 days, giving property owners a chance to respond.

After all of these resources are exhausted, the city then has a legal right to mow the property owner's lot.

Many residents voicing complaints do not realize the legal obligation.

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Thief uses stolen radio for bad talk

Someone has stolen a fire department radio and is using it to expound his personal philosophies of life.

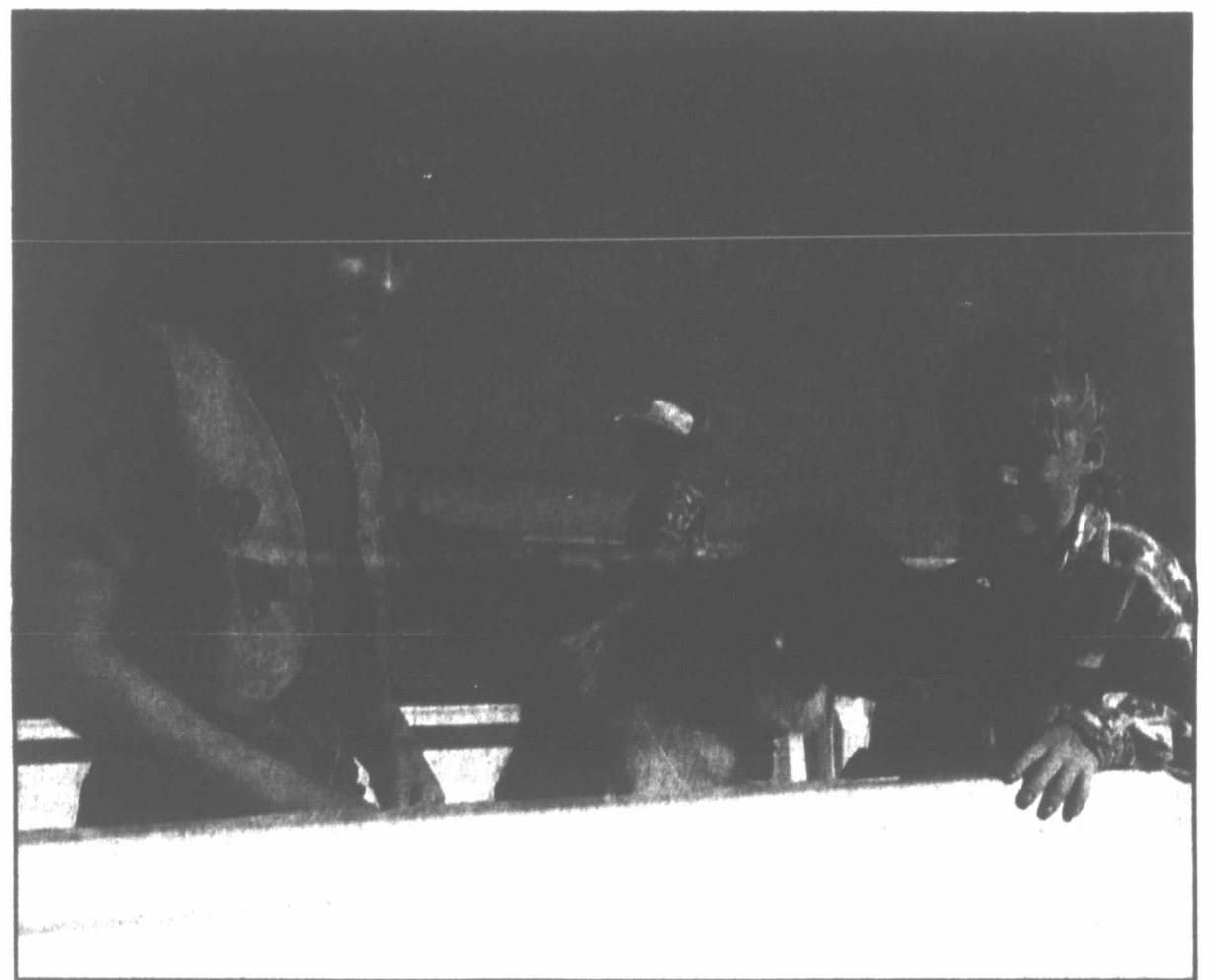
Pampa Police Chief Charlie Morris said someone is apparently using a walkie-talkie stolen from the Pampa Fire Department to broadcast obscenities over the air.

"We're actively investigating the situation," Morris said Monday afternoon.

Authorities said Fire Department Battalion Chief Kim Powell reported the walkie-talkie missing July 1. Officers said the hand-held radio was apparently taken from the fire department about June 27.

Pampa police officers said the person with the walkie-talkie figured out how to make it work and is using it to broadcast vulgarities. They said they have had several calls from citizens with scanners.

Almost time for the show



(Pampa News photo by Kate B. Dickson)

Sisters Lindsey (left) and Ashley Price along with their border collie, Shy, take a time out while their "grooms," Mike and Sharon Price, AKA Mom and Dad, are nearby getting the horses ready for the first performance of the Kid Pony Show. Lindsey and Ashley competed in flag and barrel racing. The children's show continues tonight and Wednesday night at 7 p.m.

Murder charge dropped

Murder charges against a 32-year-old woman in connection with the Christmas Eve shooting of a Pampa teenager have been dropped.

District Attorney John Mann said charges against Tracy Rene Williams were dropped last week after she agreed to take and passed a polygraph, or lie-detector, test indicating she was not involved in the shooting of Richard Lamount Proctor, 18, of 1109 Huff Rd.

Williams was questioned earlier this spring and

was indicted on murder charges by a grand jury.

Proctor was shot in the head with a large caliber handgun as he got into the passenger side of a 1984 Cadillac near Henry and Albert Streets. Two Pampa youths with Proctor said the killer was in a red pickup truck that had pulled up behind them. They told officers the headlights prevented them from seeing who was in the pickup.

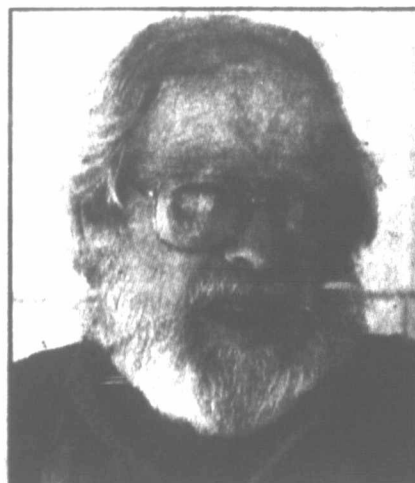
Pampa police say they are actively investigating the case.

Quite frankly

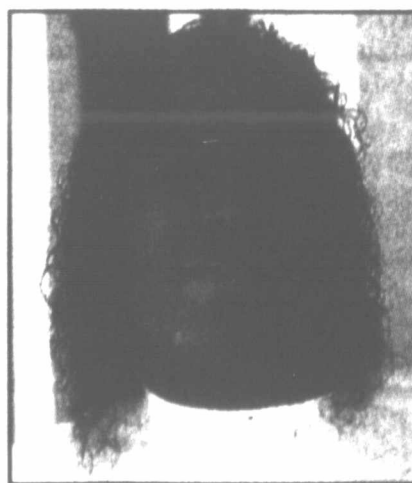
How important is the dress code in school? How strictly should it be enforced?



Ivan Collier: I don't think it should be all that important. If the clothing isn't too bad I don't see any reason for enforcement. I don't think the vulgar and obscene is appropriate.



Derrell Koffman: First off, what are school dress codes? I don't think it should have anything to do with education, but I don't think profane language should be allowed.



Cynthia Lemmons: I think they ought to be more conservative. I don't like the baggy clothes and short, short skirts.



Jim Reeves: It helps to keep order in the classroom for one thing, but as one who has to enforce it I don't think it should be stricter. The dress code should begin at home.



Connie Fadenrcht: I think they need a dress code. Not terribly strict, but some sort of dress code.

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Congress to set price limits on Medicare outpatient treatment

By ALICE ANN LOVE
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — When Raldo Capitani, 77, was recovering from a heart attack last year, he didn't think twice about the price of the exercise therapy recommended by his doctor.

Capitani, a retiree living in Florida, assumed that under Medicare rules familiar to most senior citizens he would be responsible for a co-payment of just 20 percent, with the government picking up 80 percent.

The rehabilitation clinic, operated by one of the nation's largest for-profit hospital chains, charged \$4,424 for the twelve weeks of supervised exercise sessions and did bill Capitani for 20 percent — about \$885.

But when he examined his Medicare statement, Capitani discovered the government considered the therapy worth considerably less and paid the clinic only \$433.

Instead of a 20 percent co-payment, Capitani ended up paying more than 66 percent of the total fee.

"It's ridiculous," said Capitani. "I don't normally make too many waves, but in this case I figured somebody's going to hear about it."

He complained to the hospital, Medicare and then to Congress. Turns out he's not the only one.

After an intense lobbying effort by the American Association of Retired Persons, Congress this year decided that starting in 1999, the federal government will limit hospital outpatient prices — and gradually ease the financial burden on senior citizens.

It's one of the few new expenses in this year's balanced budget deal, which overall reduces Medicare spending by more than \$115 billion over five years.

On average, the government estimates senior citizens now pay nearly 50 percent of Medicare fees to hospital-run

clinics for common outpatient services such as rehabilitation, one-day surgery, radiology or testing.

"People don't know the risk they face. They assume Medicare pays 80 percent, so this is a surprise," said John Rother,

legislative director for the AARP.

In its newspaper last winter, the nation's largest senior citizens group asked to hear from retirees about the issue, and got back several thousand responses. The AARP shared the letters with lawmakers and "we got Congress to pay attention," said Rother.

Many retirees don't realize they pay

a higher percentage for hospital outpatient services than for doctors' office visits. That's because the extra cost often is covered by privately purchased Medigap insurance, or is in separate Medicare and hospital bills

that few take the time to compare.

The discrepancies occur because the government bases its payments on annual audits of how much it actually costs an outpatient center to provide care. Seniors' payments, on the other hand, are based on whatever the clinic chooses to charge.

Senior citizens pay 20 percent of what

the clinic charges; Medicare pays actual costs minus the seniors' payment.

At one time, Medicare's estimate of actual costs and clinics' charges were compatible; so the fee-sharing ratio worked out to 80/20, more or less. But no longer.

"Charges are the most inflated view of what the hospital thinks it deserves," said Kathy Buto, Medicare's associate administrator for policy. "Every time they raised their charges they got a windfall," from the beneficiary.

Profit motive has played some role, acknowledges James Bentley of the American Hospital Association. But Bentley argues the gap between what Medicare recognizes and what hospitals actually charge has grown because of the growing number of people who can't afford to pay.

"You have to subsidize patients who don't pay," Bentley said. "From the hospital point of view ... the party who's benefited is the government."

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Golf Scramble



(Pampa News photo by Diana F. Canbridge)

Rev. Todd Dyess, minister of the First United Methodist Church, presented a check to Ann Loter, director of Meals on Wheels, for \$1,500. The donation came from the proceeds of the 10th annual Golf Scramble. Dr. Joe Donaldson of Pampa has been responsible for organizing the scramble since the beginning. The first place winners of the tournament were Ron Brauchi, Dr. Ed Williams, C.B. Reece and Ava Warren. Second place team was Don Alexander, Phil Vanderpool, Sam Porter and Jim Morrison. In all, there were 56 participants in the event to benefit the local Meals on Wheels organization.

Class of 1967 is desperately seeking former classmates

The Pampa High School Class of 1967 will be holding its 30 year reunion Aug. 1-2.

The class would like to locate the following members. If you know their whereabouts, please contact Mary Cantrell at (806) 669-7260, Larry Franklin at (806) 669-6073, or Doris Reed at (806) 665-3900.

Those missing are: Peggy Marie Anderson, Rita Jeanne Andrews, Phyllis Marie Blackmon, Wanda Brewer, Eileen Bray, Sandra Diane Brice, Jennifer Ann Burnham, Debra L. Callan, Linda Carter, John Ernest Clark, Jr.

Kenneth Leon Cowen, Patricia Lee Darden, James Dale Davis, Linda Catherine "Cathy" Dorman, Billy Edwards, Nettie Elizabeth Edwards, Thomas Richard Fischer, Elizabeth Ann Fry, Charolette Jo Gill, Patricia Ann Gotcher.

Marc William Gregory, Chris Grissom, Paula Hoepfner, Susan Howard, Sandra Kay Greenwood, Jerry Jelinek, Howard Jones, Janet Ann Jones, James Carl Lang, Monty B. Lewis.

Judy Lyons, Michael McClure, Charlene "Ti" McDonald, Dale Wayne McVey, Carolyn Joyce Mason, Genie Lavon Matney, James Curtis Matney, Patricia Jean Meador, Willie Sherman Mitchell, Billy Morgans.

Alphonso Jowers, Sharon Gordon Peoples, Vickie Preuss, Nancy Prince, Sally Patricia Prince, Margaret June Robinson, Cecil Roland, Samuel "Sam" Wyman Shaw, Beverly Reon Slover, Darrell Dewayne Smith.

Tommy Earl Soward, Ephraim George Spraberry, Kenneth Ray Shrader, Larry Virgil Stephens, Larry Forrest Taylor, Don Thompson, Brenda Wallace, Robert "Bob" Ray Ward, Mickie Mabry Weeks, Peggy Whidden.

Robert Steve Williams, Carolyn Sue Wilson, Jerry Woodward, Pamela Kay Wright, Doris Jean Young, and Robert Zimmerman and Marie Kathleen Ball.

Reservation must be made for the banquet by Monday, July 14. For those who come only for the entertainment Saturday night, there will be a charge at the door.

Emergency Planning Committee to meet

PAMPA — The Local Emergency Planning Committee will meet Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. at M.K. Brown Auditorium.

In this meeting, members will discuss shelter-in-place training and radio monitors for emergency broadcasts for LEPC members.

Also on the agenda is the final plans for the Aug. 1 hamburger cookout and dance at the M.K.

Brown Auditorium. The fund raiser costs \$10 per person at the door or \$9 per person in advance and all proceeds will go to the Siren Project Replacement Fund. This fund was established to replace the eight current emergency warning sirens with ten new state-of-the-art sirens.

For further information concerning fund raisers, donations or current projects of the LEPC, call 669-5820.

Welfare plan aims applicants toward jobs

AUSTIN (AP) — Applying for welfare in Texas soon could be a lot like applying for a job.

The concept, known as "work first," will be tried in a Corpus Christi pilot project. If it succeeds, job counselors and wage subsidies could play a leading role in Texas welfare.

Under the idea, when people apply for welfare benefits, information about their work history and employability would be considered as well. Those considered employable would be sent to a job counselor for work placement.

To help welfare applicants find jobs, the state would subsidize wages. Instead of giving a cash grant and food stamps to applicants, the state would give the money to a business to help it pay three-quarters of the applicant's wages.

"The vision is to have a system where the very first option is work. In the past, what we've had is people come in wanting to be signed up for benefits, and work is not a consideration," said Texas Workforce Commissioner Bill Hammond, who is guiding the project.

The Austin American-Statesman reported Monday

that Corpus Christi was chosen as the site for the pilot project, which officials hope to launch by fall, because its population represents a cross-section of the state, there are jobs available and the city has a moderate unemployment rate.

Work-based programs, which have been put in place by other states, have taken on added significance in light of the federal welfare reform law. It requires states to move welfare recipients to work quickly, imposing penalties if they don't meet quotas.

A decline in Texas welfare caseloads, due largely to a good economy and low unemployment rate, is expected to help the state meet federal requirements.

Some officials, however, are concerned about meeting work requirements for two-parent households because the number of such families on Texas rolls is increasing. Federal work requirements for such families are more stringent than for single-parent families.

Under welfare reforms approved in Texas in 1995, welfare recipients are limited to one to three years of monthly cash benefits, depending on their work history and education.

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Longtime Pampan moving to Kansas

Pampa area residents have said good bye to a long time resident, Jesse B. Mays.

Mays, who is 90, is moving to Haysville, KS, to be near his only daughter Janice Church, a retired school teacher.

Mays moved to Pampa in 1928 from Oklahoma where he was born in 1907.

He came to Pampa during the dustbowl era and shined shoes near the bank on Cuyler Street until he got a job in a local oilfield.

During those hard years he saved enough money to open his first restaurant — the Pennant Club, which he had for nearly ten years.

After the Pennant Club he opened the Rath Killer on Somerville and kept it open for 20 years. He retired in 1983.

According to his wife, they have lived in the same house for more than 45 years and raised their children here in Pampa.

"He was crazy about baseball and football," said his wife. "Other than working hard all these years, that was his main concern."

Both boys, Laddie and Carl, were active in high school sports. Laddie is a building contractor in Dothan, Alabama and Carl died a number of years ago from cancer.

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Bring the kids in Thursday & Friday between 2-4 p.m. to get their face painted by Professional Rodeo Clown. We will also have an autograph party from 2-4 p.m. Thursday, Friday & Saturday on Wrangler Posters, plus a FREE Wrangler Bandana.

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Let Peace Begin With Me

This newspaper is dedicated to furnishing information to our readers so that they can better promote and preserve their own freedom and encourage others to see its blessings. Only when man understands freedom and is free to control himself and all he possesses can he develop to his utmost capabilities.

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.

Freedom is neither license nor anarchy. It is control and sovereignty of oneself, no more, no less. It is, thus, consistent with the covenanted commandment.

L.W. McCall
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Kate B. Dickson
Associate Publisher/Editor

Remember to be thankful ...

I love the Fourth of July. It's one of those holidays the entire family enjoys. Children love to "ooh and aah" at the fireworks. Adults, alike, love to watch fireworks and enjoy spending the day with their families.

But, through all of the fun and games, how many actually stop to think about what the Fourth of July represents?

I must admit, I am the first to claim fault on this point. How many years have I stopped on the side of the road to gawk at the beautiful fireworks without giving any patriotic thought towards the country in which I live?

More than I care to admit. Shame, guilt, a healthy dose of disrespect — they are all slowly creeping into my throat this year. Perhaps we as Americans should at least take just a few minutes to reflect on this country and what it has given us.

Okay, so I know this place isn't perfect. We have racism problems, jails are overcrowded from the ever-growing number of criminals, people are racing across the borders to get into the United States and as a country we tend to



Laura Haley
Pampa News staff writer

believe we are the world's peace officers.

Depending on your particular political arena, these may or may not be problems. But, despite whatever perceived problems we as individuals may have with this nation, it is still pretty great.

I, for one, am gracious for the fact that I have the right to walk openly in the streets and work for a living. In many countries, women do not have these rights.

As citizens, we have the right to practice whatever religion we wish, pursue a higher education in whatever field interests us and travel from state

to state without passports, visas or other paperwork. We are free from a large number of restraints issued against many people of other countries.

As with any aspect of life, the point is how you view your life. This country could be viewed as a country full of problems and very little hope for the future, or as a country full of promise and many hopes for a better future.

I'll take the latter, thank you.

Perhaps that's my optimistic side talking. But, if everyone took time to appreciate the positives about this country then maybe we could appreciate the positives about each other. This country, after all, was founded on the melting pot concept. It was founded as a place where all would be welcome despite their race, sex, social status, religion or profession.

Out of respect for our forefathers who fought so diligently for these freedoms, we should all take at least a few minutes this holiday weekend and attempt to honor the goal for which many gave their lives.

After all, isn't that what the Fourth of July is all about — pride, respect, freedom and, of course, the three-day weekend?

Opinion

Self-regulation is the best policy

The Clinton administration is said to be quietly fashioning a new policy that would leave regulation of the Internet and other new, emerging and changing communications technologies to the online industry itself.

News stories say this is a backup position being prepared in anticipation of a Supreme Court ruling that would declare large portions of the Communications Decency Act of 1996, which was touted as the answer to smut on the Internet, unconstitutional.

It would be more encouraging if the possible new White House policy constituted a public recognition that the online industry is already regulating itself — more effectively and flexibly than the government ever could — through the web of trial-and-error transactions and experiments sometimes referred to as the marketplace.

The evidence that self-regulation is in place and is working for now, given the technology and knowledge currently extant can easily be found.

A recent news story told of a man in Florida who set a trap for potential child molesters by creating the persona of a 13-year-old girl and waiting for electronic contacts. As a result of his work, police have arrested at least one potential molester.

In addition, there is a growing number of people in business as cyberspace "private eyes," on the lookout for stolen or improperly acquired copyrighted software on web sites. They report the perpetrators to software companies for a fee. Although the law in such matters is somewhat unclear, these private operators, working mainly from the sense that stealing is wrong, have at least been able to slow the software pilferers. Sometimes the publicity alone is enough to quell the thievery; in other cases charges have been brought.

Finally, the recent agreement between Microsoft and Netscape on a technology standard to better protect privacy might have been in part, a self-promoting publicity event. But it addressed a problem many were concerned about more quickly — and almost certainly more effectively — than the government could have.

It's not perfect but it works — and the variety of approaches to cybercrime can be adjusted as people discover what works better.

By contrast, a body of government regulation based on current knowledge and technology would be difficult or unwieldy to change and might even have the effect of stifling innovation and the search for more promising solutions to emerging problems.

If the Clinton administration understands all this and plans to lighten up on cyber-regulation of all kinds as a result — that would be a genuinely hopeful sign for perpetuating an unfettered Internet.

If the administration is only bending its position to harmoniously jibe with what might emanate from the Supreme Court in its upcoming Decency Act decision, as political tacticians believe, then "netizens," legislators and others have a big job ahead.

All must keep up the pressure and rallying cries to keep the Internet free and open — with or without the support of the president.

—Odessa American



Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, July 8, the 189th day of 1997. There are 176 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On July 8, 1776, Col. John Nixon gave the first public reading of the Declaration of Independence to a crowd gathered at Independence Square in Philadelphia.

On this date: In 1663, King Charles II of England granted a charter to Rhode Island.

In 1853, an expedition led by Commodore Matthew Perry arrived in Yedo Bay, Japan, on a mission to seek diplomatic and trade relations with the Japanese.

In 1889, *The Wall Street Journal* was first published.

In 1891, Warren G. Harding married Florence K. DeWolfe in Marion, Ohio.

In 1907, Florenz Ziegfeld staged his first "Follies" on the roof of the New York Theater in New York City.

In 1919, President Wilson received a tumultuous welcome in New York City after his return from the Versailles Peace Conference in France.

No political party is an alternative

Charley Reese

The Canadians were the first to dump their conservatives, then came the United States (the Republican majority is not a conservative majority), then the British and now the French. The German government is probably next in line to fall.

What gives? Well, in the first place, what people call conservative is by no means people who advocate laissez-faire government and a truly free-market economy. A truly free-market economy exists nowhere, certainly not in Canada, the United States, Great Britain, France or Germany.

What most people call conservative is really neo-mercantilist — a system in which the powerful corporations and the centralized government team up to pursue a form of economic nationalism defined as: "What is good for the big corporations and the wealthy elite who control them is good for the nation."

In the past there was some truth to that. The more, for example, General Motors prospered, the more American jobs were created. What the dummies in government haven't figured out is that now that most corporations are international, what's good for them is most definitely not good for the nation. Now many corporations prosper by shutting down American facilities and farming out the work overseas.

The problem with big corporations and big government shuffling the same bed is that they

have different purposes. The corporation wishes only to maximize its profits. It can best do that by increasing prices and cutting expenses, one of which is labor costs, and by eliminating competition. The government, on the other hand, is supposed to represent the interests of all the people — even those who aren't elitists.

Thus there is a direct conflict. It is good for the corporation to charge usurious interest rates; it is bad for the people to have to pay them. It is good for the corporation to ship jobs overseas; it is bad for the people to lose their jobs. It is good for the corporations to get favorable tax breaks; it is bad for the working man and woman who have to make up the difference. It is good for the big corporations that the government can help crush their competition with burdensome taxes and regulations a small firm can't sustain; it is bad for the people to live in a government-created environment that makes it difficult to gain financial independence except in speculation.

The people in the Western countries are obviously dissatisfied, and the real shame, for us in the United States, is that neither of our major parties offer a true alternative to neo-mercantilist poli-

cies. There are individuals in both parties who oppose the status quo, but they are a minority.

We need to elect people who will control interest rates. No matter what a banking shill tells you, money is not a commodity, and therefore the price of money cannot and is not determined by market forces. Under the fractional reserve banking system, money is created out of thin air by banks and extinguished by banks. Because this is a power granted to banks by government, the government has every right to regulate the interest rates.

We need to elect people who will penalize corporations for shipping American jobs offshore. If an American corporation wants to make its shoes in China, then let it sell them to the Chinese. Congress ought to adopt a two-tier tariff schedule — low tariffs for genuine foreign products, and high tariffs for products made overseas for or by American corporations just to escape our wage and hour and environmental laws.

We need to elect people who will impose on foreign imports, especially food products, exactly the same health, environmental and sanitation requirements that American farmers and food processors have to meet. It is stupid and unjust to forbid the use of a pesticide by an American farmer while importing fruits and vegetables on which the same pesticide has been used. That's a case of the government's trade policies undermining the government's public health policies.

A victory over sexual predators



Stephen Chapman

Suppose we are faced with a man who has a disabling disease that can be easily transmitted to children through casual contact. The illness is treatable, but the man refuses treatment. As a result, children unlucky enough to cross paths with him stand a serious risk of inhaling germs that could cause crippling injuries.

What would we do with the man? We could: (a) lock him in prison; (b) let him roam freely infecting other people; or (c) keep him in a medical facility until such time as he no longer poses a danger.

Almost anyone would agree that the only sensible and humane answer is (c). Punishing someone for getting sick would be barbaric. Exposing children to him would be even more indefensible. Detaining and treating him in a hospital inflicts no unnecessary suffering on him, and it restricts his liberty only as much as needed to protect the innocent.

This is all mere common sense, which has been followed in cases of contagious disease for a long time. But common sense is not always abundant in controversies over illnesses that are mental in nature. And that's why the Supreme Court found itself obliged to decide whether a lifelong child molester should be allowed to go free to molest again.

The case involved Leroy Hendricks, who has been in prison several times for taking various indecent liberties with children. The last time, he was convicted of trying to fondle two adolescent boys and spent nearly ten years behind bars. But when his term was up, the state of Kansas didn't let him go. Using a new law aimed at sexually violent predators, it went to court to have him committed to a psychiatric institution for as long as he remains a danger, even if he didn't meet the legal definition of "mentally ill." Hendricks sued, claiming the law violated his constitutional rights.

The Supreme Court ruled it didn't. That in itself was something of a surprise, since the court had previously said that a state could not keep a dangerous mental patient confined once he was no longer mentally ill — even though he was still dangerous.

The bigger surprise, though, was that this time, the entire court accepted the notion of using civil commitment as a means to protect innocent people from twisted sex offenders. None of the justices bought the argument of civil liberties advocates that this approach creates a grave threat to individual freedom.

The court's critics were quick to see the sky falling. "The danger is the term 'mental abnormality' could be used to reach all kinds of behavior that may have no relation to mental illness," said Michael Allen of the Bazelon Center for Mental Health Law in Washington. "The law would permit commitment of someone who was just maladjusted."

Allen is not adhering strenuously to the truth. Though Hendricks is not mentally ill in the legal sense, he readily admits to suffering from pedophilia, an undisputed mental disorder. In the past, he has spurned treatments which he dismisses as "BS," and he insists the only cure for his ailment is death.

The Kansas law, despite what Allen suggests, does not allow the authorities to conduct mass dragnets to detain anyone acting morose or wearing a pinwheel hat with a tuxedo. It is aimed only at those "maladjusted" sorts who have committed violent sexual offenses and appear likely to commit more.

Even within this narrow category, the state doesn't have anything resembling carte blanche. Once a sex offender has served his time, the state has to convince a jury beyond a reasonable doubt that he is a sexually violent predator. If the jury agrees, he is sent to a mental hospital — not to a prison. A court is then obligated to review his case at least once a year. If and when the court finds he is no longer mentally abnormal or dangerous, he must be released.

The state of Kansas has not been using the law indiscriminately: Of 805 sex offenders who have completed their prison terms under the law, only nine have been sent to mental hospitals.

Civil libertarians act as though they are doing these offenders a favor by sparing them the prospect of institutionalization. But if states were deprived of this option, Northwestern law professor Paul Robinson notes, they would resort to something far less congenial to the inmates: longer prison sentences, including life terms with no chance of parole. Civil commitment offers a better choice that protects society without unjustly punishing offenders who can't control their actions.

Two years ago, a Kansas judge took the side of the critics, calling the law "vague, arbitrary and overbroad" and freeing an inmate named Richard Goracke who had been convicted on four different occasions of sexual crimes. A month ago, police were called to investigate the molestation of an eight-year-old girl in New Cambria, Kan. They arrested one Richard Goracke.

Thought for today

"Like men with sore eyes: they find the light painful, while the darkness, which permits them to see nothing, is restful and agreeable."

Dio Chrysostom, A.D. 40-120

Berry's World

"I would like to apologize for the national parks being so overcrowded."

Meredith House rocks



(Pampa News photo by Dianna F. Dandridge)

Kenneth Price, Dee Flowers and Ebb Gray helped the residents of Meredith House celebrate the Fourth of July with some old time country music played on a fiddle and guitar. The musicians played tunes originally performed by Sons of the Pioneers, Ray Price, Ernest Tubb and other nearly forgotten country singers.

Letters to the editor

To the editor:

I'd like to thank the Pampa Fine Arts Association for offering the Junior Summer Arts Program. The children of Pampa were fortunate to have the opportunity to work with professionals like Holly Burger (pottery), Loralee Cooley (storytelling), Katrina Hildebrandt (recorder), Chase Roach (guitar), and Amy Winton (drawing).

Organizers Barbara Bigham and Kim Trimble did a wonderful job of coordinating these classes. Thanks to all of these people devoting their time and energy to providing a quality cultural experience for the young people of Pampa.

Judy Elliott
Pampa

To the editor:

As a former reporter for *The Pampa News* from late 1992 through early 1994 who has since returned to my childhood hometown of Austin, I want to take this opportunity to thank the many congenial residents of the Pampa area whom I met during my period of residence in your city.

I'd also like to take this opportunity to invite any of you nice people in the Pampa area to give me a call or write me if you ever plan to visit Austin or would like to keep up with me.

I'm currently employed as a word processor for a translating firm in Austin, and during my leisure time as a single gentleman I give regular speeches before Austin City Council as the founder, president and sole current member of the Austin-based Progressive Prohibitionist Religion. My next scheduled speech will focus on the great need for a citywide, municipally financed sidewalk construction project throughout Austin. At present, the complete absence of sidewalks along a significant portion of Austin's various roadways poses a major public-safety hazard for pedestrians, joggers and bicyclists — permanent residents here as well as visitors to Austin — throughout our capital city.

My phone number in Austin is (512) 305-4599 (leave message), and my permanent mailing address is: P.O. Box 11517, Austin, Texas, 78711-1517. Best wishes to all of you in the Pampa area!

John McMillan
Austin

To the editor:

I'd like to say thank you Clyde Coffee for teaching our children the meaning of baseball.

I'll never forget the pep talk you gave our children the first year of baseball practice, how some day they were going to be young men in the work field and things weren't always going to go their way. You taught our kids something more important than winning, you taught them sportsmanship and that is something they will always remember.

You were tough, but the kids

knew it in a good way. You are a great coach and a very good role model for our children and we do need that for our kids, because they are our future.

The Lord lented them to us to protect, not to scale them or pin point all their wrongs but to lift their heads up no matter what.

I also like to say thank you to those special dads, Jay Zimmers for being there every time for our boys and a great supporter; Bob Olson for being a great supporter and a great Boy Scout leader; Chris Davis for being a great supporter. And those dads that made special trips back home and worked night shifts with out sleep to be there for their sons with proud faces and win or lose to have a good sportsmanship.

Robert Cottrell, Bob North and Kenneth Humphrey and all you other great dads, that's what being a parent is all about. We had some great teams this year it takes special people to do what you men and women do as coaches.

Thank you Clyde Coffee again for teaching our kids good values.

Melissa Cottrell
Pampa

To the editor:

I graduated from the Pampa, Texas Air Base with the class of 45-C Central Pilot Training Command, in 1944. I have been searching for information on this field and was wondering if anyone had any information on that period of time in the Pampa history.

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To the editor:

My wife, the former Candy Noblitt, and I really appreciate receiving news about our home town on the internet. We grew up in Pampa and lived there as adults from 1968 to 1972 when I worked at Cabot Corporation's downtown offices. Even though we still have family and friends in the city, the *Pampa News* online keeps us much more current with happenings at home. Thanks for your efforts. Please keep the news online for all of us displaced Pampans all over the world.

James Shelton
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To the editor:

In an effort to learn how to bridge the gap between unfunded ADA regulations, good sense and community awareness I have invited ADAAPT representatives to Pampa to conduct a disability rights advocacy training program. I need help in the "how to's" — American Disabled for Attendant Programs Today is activist organization whose national battle cry is Free Our People.

"You need ten people," said Stephanie Thomas, ADAAPT of Austin, "and we'll come to Pampa. Understand that we are more concerned with techniques for advocacy not the particulars of the law." Thomas and her partner are both in wheelchairs, trainers on the frontlines raising awareness.

Are there other individuals in our panhandle community who are interested in forming a disability rights advocacy group? The training program takes all day on Saturday and half a day Sunday, tentatively scheduled for sometime in August.

I don't care about the guy who parks in the handicap space because he'll "only be a second", after all, I ride. I do care about the store owner who parks in the handicap space because he "doesn't really have to provide one" or the parking lot stripping crew who think they've done a good job — but if I park in the handi-

cap designated space I can't use the curb cut.

In March several people responded to my research project on awareness and community. I invite those people to respond again. (I've misplaced phone numbers.) Anyone who is interested in learning more about advocacy for disability rights please write to Kayla Pursley, 300 W. Foster, Pampa, TX 79065 or call 665-8848.

Kayla Pursley
The Four Poster
Pampa

To the editor:

This is in regard to the bind weed, on the Corner of 23rd and Perryton Parkway. Its in full bloom, the city mows, it doesn't bag, and the last time they mowed it was windy. My neighbors and other people who live out this way try to take care of their yards. But the City can seed the yards for blocks and that stuff is very difficult to kill out. I'm a taxpayer and this is getting to be a bad situation in other parts of town, too. So we have rules to live by, so what about the City? Anything goes. I don't think so.

I hope we can get some help without doing down to City Hall.

Pampa what do you think?
Grace Newhouse
Pampa

Comptroller John Sharp: Telecommuting wave of the future in Texas

AUSTIN — State Comptroller John Sharp is urging Texas businesses to consider the option of telecommuting as a way to save money and increase their employees' morale, predicting that within 30 years, approximately 40 percent of the U.S. workforce, or 50 million people, will be telecommuting.

"About 9 million American workers telecommute today, and that number will grow to 20 million during the next three years," Sharp said. "Employers looking for a way to reward their employees can use telecommuting to help their employees reduce daily expenses. This can have a big impact on employee morale."

"When you can reduce the amount of time you spend commuting, you can improve your quality of life," Sharp said. "Telecommuting can free up time to spend with their families — another way many people enhance their lives."

The Comptroller said research has shown that some of the most suitable tasks for telecommuting include data entry, writing, processing and coding, programming, telemarketing, customer service, research, editing, billing, book-keeping, budgeting, drafting and auditing.

Commenting in the latest issue of his award-winning monthly publication, *Fiscal Notes*, Sharp pointed to studies showing that telecommuters consistently out-perform their peers by 15 to 25 percent.

Still, telecommuting may not be a perfect fit for everyone, Sharp stressed.

"Workers who require minimum supervision, are well-organized, and self-motivated tend to perform the best," Sharp said. "There are often distractions at home — television, for example, or noisy neighbors — that don't exist in an office environment."

"Telecommuting also helps reduce traffic congestion, which helps reduce air pollution," Sharp said. "Employers say it reduces employee absenteeism and turnover, creates increased job satisfaction, and decreases shortages of office and parking spaces."

"Workers also like it because they spend less money on gas, lunch and parking," Sharp said.

One key factor for success, Sharp noted, is the level of support management is willing to commit with training, technology and flexibility. Keeping employees "in the loop" and giving them the tools they need

to do their jobs has helped ensure the success of telecommuting.

Telecommuting was spurred in the early 1990's by amendments to the Clean Air Act, a federal mandate that requires large companies to reduce the number of employees traveling to work by car. There will be increases in telecommuting due in part to expanding methods of telecommuting. Technological improvements and declining costs for setting up home offices will continue to create opportunities for home-based business entrepreneurs.

The practice of telecommuting was also furthered by technological advances, which made home offices financially feasible.

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Lovett Memorial Library Staff Picks

And the Waters Turned to Blood by Rodney Barker

In the wake of *The Hot Zone* comes this true story of a microorganism even deadlier and closer to home than the Ebola virus. All along the eastern U.S. seacoast, especially off North Carolina, a mysterious, microscopic, aquatic organism threatens to unleash a plague worse than any human kind has known. First there were the unexplained fish kills in the region, where the fish were literally eaten alive. Then fishermen were attacked, plagued by sores that did not respond to antibiotics.

Only when the scientists studying this microscopic monster themselves began to get sick, did officials concede that they were confronting a terrifying new plague. Investigative reporter Rodney Barker has been given extraordinary access — even to biohazard level 3 — to bring us the full story for the first time.

The Dilbert Future: Thriving on Stupidity in the 21st Century by Scott Adams

Adams offers a hilarious but thought-provoking look at the absurdities of the modern corporate world and its influence on the 21st Century. Providing trenchant predictions about the diverse ways in which human greed, stupidity and lust will shape the future, Adams shares entertaining thoughts on the business, technology, society, government and culture of tomorrow and discusses such topics as children, longevity, computers and human potential.

Nimitz Class by Patrick Robinson

Authentic down to the last detail of its chilling plot twists, and supplemented with maps and technical illustrations, an explosive "techno-thriller" in the style of *The Hunt for*

Red October follows the struggle of a young naval intelligence officer to find the truth behind the disappearance of a nuclear-powered submarine, sending six thousand sailors to a watery grave. The brother of one of the victims, Lieutenant Commander Bill Baldrige discovers a rogue submarine armed with a nuclear torpedo is on the loose. No one knows where it came from, or what it intends — only that it must be stopped, and only Baldrige can stop it.

Out to Canaan by Jan Karon

This book chronicles small-town life in Mitford. While a brash new mayoral candidate enters local politics calling for change and development, the beloved Sweet Stuff Bakery considers going out of business, and a wheeler-dealer plans to turn Mitford's finest house into a European-style spa. Father Tim, the Episcopal rector, and his vivacious wife ponder their retirement plans while trying to find the lost brothers and sisters of their young charge, Dooley.

Fat Tuesday by Sandra Brown

The superstar author of more than two dozen New York Times best-sellers spins an electrifying tale of raging passion and police corruption in New Orleans. It's Mardi Gras week in the French Quarter, a perfect time for narcotics cop Burke Basile to avenge the acquittal of his partner's murderer by kidnapping the defense attorney's sheltered wife. As the crisis reaches a fevered pitch, the line between saint and sinner is definitely blurred.

Snow in August by Pete Hamill

Brooklyn, 1947: The war veterans have come home. Jackie Robinson is about to

become a Dodger, and, in one close-knit working class neighborhood, an eleven-year-old Irish Catholic boy has just made friends with a lonely rabbi from Prague. A deeply affecting fable for our times, *Snow in August* tells the story of this unlikely friendship.

Plum Island by Nelson DeMille

DeMille presents a fast-paced, atmospheric story of biological terrorism. Investigating the murder of a wealthy couple on Long Island, New York Police Detective John Corey discovers that the pair may have been stealing and selling genetically altered viruses. Frantic over the possibility that a deadly plague may be in the works, Corey sets off on a search for the mysterious buyers of the bacteria.

•Other New Fiction Books

Greeley — *Summer at the Lake Plain — Secrecy*
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Siddons — *Up Island*
Bradley — *Lady of Avalon*
Dunlap — *Cop Out*
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Top O' Texas Rodeo adds queen, teen pageant to event

(Editor's note: A portion of this article was left out of Monday's issue. It is printed here in its entirety.)

Cowboys and cowgirls alike are preparing for the 1997 Top O' Texas rodeo, and with this year's rodeo will be two new events: the Miss Top O' Texas and Miss Top O' Texas Teen pageants have been added to the schedule.

The contestants will register between 10-11 a.m. on July 10 at the Hughey House Bed and Breakfast.

Horsemanship competition will begin at 4 p.m. and is expected to last till 5:30 at the arena.

At 7:30 all contestants will participate in the grand entry parade at the arena.

On Friday, the contestants will participate in a ladies luncheon and style show at the Pampa Country Club at 11:30. At 7:30 they will once again ride in the grand entry at the arena.

On Saturday, contestants will take part in the parade beginning at 10 a.m. and a farewell send off from 1-3 p.m.

The final event for the pageants will be the rodeo and coronation at 7:30 p.m.

There are four Miss Top O' Texas queen candidates for the first year's event.

Eighteen year old Kembra Malberg is the 96-97 Pampa High School Rodeo Queen. She is the daughter of Debra Farnum of Pampa and Mike Malberg of Cabool, Missouri.

Kembra was active in the Tri-State High School Rodeo Association and secretary for the Tri-State Rodeo Club for three years.

She is a 1997 member of the United States Achievement Academy and likes to read novels and compete in breakaway roping, barrels, poles and goat tying events.

She will attend Frank Phillips College in Borger and is sponsored by Bud Coffee in Groom.

Amv Carr is a Canadian High School graduate and has attended Clarendon College. She plans to attend Vernon Regional College in the fall.

Carr is the twenty year old daughter of David and Kathy Carr of Canadian. She has served as the Canadian Rodeo Queen

and is now a member of the Canadian Rodeo Queen Alumni Association.

She enjoys riding horses, rodeo, team roping and lists tennis, swimming and water skiing as hobbies.

She is sponsored by the Mitchell Ranch and Carrol and Juhree Carr of Canadian, Casey Elliott of Seymour and John and Angie Huff of Briscoe.

Sarah Oxley, is a 19-year old freshman at Clarendon College with a full time job. She has served as the 90-91 Pampa High School Rodeo Club Queen and president. She has been a member of the Tri-State High School Rodeo Association, Future Farmers of America, Gray County 4-H and was president of the Home Economics Club.

She is the daughter of Christy and Ed Robinson. Her hobbies include rodeo and restoring old cars. Oxley is sponsored by the Hamburger Station.

Danyelle Rideout is a 20-year-old junior at West Texas A&M majoring in prevet medicine. She is an officer in the WTAMU Horseman's Association and the president of the Agricultural Executive Council.

Rideout is a committee chairman in the WTAMU Student Senate and is a member of the Student Foundation Board.

She is a member of the Texas Amateur Quarter Horse Association, Southwest Reined Cow Horse Association and a youth committee member of the Texas Quarter Horse Association.

Rideout show American Quarter Horses and has competed for the last five years in the AQHA World Show.

She competes in reining and working cow horse. She was the fourth runner up in the Miss Rodeo Texas Teen Pageant and

voted Miss Congeniality.

She is also the former Miss West Texas Rodeo Teen. She is the daughter of Teryl and Dana Rideout of Abilene.

Her sponsors are Beef Products Inc. of Amarillo, and Prairie's Edge Ladies Wear of Canyon.

The seven Miss Top O' Texas Teen candidates are Kaely Blay, Nicole Bruton, Melody Seely, Mandy Poole, Robyn Lowrey, Lindsay Tidwell and Caryn Lowrey.

Blay is a sophomore at Jim Ned High School where she serves as parliamentarian of FFA. She is a member of church choir and Fellowship a of Christian Athletes.

She is the president of 4-H horse club and SADD, basketball and cross country. Her hobbies include showing American Quarter Horses. Her parents are Luann and Jim Blay. Her sponsors are Abilene Plumbing Supply of Abilene.

Bruton is a freshman at Pampa High where she enjoys choir, rodeo, stock shows, tennis, soccer, and cheerleading.

Hobbies include horseback riding, swimming and camping. Her parents are Linda and Jim Bruton. Sponsoring Bruton are Parsleys Roofing, Utility Tire, Quality Sales all of Pampa and the Locker Room in Perryton.

Seely is a sophomore at Lefors and enjoys basketball and volleyball. She is a member of Tri-State High School Rodeo Association, North Western Oklahoma Junior Rodeo Association and FHA.

She likes to ride her horse and is the daughter of Russell and Pat Seely.

Poole is a freshman at Pampa High where she is a member of the Pampa High School Rodeo Club. She is 14 and the daughter of Nancy and Robert Poole.

Poole is a member of the Highland Church Youth Group and Church Drama Team. Her hobbies are oil painting, horseback riding, and tambourine troop.

Her sponsors are The Wagner Co. of Pampa.

Robyn Lowrey is an eighth grader at Pampa Middle School and is active in the Pampa Patriots Middle School Band, Gray County 4-H horse project, junior Future farmers of America swine club and the North Western Oklahoma Junior Rodeo Association.

She is sponsored by Beaver Express Service of Pampa.

Tidwell is a sophomore at Pampa High School where she competes in cheerleading, gymnastics and the Tri-State Rodeo.

She has been nominated for Who's Who Among American High School student.

She is the daughter of Cathy and Alan Tidwell. Her sponsors are Ralph Depee, Lents Chevron, and Shortcuts.

Caryn Lowrey is a sophomore at Pampa High School where she is a member of Tri-State High School Rodeo Association and competes for the Pampa High School Rodeo Team.

She is the 15 year old daughter of LeeAnn and Joe Winton and Jera and Crickett Lowrey. She is a member of FFA.

North Western Oklahoma Junior Rodeo Association and the Gray County 4-H horse project. She is sponsored by Roysse Animal Hospital and LeeAnn's Grooming.

Rodeo official say the sponsors of both events have put together an excellent pageant and hope all participants and audience will enjoy the events.

Volunteering



(Pampa News photo by Kate S. Dickson)

Longtime rodeo director B.B. Bearden works the gate for the first performance Monday of the Kid Pony Show. Among those who bought programs from him were Cheri Burns and Jaden Burns.

Louisiana suits accuse Texaco of failing to pay its full royalties

A federal appeals court judge, a special assistant to Gov. Mike Foster and three Iberia Parish residents have filed class action lawsuits that accuse Texaco of failing to pay full royalties since 1988 to some holders of oil, gas and mineral leases.

Judge John M. Duhe Jr. of the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, former state Rep. Elias "Bo" Ackal, D-New Iberia, and Iberia Parish residents Gladys Duhe Deuschle, Joseph Preston Duhe and Edna Ackal Brower filed nearly identical lawsuits in both Lafayette and Iberia parishes late last week against Texaco Inc. and Texaco Exploration and Production, Inc.

The lawsuits seek declaratory judgments, which is when a court determines the legal rights or duties of someone, and jury trials.

Attempts to reach Texaco officials; Ackal, who resigned from his state House seat to work as a special assistant to Gov. Foster; and Duhe were unsuccessful.

The lawsuits identified four kinds of class members or people who may be eligible to join the lawsuits. It is believed more than 100,000 people may join the claims, the lawsuits said.

Texaco, under one class outlined in the lawsuits, made four kinds of improper deductions which reduced class member royalties.

Texaco deducted a portion of corporate overhead, capital invested in developing the field, a "return on investment" charge on division-wide corporate expenses and working interest expenses, such as personnel costs, from the royalties, according to the lawsuits.

Under a second class identified in the lawsuits, Texaco "self-dealt" with its entities and affiliates in the marketing of oil and another by-product at less than market value.

Texaco, according to the lawsuits, calculated and paid royalties below market value prices. In doing so, Texaco profited at the expense of the class members, the lawsuits said.

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Thompson: Hearings will probe flow of illegal cash

WASHINGTON (AP) — Kicking off hearings that Democrats have dreaded for months, Sen. Fred Thompson said today that witnesses would be asked to explain how "a systematic influx of illegal money" flowed into the 1996 presidential campaign.

"We will be wanting to know: Who knew about it? Who should have known about it? And was there an attempt to cover it up?" the chairman of the Senate Government Affairs Committee said in remarks prepared for today's opening session.

With the first day to be devoted to opening statements by senators, both parties set the tone for an investigation that will provide the most extensive look ever at presidential campaign fund raising.

The months leading up to today's start have been marked with bitter partisan sniping among members of the Senate committee over attempts to extend limited immunity to witnesses and over allegations that each side was trying to impede the investigation. And the fireworks were expected to continue during hearings that could last all summer.

While majority Republicans talk of foreign money collected by Democrats to help re-elect President Clinton and Vice President Al Gore, Democratic senators want the public to hear that foreign funds went into Republican coffers too.

However, Thompson, as committee chairman, controls the agenda, and most witnesses this month will testify about irregularities in the potent Clinton-Gore fund-raising machine.

The stakes are high for Thompson, R-Tenn., said to have presidential ambitions, and for Gore, who was intimately involved in a

"We will be wanting to know: Who knew about it? Who should have known about it? And was there an attempt to cover it up?"

—chairman of the Senate Government Affairs Committee

Democratic fund-raising machine the president now acknowledges was out of control. Gore could be further embarrassed by testimony about a Buddhist temple fund-raiser he attended where illegal donations were made.

Clinton and Gore haven't been asked to testify, and it's possible

they won't be. The president will be in Europe for most of this week attending to the expansion of the NATO alliance.

In his opening remarks, Thompson, who was chief Republican counsel in the Watergate hearings two decades ago, pointed out that some key witnesses have fled the country or taken the Fifth Amendment. But despite their absence, he promised, "we have much evidence available to us."

And he sternly warned: "If anyone should unlawfully impede or misinform this committee there are criminal sanctions available."

The chairman read a list of allegations before the committee, including illegal foreign contributions, money laundering, influence peddling, improper fund raising on government time and on government property, conflicts of interest and "improper use of the White House in fund-raising activities."

"There apparently was a systematic influx of illegal money in our presidential race last year," Thompson said.

The charges include allegations that China tried to buy influence by pouring money into U.S. political campaigns and that Democratic fund-raiser John Huang helped Beijing get sensitive economic data when he worked for the Clinton administration.

Pathfinder finds signs of ancient martian floods



By MATT CRENSON
AP Science Editor

PASADENA, Calif. (AP) — Torrents bigger than any flood ever seen on Earth once swept across the spot where Mars Pathfinder now sits, scientists said as they displayed new photographic evidence of a deluge.

The pictures show boulders stacked by powerful currents, giant ripples in the rocky landscape and stains left behind by long-evaporated puddles.

Such features are unmistakable evidence that dramatic floods scoured the martian landscape more than a billion years ago, scientists said.

"This was huge," Pathfinder scientist Michael Malin said Monday. "I'm in hog

heaven looking at these pictures of Mars."

The water would have covered a swath hundreds of miles wide with hundreds or thousands of feet of churning water, reshaping the planet's surface.

The photos provide dramatic evidence that liquid water — essential for life — once existed on Mars' surface. Geologists have known since the Viking missions 21 years ago that giant floods once swept the now-dry planet. But the Pathfinder pictures are the most powerful yet.

"My hope is within the next couple of days to quantify the magnitude of this flood," Malin said.

As Malin made his calculations, controllers commanded Pathfinder's Sojourner rover to rendezvous with a rock nicknamed Yogi. The rover is a robot

field geologist designed to examine soils and rocks.

In its first days on Mars, Sojourner has rolled no more than a few yards since leaving its perch on the Pathfinder lander.

But even so, scientists were delighted with the rover's capability to reach rocks that would have been beyond a stationary spacecraft's reach.

After three days on Mars, scientists had put behind them the anxiety over communications problems the rover had during the first 24 hours. The surface phase of the mission began at 10:07 a.m. Friday, when Pathfinder bounced to a halt on a cushion of air bags after plunging through the thin atmosphere.

New information showed that the

spacecraft bounced "well over 16 times" on the bags before coming to rest, said Matthew Golombek, the Pathfinder project scientist. Initial data had shown only three bounces.

"The spacecraft is operating perfectly, the rover is operating perfectly and all of the instruments are operating perfectly," Golombek said.

Because it bears directly on the issue of whether life ever existed on Mars, the evidence of past floods at the Pathfinder landing site will be investigated intensively in coming weeks.

If, as some scientists contend, stable water — and not the rushing torrents described Monday — ever existed on the martian surface, then life probably could have survived there.

Nation briefs

Air Force resumes search for crashed A-10

EAGLE, Colo. (AP) — An Air Force search team found human remains and bits of ammunition but no sign of the four powerful bombs an A-10 warplane was carrying when it crashed on a rugged Rocky Mountain peak.

Ferried by helicopter Monday to the site of the April crash, nine rescue and explosives experts recovered the remains and found pieces of 30 mm ammunition, said Brig. Gen. Donald A. Streater.

The team planned to return to Gold Dust Peak today and might spend some nights camped there, Streater said. The operation should take about three weeks, he said.

Capt. Craig Button, whose remains were turned over to the Eagle County coroner, broke formation during training over Arizona on April 2 and flew more than 800 miles off course before crashing.

The wreckage was discovered after an 18-day search, but severe weather at the 12,500-foot elevation prevented the Air Force from doing little more than confirming that Button had been killed.

Ivana to separate from her new husband

NEW YORK (AP) — Not to be outdone by her ex-husband, Ivana Trump has separated from her new husband only weeks after Donald Trump split from his new wife.

The Czech-born beauty announced her separation from Italian businessman Riccardo Mazzucchelli on Monday, two months after the man she used to call The Donald announced the breakup of his marriage to Marla Maples.

Ivana told the *Post* that it was her decision to seek a separation, saying, "Riccardo's quote to the *National Enquirer* that 'I dumped Ivana' is totally untrue."

Ivana, 48, and Mazzucchelli, 54, were married in Manhattan in November 1995.

She got \$25 million when she divorced the real estate magnate, but an airtight prenuptial agreement would keep Mazzucchelli from getting any part of that money, the *Post* said.

Mazzucchelli owns engineering consulting companies in South Africa, Saudi Arabia and the United Kingdom.

Chrysler plans safety recalls over a million cars, trucks

DETROIT (AP) — In the largest such move this year, Chrysler Corp. will recall more than 1.6 million cars and trucks this summer to fix several problems, including faulty air bag controls.

The largest recall involves 850,000 Dodge Ram pickup trucks from model years 1994 through 1997, and 1995-97 Dodge Ram Vans and Ram Wagons in the United States, company spokesman Mike McKesson said Monday.

The trucks and vans are being recalled because heated transmission fluid can melt connections on fluid lines, causing fluid to spray on the exhaust manifold and potentially catch fire. Dealers will install new connections that include stainless steel retainers.

Chrysler has received reports of 50 fires believed to be the result of the defect. No injuries were reported, McKesson said.

Fresh violence erupts in Northern Ireland, policeman shot, another wounded

LONDONDERRY, Northern Ireland (AP) — Fresh violence erupted across Northern Ireland early today with fires and riots in retaliation for Britain's decision to allow Protestant marchers through a Catholic neighborhood.

A policeman was shot and wounded on Garvaghy Road, the Catholic enclave in the predominantly Protestant town of Portadown where clashes were triggered Sunday.

In north Belfast, a Protestant man was wounded in a burst of gunfire from the Catholic Ardoyne neighborhood as he stood on the street with a group of other Protestants. Rioters in Strabane, 65 miles west of Belfast, threw about 250 gasoline bombs at police officers who responded by firing plastic bullets, police said.

In southwest Belfast, a Protestant militant died on Monday when he apparently mishandled his own pipe bomb, which exploded in his hands.

Early today, arsonists set fire to Protestant meeting halls in Portadown, Ballycastle and Moy, police said. The halls, belonging to Orange Order, the long-dominant Protestant fraternal group, were empty at the time.

The second night of rioting battered hopes for a new IRA cease-fire and progress in negotiations for a wider peace settlement in British-ruled Northern Ireland.

Britain had hoped to avoid the Protestant unrest that erupted last year when it tried to block the Orangemen's annual march. On Sunday, police and soldiers forced the

march through a Catholic neighborhood, setting off violent Catholic protests.

Britain's new Northern Ireland secretary, Mo Mowlam, admitted Monday that she had fumbled her first crisis.

Nationalists in the predominantly Catholic northern town of Londonderry warn that the crisis has yet to end. "You ain't seen nothing yet!" an older man cackled as he watched youths lob stones at British troops protecting shops in Londonderry's historic walled city.

More than 100 civilians and police have been injured since Sunday as Irish Republican Army supporters hurled gasoline bombs and riot police fired plastic bullets.

In Catholic west Belfast, youths throwing gasoline bombs at moving police armored cars accidentally struck an eleven-year-old onlooker. The Royal Victoria Hospital, already burdened with wounded, said the boy suffered severe burns on his back.

Bus services have been halted in Catholic west Belfast, train services suspended to Dublin, and several Belfast hotels evacuated in bomb hoaxes. Police have arrested more than 50 rioters.

Orangemen stage more than 2,000 marches each summer — several through or near hostile Catholic turf. Protest groups began trying to block those marches in 1995 during the IRA's since-abandoned truce.

The annual "marching season" continues through the week, climaxing Saturday with the 307th anniversary of Protestant King William of Orange's defeat of the deposed Catholic King James II.

Mowlam, appointed just two months ago, spoke with trepidation of two major marches scheduled for Saturday that would once again test her crisis management skills.

Protestant Unionists say the marches through Belfast's Lower Ormeau road and in Londonderry would go ahead; nationalist Catholics vow they will be there to stop them.

"This is the first serious test of the new British government and it failed ... If the British government makes the same mistake on Saturday who knows what the consequences may be."

—chairman of the IRA-allied Sinn Fein party

Nationalists reminded the government that this year's violence was muted compared to last year's — but that could change after Saturday.

"This is the first serious test of the new British government and it failed," said Mitchel McLaughlin, chairman of the IRA-allied Sinn Fein party. "If the British government makes the same mistake on Saturday who knows what the consequences may be."

Paternity sleuths track down Dad with toll-free number, latest technology

CHICAGO (AP) — She may have her father's nose, but does she have his genes as well?

Proving the paternity of a child was once an inexact science. Now, anyone who can provide a swab swipe from the mouths of both father and child can find out with near certainty by picking up the phone and dialing 1-800-DNA-TYPE.

"A lot of people wanted to get this testing, but they never knew who to ask or were too embarrassed," said Caroline Caskey, founder and president of Identigene, a company that conducts the paternity tests.

Based in Houston, the company has begun advertising the 800 number nationwide, mainly in the South, and said it has received 150 calls each day. The ads have appeared on billboards in Chicago and taxicabs in New York City.

Caskey said the service offers many advantages.

For one thing, it's discreet — just mail in the swab swipe.

It's fast — test results are usually back in a week.

And it's accurate — a match means a 99.9

Proving the paternity of a child was once an inexact science. Now, anyone who can provide a swab swipe from the mouths of both father and child can find out with near certainty by picking up the phone ...

percent certainty the man is the father. In Chicago, a 23-year-old North Side woman said she called because her

boyfriend wanted to make sure he was the father of her ten-month-old girl. The child's grandmother saw the billboard and told her daughter about it.

"I didn't mind doing it, and I think there is a need for this service," said the woman, a single mother on welfare who spoke to The Associated Press only on condition of anonymity. "I thought you could only get the test done at a hospital."

With out-of-wedlock births exceeding 60 percent in some urban areas, figuring out a father's identity is often not a matter of simply looking at the marriage license.

While there may have been a time when mothers were content not to know, the costs of raising a child and changes in welfare laws are making paternity a much bigger issue.

Court systems are increasingly demanding fathers pay for their children's upbringing, using wage attachments, jail time and liquidation of assets to make their point. Welfare departments are also forcing the

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Teen's Descent Into Drugs Is Testament To Addiction

DEAR ABBY: Please tell "Mike," the young man who told his friend's parents about their son's drug use, that he did the right thing. May God bless him for it.

When our son was 16, two of his friends told us about his drinking. We tried for three years to get him to stop, but he continued and went on to hard drugs. We were always grateful to those young men, even though we were unsuccessful in getting our son clean. Tell Mike that he did everything he could, and now it's up to the parents to do their part.

I encounter parents all the time who can't accept the fact that their child could be a "user." My son was a functional addict, so getting him to realize his problem became impossible. We kept trying but we failed.

I'm enclosing a letter our son wrote in 1989 to the high school students in our town. In 1990, he was convicted of murder and sentenced to life without possibility of parole. JUDITH P. IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR JUDITH P.: Thank you for allowing me to share your son's letter with my readers. I hope his experience will provide a warning to others. Read on:

"My name is Daniel. I celebrated my 20th birthday in the Los Angeles County Jail. I've been here for the past nine months awaiting trial. I have been charged with robbery and

Abigail Van Buren

SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

murder. If I'm found guilty, I could be sentenced to life without parole, but that's not why I'm writing to you. I'm writing to talk about drug abuse. I'm a recovering addict. Just because I'm in jail doesn't mean I can't get drugs. DRUGS ARE EVERYWHERE.

"I started drinking on weekends with my friends. As my friends started experimenting with drugs, I thought, 'Why not?' I had this attitude, 'It's not going to hurt me. I won't get addicted.' You can't understand the control drugs have over you unless you have an addiction. Now that I'm clean, I see the power that drugs had over my life.

"I read somewhere that two out of five people who try drugs become addicted. I think it's much higher than that. When people told me that alcohol and marijuana would lead to harder drugs, I just laughed. I started smoking weed in 10th grade,

and in the 11th grade I did everything from sniffing glue to LSD. A few months before graduation, I dropped out of school. I was working and having a good time; that was all that mattered. I never thought about the future. I didn't realize that the decisions I was making in high school would affect the rest of my life.

"If you become addicted you will have a crippled future, if you even have one. You could be one of the lucky ones who get help and never go back. I always said that when I wanted to stop, I'd move out of state and stay with a family in a drug-free environment. But the problem was, I was addicted and didn't want to stop. I knew I had a problem, but I didn't want to face it. The most important thing in my life was getting high.

"My first two weeks in jail I received medicine for withdrawal. Nothing in the world is worth the high. It feels good, but let me tell you I don't feel good now. Many of my friends have told me they wish they could stop. I tell them to get out of the fast lane, get help, and start facing reality before they hit their brick wall. Two of my friends hit their brick wall, and now they are six feet under.

"WHAT YOU DO TODAY AFFECTS ALL YOUR TOMORROWS!"

Horoscope



Your Birthday

Wednesday, July 9, 1997

Friends, both old and new, will play constructive roles in your affairs in the year ahead. In each situation where a pal steps in to help, the results will be rejuvenating.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Your leadership qualities will be very evident to others today, and associates will realize you're the one who is qualified to call the shots not them. Cancer, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing \$2 and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this

newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Persistence and second effort are two of your most valuable assets today. Do not take no for an answer, even if you're rejected several times.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Keeping a cool head in a competitive involvement will provide you with a mental or physical edge over your opposition today.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) You have won the respect of a sensitive but tough ally who will help you fulfill your ambitions today. He or she knows the territory well.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Social gatherings will provide you with a positive base today. Good things are probable when mingling with people who think along similar lines.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) You could be quite lucky today, especially in involvements that have the potential to generate fast returns. Insist upon calling the shots.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) When

analyzing a significant issue today, listen carefully to what others have to say, but don't discount your logic and judgment.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Establish an industrious example today and it will encourage others to follow your lead. You may enlist many new and willing helpers.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Your personality is charming today, drawing others to you. At a social gathering, the fuzzy buzz of conversation will hover around you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) "The busier the better" should be your motto today. You should be able to juggle a number of endeavors simultaneously and do an excellent job on each.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) A favorable occurrence in the morning could set the day's tone. Abide by the positive attitude this establishes and encourage good things to happen.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You should be able to find effective ways to gratify your material expectations today. Put your talents and abilities to work for you. ©1997 by NEA, Inc.



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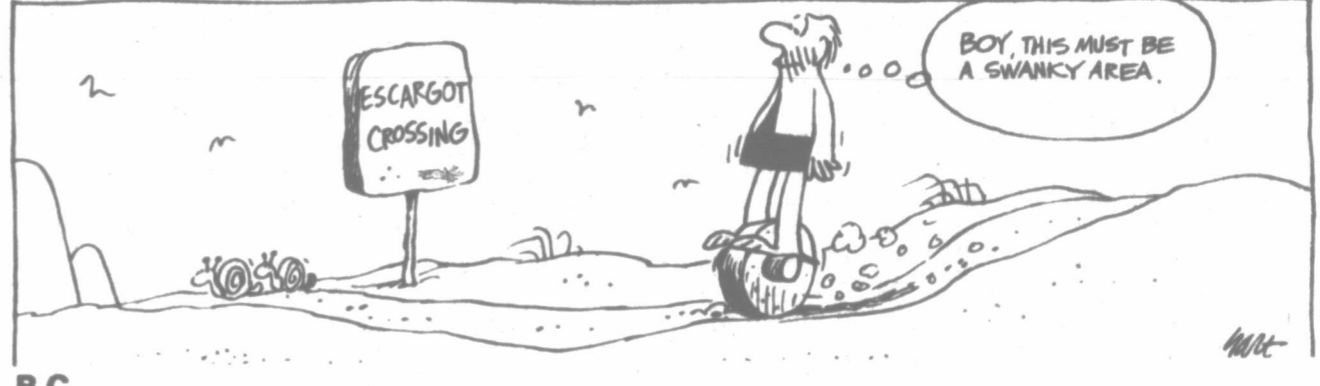
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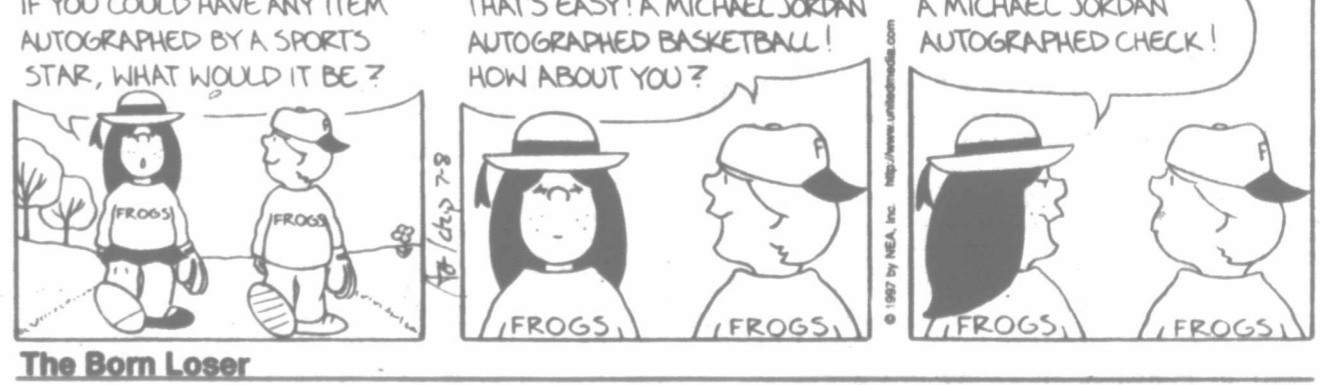
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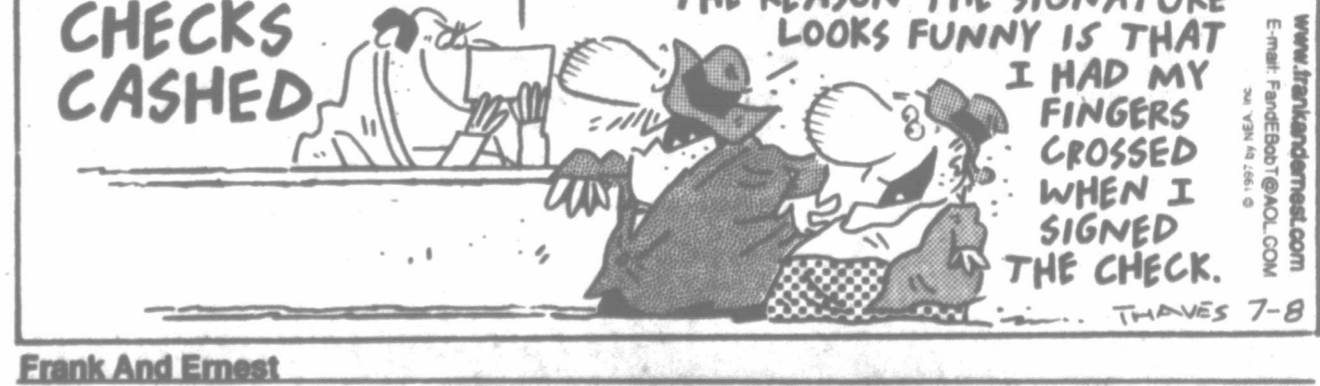
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SPORTS

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BASKETBALL

HOUSTON (AP) — Cynthia Cooper scored 21 points and Tina Thompson added 15 points and nine rebounds as the Houston Comets beat the Charlotte Sting 74-56 on Monday night in the Women's National Basketball Association.

Cooper, who was 6-for-13 from the field and made all seven of her free-throw attempts, scored five consecutive points as the Comets (5-3) used a 13-5 run to take a 28-14 lead.

Janeth Arcain added 13 points for Houston. Andrea Stinson led Charlotte with 13 points, and Sharon Manning and Andrea Congreaves each scored nine points as the Sting (2-4) dropped to 0-4 on the road.

Charlotte was only 21-for-57 from the field, including a 2-for-12 mark from 3-point range. Houston was 26-for-53, going 7-for-17 on 3-pointers.

A crowd of 5,933 attended the game at The Summit.

FOOTBALL

BALTIMORE (AP) — Baltimore Ravens defensive tackle Larry Webster is now back with the team after being reinstated by NFL Commissioner Paul Tagliabue, a newspaper reported today.

Webster was suspended for a year for violating the league's substance-abuse policy.

The former University of Maryland star began working out with the team on Monday. The (Baltimore) Sun reported, quoting Webster's agent, Tony Faiga.

"Thank God I've been cleared. It's a blessing; that's how I look at it," the 6-foot-5, 300-pound Webster said. "Now we'll wait to see how this all turns out on the field."

Webster tested positive for the third time during his five-year career last summer and was suspended by the league for a year on Aug. 20. He insisted he was suspended because he tested positive after drinking at a bachelor party two days before he was to get married in June.

BASKETBALL

DALLAS (AP) — Bubba Wells says he's come to town to score.

The Dallas Mavericks introduced the 6-foot-5, 230-pound Austin Peay alumnus Monday as its top remaining pick in the recent NBA Draft.

Wells raised curiosity locally for the 16-inch stainless steel rods that are implanted in his legs to combat chronic stress fractures. The new rookie says he intends to divert fan attention to his performance.

"They said they need a scorer. That's one thing I believe I can do, I believe I can score," he said at a news conference. "So I'm going to just try to go out here and work hard to fit in with the guys and just do what I have to do to help the team out to win."

The Mavericks picked Wells in the second round, the 35th overall draft selection.

The team's first-round pick, No. 15 pick Kelvin Cato, was traded to Portland almost immediately for 7-foot Australian center Chris Anstey, who had been taken 18th by the Trail Blazers. The Mavericks also received cash.

BOXING

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP) — Mike Tyson was dropped Monday from the WBA rankings after causing an international uproar by biting Evander Holyfield's ears during their WBA heavyweight title fight.

The sanctioning body, headquartered in Caracas, said it dropped Tyson because of WBA regulations that stipulate no boxer who has been suspended by a local commission can be rated by the organization.

Tyson was suspended by the Nevada State Athletic Commission pending a Wednesday disciplinary hearing at which his boxing license is likely to be revoked.

Palmer sweeps Masters

ARLINGTON — Although slowed by an injury, Pampa's Wendell Palmer still made a clean sweep of the throwing events at the UTA Masters Meet last weekend.

Competing in the 65-69 age group, Palmer won the discus (169-0), shot (44-0), 25-pound weight throw (145-0) and javelin (123-2). Last year, he competed in the 60-64 age group.

"I've been fighting a heel spur and it gets sore after a few throws," Palmer said. "It's hampered my practice time."

Palmer now gets ready for the Nationals, which will be held Aug. 7-10 in San Jose, Calif. Last year, he won the shot and discus titles at Nationals.

Palmer is currently the world record-holder in the 1.0 kilo discus and the 1.5 kilo discus in the 60-64 age group.

Tennis outlook less than grand

WIMBLEDON, England (AP) — This year's championships at Wimbledon will be remembered for retirements and rain.

That says something about the weather in England. It also says something about the dismal forecast for tennis.

Wimbledon gave the sport two weeks in the spotlight, exposure it badly needed in a bid to reverse declining popularity, particularly in the United States.

Alas, the biggest news was Boris Becker's unexpected decision to retire. A game already lacking stars lost another one.

"It's a huge impact," said Pete Sampras, who cruised to his fourth Wimbledon title in five years and finds himself without a challenger for the No. 1 ranking. "The game needs some personality, and it needs a rivalry. We've just got to find something, I guess."

At Wimbledon, the search was in vain. No Tiger Woods emerged, and the absences of Andre Agassi and Steffi Graf left voids that made this Grand Slam less than grand.

At least the tournament finished on time, even there were rainouts on consecutive days for the first time since 1909. Cyril Suk and Helena Sukova claimed the mixed doubles title in the final match, which ended at 8:48 p.m. Sunday. Two hours earlier, Todd Woodbridge and Mark Woodforde won a record-tying fifth consecutive Wimbledon title in men's doubles.

The retirements of Becker and Michael Stich struck blows in Germany. Even in Britain, Sampras' semifinal match against Woodbridge failed to stir excitement, and the BBC showed cricket and cartoons instead.

Tyson hearing scheduled for Wednesday

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Mike Tyson's penalty hearing may prove to be a tougher ticket than his fight with Evander Holyfield.

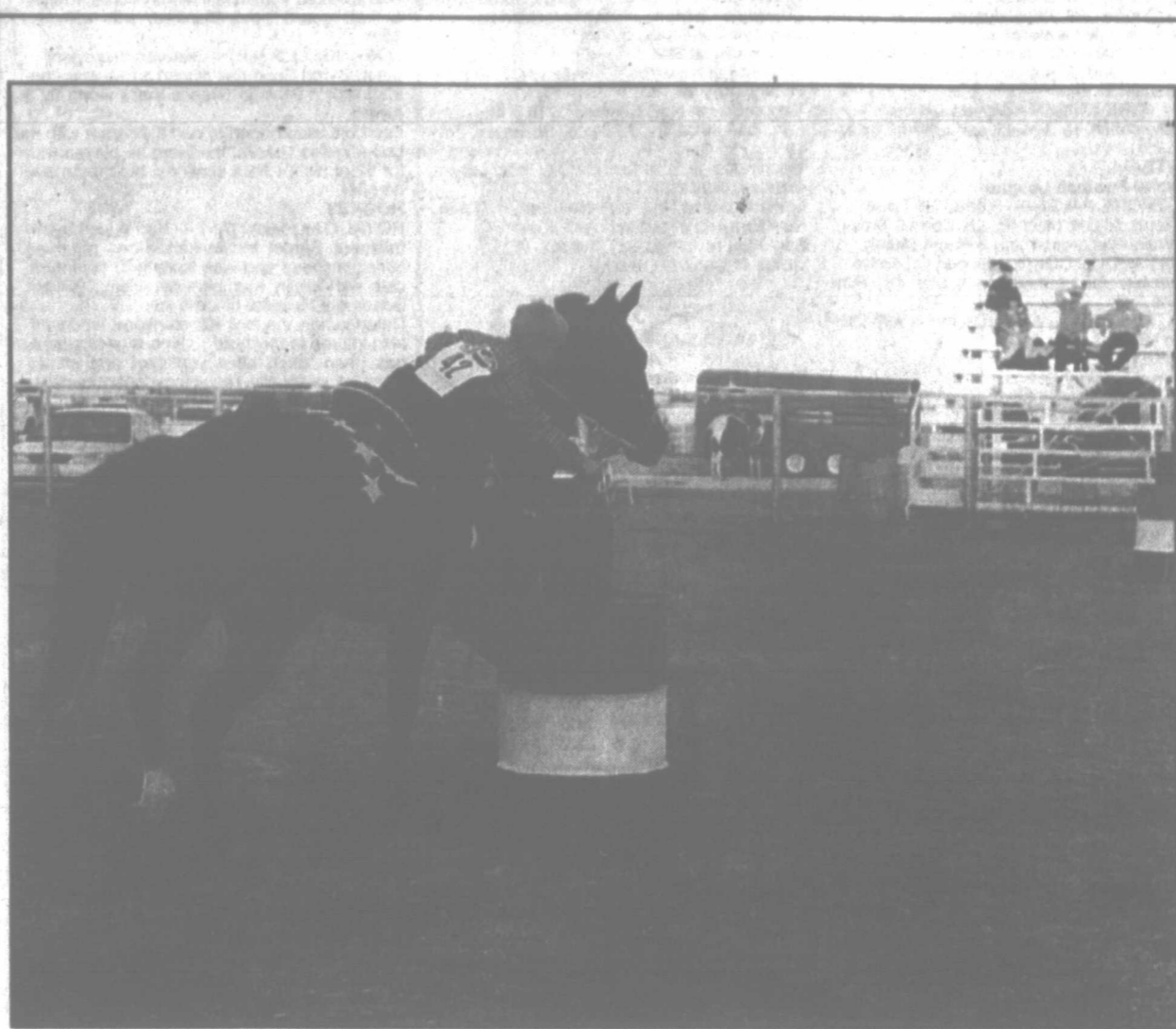
Those wanting to get a glimpse of Tyson will have to arrive early Wednesday morning if they want a seat in the Las Vegas City Hall council chambers, where the former heavyweight champion will learn his fate for taking a chunk out of Holyfield's ear.

With only 327 seats available in the council chambers, media are being issued credentials for the hearing and spectators are expected to line up early to get a chance to watch the spectacle.

What they see may not last much longer than the fight itself, assuming Tyson goes ahead with his plan not to fight sanctions from the commission.

"We're anticipating it being less than 15 or 20 minutes for the whole matter," said Joe Rolston, the Nevada deputy attorney general prosecuting the case against Tyson.

Members of the Nevada State Athletic Commission, meanwhile, remained tight-lipped about what they plan to do to Tyson, though there is widespread speculation he will be banned from boxing for 18 to 24 months and fined \$3 million.



Logan Helton of Pampa competes in the flag race during the opening night of the Kid Pony Show.

Kid Pony Show kicks off Rodeo week in Pampa

PAMPA — Rodeo week in Pampa kicked off Monday night with the Kid Pony Show in the Top O' Texas Arena at Recreation Park.

Young cowboys and cowgirls tested their skills in a number of events, ranging from stick horse racing to calf roping. Awards were presented to the top three in each event, but every contestant received a blue ribbon.

The Kid Pony Show continues tonight, starting at 7 with the 8-11 year-old group.

Monday's results are as follows:

Stick Horse Race (Boys Group One) — 1. Corben Reid, Amarillo; 2. Ty Dooley, Sunray; 3. Kasey Anderson, Amarillo.

Stick Horse Race (Girls Group One) — 1. Haley Smith, Lefors; 2. Kortni McConnell, Hereford; 3. Matricia Davis, Pampa.

Goat Ribbon Race (Boys Group One) — 1. Corben Reid, Amarillo; 2. Kasey Anderson,

Amarillo; 3. Keenan Lott, Lefors.

Goat Ribbon Race (Girls Group One) — 1. Haley Smith, Lefors; 2. Matricia Davis, Pampa; 3. Kortni McConnell, Hereford.

Flag Race (Boys Group Two) — 1. Tanner Packard, White Deer; 2. Tanner Cochran, Pampa; 3. Trevor Dooley, Sunray.

Flag Race (Girls Group Two) — 1. Shea Craig, White Deer; 2. Kalynn Jones, Pampa; 3. Tristen Reeves, Pampa.

Golfette (Boys Group One) — 1. Ty Dooley, Sunray; 2. Hayden Duncan, Canadian; 3. Talon Dooley, Sunray.

Golfette (Girls Group One) — 1. Haley Smith, Lefors; 2. Carley Richardson, Pampa; 3. Shelby Robinson, Amarillo.

Golfette (Boys Group Two) — 1. Hadley Mann, Clarendon; 2. Logan Helton, Pampa; 3. Cody Schiffman, Pampa.

Golfette (Girls Group Two) — 1. Kelsey Alders, Skellytown; 2. Tristen Reeves, Pampa; 3.

Shea Craig, White Deer.

Barrel Race (Boys Group One) — 1. Ty Dooley, Sunray; 2. Lane Hall, Pampa; 3. Colby Mann, Clarendon.

Barrel Race (Girls Group One) — 1. Carley Richardson, Pampa; 2. Kortni McConnell, Hereford; 3. Shayley Morriss, Lefors.

Barrel Race (Boys Group Two) — 1. Hadley Mann, Clarendon; 2. Tanner Packard, White Deer; 3. Tanner Cochran, Pampa.

Barrel Race (Girls Group Two) — 1. Tristen Reeves, Pampa; 2. Kelsey Alders, Skellytown; 3. Shea Craig, White Deer.

Walk & Lead Barrel Race (Group One) — 1. Lane Hall, Pampa; 2. Hayden Duncan, Canadian; 3. Gatlin Duncan, Canadian.

Calf Roping (Group Two) — 1. Logan Helton, Pampa; 2. Shane Hulen, Cal Farley's Family Program; 3. Trevor Dooley, Sunray.

Texas golfer comes home to defend title

DALLAS (AP) — Fort Worth resident John Grace comes home to defend his title in the 1997 Trans-Mississippi Amateur Golf Tournament, which begins Tuesday at Brook Hollow Country Club.

A total of 156 players, including several past champions in the 94th annual tournament, have entered the weeklong event. The tournament has two rounds of stroke qualifying play on Tuesday and Wednesday at the par-71, 6,743-yard course near downtown Dallas.

The low 63 players begin match play Thursday, followed by rounds on Friday and

Saturday. The champion will be decided in a two-man match play event Sunday morning.

Grace won last year's event at Prairie Dunes Country Club in Hutchinson, Kan. He is attempting to become the first golfer since Allen Miller in 1970-71 to defend his title.

"I've been playing quite a bit and played very well this spring," Grace said. "It really was nice to win a national tournament of this significance on such a great course (last year). It would be really nice to win another on a great course like Brook Hollow."

Other top players who have

entered in this year's event are former champions John Pigg of Austin, Mike McClung of Dallas, Houston's Randy Sonnier and Sandy Adelman of San Antonio.

Other players to watch include Ed Brooks of Georgetown, Texas Amateur champion Trip Kuehne of Dallas and Mike Podolak of Oxbow, N.D., a former Trans-Miss runner-up and a 1985 member of the U.S. Walker Cup team.

One of the oldest amateur golf events in the nation, the Trans-Miss began in Kansas City, Mo. The last time the tournament was at Brook Hollow, current PGA golfer Bob Tway captured the victory in 1978.

Dumas grabs opening win in District 9-10 softball championship

CANADIAN — Dumas took the first game of a three-game series over the Pampa Optimist All-Stars, 10-3, Monday night in the 9-10 year-old Girls Softball District Championship.

Dumas scored two runs in the top of the first inning, one in the second, two in the third, three in the fifth, and two runs in the sixth inning while holding Pampa scoreless through five and a half innings.

Pampa scored three runs in the bottom of the sixth inning on five consecutive base hits by Jaclyn Spearman, Jennie Rogers, Teryn Garner, Kari Terrell and Amy Youree.

A long fly ball off the bat of

Pampa's Jackie Gerber was caught by the Dumas leftfielder and a Dumas double play brought Pampa's rally to a halt and ended the game in favor of Dumas.

Leading hitters for Pampa were Teryn Garner, three hits, one run batted in and one run scored; Amy Youree, three hits and one run batted in; Jennie Rogers, two hits and one run scored; Kari Terrell, one hit and one run batted in; Jaclyn Spearman, one hit and one run scored; Morgan Meharg, Jackie Gerber and Autumn Schaub with one hit each.

Pampa and Dumas meet tonight at 7 in Canadian in game two in the best of three series.



Jackie Gerber (12) had one of Pampa's hits during the 9-10 District girls' softball game Monday night against Dumas.

All-Star contest is tonight

CLEVELAND (AP) — Tony Gwynn and Ken Griffey Jr. have their opinions, just like every other fan.

So how about it, guys. When it comes to hitting, which of baseball's most hallowed numbers — 61, 400 or 56 — will be the hardest to break?

"I will say the home runs," Griffey said Monday. "If they don't pitch to you, you can't do it. Everything has to be perfect with the swing. It's not like a single, where you can bloop it in."

Gwynn sees a different side. "Of the three of them, I would say 56 is the most difficult," he said. "Every at-bat you don't get a hit, the pressure builds."

Either way, this is the time to be talking about such things. Because all of the players with the best chance at making history — otherwise known as challenging the marks of Roger Maris, Ted Williams and Joe DiMaggio — will be on display tonight at the All-Star game.

There's Mark McGwire with 31 home runs and Griffey with 30. They're pursuing Maris, who had 33 homers at the All-Star break in 1961 and finished with 61.

"The only time you guys should bring it up is if you're at 50 home runs in September, the first of September," McGwire said. "Then a guy has a pretty good chance of doing it."

But, the chase has caught the interest of Randy Johnson, the starting pitcher for the AL.

"I wouldn't mind seeing both getting a chance to break it instead of just one," he said. "It would be great to get into September and have both of them close."

"They would pick up the paper each morning and look at the other boxscore and say, 'He got another one.' Maybe they wouldn't do that, I don't know. But I think both would be driven by what the other guy was doing," he said.

Williams was the last player to break the 400 barrier, hitting 406 in 1941. That season, he was batting .405 at the All-Star break. Larry Walker is at .398, Gwynn is at .394.

"I think everybody thinks it will be done, but we're finding out that it's not that easy," Gwynn said.

"Hitting 400, you've got to do it every day. I was hitting 402 one day, went 2-for-5 and went down to .401. So it's tough. You've got to get in a groove and just stay there," he said.

DiMaggio hit in 56 straight games in 1941. He happened to be at 48 at the break.

Sandy Alomar is at 30 and counting.

"I think it's actually helped me concentrate on every at-bat lately," he said. "Hopefully, going for the streak doesn't hurt the team."

For at least a day or two, Alomar doesn't need to worry. The Cleveland catcher can focus on having fun, calling pitches for Johnson and hitting against NL starter Greg Maddux.

The NL has won three straight, and leads the series 40-26-1.

Scoreboard

BASEBALL National League At A Glance. All Times EDT. East Division: Atlanta 57, Florida 50, New York 48, Philadelphia 36.

BASEBALL National League At A Glance. West Division: Pittsburgh 43, Houston 43, St. Louis 41, Cincinnati 38, Chicago 37.

BASKETBALL National Basketball Association. All Times EDT. Eastern Conference: New York 7, Houston 5, Charlotte 2.

SOCCER Major League Soccer. All Times EDT. Eastern Conference: D.C. 13, Tampa Bay 9, New England 10.

NOTE: Three points for victory, one point for a shootout win and zero points for loss.

FOOTBALL Arena Football. All Times EDT. Central Division: Iowa 7, Milwaukee 5, Texas 3, Portland 2.

Cavaliers signed first-round draft pick Derick Anderson and Brevin Knight to three-year contracts.

Los Angeles signed free agent guard Byron Scott to a two-year contract with a team in Greece that's worth \$2.3 million.

NEW YORK KNICKS—Signed Jeff Van Gundy, coach, to a multi-year contract extension.

NEW YORK RANGERS—Signed RW Mike Keane and C Brian Strudand.

Martinez captures Home Run Derby

CLEVELAND (AP)—Tino Martinez was hoping he wouldn't embarrass himself or his teammates in the All-Star Home Run Derby.

With sluggers like Oakland's Mark McGwire, Seattle's Ken Griffey Jr. and Cleveland's Jim Thome in the competition, Martinez was considered a long shot.

Martinez was the surprise winner of Monday's competition, defeating Colorado's Larry Walker in the finals to win the popular event, which capped All-Star Workout Day before 44,945 fans at Jacobs Field.

Griffey, the 1994 champion, didn't make it past the first round, hitting just three homers before making 10 "outs."

"I can't explain it," he said. "I don't hit homers in batting practice. But I like hitting the ball here in Cleveland. You can really get the ball into the right-field seats."

With his Seattle Mariners cap on backwards, Griffey went to the plate with the crowd expecting the superstar to put on a show.

Speed, coordination make Mavericks' 7-foot Australian draft pick alluring

DALLAS — The totals Chris Anstey posted in his first game after becoming Mavericks property were truly eye-popping: 30 points, 15 rebounds, five steals and three blocks against the Kings.

As a teenager, the acronym Anstey appeared most likely to embrace was ATP — Association of Tennis Professionals — rather than NBA.

"We have some speed on our team, but Anstey would rebound the ball or block a shot and then beat everyone down the floor."

12.8 rebounds. Although it took a severe knee injury by Dorge to get Anstey off the bench, Goorjian insists that "Chris Anstey is our best player."

Although not a lottery pick like Duncan — the top overall pick in the June NBA draft — Anstey was gaining consideration as a potential first-rounder.

National Basketball League. Then 19, he was immediately installed as the Tigers' backup to Olympic center Mark Bradtko.

After his rookie year, Anstey moved across town to the Magic in '95. His initial impact came in the second year under Goorjian, when Anstey averaged 11.8 points and 7.8 rebounds in '96 behind another Olympian, John Dorge, to earn Most Improved Player honors.

Duncan — the top overall pick in the June NBA draft — Anstey was gaining consideration as a potential first-rounder.

"He's the like putty in your hands," Goorjian said. "The Mavericks got a real good one."

"Chris is going to be an interesting one," said Barry Barnes, coach of Australia's national team.

"We had just played Wake Forest in the NCAA Tournament," Texas coach Tom Penders said.

Now, staying home is what's unthinkable. As the 18th pick in the draft, Anstey is entitled to a minimum of \$2.463 million over the next three years with the Mavericks.

"The thing you'll probably see right away, Anstey gets down the floor and he hustles and plays hard. He needs to develop a little consistency, but probably so does Tim Duncan."

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Woods is the man, on and off the course

LEMONTO, Ill. (AP) — In terms of riches and acclaim, Tiger Woods already has left Jack Nicklaus, Arnold Palmer and Ben Hogan at the first tee.

Woods has made more than \$2.5 million on the PGA Tour, to go with endorsement deals approaching \$100 million. He is recognized everywhere he goes.

The names now being used for comparison: Elvis and the Beatles. That's how big Woods has become. And at 21 years old, his fame can only swell.

"I'm not going to be what some of the people in my position have become: a prisoner of their fame," he said.

Woods won the Western Open going away, finishing three strokes ahead of his nearest competitor, Frank Nobilo. In the process, he earned plaudits from fellow pros and fervent support from nearly 50,000 fans.

After failing to break par in 11 of 12 rounds, Woods decided to enjoy the simple life the week before the Western. He eschewed golf to fish, watch TV and "just be a couch potato."

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World briefs

Battle for Cambodia shifts to northwest

PHNOM PENH, Cambodia (AP) — The crackle of gunfire ripped through the ancient capital of the Khmer empire — Angkor Wat — as political factions stepped up their battle today for control of Cambodia.

Three days after Second Prime Minister Hun Sen ousted his rival co-premier, Prince Norodom Ranariddh, coup leaders announced today that one of Ranariddh's top aides was killed with a bullet to the head while in custody.

Ho Sok was arrested Monday and accused of plotting against Cambodia's new leadership. His death while in the hands of Hun Sen loyalists raised fears of a wave of summary executions to wipe out the opposition.

Hun Sen's aides denied they were responsible for Ho Sok's death, claiming he was killed by "the people." He was shot after being arrested by Hun Sen's soldiers.

South Africans seek amnesty in killing of American

CAPE TOWN, South Africa (AP) — The killers of Amy Biehl sought amnesty today for the brutal 1993 slaying of the American exchange student.

Peter and Linda Biehl, Amy's parents, sat quietly in the front row for the hearing by the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, which has the power to grant amnesty for politically motivated crimes.

They earlier shook hands with the parents of the four convicted killers: Mzikhona Mofemela, Ntobeka Peni, Vusumzi Ntamo and Mongezi Manqina. The men each are serving 18-year prison terms for their role in the mob attack on the 26-year-old Fulbright scholar.

The young men have claimed they were members of the Pan Africanist Congress' military wing, the Azanian People's Liberation Army, and its student wing, the Pan Africanist Students' Organization.

Peni, claiming the student group approved the killing, has said: "I rose against the government, and in the process, a white woman was killed."

Bomb explodes in northern India, 24 dead

AMRITSAR, India (AP) — A bomb exploded today on an express train in the northern Indian state of Punjab, killing at least 24 passengers and wounding 65 others, police and doctors said.

The blast occurred soon after the five-car Ganganagar-Ambala commuter train carrying 500 people left the railroad station of Bhatinda, 120 miles west of Amritsar, police constable Parshna Singh said.

"We do not have very much details, but the blast was so powerful that it ripped one car in which the bomb was kept," Singh said.

There was no immediate claim of responsibility. Punjab was the scene of a 10-year secessionist revolt by Sikh militants who wanted to carve out an independent homeland. The rebellion was crushed in the early 1990s, but sporadic violence continues.

Twenty-two of today's bombing victims died at the scene, and two children died later at Bhatinda District Hospital, Dr. Avtar Singh Sekhon said. He said 65 people were admitted with injuries, and 22 of those in serious condition.

Today's blast was the fourth in Punjab this year.

Panel to give \$12.1 million in aid to Holocaust victims

BERN, Switzerland (AP) — Swiss institutions will donate \$12.1 million in the coming weeks to needy Holocaust victims in eastern Europe.

The decision was made Monday at the first meeting of a board dispensing aid from Swiss banks and companies that totals \$190 million. The donations were made under international pressure to return money confiscated from European Jews and other victims of the Nazis.

"We can be satisfied because we have shown that we are serious about this aid," said Rolf Bloch, chairman of the seven-member board, which includes two Israelis, the head of the World Jewish Congress and four Swiss citizens.

Bloch said the Holocaust survivors' average age of 80 provided enough reason to speed donations.

Elan Steinberg, WJC executive director, said in New York that the goal of the immediate assistance was to help 60,000 survivors chosen on the basis of need and age.

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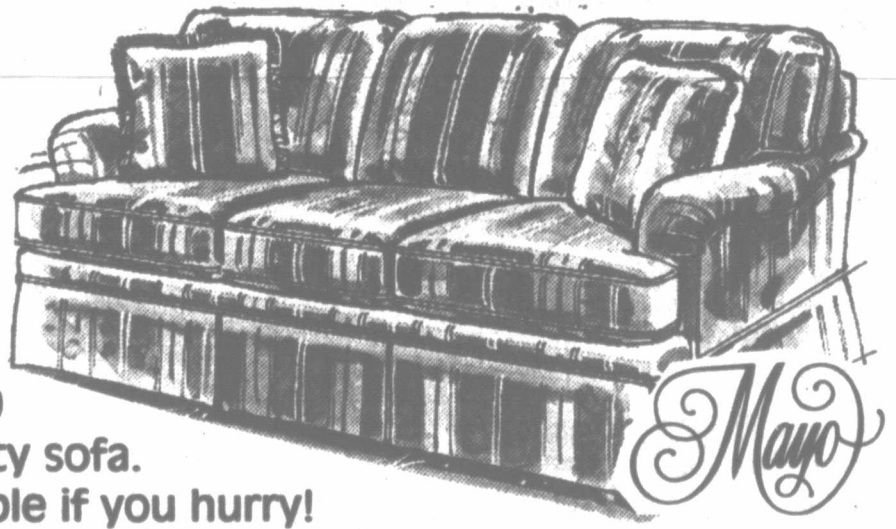
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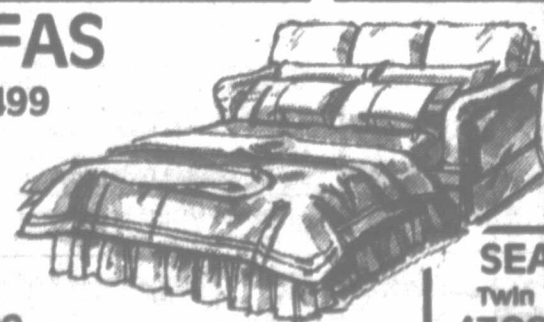
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