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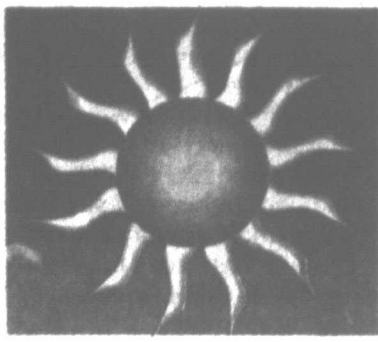
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PAMPA, TEXAS

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Low tonight near 70.
High tomorrow near 100.
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McLEAN - The city of McLean now has an ordinance requiring 48 hours notice, a permit, and proof of personal or business liability insurance before digging in any street, alley, public roadway, or any other public property in the city of McLean. Any questions concerning this ordinance may be directed to City Hall at 779-2481.

PAMPA - Dr. Raymond Hampton of Pampa, a family practitioner, recently was elected president of the Texas Medical Association's Fifty Year Club. Dr. Presley Chalmers of Wimberly, a retired anesthesiologist, was elected vice president.

The club is comprised of physicians who have served in organized medicine 50 years or longer. Members of the club met in Houston recently during TMA's Annual Session for the 1997 Fifty Year Club Annual Party. Current membership for the club stands at 587.

SAN ANTONIO (AP) - A Union Pacific route where a head-on train collision in June killed four people was handling three times more trains daily than it was designed for, federal officials say.

Federal authorities also criticized the company's regional dispatch operation in Omaha, Neb., noting possible inadequate quality control and a lack of training, the San Antonio Express-News reported today.

Dispatchers no longer are required to be familiar with the terrain they control. A preliminary investigation already had found dispatcher error caused the crash.

An engineer, a conductor and two stowaways died in the June 22 collision in Devine, about 30 miles southwest of San Antonio. Another engineer was burned badly when two trains carrying diesel fuel rammed head on and exploded into flames.

Union Pacific is operating between 18 and 20 trains a day on the single track, which was set up for only six, said David Bolger, Federal Railroad Administration spokesman.

- Jimmie Lee Blalock, 21, construction worker
- Bernice Stevens Hall, 73, Wheeler Woman of the Year in 1974
- Traci Dawn Paulsell-Lochridge, 32, employee of Delta Airlines
- Jesse Odell Martinez, 57, Vietnam veteran
- Nelda Beth Stoddard, 58, homemaker

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Green thumb Small plot, large yield

By Dianna F. Dandridge
Staff Writer

The United States farmers feed the world and it's something that all began when individuals planted single, family-sized gardens.

A Pampa resident, Roger Caldwell takes this lesson to heart.

For years he worked in the produce market at Albertson's, then retired in October of '96 at the age of 63.

Now Caldwell plants a small 10x20 ft. garden plot in his backyard and has that yielded extraordinary results.

His tomato vines have to be staked to poles to remain upright, and even with that they stand more than five-feet-high and lean away from their stakes.

The carrots grow in such profusion no one could pick just one. Cantaloupes are grown from the seeds of an early melon he purchased and the vines create a jungle effect wherever they spread.

Caldwell attributes his success to the threats he makes while planting and tending the garden.

"I just tell them that if they don't grow and produce well, I'll just yank 'em up and throw them away," he laughs.

He says he only spends an hour or so each day with his garden, but his daughters dis-



(Pampa News photo by Dianna F. Dandridge)

Roger Caldwell, 64, worked for years in the produce section of the local Albertson's, and after he retired he just couldn't give it up. Now his tiny 10x20 backyard garden plot produces tomato vines more than five feet high (loaded with tomatoes), carrots so thick you can't pull just one, and a jungle of cantaloupe.

agree and say he spends at least three or four hours a day, when one considers the time he waters, weeds and spends just enjoying the plants.

Caldwell is especially delighted with his potatoes he planted from some potatoes which had sprouted.

"I just cut them up and buried some of the pieces. We've eaten some of them and they are every bit as good as any I've ever bought," he said.

He also planted red okra, yellow squash, beans, onions, cucumbers, but no corn. "It's cheaper to buy it than plant corn," he said.

Caldwell knows that he'll never use all of the produce growing in his garden so he has already made plans to give a lot of it away to his family and friends.

"I won't let it spoil. There's too many folks who like good vegetables and I'm happy to let some of them have some," he said.

Our neighbors...

Daughter of former News publisher dies after wreck

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. - Sarah Elizabeth Hoiles, 20, died July 10, 1997, at Flagstaff, Ariz., of injuries suffered in an automobile accident July 8. Services were Monday in Victory World Outreach. Private burial was under the direction of Swan Law Funeral Directors.

Miss Hoiles was born Jan. 2, 1977, at Pampa, the daughter of Timothy C. Hoiles, former Pampa News publisher, and she was the great-granddaughter of the founder of Freedom Communications Inc.

Other survivors include her mother, Elizabeth P. Hoiles of Colorado Springs; two sisters, Gail and Jill; her grandfather, Harry Hoiles; and her grandmother, Elizabeth W. Pearsall, all of Colorado Springs.

She was a 1994 graduate of the Colorado Springs School, excelling in leadership and service. Upon graduating, she received the Faculty Cup, an honor bestowed upon an outstanding student by faculty members. She also received the

School Service Award, the Drama Award, the Presidential Academic Fitness Award and the Daughters of the American Revolution Good Citizen Award, nominated by her classmates.

She was secretary of her senior class, the judicial committee and the admission committee and participated in an experience-centered seminar each year.

She attended the University of Puget Sound from 1994-1996 and had been an intern at The Gazette. She worked at her father's motorcycle shop, Wildcat Motorsports, and was currently employed at Holiday Inn Garden of the Gods. She planned to resume her schooling at Carroll College in Montana, with an interest in secondary education.

She played basketball, volleyball and soccer and enjoyed singing and dancing.

The family requests memorials be in lieu of flowers to Donor Alliance, 3773 Cherry Creek North Drive, Suite 601, Denver, Colo. 80209.

Unimproved alleys a headache for all

By LAURA HALEY
Staff Writer

Residents in the 2400 block of Charles and Mary Ellen streets are wondering what has happened to their alley.

Every time the rain pours and the sanitation crews come through, large ruts are left in the alley, which is currently just a dirt road.

City Manager Bob Eskridge knows this alley, among many others, are a continual problem for residents and the city. There are a great number of alleys in the city that do not have a base coat and are simply dirt roadways. And, keeping them maintained is a "Catch-22" sit



The alley behind the 2400 block of Charles and Mary Ellen has deep ruts, mud holes.

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City benefits from growth in tax return

By LAURA HALEY
Staff Writer

Sales tax revenue has been steadily increasing for cities and counties throughout the state of Texas this year and this is good news for several cities and counties in the program, including Pampa.

Since the onset of Pampa's 1996-97 fiscal year, which began Oct. 1, 1996, the sales tax revenue generated has been steadily increasing, said John Horst, the city's financial director. What this means to the city is more revenue in the general fund than originally anticipated.

For the 1996-97 budget year, the city currently has \$79,715 more sales tax revenue than the previous year. Even if the amount of revenue decreases within the next two months, the city will still end up ahead of its budgeted amount, said Horst.

The total sales tax revenue, including the amount budgeted by the city, through July is \$163,000.

Every month, merchants fill out a sales tax report to the state with a code for the city and county where the business is located. Based on these reports, the state returns a certain percentage to participating counties and cities. The City of Pampa currently receives two percent monthly.

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Pampa man, 21 hangs himself in Wis. jail cell

Lifelong Pampa resident Jimmie Lee Blalock, 21, was found hanged in a Sauk County, Wis., jail and a female juvenile accomplice from Pampa may be certified as an adult to face charges of attempted murder and armed robbery.

According to a news release from the Sauk County Sheriff's Office, Blalock and the 16-year-old girl were arrested July 11 after an armed robbery at the Hilltop Motel in Lake Delton, Wis.

The news release said detectives learned from both suspects that they had been involved in a "crime spree" involving armed robberies, burglaries and auto thefts in Texas, Missouri, South Dakota, Iowa and Wisconsin.

The two suspects were also facing charges of fleeing and attempted murder after shots were fired at officers during a chase after the hold-up, the

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release said.

On Saturday at about 11:17 p.m., security staff of Sauk County Jail found Blalock hanging by a bed sheet from cell bars, the release said. He was immediately cut him down and the jail staff initiated CPR. He was taken to St. Clares hospital where he was pronounced dead.

The Sauk County Sheriff's office reported that Blalock had been moved from segregation to a general population cell and that there was nothing to indicate to anyone that Blalock was

See HANGS, Page 2

Man, 68, pleads guilty in child sexual assault

A 68-year-old Pampa man was in Gray County jail today awaiting transfer to Texas Department of Corrections after pleading guilty to the aggravated assault of a child under 14 years old.

Alberto Belez, 68, was sentenced to 16 years in prison Monday afternoon by Judge M. Kent Sims in 31st District Court after pleading guilty.

The charge stems from a Dec. 10, 1996, incident in which a girl told school officials she had been sexually assaulted. Pampa Independent School District authorities notified the Child Protective Services branch of the Department of Human Services. Child Protective Service investigators, in turn, notified Gray County Sheriff's offices.

Belez was convicted April 29, 1963, of assault with intent to commit rape.

N.N.O. group sets priorities

The first step in community policing is education, the coordinator National Night Out said today.

Jean Franklin, the volunteer coordinator for National Night Out, a community policing program designed to cut neighborhood crime, said more citizens should be involved in the program, and she expects to do that through community education.

A plan to educate more citi-
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Daily Record

Services tomorrow

GROVES, Betty Hammerschmidt — Graveside services, 10 a.m., Beaugard Cemetery, De Ridder, La.
HALL, Berniece Stevens — 2:30 p.m., First United Methodist Church, Wheeler.
MARTINEZ, Jesse Odell — Graveside services, 10:30 a.m., Memory Gardens Cemetery, Pampa.
STODDARD, Nelda Beth — 2 p.m., Memorial Park Funeral Home Chapel of Memories, Amarillo.

Obituaries

JIMMIE LEE BLALOCK

Jimmie Lee Blalock, 21, of Pampa, died Sunday, July 13, 1997, at Baraboo, Wis. The body was cremated. Memorial services will be at 3 p.m. Saturday in Calvary Baptist Church with the Rev. Lyndon Glaesman officiating. Arrangements are by the family and by the church.

Mr. Blalock was born Sept. 15, 1975, at Pampa and attended Pampa schools. He was a construction worker for Ken Davis Construction and was a plumber's helper for Mike's Plumbing. He was a member of Calvary Baptist Church.

Survivors include his mother, Mitzie Blalock of Pampa; his father, Robert Blalock of Beeville; a sister, Brandy Martinez of Pampa; his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J.P. Wright, Mr. and Mrs. Troy Brewer and Mr. and Mrs. John Estep, all of Pampa; an uncle, Mike Blalock of Pampa; and a niece, Christian Martinez of Pampa.

BERNIECE STEVENS HALL

WHEELER — Berniece Stevens Hall, 73, died Sunday, July 13, 1997. Services will be at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday in First United Methodist Church with Bill Morrison, minister of Wheeler Church of Christ, officiating. Burial will be in Wheeler Cemetery under the direction of Wright Funeral Home of Wheeler.

Mrs. Hall was born at Shamrock, Texas, to Percy and Helen Stevens. She was the great-granddaughter of Panhandle pioneers A.J. and Permelia Alice Austin. She graduated from Shamrock High School and had been a Wheeler County resident most of her life. She later attended Stephen F. Austin and Sul Ross University. She married Harrison Hall in 1944 at Toyah, Texas.

She was active in local and area affairs and was named as Wheeler's Woman of the Year in 1974. She was a member and past president of the Wednesday Study Club, the Thursday Review Club, the Wheeler Bi-Centennial Committee, the Wheeler City Council and the Wheeler Parents and Teachers Association. She was the first woman president of the Wheeler Chamber of Commerce and also served on the Wheeler Library Board and the American Cancer Society.

In addition, she was a member of the Wheeler Tax Appraisal Board, the Wheeler Historical Society, the Shamrock Ex-Student Association, the Wheeler Tuesday Bridge Club, the Wheeler Couples Bridge Club, the Wheeler Ladies Bridge Club, the American Legion Auxiliary and was a volunteer for Meals on Wheels.

She was a member of the Methodist Church and was a Sunday school teacher, an administrative board member, chairman of the Worship Committee, director of the Chancel Chior, choir member and treasurer of the United Methodist Women. She sang at many funerals, graduation exercises, chamber banquets and programs throughout the Panhandle.

Survivors include her husband, Harrison Hall; two daughters, Dorothy Miller of Pampa and Linda Smith of Amarillo; a sister, Mickey Macina of Pampa; six grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to The First Methodist Church of Wheeler or to the American Cancer Society.

TRACI DAWN PAULSELL-LOCHRIDGE

KENNEWICK, Wash. — Traci Dawn Paulsell-Lochrige, 32, died July 10, 1997, at Kennewick General Hospital. Memorial services were Monday, July 14, in The Cathedral of Joy in Richland, Wash.



Mrs. Paulsell-Lochrige was born March 28, 1965, at Pampa. She had been a resident of Kennewick for 28 years, graduating from Kamiakin High School in 1983. She was on the drill team and cheerleading squad at Kamiakin. She married Jim Lochridge on April 11, 1987. The couple were married until February of 1994. She worked as a courier, proof-reader and paste-up specialist for the Tri-City Herald from 1984 until 1994. She went to work for Delta Airlines in 1994.

She was preceded in death by her grandparents, Al and Pearl Paulsell, her grandfather, Woodrow Hubbard, and a cousin Rusty Riggle.

Survivors include her children, Seth James Lochridge and Shyanne Marquita Cooper; her parents, Cleve and Markee Paulsell of Kennewick; a brother, Tim Paulsell of Kennewick; a sister, Stacy Stach of Virginia Beach, Va.; her grandmother, Louise Hubbard of Pampa; aunts and uncles, Buddy and Donna Addition of San Antonio, Tyrone and Cindy Riggle of Kennewick, Alvin and Margie Paulsell of Berger and Jack Paulsell of Calgary, Canada; and numerous cousins and friends.

The family requests memorials be in lieu of flowers to the City of Kennewick D.A.R.E. program, P.O. Box 6108, Kennewick, Wash. 99336.

JESSE ODELL MARTINEZ

AMARILLO — Jesse Odell Martinez, 57, son of Pampa residents, died Thursday, July 10, 1997. Graveside services will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday in Memory Gardens Cemetery at Pampa with the Rev. Resendo Herrera, associ-

ate pastor of St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church, officiating. Burial will be under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Martinez was born Aug. 25, 1939, at Pleasanton, Texas. He had been an Amarillo resident for 17 years. He was a U.S. Army veteran, serving in the 8th Battalion, 6th Artillery, First Infantry Division, in the Vietnam War. He was wounded. He was awarded the Bronze Star, the Army Commendation Medal and the Purple Heart. He was a Catholic.

Survivors include his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Pedro Sr. and Jovita Martinez of Pampa; a daughter, Sara Martinez of Austin; two brothers, Pedro Martinez Jr. of Lubbock and Stanley Martinez of Pampa; five sisters, Mary Sepulveda of Stinnett, Petra of Fort Worth, Pepper of Brownwood, Katie Martinez of Las Vegas, Nev., and Jovita Rivera of Pampa; and several nieces and nephews.

The family will be at 629 Browning in Pampa.

NELDA BETH STODDARD

AMARILLO — Nelda Beth Stoddard, 58, mother of a Pampa resident, died Monday, July 14, 1997. Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday in Memorial Park Funeral Home Chapel of Memories with Ried Schaub, of Church of Christ of Lampasas, and David McCormick, elder at West Amarillo Church of Christ, officiating. Burial will be in Memorial Park Cemetery.

Mrs. Stoddard was born at Dickens County. She married Raymond Stoddard in 1955 at Amarillo. She had been an Amarillo resident since 1941. She was a homemaker and a member of West Amarillo Church of Christ.

Survivors include her husband, Raymond; two daughters, Donna Stoddard of Amarillo and Rhonda Stoddard Edie of Pampa; a son, Dean Stoddard of Pearl Harbor, Hawaii; her mother, Nell Stephens of Amarillo; a sister, Linda Jo Elliott of Amarillo; a brother, Roger Dale Stephens of Amarillo; and six grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to West Amarillo Church of Christ Building Fund or to Feed the Children program.

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Fires

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

MONDAY, July 14

9:59 a.m. — Two units and four personnel responded to 1504 W. Kentucky for a medical assist.

4:38 p.m. — Three units and five personnel responded to Highway 152 and Gray 3 for a grass fire.

7:26 p.m. Three units and seven personnel responded to 220 W. Tyng on a false alarm.

Accidents

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

MONDAY, July 14

A 1994 white GMC truck driven by Fermin Olivarez, 30, of Amarillo, rear-ended a 1989 red Cadillac Coup de Ville driven by Billie Nixon Allen, 54, 345 Tignor, in the 700 block of North Hobart. Olivarez was cited for following too closely.

Sheriff's Office

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

MONDAY, July 14

Arrests

Steven Ray Stone III, 23, 629 Sloan St., was arrested on charges of escape.

Denyse Danyell Sells, 25, 508 N. Frost, was arrested on a theft by check warrant out of Hutchinson County.

TUESDAY, July 15

A criminal mischief was reported at Windy Acres Mobile Home Park west of Pampa on Highway 152.

Police report

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

MONDAY, July 14

A theft of \$430 cash was reported at 2537 Perryton Parkway.

Two windshields totaling \$2,700 were damaged at the rodeo grounds.

Criminal mischief, resulting in \$300 in damages to a vehicle, was reported at 2128 N. Wells. The floors of Pampa High School, 111 E. Harvester, were reported damaged.

Albertson's grocery store reported two thefts - the first was \$343.40 in merchandise and the second was \$55 worth of meat products and pickles.

A criminal mischief was reported at 309 N. Ward. Copper piping and a refrigeration cool hood were damaged.

A 22-year-old female reported an assault with minor injuries in the 1000 block of Prairie Drive.

Arrest

Mathew Seborn Huddleston, 21, 1031 Sumner, Apt. 206, was arrested on a theft by check warrant from Randall County.

Hangs

contemplating suicide. Jail officials said Blalock had been playing cards and bragging to other inmates about his "Bonnie and Clyde" type crime spree, according to the release. He was heard to say that they would run until they were caught, just like Bonnie and Clyde.

At 10:45 a security check was made and jailers said Blalock was just watching them. In just a little over a half hour another check was made and his body was found hanging.

Locally, Blalock was indicted in Gray County on June 26, for burglary of a building in connection with a break in at Price Road Tools.

According to reports, a .380 caliber stainless steel automatic pistol, a circular saw, a Diamond Shamrock credit card and a Sam's Club Card were stolen on May 21.

Blalock was arrested less than a week later in

Alleys

uation, he explained. "With all the rain, alleys have been a continual problem," said Eskridge.

The dirt alleys are destroyed by the city sanitation crews, who must pick up the residents garbage. To repair this damage other crews must then blade each of these alleys to rid of the ruts and restore it to a level drive. This repair work to the dirt alleys must be done after the ground has dried.

But, with each new rain and pass of the sanitation crew, this process must be repeated.

"We're going to work on the alley," said Eskridge, "but it's not going to solve the problem."

Until base coats are placed on many of these alleys, the repairs are simply cosmetic and the city will have to continue reblading the alleys after every rain and pass of the sanitation crews. With only one maintainer to blade the streets and alleys, this process can take a lot of time.

In an effort to solve this problem, the city has devised a program to provide a base coat for all the

City

And, as the merchant sales increase, the amount of revenue returned to the city also increases.

"I hope this trend will continue," said Horst. "We're very pleased with the way the sales tax has been."

Sales tax revenue returned to Pampa is split with 1 1/2 percent going to the city's general fund and 1/2 percent funding the Pampa Economic Development Corporation.

The extra money received from sales tax revenue is placed in a fund for later use by the city.

"What it'll do is help build up our fund balance," explained Horst.

N.N.O.

zens about community policing and getting more people involved is the top priority of Project 365, Franklin said. The group's Project 365 begins Aug. 5 and continues for 365 days in an effort to lower crime in Pampa.

A core group of about 20 meeting Monday night at M.K. Brown Civic Auditorium ranked six objectives.

The second priority is to expand the number of neighborhood watch areas. They plan on targeting neighborhoods that have traditionally been difficult to organize, Franklin said.

She said they also plan to establish a Turn Around Pampa Program which would include organizing marches against drug activity in parks, on the street corners and in front of known drug houses.

Weather focus

LOCAL FORECAST

Tonight, scattered thunderstorms then fair after midnight. Low near 70. South wind 10-20 mph. Wednesday, mostly sunny and hot with a high near 100. South wind 10 to 15 mph. The overnight low was 72.

REGIONAL FORECAST

WEST TEXAS — Panhandle

— Tonight, mostly clear with a less than 20 percent chance of thunderstorms. Low 65 to 70. South wind 5-15 mph. Wednesday, mostly sunny and hot with a high near 100. South wind 10 to 15 mph. Low Rolling Plains — Tonight, a slight chance of thunderstorms southeastern panhandle and northern low rolling plains, otherwise fair. Lows 65-70. Wednesday, mostly sunny. Highs 95-100. Permian Basin/Upper Trans Pecos — Tonight, fair. Lows around 70. Wednesday, mostly sunny. Highs near 100. Guadalupe Mountains/Big Bend Area — Tonight, fair. Lows in the 60s and 70s. Wednesday, mostly sunny. Highs from the upper 80s moun-

tains to around 108 along the Rio Grande.

NORTH TEXAS

Tonight, a slight chance of evening thunderstorms east, otherwise mostly clear areawide. Low 70 to 75. Wednesday, partly cloudy central and east with a slight chance of thunderstorms, mostly sunny west. High 95 to 100. Wednesday night, a slight chance of evening thunderstorms southeast, otherwise mostly clear areawide. Low 70 to 75. Extended forecast, Thursday through Saturday, partly cloudy with a slight chance of thunderstorms each day. Highs in the mid to upper 90s. Lows in the low to mid 70s.

SOUTH TEXAS — Hill Country

— Tonight, becoming partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 70s, near 70 Hill Country. Wednesday, partly cloudy with a slight chance of showers or thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 90s. Upper Texas Coast — Tonight, partly cloudy with isolated evening thunderstorms. Lows in the lower 70s inland to near 80 coast. Wednesday, partly cloudy with a chance of showers or

thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 90s inland to near 90 coast.

Coastal Bend and the Rio Grande Plains — Tonight, partly cloudy with a chance of showers or thunderstorms. Lows near 80 coast to the mid 70s inland. Wednesday, partly cloudy and hot with a slight chance of showers or thunderstorms. Highs near 90 coast to the mid to upper 90s inland, near 102 Rio Grande plains.

BORDER STATES

NEW MEXICO — Tonight through Wednesday night, a slight chance of evening and afternoon thunderstorms all but extreme northwest and southeast. Otherwise partly sunny and very warm to hot days with fair skies at night. Lows mostly in the 40s and 50s mountains with upper 50s to near 70 elsewhere. Highs in the upper 70s to 80s mountains with upper 80s to near 102 at lower elevations.

OKLAHOMA — Tonight, partly cloudy. Lows in the low to mid 70s. Wednesday, partly cloudy. Highs 95 to 103. Wednesday night, mostly clear. Lows in the low to mid 70s.

Carson County and had been free on \$5,000 bond. He was scheduled to appear yesterday before Judge M. Kent Sims, 31st district court, for formal arraignment.

Beth Blalock, Jimmie's aunt said, "This is really a shock. He had never shown any sign of depression. We never expected this."

Mrs. Blalock said the family knew he had left the state, but the crime spree and everything else was very unlike Jimmie.

She described his lifestyle as "erratic," but said he was "always loved," he just took a "wrong path."

Blalock has other family members in the Pampa area. (See obituary on Page 2) His mother, sister and his grandparents continue to live in the area. His father is incarcerated in Beeville on a murder conviction.

The Sauk County Sheriff's Office is continuing their investigation into the suicide and the "crime spree."

alleys in the city. Unfortunately for residents, the program will take time to complete.

"It's a massive job," said Eskridge who further explained, "(And,) it's a matter of cost."

The plan combines two needs of the city in an effort to save some funds. The comprehensive street program, in which streets throughout the city are torn up and restored, will provide a base coat material for alleys. Concrete torn up from these streets will be crushed into rock and spread in alleys.

But, it may be another year before the alley restoration project is underway, said Eskridge.

The last area to be repaired in the street program is Browning Avenue. Once the concrete is torn up on Browning Avenue, then the city will be able to gather all the concrete from street repairs and have it crushed, hopefully leaving the city with several years supply of base coat material for the alleys.

"We know all the information, we just don't have the material to do it (yet)," said Eskridge, who notes the city is well aware of the problem with the alleys.

And, in an effort to speed the process, Pampa has increased the city street repair program by approximately \$50,000 in the past two years.

In the past, money was removed from the fund balance for the development of Recreation Park and the landfill permitting and engineering process. The past few years, the city has attempted to rebuild the fund balance in an effort to do much needed citywide repairs.

There is not enough money to fund every project, but City Manager Bob Eskridge hopes to have the majority of projects completed within the next five years.

And, of course, the increasing sales tax revenue is extremely helpful, said Horst. For every year the sales tax revenue is increased, that means additional money not previously appropriated in the budget. This allows the city to begin or complete the needed improvements at a much quicker rate.

A fourth objective is cleaning problem areas by removing trash, graffiti and abandoned cars.

"A year long clean-up campaign can help reduce or eliminate existing problems," Franklin said. Other objectives include citizen patrols of parks and street corners plagued by crime, drug dealers and underage drinking.

She said many of the people at Monday night's meeting had attended the group's meetings in May and June.

"Some were new," Franklin said. "Most were returning after our first two meetings. We know how dedicated these people are. We need to get more and more citizens involved."

"There are drugs all over town," she said. "It's on streets that would just amaze you. It's going to take the citizens getting involved to get it stopped."

City briefs

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EMERGENCY JAIL Release.

24 hrs. Jack Ward, 669-9911. Adv.

PAMPA ACADEMY of Christian Education - A Different school with a Distinct Purpose. Enrollment for '97-'98 school year is now being accepted. Call for information and application at 665-2273. Last day for enrollment for '97-'98 year is July 23rd. Adv.

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CHANEY'S CAFE - Tuesday

5-8 p.m. Pork chops, baked chicken, chicken gizzards, chicken fried steak. 716 W. Foster. Adv.

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FREE DOG food for 1 yr. Enter the drawing at Circle C Boot and Feed, 2125 N. Hobart. Adv.

SALE - 3 piece blond bed suite \$180, dinette \$250, hutch \$175, 3 piece couch \$150 at Antiques by Sherry, 2121 N. Hobart. Adv.

Two dead, 64 injured following bridge collapse in Tel Aviv

TEL AVIV, Israel (AP) — Lauren Milner dangled above the Yarkon River, holding on to a piece of broken wood while pain swelled in her right leg. Her strength gave out and she plunged in.



Athletes injured when bridge collapses

"I thought 'am I going to die?'" said the 16-year-old from Sydney, Australia. She was among 64 people, all members of the Australian team to the Maccabiah "Jewish Olympics," injured when a 25-foot-high bridge collapsed Monday before the opening ceremonies.

Rescue workers fished her from the shallow water below with cuts and a sprained knee. Two people — Gregory Small, 37, and Yettey Bennett, 50, bowlers from Sydney — died. Seven of the injured were in serious condition. Two policemen helping in the rescue were also among those hurt.

Authorities have not said whether the two drowned or died of injuries.

While the Australian athletes sobbed and recited prayers today for Small and Bennett, team leaders said it would be up to each athlete to decide whether to compete in the 10-day games.

fall that killed their two teammates, but group leader Daniel Zaltzman said the remaining four decided to compete: "We can do nothing more than ... win in their memory."

Tom Goldman, head of the Australian delegation, held a news conference early today and demanded an official investigation into what he called "this totally unnecessary and avoidable disaster."

Police chief Assaf Hefetz ruled out sabotage Monday, saying there was "something wrong with this bridge."

The 65-foot-long bridge of wooden planks supported by aluminum beams was built three weeks ago for the 15th Maccabiah, an Olympic-style event that drew 5,600 Jewish athletes to Israel. Police said permits for the bridge, a temporary structure festooned with Israeli flags, were in order. It collapsed while about 100 of

the Australian delegation's 380 members led the procession across it to Ramat Gan Stadium, where 45,000 people awaited the athletes.

"We heard a crack and a second crack and all of a sudden the bridge collapsed," said Australian team manager Harry Purcell. "People were falling on top of each other."

Milner, who plays junior netball — a sport similar to basketball — said she was frightened as she let go of the bridge because she didn't know how deep the water was.

Beneath, the Yarkon was shallow but its steep banks hampered rescue efforts. Rescue workers used ropes to descend to the water's edge.

Dozens struggled to get out of the river, some caught in twisted beams. Many linked arms and formed a human chain to pull each other out.

About 20 ambulances rushed to the scene; helicopters hovered overhead and divers searched the river for victims caught beneath the bridge. Green hats worn by some of the Australians washed up on the muddy river banks.

Organizers decided to proceed with opening ceremonies while the search for victims continued. Lasers and fireworks flashed above the disaster scene, angering some of the Australians.

"I am quite outraged, shocked and distressed at the lack of sensitivity," said Isi Liebler of Melbourne, Australia, chairman of the governing board of the World Jewish Congress.

Organizers later called off today's events, saying they would be held Wednesday.

Charles Kaplan, who was in charge of the event in the Sydney area, wondered how the accident could have happened.

"All that can go so very wrong

in Israel, and it is a bridge which has caused such devastation," Kaplan said today in Sydney.

The Maccabiah Games include competition in 36 sports from lawn bowling to hockey. The U.S. delegation includes about 600 Jewish athletes.

The games are named after the Maccabees, a group of Jews who lived in second and first centuries B.C. and led a successful war of independence against Greco-Syrian occupiers in what is now Israel.

At Monday's ceremony, U.S. Olympic gold medalist Kerri Strug, a guest of honor at the games, carried an Olympic-style torch into the stadium, handing it to Israeli basketball star Mickey Berkowitz.

Milner said she was glad the ceremony proceeded as planned, but sorry she couldn't be there. "It's very disappointing," she said. "We trained so long for this."

Feds, lenders boost anti-boll weevil effort

LUBBOCK (AP) — Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation officials say it's time to start killing bugs now that they've had the foundation's legislative and financial worries addressed.

The cash-strapped foundation got a \$25 million boost from the federal government Monday, 1 1/2 months after state lawmakers frantically reinvented the program.

Most of the money, which comes in a low-interest loan by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, will help pay down a \$29.4 million debt owed to the Farm Credit Bank and regional Production Credit Associations.

"We are pleased to be able to continue financing this program, and we applaud the Texas Legislature and the many producers and others who worked diligently to ensure that boll weevil eradication efforts can continue in Texas," said Terry Dane, president of the farmer-owned Texas PCA.

The eradication foundation was stuck with \$37 million in debt when the Texas Supreme Court declared the quasi-governmental entity unconstitutional in May. About \$9.8 million was owed by Lower Rio

Grande Valley farmers, who had severed ties with the foundation last year.

Boll weevils are the No. 1 insect threat to cotton, Texas' largest cash crop.

Fast-track legislation revived and restructured the Abilene-based foundation, bringing it under the auspices of the Texas Department of Agriculture. Valley growers were absolved of their debt as long as they remain out of the program, which they blamed for a freak beet armyworm infestation two seasons ago.

The old obligation was overhauled into a \$29.4 million debt on July 7.

"We renegotiated the old loan," said Arnold Henson, chief executive officer of the Austin-based Farm Credit Bank. "The majority of the (USDA) loan will be used to pay us down, which will provide us some room to advance them more operating capital."

The money applies to the three treatment zones currently involved in the program. The area around San Angelo is in its third season of malathion spraying and is largely weevil free, while growers in the area roughly north of Abilene will see treatments begin this fall.

Cotton farmers in the South Texas region, roughly between San Antonio and the Rio Grande Valley, have until Oct. 20 to decide whether they want to remain in the foundation.

"Basically, (the money) allows us to carry out the rest of the mission," said Osama El-Lissy, the foundation's director. "This way we meet our financial obligations as far as making payments on principal and interest."

Henson said he expects lenders will see their money paid back in full within seven years, possibly sooner.

"We had hoped that since this would benefit producers in the state, the state might take some added ownership with a loan-guarantee," Henson said of the law that revived the foundation. "But I'm real pleased with what they were able to get done in the legislature with a very short fuse."

Growers will finance most of the program with per-acre assessments, with federal grant money taking up the rest of the slack. Beginning in 1978 with Virginia, states across the South have instituted eradication programs and reduced their weevil numbers dramatically.

Nation briefs

Dioxin contamination shuts at least four poultry plants

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) — Temporary shutdowns at poultry plants idled hundreds of workers after federal inspectors found that dioxin-contaminated feed had been used by farmers producing chicken, eggs and catfish.

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration stressed that the dioxin was not enough to endanger consumers. But the agency directed about 350 poultry farms and animal feed manufacturers last week to stop using the feed, and it ordered poultry processors and egg producers to stop shipping affected products.

The contamination was traced to a clay anti-clumping additive that a Mississippi mine provided to two Arkansas soybean meal makers.

Springdale-based Tyson Foods Inc., the nation's largest poultry producer, closed two plants Monday in Pine Bluff, and spokesman Archie Schaffer said he didn't know when the 300 to 500 workers could return. ConAgra said about 1,300 workers at a poultry plant in Batesville would return today. A fourth plant, Townsends of Arkansas in Batesville, expected to reopen Wednesday.

Baby born, left for dead in bus terminal bathroom

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. (AP) — A 16-year-old tourist on a casino tour with friends of her parents gave birth to a boy in a bus station bathroom, then left the infant in the toilet bowl, authorities said.

A bus driver found the 6-pound, 10-ounce baby in the water about ten minutes later. He was in critical condition early today at Atlantic City Medical Center.

The mother, visiting from the Dominican Republic, was held on charges of endangering the

welfare of a child and child abandonment, Atlantic County Prosecutor Jeffrey Blitz said. He declined to identify the girl.

Three teenage mothers have been charged since November in the deaths of their newborns in cases with New Jersey ties.

Blitz said the teenager came from the Dominican Republic to the United States in April to visit her parents' friends in Yonkers, N.Y., and traveled here by bus Sunday for a tour of the city's casinos.

JonBenet Ramsey's autopsy confirms severe injuries

BOULDER, Colo. (AP) — The autopsy of JonBenet Ramsey confirms she had a fractured skull and was strangled with a "ligature," although whether she was sexually assaulted was not answered conclusively.

"I don't see anything that tells me with certainty that she was sexually assaulted," said Dr. Richard Krugman, the dean of the University of Colorado School of Medicine and an authority on child abuse who has consulted with the prosecution.

But, "there is no mistake that there was some kind of trauma. Whether there was abuse or not, I'm not sure."

Portions of JonBenet's autopsy released Monday confirm earlier newspaper reports based on anonymous sources that the six-year-old beauty queen suffered a vicious blow to the head.

The autopsy details were released after the state Supreme Court rejected prosecutors' efforts to keep most of the autopsy sealed.

Plan to transfer job training money under heavy opposition

HOUSTON (AP) — The Texas Workforce Commission says a plan to shift \$6.2 million in welfare money from the state's big cities to the Rio Grande Valley is only a starting point but the idea is drawing fire from officials in areas where money would be lost.

"These numbers are going to change," commission spokesman David Beshear said Monday. "We're very concerned that cities not have to lower their level of service."

The welfare-to-work plan would shift job-training programs from single urban mothers to two-parent families in the Rio Grande Valley.

That would cost Houston and the 13-county Gulf Coast region \$3.4 million — or 33 percent of what it now gets.

"We think the state is taking the

wrong approach," said Bill Whitlow, manager of the dislocated-worker program at Houston Works, part of the Houston Job Training Partnership Council. "Three million is a significant amount of money. We estimate it would reduce by 25 percent the people being served."

Dallas County, which serves 19,000 families headed by single parents, would experience a \$2 million cut and Tarrant County an \$861,000 reduction.

"We think the state has to balance priorities in a more equitable manner," Laurie Larrea, president of the Dallas County Local Workforce Development Board, told the Houston Chronicle Austin bureau. "There are competing priorities. It's very obvious. We believe the formula to be flawed."

The plan, first proposed last

month, remains open for public comment until Thursday. The Workforce Commission hopes to settle on a possible alternative in August.

Unemployment in South Texas, where two-parent welfare families are concentrated, tops 10 percent and the shift in job-assistance money is an attempt to meet federal guidelines and avoid up to \$25 million in penalties, officials said.

Under a federal welfare overhaul signed last summer by President Clinton, states must show that high percentages of two-parent families receiving benefits from Temporary Assistance to Needy Families are working. At least one parent must be working

at least 35 hours a week.

In the fiscal year beginning in October, 75 percent of such families would need to be in work or training programs. The following year that would jump to 90 percent.

Meanwhile, the law requires 25 percent of single-parent households on welfare to be working 20 hours weekly starting in October.

Mark Greenberg, staff attorney at the Center for Law and Social Policy in Washington, D.C., told the newspaper the federal law assumed it would be easier to impose a work requirement on two-parent families than it would on single mothers. That, however, is not always the case, he said.

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Opinion

A triumph for states' rights

The recent flurry of U.S. Supreme Court rulings, capped by the gutting of the Brady gun control law, came as a shock to those who have grown accustomed to a Supreme Court that has regularly treated the 10th Amendment as the Bill of Rights' ugly stepchild.

By a 5-4 ruling, the high court struck down provisions in the Brady Law that required local police and sheriffs to conduct background checks before allowing a citizen to purchase a handgun. The majority's ruling relied heavily on the 10th Amendment, which says "The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively or to the people."

Writing for the majority, Justice Antonin Scalia eschewed the activism that has dominated the modern court and echoed that sound constitutional principle: "The federal government may neither issue directives requiring the states to address particular problems, nor command the states' officers, or those of their political subdivisions, to administer or enforce a federal regulatory program."

The Clinton administration reacted angrily, and vowed to convince state officials to continue to conduct background checks on gun buyers. To the Clintonites and other gun-control adherents, the ends of limiting guns justify even unconstitutional means.

The founding fathers limited the power of the federal government so that state and local officials have the greatest say in how we are governed. That's where governments are most responsive to the will of the people.

By limiting federal powers, the founders limited the threat of tyranny. Even those who support the concept of background checks for handgun purchases should acknowledge the danger of letting the federal government impose a gun-control plan on local officials.

The high court's Brady decision wasn't the only states' rights victory. By rejecting the Religious Freedom Restoration Act, the justices said Congress overstepped its boundaries and trampled on the rights of states and courts by setting the parameters of religious speech.

Unlike the way it had found a constitutional right to abortion, the high court refused to create a "right" to assisted suicide. As a result, this contentious social issue must now be resolved by the people, which is how government should work.

Other court decisions, though not about states' rights per se, adhered closely to the spirit of the Constitution. Some analysts believe recent rulings illustrate the power of Reagan-Bush conservative appointees. Others say the court has a libertarian majority - though by an uncomfortably slim margin that may vanish should President Clinton make another appointment.

This court has tended to rule in favor of individual liberties at the expense of government power. That point was clearly made when the court struck down the Communications Decency Act, a misguided congressional attempt to censor the Internet.

This is good news for those Americans who believe that states' rights and other constitutional principles are more important than political expediency.

-Odessa American

Thought for today

"Behavior which appears superficially correct but is intrinsically corrupt always irritates those who see below the surface."

James Bryant Conant

Berry's World



"Would not buying me what I want be considered a form of CHILD ABUSE?"

Have pity on a poor city girl!

I'm a city girl. There's not many here in Pampa who would argue that point. All who know me realize that when it comes to agriculture, ranching, sorghum, bugs, crop diseases, etc., I am totally clueless.

Heck, it's not like I don't appreciate the people who deal with these things on a daily basis. After all, if it weren't for them, I wouldn't be sitting here eating my sandwich and corn tortilla chips. (In addition to being a city girl, I'm a very avid eater!)

But, having moved here recently from Houston, I believe my "big city" attitude gives a unique perspective to this small, Texas panhandle town.

There's just a few things I still don't understand, however.

First of all, what is this friendly stuff? Every where I go, people talk to me. And, I don't just mean a simple "hello." People actually have an entire conversation!

Being from a large city where a friendly individual is more commonly known as a serial rapist, this is quite disconcerting. My first instinct is to "run, hide and maybe they won't follow me home and kill me."

I realize this is quite strange to "small-town folk" but I come from the land of the skyscrapers. People lock, double-bolt and brace their doors at



Laura Haley
Pampa News staff writer

night. A wave on the highway could result in a gunshot to the head and gang members flick their headlights as a game, shooting drivers who happen to flick their headlights in return.

Which, by the way, adds a few more points to my list.

How can people not lock their doors? Okay, so I realize most people probably know their neighbors here. And, neighbors watch each others' homes. Well, we had that in Houston, too. Our neighbors gladly watched our home, and the motor to our sailboat being stolen.

Personally, I can't sleep at night unless every window in the house is latched and every door is locked up tight. And, even then, there is still the fear of burglars. I must admit, anyone trying to break into my house

would have to do so against incredible odds. Of course, people in this part of the country often don't bother locking their doors, even at night. What's even more amazing is that so many also leave their cars running!

I see this one all over town. People jog into the post office or a convenience store and leave the keys in the car, the doors unlocked and the vehicle is running!

This is just beyond my comprehension! Most of the friends I've made here get a great deal of amusement about my "differences." But, they all reassure me that eventually I, too, will become one of these "small-town folks."

I just don't know. Is that possible? Can those skyscrapers really melt down to make room in my heart for a John Deere combine out working the fields? Can the smell of smog and oil be replaced by the aroma of ... well ... oil and a wheat field during harvest season? And, last of all, will I be one of those ladies tooling around town listening to country music?

All in all, I think the small town atmosphere is something I could grow quite fond of. My fear of friendliness is beginning to subside, although I believe I will always have to lock my doors. But, the one thing I could never give up is my rock and roll, although some of the country music isn't that bad ...

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Today in history

By The Associated Press
Today is Tuesday, July 15, the 196th day of 1997. There are 169 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:
On July 15, 1870, Georgia became the last of the Confederate states to be readmitted to the Union.

On this date:
In 1606, the painter Rembrandt was born in Leiden, Netherlands.

In 1916, the Boeing Co., originally known as Pacific Aero Products, was founded in Seattle by William Boeing.

In 1918, the Second Battle of the Marne began during World War I.

In 1948, President Truman was nominated for another term of office by the Democratic National Convention in Philadelphia.

In 1964, Sen. Barry M. Goldwater of Arizona was nominated for president at the Republican National Convention in San Francisco.

In 1971, President Nixon announced he would visit the People's Republic of China to seek a "normalization of relations."

In 1975, three American astronauts blasted off aboard an Apollo spaceship hours after two Soviet cosmonauts were launched aboard a Soyuz spacecraft for a mission that included a linkup of the two ships in orbit.

Degeneration in American life

How did boxing descend from the Sweet Science of Sugar Ray Robinson and Rocky Marciano to the primeval slime of Mike Tyson? The descent's causes are not peculiar to boxing. If you loathe the sport, as well you might, you still could be interested in its degeneration. In politics, the arts, finance - you name it - degeneration has been going on for some time.

Once, there were rules governing boxing. There was opprobrium attached to misdeeds and felons. Whether one was a jazz singer or athlete or financier, a brush with the law was held against you. A jazz singer with a record of drug use might be consigned to the nether night spots far from the fashionable clientele. Financiers who had embezzlement or some other sort of fraud in their history were gone from the scene of high finance. Athletes with mob connections were recognized as threats to organized sports.

All this fussiness became unfashionable and unenlightened beginning sometime in the 1960s. People with Mike Tyson's background and with such gruesome associates as Don King had been unthinkable. Ah, but a more generous, forgiving and - oh, yes - enlightened spirit seeped into the 1960s. It spread in the 1970s. By the 1980s, forgiveness for past transgressions had become the predominant spirit and, what is more, a sure moneymaker.

Mike Tyson was up from a chill juvenile detention center in a grim ghetto. More to the point, he was also an unflinching multimillion-dollar meal ticket for scores of handlers, promoters, arenas, hotels, cable television! In sum, since the 1960s, America has descended from a generous spirit of forgiveness to a primitive materialism. It happened because

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somewhere along the way, the giants of the land forgot that there were good reasons for good rules.

In every area of society where those good rules have been abandoned, corruption has taken over. In the fight game, a most spectacular beginning of this squalid descent started in the early 1960s when heavyweight Sonny Liston's criminal background and mob connections were forgiven. He became a formidable champion and a sure meal ticket for scores of properly connected associates of the fight game. Then, in 1964, he lost that dubious Lewiston fight with Cassius Clay. To this day, it is suspected as a con job.

With the rise of Clay, still more rules were heaved aside in the fight game. Today, owing to his illness and to all the romantic hype, he who was once called the Louisville Lip is idolized by the ignorant and by the mountebanks still making money off him. Truth be known, he was a tremendous fighter but a lousy champion. He demeaned his opponents. He introduced racial prejudice where it had no place. He even introduced it in his fights with a far greater champion, which is to say a far greater man, Joe Frazier. Frazier was black. He was from a markedly more deprived youth. To depict him as a figure in a racial contest was utterly false.

The phony intellectuals who then flitted around boxing were perfectly happy to abet the dilettante Clay (soon to be Muhammad Ali) in his exploitation of race and of politics during the 1960s and early 1970s. Naturally, they assisted in bending the rules to oil Clay's claim that he, a prize fighter, was barred from warfare by his new religion.

With Clay, the corruption of the rules of the fight game gained momentum rapidly. By the end of his career, his fights were mere saturnalia for suckers and rich promoters. There have been few true champions in the heavyweight division since. The corruption has infected the entire sport. Back in the days when rules mattered, Tyson would never have been allowed in a sanctioned fight. He was always a brute, and brutes were once recognized as unworthy of championship matches. Yet, Tyson's shockingly wayward youth was forgiven him. So was his adult felony and all the creeps he has brought in with his entourage. I remember a Sports Illustrated piece on him some years back that spoke amusingly of his youthful delinquencies. These were acts that when committed by adults would be felonies. How charming.

Most recently in Las Vegas, Tyson's barbarism demonstrated why felons were once barred from the game. But it is not simply Tyson and the appalling King who are the culprits. Those who allowed them into boxing are equally at fault. Nor should we forget the uncritical media. In fact, throughout society, the critics and writers who have allowed duplicity and fraud in high places are culprits in the present degeneration that is the Clinton Era.

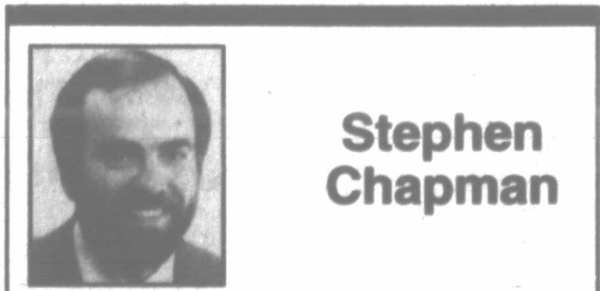
Clinton is no friend of free speech

If you were surprised to find that this year June followed May, you might also have been surprised to see the Supreme Court strike down the Communications Decency Act. The law, passed by Congress in 1996 and signed by President Clinton, banned the display of "indecent" material on-line if it could be viewed by anyone under age 18. Recently, the court asked pointedly: Haven't you people ever heard of the First Amendment?

The justices unanimously agreed that the law went too far in regulating speech. The unanimity was mildly unexpected but not the ruling itself. Barely a week after the CDA was signed into law, its enforcement was blocked by a federal court, and a year ago, a three-judge panel found it "profoundly repugnant" to the First Amendment. When President Clinton signed it, reports The New York Times, "he and his top advisers knew that the legislation ... was on shaky constitutional ground." They began looking for another means to shield kids from on-line pornography "even as administration lawyers were writing their brief defending the act."

The president, in short, knew the law was rotten to the core, but he went along anyway. Even Newt Gingrich, the supposed ally of Ralph Reed, had the courage to denounce the CDA for trampling on free speech. But Clinton and his aides, facing an election, refused to take the minor political risk of opposing the bill. "They just kind of hid under the table," says one Washington lobbyist who was active in the debate. And given a choice between vetoing the measure and violating the First Amendment, Clinton struck a match to the Constitution.

Democrats are supposed to be the defenders of civil liberties - Michael Dukakis, their 1988 presidential nominee, was even a member of the



Stephen Chapman

American Civil Liberties Union. Going back to the McCarthy era, they have been seen as the champions of the right of free thinkers and dissidents to challenge prevailing orthodoxy. But ask for criticisms of Clinton's record from Laura Murphy, director of the ACLU's Washington office, and she replies, "How many hours have you got?"

The problem is not that Clinton often is willing to compromise his principles on these fundamental matters of personal freedom and protection from the government. The problem is that he has no principles to compromise. Ask him to abuse the Bill of Rights, and he will look at you sternly and reply: Never - unless it's worth a point in the polls.

The chief example is his desire to control what Americans see and read. The CDA is only one of Clinton's forays into censorship. He pushed the V-chip and a "voluntary" TV ratings system by making it clear that if the networks chose not to cooperate, the federal government would make them cooperate. The man he named to run the Federal Communications Commission, Reed Hundt, put through regulations commanding TV stations to air three hours of children's educational programs

every week, whether anyone would watch them or not. Attorney General Janet Reno threatened federal intervention if the industry didn't reduce the amount of violence on television.

Timothy Lynch, assistant director of the Center for Constitutional Studies at the Cato Institute in Washington, catalogues more examples in a recent monograph. The president has long taken the view that free speech is the sacred right of all Americans except those who work for tobacco companies. He wants to suppress their advertising, ignoring numerous Supreme Court decisions protecting commercial speech. His Justice Department also went to court to prevent the Coors Brewing Co. from disclosing alcohol content on its labels, fearing that "consumer preferences might change" if the information were made available.

After voters in California and Arizona legalized the medical use of marijuana, the administration warned that it would punish doctors who suggested cannabis to sick patients. And it supported measures to prevent peaceful pro-life demonstrators from displaying images of aborted fetuses within view of people in abortion clinics - only to lose again in the Supreme Court.

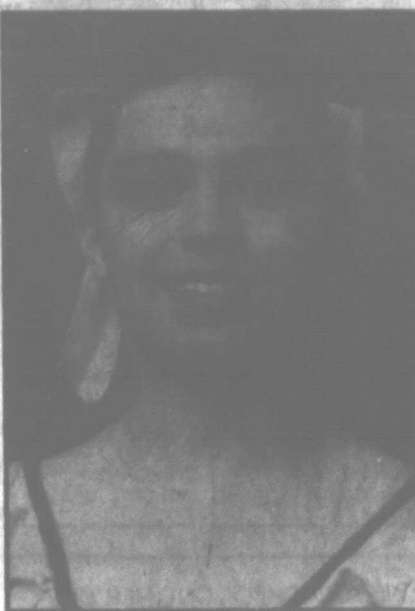
We thus have the spectacle of a conservative Supreme Court, seven of whose nine members were appointed by Republican presidents, blocking efforts by a Democratic president to censor information, dictate the content of TV programs and restrict debate.

It should not be the exclusive responsibility of these justices to protect Americans from out-of-control government. Congress and the president could help. But when Clinton took his oath to uphold the Constitution, he must have had his fingers crossed.

Dancer, technician of musical 'TEXAS' have ties to Pampa

Two members of the 1997 cast and crew of the TEXAS musical drama have ties to the Pampa area. TEXAS, staged in Palo Duro Canyon near Amarillo, opened its 32nd season June 11 and will run through Aug. 23.

Amy Watson is a second year member of the dance cast. Currently a dance major at West Texas A&M University, she studied dance for fifteen years with Jeanne Willingham. She also danced with the Pampa Civic Ballet Company for seven years. She studied dance with Madeline Graves, was a member of the M.G. Dance School and was in the top ten percent of her class. She was also a member of the National Honor Society and Business Professionals of America. Watson is the daughter of Randy and Becky Watson of Pampa.



Amy Watson



Jason Webster

Jason Webster is looking forward to his second season with TEXAS. He has been in theatre for several years involved in the technical aspects, primarily lights and sound. He has worked for Stage West in Fort Worth for a year and a half and Six Flags for eight months. He is the grandson of Mary Baten of Pampa.

The TEXAS musical drama, written by Pulitzer-Prize winner Paul Green, uses song, dance, dialogue, colorful costumes and spectacular special effects to tell the story of early settlers in the Lone Star State.

Green wrote TEXAS specifically for the Palo Duro Canyon State Park setting. The professional cast brings life to the story

of the Texas high plains pioneers beneath the 600 foot canyon wall in the Pioneer Amphitheatre. The setting adds to the depth and drama of the action as cowboys ride the range, Indians stand proud on the rugged face of the canyon and progress makes its path across the prairie.

TEXAS dazzles audiences with special effects that are

improved each year. Lighting and sound professionals recreate nature with a fierce thunderstorm that explodes with a startling crash of lightning. Pyrotechnics professionals have created a finale of fireworks that color the night sky.

The story along with the setting, performance and special effects have garnered the recognition of TEXAS as the best attended outdoor drama in the United States. It was selected as one of the top 100 attractions in North America by the American Bus Association and was chosen as the program cover for the first ever White House Conference on Travel and Tourism last year.

Since 1966, the popularity of TEXAS continues to grow. Crowds from every state and nearly 100 countries visit the canyon to be entertained by the 1890's story of Texas Panhandle history.

Tickets range in price from \$3.50 to \$16. The show begins nightly except Sundays at 8:30 p.m. An optional barbecue dinner is also available for an additional \$6.50. For more information call TEXAS at (806) 655-2181.

Turn to bottled water affects fluoride intake

WASHINGTON (AP) — Tastes great. More fillings?

Bottled water, missing the aftertaste that can bedevil water from the tap, also tends to be missing fluoride, the public health system's main weapon against tooth decay.

Americans drink almost three billion gallons of bottled water a year, a gush from a trickle a dozen years ago. Some home filters also remove fluoride.

Is that bad for dental health? Scientists are not sure. People get fluoride in other ways.

But they do say people relying on bottled water should look at their other defenses against cavities and consider fluoride supplements or perhaps a return to the faucet if safeguards are lacking.

Fluoridated community water, now available to a majority of Americans, has been achieved over once-fierce objections that it intrudes on individual choice if not liberty itself.

"The great communist plot thing is over with, I think," said Al Warburton of the American Water Works Association, recalling debates in the years after pioneering Grand Rapids, Mich., fluoridated in 1945.

When it's good, tap water is a bargain — a penny for five gallons, on average. Still, a lot of Americans flock to the bottle.

"I'm concerned about people who are relying on bottled water," says Dr. Michael Easley, speaking for the American Dental Association. "They're not getting enough fluoride and may not realize they're depriving their children, who will pay the price their entire lives."

That link has not been fully studied, some dispute it, and the government has not taken a position on it.

"I can't help but think that unless an individual uses enough

of other (sources) of fluoride, it's going to be a problem," says Dr. Alice Horowitz of the government's National Institute of Dental Research. "But nobody knows that."

With the science uncertain, dentists reach their own conclusions.

At his Chantilly, Va., practice, Dr. Mark Grimes tells patients bottled water is probably OK for grown-ups. "But if they're into giving their kids bottled water, I'd discourage them."

At issue is whether people who drink bottled water get enough of the enamel-toughening element from toothpaste, rinses, sodas, canned goods and other products where fluoride is present naturally or as a water additive.

The dental association says relying solely on those sources "is not an effective or prudent public health practice." At the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Dr. William Kohn isn't sure.

Fluoride is especially important for children and its continued use benefits teeth throughout life, he said.

"Still the most cost-effective way to get fluoride is through community fluoridation, but there are other ways of getting it," Kohn said. "We don't know about the bottled water connection."

The International Bottled Water Association recommends customers talk to their dentist or doctor about supplements if they are concerned about fluoride deficiency.

The dental association says tablets — or, for babies, drops — are the best alternative to fluoridated water, but they are pricey.

Only about 20 of the more than 500 brands of bottled water sold in the United States have added fluoride.

State briefs

Morales files suit against aviator over nursing home

AUSTIN (AP) — Linda Finch, the San Antonio businesswoman who flew around the world in Amelia Earhart's path, has been sued by the state in connection with the death of a resident at an Austin nursing home she owns.

Responding to the lawsuit filed Monday concerning Austin's Pecan Grove Care Center, Ms. Finch said, "We did absolutely nothing wrong." She said the nursing home followed instructions from the patient's personal doctor.

It is the second lawsuit filed by Attorney General Dan Morales involving a nursing home owned by Ms. Finch. The first alleges Dublin Nursing Center near Stephenville was operated under life-threatening conditions, based on problems inspectors said they found three years ago.

In that case, Ms. Finch has denied life-threatening conditions existed. She said deficiencies were cleared up within days, long before the lawsuit was filed.

Lovett Memorial Library top ten summer readers announced

Lovett Memorial Library has released the names of the top readers for the Incredible Dream Machine summer reading program from June 9-26.

The top ten readers are Victoria Rodriguez with 2925 points; Justin Cottrell; Britney Cottrell; Geneva Wildrat; Vanessa Rodriguez; Brandon Rodgers; Ryan Weeden; Austin Rodgers; Norman Rodgers and Chase Guyer.

The winners of the bookmark contest are Chase Guyer and Kristen Dunn. Justin Cottrell and Geneva Wildrat should call the library for their prizes.

The Dublin Nursing Center case had been expected to go to trial in September, but the attorney general agreed to a continuance. A trial is expected next February or March, said attorney general spokeswoman Sonya Sanchez. The potential total fine could range from \$500,000 to \$50 million.

Bullock, Laney honored with bronze busts

AUSTIN (AP) — Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock says he's received all the plaques, honors and awards he wants. But the retiring statesman says he would have been upset if he hadn't been immortalized in bronze as most Texas leaders have been.

Bullock, whose career in public office has spanned four decades, earlier this year announced he will not seek re-election next year. On Monday, busts of Bullock and House Speaker Pete Laney were unveiled in a Capitol reception.

"It looks like me five years ago," Bullock said. "I want it so in 20 years, my wife and her

future husband can say, 'I recognize him.'"

Jan Bullock is 20 years younger than her 68-year-old husband.

Busts of former lieutenant governors and House speakers line the walls of the Capitol extension. The State Preservation Board, on which Gov. George W. Bush, Bullock and Laney sit, must vote where to place the newest additions.

Educators to open private school for gays, lesbians

DALLAS (AP) — Three educators believe it's high time for a Texas high school that caters to gay and lesbian teenagers.

Becky Thompson, Pamela Stone and Wally Linebarger are starting such a school themselves.

The trio have leased a 4,000-square-foot ramshackle brick building in a strip mall near Dallas Love Field and plan to open the Walt Whitman Community School on Sept. 2.

Although it's being set up for homosexuals, the school will

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Cozy Arrangement Provides Not Much Comfort For Widow

DEAR ABBY: My gentleman friend and I have been together for two years. We are both widowed and own our own homes, but he lives with me. I am 69 and he is 80. He saves money by living with me. He takes me out for dinner quite often and buys small items for the house, and sometimes gasoline for my car. But I am unable to save much because I pay most of the bills.

Whenever we go anywhere, I drive because he doesn't drive very well. He calls his friends long-distance on my phone, saying he will reimburse me, but so far he never has. (I'm not sure if he's just cheap, or forgetful.)

Before I met him I was so lonely I was climbing the walls. When he came along, he filled a void in my life, but now I'm wondering if I wouldn't be better off without him.

He's not in the best of health and has no one to look after him, and I wonder if my conscience would bother me if I broke up with him.

He says he wants to get married, but will do nothing about having a prenuptial contract drawn up. My attorney says if we get married without a prenuptial contract, he could stand to get half of everything I have, but I could get nothing of his because all his assets are in trust.

I don't really want to get married, but I do feel that if he should get sick and I take care of him, I deserve to get something. He has two sons and I have three.

He seems content to go on as things are, living in my home, with me paying most of the bills while he saves his money. I am not happy with the way things are.

Abigail Van Buren

SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

I have no one I can talk to about this, so I am asking you. What would you do if you were in my shoes?
NO NAME, PLEASE

DEAR NO NAME: Some things are worse than being lonely, and your situation appears to be one of them. If I were in your shoes, I would have a frank conversation with him, explaining your unhappiness, and insist that he pay his share of the bills. And I would not say "I do" until I had a prenuptial agreement in my safe-deposit box.

DEAR ABBY: While visiting Paris recently, my purse was stolen off my shoulder in the Champs de Mars park. I gave chase, yelling at the top of my lungs, "Stop! Help! Call the police! Help! Help!"

Bravo to the three young men from Ohio, and my congratulations to their parents for raising such heroes. They tackled the thief and retrieved my purse. And bravo to Jessica from Connecticut, who went to the police station with me and made a positive ID

figure out a way to reciprocate. Today, he or she may find an answer.

DEAR MARY: Thanks for sharing your "All's well that ends well" experience. I love happy endings. Vive la France, and vive les tourists American!

For Abby's favorite family recipes, send a long, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for \$3.95 (\$4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, Cookbooklet No. 1, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

DEAR ABBY: Your advice to "Lucky Lady" — to keep a small flashlight on the nightstand to use in finding her way to the bathroom when in strange surroundings — is fine, if she tells her hosts about it.

Otherwise, they might think there's an intruder in their house, and shoot without bothering to ask, "Who goes there?"

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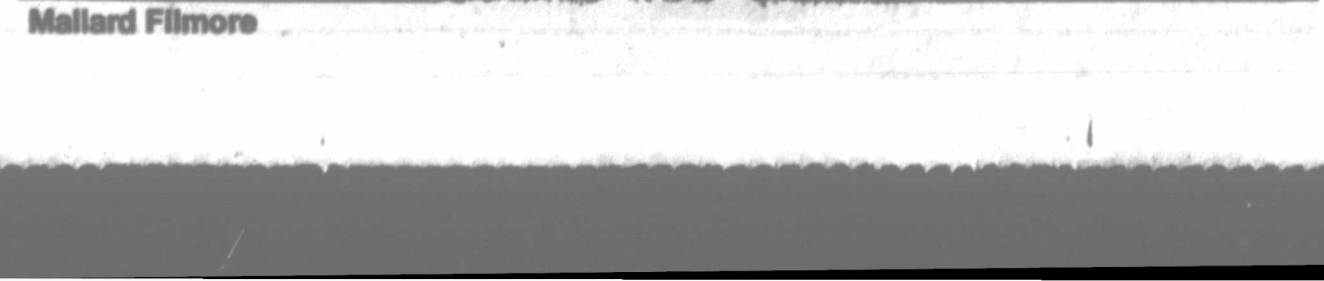
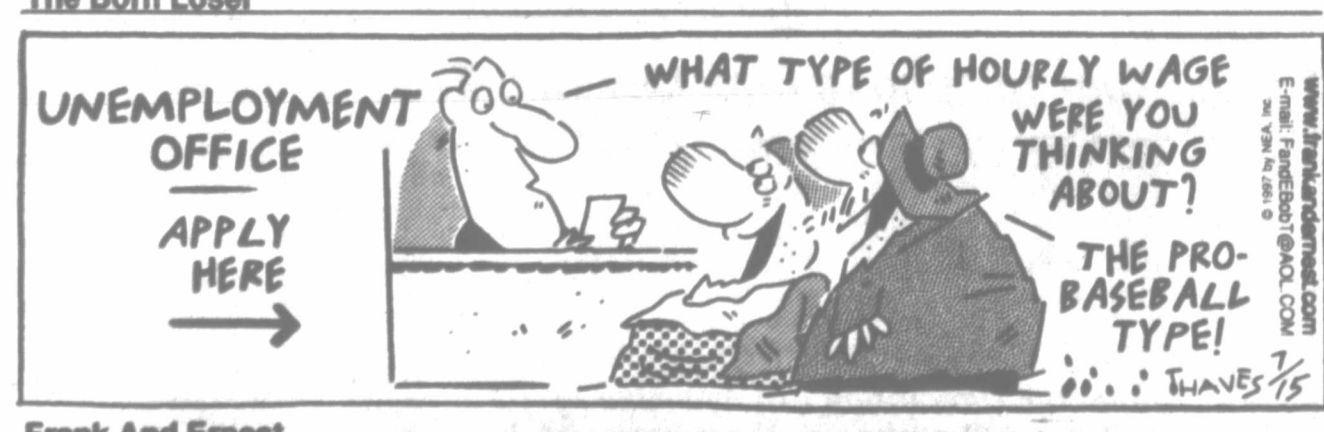
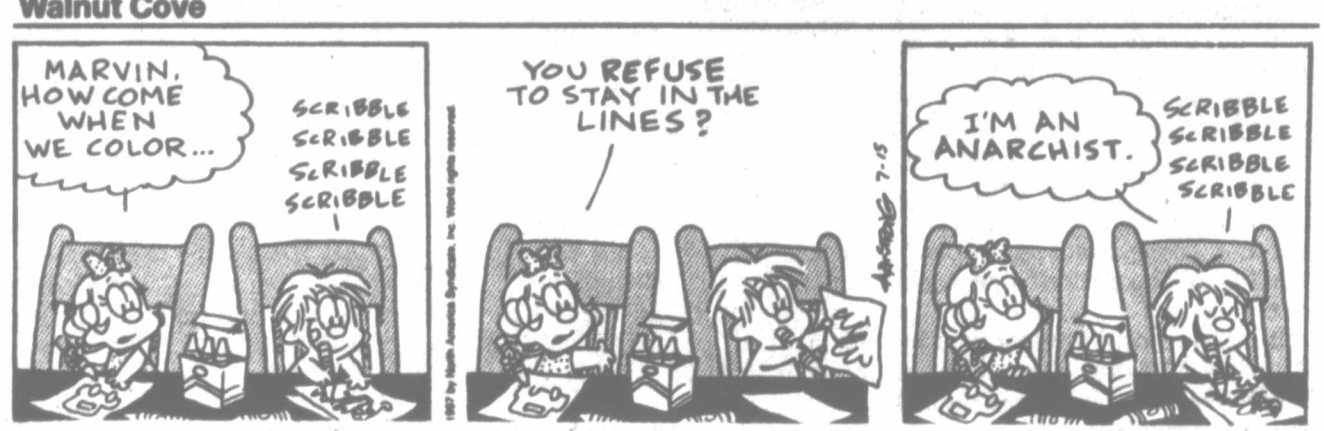
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Horoscope



Your Birthday

Wednesday, July 16, 1997

In the year ahead you might become involved in a dynamic enterprise unlike anything you ever attempted previously. You should be able to manage it with extraordinary skill.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Spur-of-the-moment events could bring rays of sunshine into your life today. Approach all of your involvements with an optimistic attitude.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You can accomplish a lot of little things today. Dedicate yourself to the completion of each assignment and experience the pride of achievement.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Bright ideas that flash into your head today will be worth following up on. Take some constructive action on them as soon as possible.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) You may experience a sudden shift in your financial affairs today. This favorable alteration could land you in the profit column.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Sometimes we're compelled to switch horses in midstream. Today, you may want to discard old, unworkable plans for something bolder and more feasible.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Someone to whom you showed remarkable consideration recently has been trying to

figure out a way to reciprocate. Today, he or she may find an answer.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Bright, articulate companions will serve as stimulants for you today in terms of triggering your own imagination. Listen and participate.

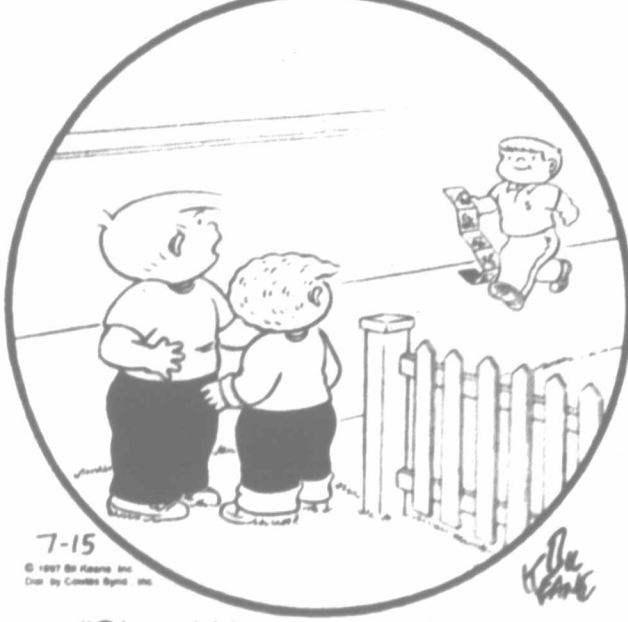
PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) A unique but fleeting opportunity might be within your grasp today. If you're not alert, however, you might fail to appreciate what's being offered.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Someone who is separated from you by distance but not in concern is eager to hear from you today. A call could produce interesting peripherals.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) This could be a fascinating day for you in your joint involvements. Extraordinary benefits have the potential of being developed.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Rather than locking yourself into a fixed agenda today, you and your associates will fare better if there is flexibility and independence.

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"Oh no! Here comes Spencer with more pictures of his grandparents!"



"That's the reason we removed the wheels from our trash container."

The Family Circus



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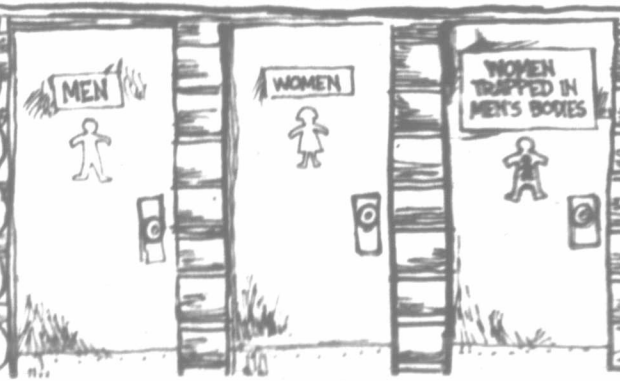
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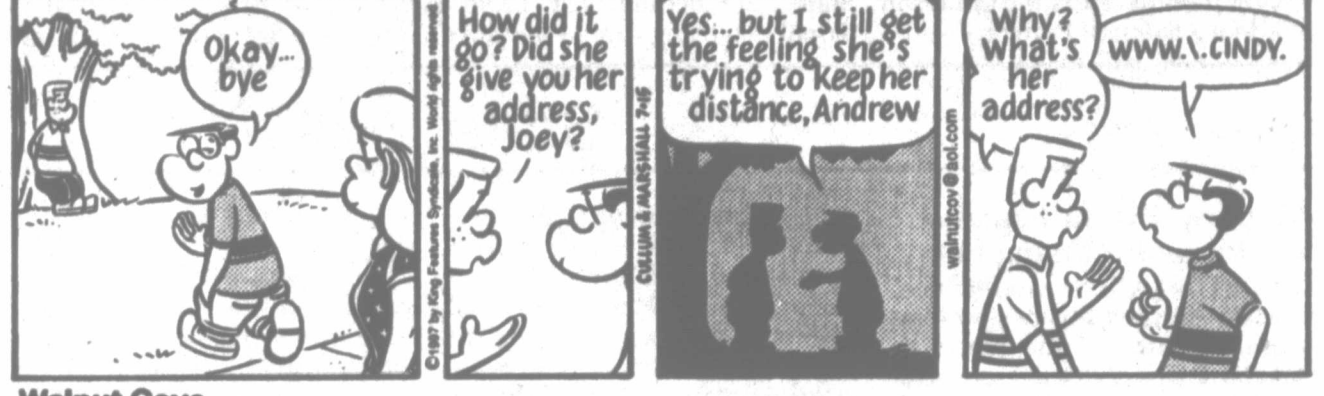
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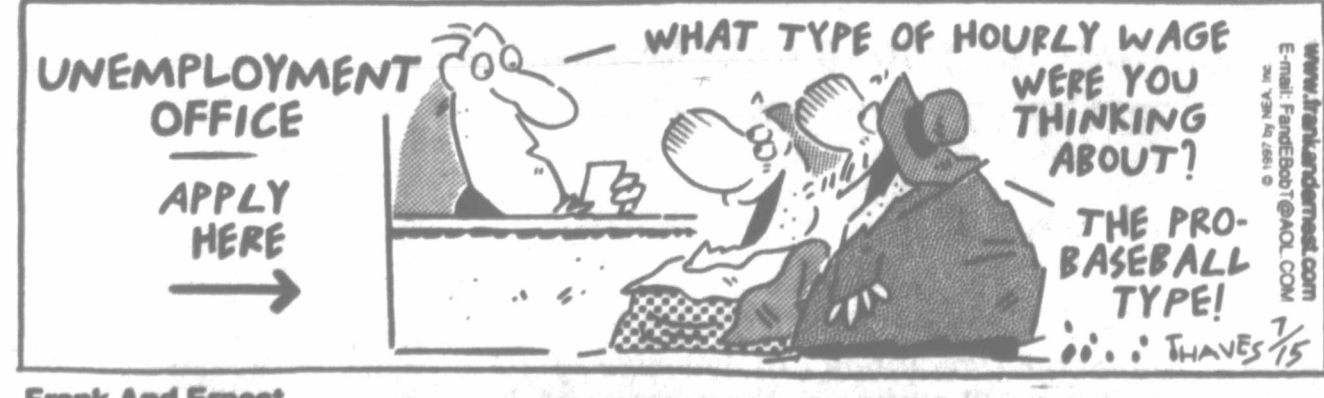
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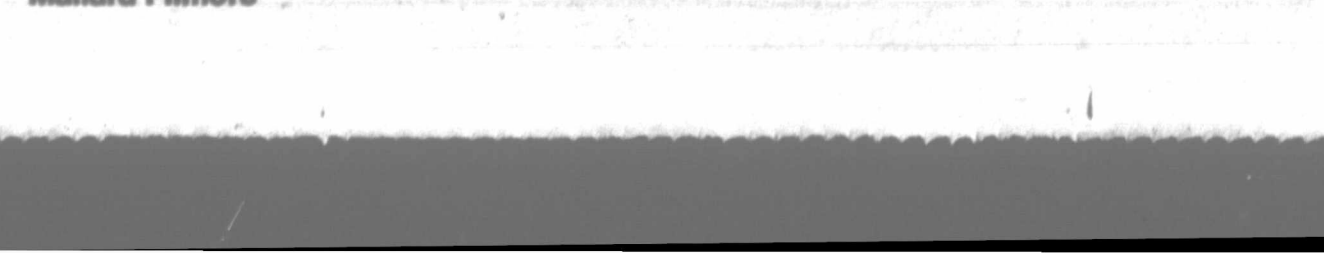
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TENNIS

PAMPA — The Pampa Tennis Open will be held Saturday and Sunday at the high school tennis courts.

Events include boys and girls 10's, 12's, 14's, 16's and 18's singles; boys and girls 14's, 16's and 18's doubles; men's open singles, men's doubles, men's 35 doubles or B (if interest); mixed doubles or B (if interest) and mixed doubles A (and possibly B).

There will be a maximum of two events plus mixed doubles and there will be consolation rounds in junior events if weather permits. If contestants are playing in two different singles divisions, they could play back to back matches.

Entry fee is \$10 for singles and \$15 per doubles team. Match information will be available after 6 p.m. Thursday.

Entry deadline is Wednesday and more information can be obtained by calling Tournament Director Larry Wheeler at 806-665-6422.

BASEBALL

NEW YORK (AP) — All-Star center fielder Bernie Williams was placed on the disabled list by the New York Yankees today — for the second time in a month — with a strained left hamstring.

The move is retroactive to July 14.

Williams, 28, was reinjured in the sixth inning of Sunday's 3-1 loss to the Detroit Tigers. He originally sustained the injury on June 15, and was placed on the disabled list before the second game of the Yankees-Mets Subway Series.

The Yankees have recalled OF Scott Pose from Triple-A Columbus to take Williams' spot on the roster.

GOLF

PAMPA — The Pamcel Golf Club will host a two-man scramble July 19-20. The club is located at the Celanese Chemical Company.

Cost is \$90 per team. Deadline is 12 p.m. July 18.

The tournament will be fought by a total team handicap. There will be a 10-stroke maximum handicap difference.

Golfers will have a choice of a Saturday tee-time (8 a.m. or 2 p.m.) and there will be practice round Friday, July 18. Carts are available.

Saturday night, an evening meal and calcutta is planned. There will be complimentary beverages and door prizes.

To enter or for more information, call Steve Lusk (663-4855), Gard Gershmel (663-4479) or Jeff Kramer (663-4317).

BASKETBALL

HOUSTON (AP) — Wanda Guyton and Janeth Arcain each scored 17 points to lead the Houston Comets in a 79-56 blowout of the Utah Starzz in a WNBA game Monday night.

Utah's Elena Baranova had eight points and five rebounds in the first half as the Starzz were within 32-25 at halftime.

But Baranova disappeared in the second half, scoring just one basket, and the Comets (7-4) turned it on to pull away for the lopsided victory before a crowd of 6,882 at The Summit.

Guyton, whose points were a season high, and Arcain were joined in double figures for Houston by Cynthia Cooper with 13 points. Kim Perrot had seven steals for the Comets. Lady Hardmon led Utah (3-8) with 14 points, while Baranova finished with 10 points and 13 rebounds.

The Comets dominated the low post, outscoring the Starzz 52-34 in the paint. Utah, meanwhile, out-rebounded Houston 41-37.

IRVING, Texas (AP) — The Dallas Cowboys want first-round draft pick David LaFleur in rookie training camp. The tight end says he wants to be there.

But when the four-day rookie camp opened at Valley Ranch Monday, the former Louisiana State star officially became a holdout.

LaFleur, the 22nd selection overall, is the lone holdout among nine Cowboys draft picks as the team prepares to open its overall camp Friday in Austin.

"I'm disappointed nothing has been done yet," LaFleur

said. "And I'll really be disappointed if I'm not there for training camp on Friday."

Team officials aren't happy, either.

"We're disappointed because this guy is a guy who has more of a chance to help our football team, realistically, of all the players we drafted," coach Barry Switzer said.

"I hope that he and his agent and our organization can reach terms quickly, because he's missing some valuable time."

Other rookies who signed Monday included defensive tackle Antonio Anderson of Syracuse, wide receiver Macey Brooks of James Madison, line-

backer Dexter Coakley of Appalachian State, guard Steve Scifres of Wyoming, safety Omar Stoutmire of Fresno State, fullback Nicky Sualua of Ohio State, and cornerbacks Lee Vaughn of Wyoming and Kenny Wheaton of Oregon.

Dallas also signed offensive lineman Harry Stamps, a free agent from Oklahoma, and waived tight end Kendall Watkins.

Watkins, a second-round pick out of Mississippi State in 1995, hurt his knee last July in Mexico in an exhibition game against the Kansas City Chiefs. His release leaves Eric Bjornson as the only tight end on the team

with NFL experience.

The Cowboys were talking to Scott Galbraith, who played with Washington last year. Galbraith has played for the Cowboys and knows the system.

Dallas Cowboys quarterback Troy Aikman was on hand to work out with the rookies Monday.

"There are always going to be a few things that you're not real pleased with," quarterback Troy Aikman said. "You still have some guys that aren't here every year, but that happens every year. So I think that going into camp everybody feels pretty good about it."

One of those players missing was Michael Irvin.

"I don't want to talk about Michael," Aikman said. "I'm not interested in talking about Michael."

Owner Jerry Jones said he has communicated with Irvin, but he declined to say how and elaborate on what was said. However, Jones said he expects to see Irvin in Austin.

Meanwhile, the Cowboys scheduled a news conference for today, when veteran defensive lineman Charles Haley and tight end Jay Novacek were expected to officially announce their retirements.

Pampa downs Tulia in Major Bambino State Tournament

TULIA — A trio of Pampa Optimist All-Star pitchers shut down the Tulia All-Stars, 7-2, Monday in the West Texas Major Bambino State Tournament. Pampa plays Plainview in a winner's bracket game at 8 tonight.

Daniel Heuston was the starting pitcher for the visiting Pampa team. He allowed one hit and one walk while striking out four and was credited with the win. Ryan Zemanek followed Heuston to the mound and faced just six batters in two innings. He allowed one hit and struck out three. Max Simon finished up for Pampa. He was touched for two unearned runs and three hits. He struck out four. Neither Zemanek nor Simon walked a batter.

The Pampa 11 and 12 year-olds jumped out to a two-run lead in the first inning. Daniel Williams opened the game with a single. Heuston aided his own cause with a single and both moved up on an infield out and scored on a single by John Braddock.

In the second inning, Jay Gerber singled and Williams walked. Gerber was caught at third trying to steal. Heuston hit a twisting flyball over the first baseman's head which he turned into a triple to score Williams. Jordan Klaus followed with an inside the park home run on a ball which zipped past the outfielders and went all the way to the fence for a 5-0 Pampa lead. Klaus tripled in the fourth inning and scored on a wild pitch to raise Pampa's lead to 6-0.

Tulia picked up both their runs in the fifth inning on an infield single, a fielder's choice, two passed balls and Pampa's only

error of the night.

Pampa got one of the runs back in the sixth on a single by Jordan, a throwing error and a single by Zemanek.

Tulia threatened in the bottom of the sixth with two infield hits, but Simon threw out the final batter at first to end the game.

The outstanding defensive play of the game for Pampa came in the fourth inning when Josh Garza singled to right field, but was thrown out at second on a perfect throw by Bradie Hall.

Jordan led Pampa's 12-hit attack with three hits, including a triple and home run. Heuston and Zemanek had two hits each. Williams, Braddock, Carols Solis, Tyson Moree and Jay Gerber also had hits for Pampa. Braddock and Klaus had two RBI each. Heuston and Zemanek also knocked in a Pampa runner each.

Garza, with two hits, was the leading hitter for Tulia. Chance Williams, Terrance Powell and Brock Beckfeld contributed hits for the home team.

Garza started for Tulia and gave up five runs and six hits in two innings. He walked three and struck out three. Estaban Cortez pitched the last four innings, allowing two runs, one earned, and six hits. He struck out four and did not walk a batter.

Plainview drew a first-round bye. Pampa is 1-0 in the tournament.

Pampa defeated Lockney, 9-3, in the 9-10 West Texas State Tournament Monday night at Optimist Park.

Pampa meets Tulia at 7 tonight.

Charges dropped against Irvin

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Michael Irvin can put one legal scrape behind him.

Prosecutors said Monday they will not file assault charges against the Dallas Cowboys wide receiver over an incident at a San Francisco nightclub last month.

"There is not enough evidence to prosecute the case," Assistant District Attorney Chuck Haines said.

Prosecution could have been a serious blow for Irvin, 31, who is on probation for cocaine possession in Texas.

But Haines said the case came down to Irvin's word against the

complainant, Aaron Waller, 31, who told police the All-Pro receiver punched him and held him captive in a club basement after a dispute over a cellular phone.

"The DA's office has reviewed all the evidence presented to us by the police department and we are declining prosecution," he said.

Irvin, who could have faced kidnapping and battery charges, strenuously denied the accusation at a news conference last month in Dallas after the complaint was made public.

"No, there was no exchange. I did ask an individual if he took my phone," Irvin said.

Cordero's homer draws cheers from Red Sox fans

By The Associated Press

All it took for Wilfredo Cordero to eliminate the boos at Fenway Park was a two-run homer.

Cordero, jeered in his first 14 at-bats following his return to the Red Sox after an 11-game suspension, was cheered when he homered in a five-run seventh inning Monday night.

Cordero, who did not comment after Boston's 18-4 victory over Detroit, was 0-for-12 before getting two singles, then the homer. "Realistically, it's tough after being off a couple of weeks," Boston manager Jimmy Williams said. "He's a very good player, but our main priority is with him and his family."

Cordero was accused of assaulting his wife on June 11 and returned to the team after an 11-game suspension that ended during the All-Star break.

Boston, which scored its most runs since getting 22 at Kansas City on April 12, 1994, had a season-high 21 hits, including eight doubles. Boston scored in six of the first seven innings.

"It's the kind of game you don't want to be on the bench," said backup catcher Scott Hatteberg, who hit a three-run homer. "Everybody's hitting well."

In other games, Baltimore beat Toronto 9-5, Kansas City beat Milwaukee 2-1 in 14 innings, Anaheim beat Texas 6-5, Cleveland beat New York 3-2 in 10 innings, Minnesota beat Chicago 5-3 and Seattle beat Oakland 6-2.

Jeff Suppan (3-0) struck out a career-high eight, allowing four runs and four hits in six innings. Kevin Jarvis (0-1) gave up seven runs — five earned — and nine hits in 4 1-3 innings.

Orioles 9, Blue Jays 5

Baltimore snapped a six-game losing streak, scoring six runs in the seventh at Camden Yards.

Brady Anderson, B.J. Surhoff and Geronimo Berroa homered for the Orioles, who hadn't won since July 4. Carlos Garcia and Carlos Delgado homered for the Blue Jays, who had won three straight.

Terry Mathews (2-1) got tagged for seven runs and eight hits in 6 1-3 innings.

Royals 2, Brewers 1

Kansas City stopped its longest losing streak at 12 when Scott Cooper singled home the winning run in the 14th at Kauffman Stadium.

Doug Jones (3-4) hit Mike Macfarlane with a pitch with one out in the 14th and Johnny Damon singled him to second. Cooper then singled up the middle through under the glove of

shortstop Jose Valentin.

Mike Perez (1-0) pitched two perfect innings, helping stop Milwaukee's five-game winning streak.

Angels 6, Rangers 5

Anaheim won its seventh straight when Dave Hollins hit a two-run double with one out in the ninth off John Wetteland (4-2), who blew a save for the fourth time in his last eight chances.

Wetteland gave up a one-out single to Gary DiSarcina, a double to Tony Phillips and intentionally walked Darin Erstad to load the bases. Hollins lined an 0-2 pitch to right field.

Kevin Gross (2-1) pitched a scoreless ninth. Bill Ripken, Warren Newson and Dean Palmer had homered during a four-run eighth that put the visiting Rangers ahead 5-4.

Indians 3, Yankees 2

Marquis Grissom homered on

over the last 11 holes. "Ten and 11 are the two hardest tee shots you have to play all year. The 13th is probably the hardest hole you've ever seen," Elkington said about the 465-yard par-4.

"Weiskopf said when he won here (in 1973) he never reached that green in two," Elkington said.

In addition to Woods, Elkington rated Colin Montgomerie, Ernie Els, Greg Norman, Nick Faldo, Nick Price and Tom Lehman as the top contenders this week — "The best ball-strikers," he called them.

"All the top players are playing well," Elkington said. "That's the way Ernie and all those guys feel. They don't feel anyone can beat them."

Woods got ready on Monday by practicing the shots he needs to win the British Open.

The 21-year-old Woods, with six PGA Tour victories in only 21 events as a professional, grabbed a wedge on the practice tee on Monday and hit shot after shot that cut under the constant wind off the Firth of Clyde.

All-star girls



(Special photo)

Pictured above are the 1997 Pampa 9-10 year-old girls' all-star softball team. Players named to the team were (front row, l-r) Reanna Cowan, Morgan Meharg, Teryn Garner, Amy Youree, Lindsey Dyer and Autumn Schaub; (middle row, l-r) Jackie Gerber, Carrie Terrell, Skye Niccum, Jaclyn Spearman, Jenny Rogers and Peyton Baird; (back row, l-r) coaches Terry Garner, James Schaub and Monte Covalt.

Woods arrives for British Open

TROON, Scotland (AP) — Tiger Woods stood on the first tee at Royal Troon thinking about the decision that would face him all week at the British Open.

Would he try to drive the first three holes — all par-4s ranging between 364 yards and 391 yards — or would he play it safe?

Normally those holes play downwind, making it even more tempting to go for the green. On Monday there was a steady crosswind blowing from right to left off the sea.

Woods unleashed the driver on No. 1 — easily clearing the last bunker 264 yards out — and was within 40 yards of the green on the 361-yard hole.

He drove with his 2-iron on the next two holes, hitting the fairway on No. 2 and finding the left side pot bunker on No. 3.

Woods stood on the fourth tee trying to find the fairway amid the barren landscape. His caddie, Mike "Fluff" Cowan pointed to the right side bunker and said,

"257 to carry it."

But Woods needed first things first. "What's the target?" Woods asked.

"I think it is that red chimney thing," Cowan said, pointing to a landmark nearly a half mile away.

Woods took a big swing with the driver and immediately jerked his head in disgust.

"Pulled it," he said, holding out his hand and saying "ball" to Cowan. The next attempt found the short rough on the left side 337 yards from the tee, leaving only 220 yards to the par-5.

These opening holes are the ones that must be attacked to get a good score at Troon.

"It's almost like playing two courses," said Steve Elkington, the Australian who is one of the top contenders this week in the 126th British Open starting Thursday at Troon.

"Once you get to No. 8," he said, stopping and shaking his head to indicate how difficult the course is

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Rockies' Walker raises league average to .411

By JOHN NICHOLSON Associated Press Writer His batting average soaring while the Colorado Rockies fall out of sight in the NL West, Larry Walker is only concerned about the future. "We'll forget about today," said Walker, who raised his major league-leading average to .411 with a 4-for-6 performance Monday night in Colorado's 14-12, 10-inning loss to the Los Angeles Dodgers.

behind San Francisco. Eric Karros hit a two-run homer in the 10th for Los Angeles, which has won 10 of 11 to move within three games of the first-place Giants. "I salvaged a potential 0-for-6, a possible four-strikeout game and a loss with the home run," Karros said. In other National League games, Atlanta beat Philadelphia 10-6, Houston outlasted Chicago 9-7 in 15 innings, Cincinnati beat St. Louis 4-2, Pittsburgh edged New York Mets 5-4, San Diego defeated San Francisco 5-3, and Florida beat Montreal 5-4 in 12 innings.

Piazza had four RBIs, including a three-run homer, as the Dodgers pounded five Colorado pitchers for a season-high 22 hits. Todd Zeile had four hits, including a pair of solo homers, and Brett Butler also had four hits. Scott Radinsky (4-1) pitched the ninth, and Todd Worrell got three outs for his 22nd save in 27 chances. "We're swinging the bats well, but we just can't hold a lead," Rockies manager Don Baylor said. "We can't seem to get the last outs when we need them. It's a difficult time, but our guys haven't given up." Colorado's Jeff Reed had two solo homers, including one in the 10th, and Andres Galarraga added a two-run shot. Braves 10, Phillies 6 At Atlanta, Tim Spehr and Ryan Klesko hit grand slams — the first

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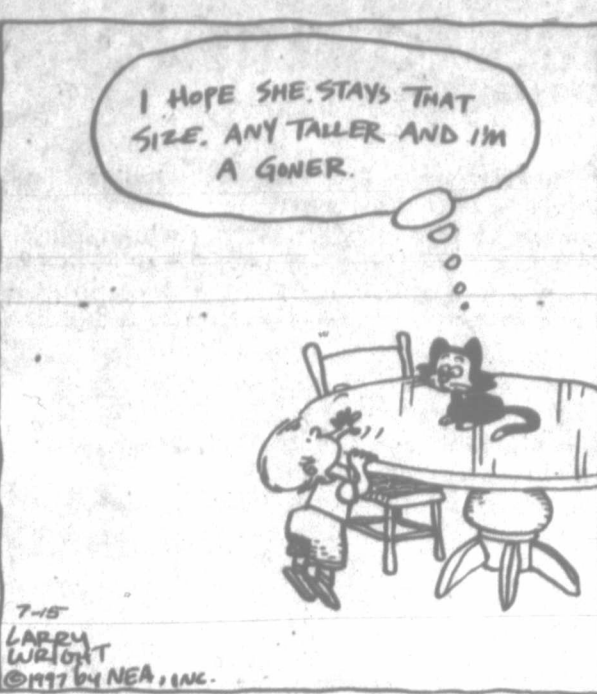
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Williamson changes mind, decides to run for attorney general

By MICHAEL HOLMES
Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN (AP) — Forget that comptroller's race, Railroad Commissioner Barry Williamson said Monday. He's running for attorney general now.

Williamson, who last month said he planned run for state comptroller, says he's following his heart in seeking a different GOP nomination.

"Three or four weeks ago, when the comptroller's job came open, my head said: 'Open seat, I should take a look at it.' And I headed in that direction. But my heart wasn't there. My heart is in these issues," he said in an interview.

Williamson, 40, described those issues as "fighting crime; too many government-paid lawyers invading all aspects of the private lives of our citizens; and stopping waste, fraud and abuse, whether that be white-collar crime or a contractor bilking the state."

His announcement — to be repeated on a three-day tour

around the state beginning today — further crowds what is shaping

ing, however. Both are clients of Republican consultant Karl

lion in campaign funds to spend.

Bush and Pauken have had differences — particularly over the governor's \$3 billion property tax rollback plan. Bush said again Monday he had nothing to do with encouraging other candidates to enter the attorney general's race.

"Barry came to see me and said this is something he wants to do. I told him I wish him all the best," Bush said. "I'm doing what I said I would do. That is focus on my own race. I'm not recruiting candidates. I wish them all the best."

By switching races, Williamson unclogged another GOP primary.

His fellow Railroad Commission member, Carole Keeton Rylander, also had announced her candidacy for comptroller. Paul Hobby, son of former Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby, is seeking the Democratic nomina-

tion. Incumbent Comptroller John Sharp, a Democrat, is running for lieutenant governor.

Rylander said she has been encouraged by the organizational and financial support she's received, adding: "We will continue to run a vigorous campaign, just as we've done the last month..."

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up as one of the more heated of the 1998 primary battles.

Democrat Dan Morales, attorney general for two terms, is seeking re-election. In his party's primary he will face Morris Overstreet, a judge on the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals.

On the Republican side, state GOP Chairman Tom Pauken is stepping down to run for attorney general. Last Friday, Texas Supreme Court Justice John Cornyn said he was looking at the race.

Williamson's announcement could enter into Cornyn's think-

Rove, who's also a close adviser to Gov. George W. Bush. And Williamson said he's got \$1 mil-

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Troubled senator denies traffic stop

AUSTIN (AP) — Already dogged by criminal charges involving prostitution and a firearm, East Texas Sen. Drew Nixon is denying the occurrence of a traffic stop that has led to an investigation of misuse of public office.

After much rumor and speculation, Panola County Sheriff Jack Ellett this month confirmed that a reserve deputy stopped Nixon on May 4 for running a stop sign in Beckville, northwest of Carthage. Ellett said the deputy, Kenneth Edgmon, issued only a verbal warning to the driver, but was certain it was the senator behind the wheel.

The traffic stop led to two phone calls from Nixon to Ellett in which the senator is said to have threatened the sheriff to not release any information about the incident. Ellett said all phone calls to his office are recorded, but would not comment on his conversations with Nixon.

Nixon said just before calling Ellett from his Austin office, he received a phone call from a news reporter asking about the stop.

"I was a little aggravated, but nothing threatening was said," he told The Associated Press in a telephone interview Monday. "Nothing was intended to be threatening."

Travis County Attorney Ken Oden has subpoenaed the taped conversations between Nixon and Ellett and is investigating whether Nixon threatened to use his senatorial powers against Ellett, a possible misuse of a public office.

Oden, who is prosecuting the earlier charges, said his office is reviewing the tapes and will determine if any crime was committed. He said if Nixon illegally threatened Ellett, it would likely be a misdemeanor offense.

"The (traffic) stop is not at the heart of our evaluation," Oden said. "The question is the communications made from Austin by the senator regarding the possible use of his position unless the sheriff is willing to make public statements which conform to the senator's instructions."

Nixon, R-Carthage, was charged earlier this year with prostitution and illegal possession of a handgun after being arrested in Austin.

According to police, Nixon offered an undercover police officer \$35 for oral sex. He denies the allegation and faces a court hearing in September.

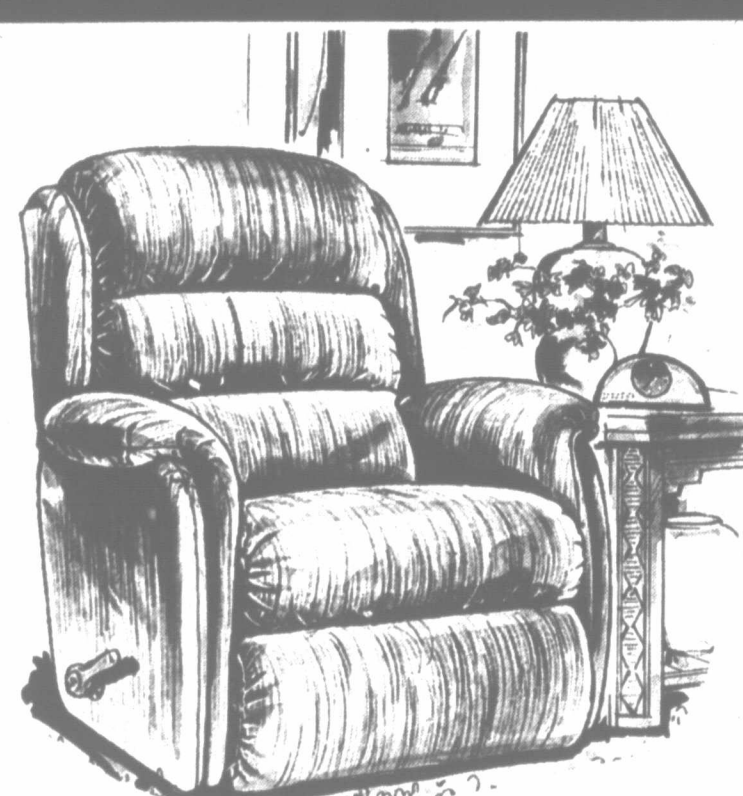
The senator first offered a gas station receipt to prove he was in Austin at the time of the alleged traffic stop. He now says he was at home in Carthage with his wife.

"It never happened," Nixon said.

The senator said he hoped the whole incident was sparked by a case of mistaken identity. But he added that he remains suspicious of other reasons, including political motivation. Nixon was re-elected last year and doesn't face re-election until after the 1999 legislative session.

Bill Miller, a spokesman for Nixon, said the senator first offered the gas receipt because he was told the stop happened on May 17 or 18. Miller called the gas receipt irrelevant because the traffic stop didn't happen.

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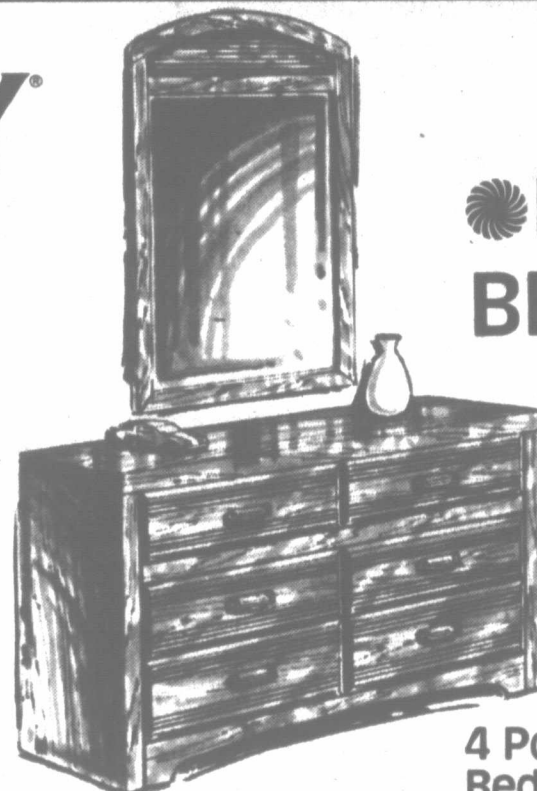
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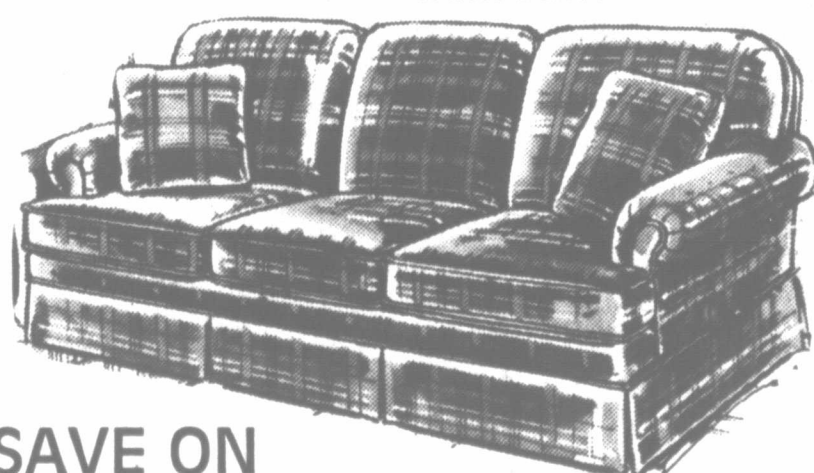
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