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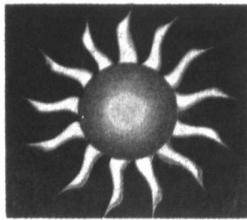
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LUBBOCK, (AP) — The special prosecutor looking into allegations that ex-Housing Secretary Henry Cisneros lied to the FBI during a background check has conducted a grand jury investigation here this week, the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal reported.

Edward Page, a deputy independent special prosecutor from Washington, called witnesses before a federal grand jury Tuesday and Wednesday in Lubbock, the hometown of former Cisneros mistress Linda Medlar, now divorced and using her maiden name, Linda Jones.

Courthouse officials said Page returned to Washington late Wednesday. The monthly grand jury was scheduled to finish its business today.

The probe was ordered two years ago when U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno recommended that an independent counsel investigate whether Cisneros should be prosecuted for lying about payments he made to Ms. Jones, a former San Antonio political fund-raiser.

Their affair lasted 2 1/2 years while Cisneros was mayor of San Antonio.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) — An elderly couple from Texas, found dead last week near Hot Springs, died from impact injuries they suffered when their car crashed, state police said today.

State police spokesman Wayne Jordan said his agency had received an autopsy report on Raymond Howard, 88, and Lela Howard, 83, both of Salado, Texas.

Their bodies were discovered Saturday where the car crashed into a creek near the intersection of Arkansas highways 5 and 7, northeast of Hot Springs, after going through a stop sign.

Howard had been driving and his body was on the floorboard of the car, Jordan said at the time, while the passenger door was open and Mrs. Howard was found about 20 feet away from the car.

"She apparently made it out and collapsed," Jordan said.

Jordan said today that a report from the state medical examiner's office said Howard died of "complications from fractured (neck) vertebrae," while Mrs. Howard died of "chest and other injuries."

- Eula Meers, 93, accomplished pianist, piano teacher
- Emma Francis Rice, 84, homemaker
- Jerry Lynn Webster, 44, worked for SSDI.

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Welfare reform... It's more than getting people off dole

Welfare and the idea of welfare reform is nothing new, but for the last two years the Department of Human Services has been working to streamline the services and teach recipients the value of an honest day's work.

Tammy Cervantez, public information officer for the Amarillo-Lubbock Region of Department of Human Services, said "This program is more than just getting people off the welfare rolls. There has to be cost savings and these programs will later be evaluated by the Health and Human Services Commission."

Cervantez said that DHS, Texas Workforce Commission and Texas Health Department have formed partnerships to make the new programs work.

"Everyone in the three departments has reidentified his or her focus. The shift means we get people looking at ways they can support themselves and be proud of any

"We're trying to end the days of a free handout," said Cervantez. "When someone is working, but still not able to make ends meet, we will still try to help, but with work or volunteer services..."

accomplishment," said Cervantez.

Programs implemented early in the reform process allow able-bodied people, without minor dependent children to have three months on food stamps in a three-year period.

This gives them three months to find work and try to help themselves. At the end of the three months, people who have found work or who have volunteered for at

least 20 hours a week may be reevaluated.

"We're trying to end the days of a free handout," said Cervantez. "When someone is working, but still not able to make ends meet, we will still try to help, but with work or volunteer services, people have something to put on a resume or application that will make employers look at them."

"But we want people to think about the example they are setting for their children, give them some kind of dreams and hopes for the future," she said.

Case workers with all three agencies encourage clients to explore personal dreams and ideas to create a means of self support and self reliance.

Cervantez gave an example of a local man who said he needed help and under the new guidelines his case

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Hoover Fire Chief asks, gets additional \$2,000

by Miranda G. Bailey
Staff Writer

After hearing a plea from Hoover Fire Department Chief John Chesher, county commissioners agreed to give the volunteer group an additional \$2,000.

Chesher approached the commissioners Wednesday with a request for additional financial support above the \$6,000 given to Hoover this year by Gray County because that is not enough. Hoover is now at least \$2,000 in debt with unpaid

mechanical bills for some of their trucks, he said.

"We just cannot run on \$6,000. We've tried, but it's simply impossible," Chesher said.

According to Chesher, the department assists on fires in many of the surrounding counties. They are allotted a certain amount of money each year by Gray County for their help in fighting Gray County fires.

Hoover is not receiving money from all the counties they assist in the area because of Hoover's participation in the Sweetwater

Creek Association, Hoover said.

Departments involved in the Sweetwater Creek Association agree to give mutual aid to neighboring counties within the network at no cost.

The commissioners and County Treasurer Scott Hahn discussed the amount of money Gray County spends and budgets for counties and communities also involved in the Sweetwater Association. These include Gruver, White Deer, Skellytown, Lefors, McLean, and

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(Pampa News photo by Miranda Bailey)

"Celebration of Lights" will have a drawing for a lighted Christmas tree during "Christmas in July Trade Days," an arts and crafts festival Saturday and Sunday at M.K. Brown Auditorium. The tree was made by John Chaney and Jack McAndrew.

'Christmas in July' event this weekend

by MIRANDA G. BAILEY
Staff Writer

"I know it's hard to think about Christmas when it's 100 degrees outside, but this is kind of like the Rose Parade... you have to get started in January and work all year long," Kathleen Chaney said.

Chaney, chairperson for Pampa's "Celebration of Lights" is talking about the third annual "Christmas in July Trade Days" at M.K. Brown Auditorium Saturday, July 19, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, July 20, 12-to-5 p.m.

"Celebration of Lights" is a volunteer organization dedicated to lighting the Christmas holidays in Pampa. The "Christmas in July Trade Days," an arts and crafts festival open to commercial as well as handcrafted merchandise, is one of the major fundraisers.

Thirty-two booths will offer a variety of items, according to Chaney. In the past, the event has offered shoppers selections from apr filters to silver jewelry.

A lighted Christmas tree display will be given away at the event. The display will give people an idea of the kind of lighted attractions to expect this

Christmas season at Pampa's recreation park.

"Celebration of Lights" was established to attract visitors to the community, boost the economy and increase tourism and travel in Pampa, Chaney said.

"This is the third year and it's growing," she said. "We're really excited and it is bringing in people just like it's intended purpose."

The organization holds several fundraising events a year in addition to working weekly creating the lighted displays. October 11 and 12 the group will sponsor a fine arts festival where only handcrafted items will be sold. The fundraisers are extremely important to the overall success of the Christmas "Celebration of Lights" but volunteers are just as important.

"It would be nice if we were completely self-sufficient, but we don't have the man-power," Chaney said.

It takes alot of commitment and time, but it's a great way to help the community, Chaney said. Anyone who can give time in any way will be a great help, she said. The group meets Monday evenings. For more information, contact Kathleen Chaney at 669-9813.

'It rules' Internet class summer fun for students

By LAURA HALEY
Staff Writer

Twenty-two, soon-to-be seventh-graders are spending their mornings at school this week.

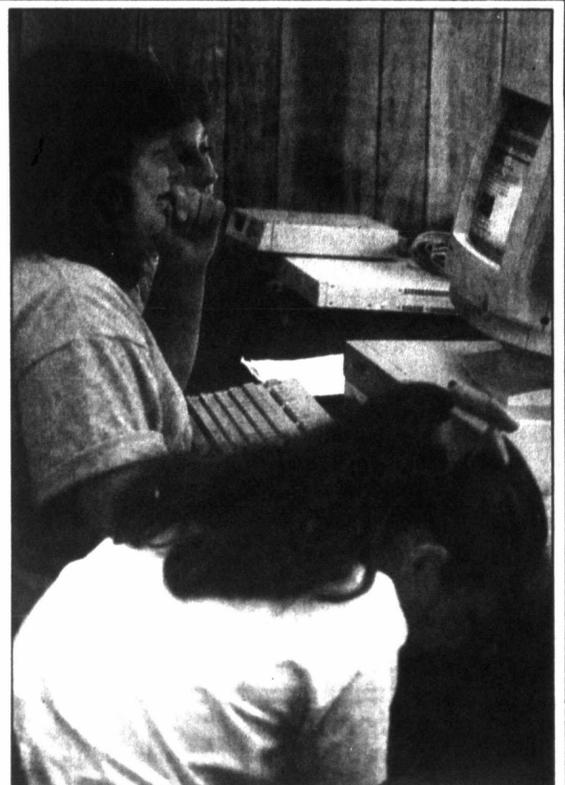
But, they don't mind. Just ask Michael Warren.

"It rules," he said when asked about attending an internet class from 8 a.m. to noon.

Other students typing reports, playing games and cruising the internet were too busy to talk. They were engrossed in their current projects - to plan a vacation with travel, lodging, meal and entertainment expenses.

Warren was in a group with three other students - Bonnie Holmes, Taryn Fallon and Jess Kingcade - who had already completed this particular project. The foursome had planned a trip to Las Vegas with a 7-day, 6-night stay at the Mirage Hotel, rental of a Ford Explorer and air fare by Southwest Airlines. The cost, a total of over \$3,000, was no issue to these students for their dream vacation because, as one explained,

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(Pampa News photo by Laura Haley)

Taryn Fallon, Tess Kingcade and Bonnie Holmes search the internet for information about their favorite famous person. It's one of several projects 22 students are completing while attending an internet class at Pampa Middle School.

Early voting starts Monday for homestead exemption rise

Early voting for the Constitutional Amendment Election will begin Monday, July 21 at the county clerk's office. Voting will continue until August 5 from 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.

There is only one amendment on this ballot for an extra \$10,000 increase in the residential homestead exemption for school property relief, according to County Clerk Wanda Carter. Anyone who expects to be out of town before

or on election day can have a ballot mailed to them if the request is received by August 1, Carter said. The election is August 5.

Those who are 65, ill or disabled can also have a ballot mailed to them. Ballots can be mailed back to the county clerk's office at box 1902.

For more information on the election call the county clerk's office at 669-8006.

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Daily Record

Obituaries

EULA MEERS

Eula Meers, 93, of Pampa, died Wednesday, July 16, 1997. Services are pending under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Meers was born Aug. 6, 1903, in Caddo County, Okla. She married Lewis F. Meers on July 26, 1923, at Pampa; he died Dec. 30, 1995. The couple farmed in Hansford County from 1927-1942, moving to a farm three miles south of Pampa.

She was an accomplished pianist, playing for Alex Schneider's band and First Christian Church. She taught piano in Spearman and Pampa for many years. She was a charter member of Bible Church of Pampa, serving as the church's first pianist.

Survivors include two daughters, Dorothy King of Perryton and Marie Tankersley of Merton; a son, H.L. Meers of Pampa, seven grandchildren, and eleven great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to Bible Church of Pampa Memorial Fund, 300 W. Browning, Pampa, TX 79065.

EMMA FRANCIS RICE

PERRYTON - Emma Francis Rice, 84, a former McLean resident, died Tuesday, July 15, 1997. Graveside services were to be at 10 a.m. today in Heart Cemetery at Booker with the Rev. Floyd Thiessen officiating. Burial will be under the direction of Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home.

Mrs. Rice was born at Reydon, Okla. She had been a Perryton resident since 1930, moving from McLean. She married James Wesley Rice in 1930 at Cheyenne, Okla.; he died in 1975. She was a homemaker and a member of First Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by two daughters, Thelma Rice and Shirley Fish.

Survivors include three sisters, Louise Davis of Austin, Marguerite Latham of Booker and Ann Devers of Balco, Okla.; three grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

JERRY LYNN WEBSTER

GARDEN CITY, Kan. - Jerry Lynn Webster, 44, died Tuesday, July 15, 1997. Services are pending.

Mr. Webster was born Nov. 30, 1952, at Bridgeport, Texas. He had worked for SSDI for the handicapped and was a member of the Assembly of God Church.

Survivors include his wife, Betty, of Garden City; his parents, Shelda and C.M. Bohannon of Pampa; a sister, Kathy Patton of Garden City; a niece, a nephew; two great-nephews; and several aunts and uncles and friends.

Police report

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

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Five incidents of criminal mischief to vehicles were reported at 1421 N. Russell, 2381 Chestnut, 717 E. 16th, 610 N. Magnolia and 611 N. Russell. Damages totaled over \$5,000.

National Bank of Commerce, 1224 N. Hobart, reported a forgery.

Theft of a radar detector was reported at 325 N. Dwight.

Approximately \$200 in damages to a toolbox was reported at 521 Lowry.

A theft of \$500 cash was reported at 605 N. Wells.

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An incident of reckless driving was reported at 1200 W. Ripley.

Sheriff's Office

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

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James D. Ketchum, 38, of Shamrock, was arrested on charges of probation violations of aggravated sexual assault.

Richard Aaron Dills, 31, 1905 N. Banks, was arrested on charges of no valid license, failure to maintain financial responsibility and failure to appear.

Accidents

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

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A 1989 blue Eagle Summit driven by Stephanie Marie Winegeart, 16, 2119 Lea, collided with a 1990 red Ford Aerostar driven by Mary Matney Counts, 64, 1109 E. Darby, at the intersection of Hobart and West Somerville. No citations were issued.

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A 1988 gray Cadillac Brougham driven by Christopher Yarbrough, 21, 1211 Finley, struck a railroad track in the 700 block of South Nelson. No citations were issued.

Fires

The Pampa Fire Department responded to the following incidents for the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. Thursday.

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11:07 a.m. - Three units and seven personnel responded 221 N. Gray for a smoke scare due to motor overheating.

3:45 p.m. - Three units and six personnel responded to Hobart and Somerville on a motor vehicle accident. One person was transported.

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12:11 a.m. - Two units and three personnel responded to Gray C and Gray 8 on a grass fire.

Ambulance

Rural Metro responded to the following incidents for the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. Thursday.

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7:54 a.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the 2400 block of Mary Ellen on a patient transport to Baptist St. Anthony's.

8:03 a.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to a local nursing center on a patient on a patient transport to Columbia Medical Center.

11:00 a.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to Columbia Medical Center for a patient transport to a local nursing center.

11:12 a.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the 2100 block of north Russell on a medical emergency. One patient was transported to Columbia Medical Center.

12:14 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to Columbia Medical Center for a patient transfer to University Medical Center in Lubbock.

3:46 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to Somerville and Hobart for motor vehicle accident.

INTERNET

It wasn't real money.

The group, however, did have a wonderful time planning the trip and dreaming of visiting various shows, amusement parks and water parks during their Las Vegas vacation.

"It was really fun once we got used to it," said Holmes, one of the students in the group.

The "it" she refers to is the internet. Most of these students, said teacher Suzie Jameson, have computers at home but no internet access. Because of the growing trends in technology, Jameson, a computer literacy teacher at Pampa Middle School, decided to submit a proposal for the summer class to the Superintendent Scholars Program.

Jameson's class was selected and sixth-graders in the gifted and talented program were allowed to register for the class on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Cruising the internet, in addition to being fun, can also be helpful tool in education, explained Jameson.

"The internet is a perfect tool for information," she said.

The students agree.

"I think it'll make it easier for us because the internet is so widely used," said Holmes.

For the first few days of the class, Jameson simply taught students internet "lingo" and procedures. It didn't take long before the students were cruising for sites on their own, said Jameson who claims to be a facilitator rather than a teacher at this point.

The problem with the class, she added, is that many of these students will probably want their parents to provide internet access at home. But, warns Jameson, if parents want to do so it is wise to

monitor the sites they are accessing. The school computers, she added, have filters.

Overall, both teacher and students believe the class to be a success.

"We had an excellent turnout and they all came back every day," said Jameson, who added that many students are not willing to give up their mornings in the summer.



(Pampa News photo by Laura Haley)

Brad Justice and Luke Burton took time out from their summer schedules to attend a morning class on how to search the internet. They are two of 22 students that enrolled in the class, which is being taught this week by Suzie Jameson, a computer literacy teacher at Pampa Middle School.

But, the students weren't viewing the class as a requirement and all seemed to enjoy escaping from their summer vacations to play on the "information highway."

"I really learned a lot about the internet this week," said Holmes, giving the class her stamp of approval.

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worker asked him what he could do to earn even a few dollars.

The man replied that he occasionally would clean and detail a relative's car. From that idea the client and caseworker developed a plan for the man to do the same service for others and he no longer needs public assistance.

"We motivate people and help them create new dreams," said Cervantez.

"Everything in our offices has

changed. We're using videos and new posters in lobbies and even our dress codes have changed."

Cervantez said the planners of the new program feel that to motivate the clients, the caseworkers and office staff need to dress as professionally as possible.

Aliens, legal and illegal, have long been a point of contention for welfare opponents.

Under the new program, illegal aliens are not offered any help and legal aliens receive help only

under extreme circumstances.

"We want people to know they are still welcome in this country, but they are going to have to be responsible for themselves and their families."

Cervantez said that clients are all encouraged to complete their education, work and see their dreams become a reality and to know that a helping hand should never become a lifestyle and that is the cycle that is being broken by the new programs.

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HOOVER

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The court agreed to take at least \$2,000 from unused funds designated for other communities, to help Hoover pay for a truck that broke while Hoover was assisting Pampa on July 4. Chesher also asked the court to consider providing additional funding for the Hoover Fire Department in next year's budget.

In other business, considerations for medical service at the county jail were discussed again. Representatives from Texas Tech Health Sciences Center and Rural Metro spoke to the court about medical options for inmates. In addition, the court discussed how Randall County handles healthcare for its inmates. No decision was not made.

"The decision is premature," County Judge Richard Peet said. "We need to contact more people, but at the same time I hate to put it off. The bottom line is the cost for the taxpayers of Gray County. But by law, we must provide healthcare for inmates."

The county commissioners also approved issues tabled at past meetings.

They approved the request from White Deer Land Museum Curator, Anne Davidson, to terminate a contract between AllState Security and the museum. AllState did not return calls, according to County Attorney Todd Alvy, making the status of the contract situation unclear to Davidson and the county.

After reviewing the contract, Alvy said he felt

the contract is void and the commissioners agreed not to pay future bills from the security company. Alvy will send a letter to AllState about the decision.

Commissioners also settled past concerns about a Seismic Option Agreement from Perm-O-Penn Exploration. Perm-O-Penn wants to renew its seismic option on league 290, which is in Gaines County. A seismic option gives Perm-O-Penn the right to explore the land for any oil reserves. Upon finding any oil, Perm-O-Penn would give a portion of the profits to Gray County. Those funds would go directly to the schools. Commissioners agreed to renew Perm-O-Penn's seismic option.

Donna Brauchi, Gray County Agricultural Extension Service Director, approached the commissioners announcing her new position as District Extension Director for the top 21 counties in the Panhandle. She thanked the commissioners for their support in the past and the commissioners expressed gratitude to Brauchi for her 16 years of service to the county.

"You have put your entire life into your work," Commissioner Joe Wheeley said.

The Extension Service has gone through much change, according to Wheeley. Brauchi agreed.

"The whole focus has changed. We've worked on issues concerning teen parents, put an emphasis on parenting, nutrition, forming coalitions and networking with other groups has been a high priority."

An internal search for a replacement has begun.

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Calendar of events

BLOOD PRESSURE CHECK

A blood pressure check and blood sugar tests offered from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. each Friday in the Red Cross office, 108 N. Russell. A donation is accepted to cover expenses.

ST. VINCENT FLEA MARKET

The St. Vincent's Women's Council is collecting donations for their annual flea market which will be August 1-2. Donations may be dropped off at the St. Vincent's School gym. Proceeds from the flea market will benefit various church projects.

Stocks

Table with columns for stock symbols and prices. Includes entries for Dow Jones Industrial Average, S&P 500, and various individual stocks like Apple, Microsoft, etc.

Weather focus

LOCAL FORECAST

Tonight, mostly clear, low around 70. Tuesday, high 90, low 65. Wednesday, high 90, low 65. Thursday, high 90, low 65. Friday, high 90, low 65. Saturday, high 90, low 65. Sunday, high 90, low 65.

REGIONAL FORECAST

WEST TEXAS - Panhandle - Tonight, mostly clear, low in the upper 60s. South wind 10 to 15 mph. Friday, mostly sunny with a high in the mid 90s. South wind 10-20 mph. 3 to 5 day forecast: Low Rolling Plains - Tonight, fair. Lows 65-70. Friday, partly cloudy. Highs in the 90s. Friday night, low in the mid 60s to lower 70s. Permian Basin/Upper Trans Pecos - Tonight, fair. Lows in the upper 60s to lower 70s. Friday, mostly sunny. Highs in the upper 90s to near 102. Friday night, low in the upper 60s to mid 70s. Guadalupe Mountains Big Bend Area - Tonight, fair

lows in the upper 50s. Marta Pastora - the upper 70s along the coast. Friday, partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 80s. Permian Basin/Upper Trans Pecos - Tonight, fair. Lows in the upper 60s to lower 70s. Friday, mostly sunny with a slight chance of thunderstorms. Highs 93 to 97. Texas - Tonight, fair

NORTH TEXAS - Tonight, high 90, low 65. Friday, mostly clear with a slight chance of thunderstorms. Highs 93 to 97. Texas - Tonight, fair

SOUTH TEXAS - Hill Country and South Central Texas - Tonight, partly cloudy. Lows in the 70s, 60s. Hill Country - Friday, partly cloudy and hot with a slight chance of showers or thunderstorms. Highs in the 90s, near 100 west. Upper Texas - Coast - Tonight, partly cloudy with a slight chance of showers or thunderstorms. Lows in the 70s inland to near 80 coast. Friday, partly cloudy and hot with a chance of showers or thunder-

storms. Highs in the 90s inland to near 90 coast.

Coastal Bend and the Rio Grande Plains - Tonight, partly cloudy. Isolated early evening showers or thunderstorms. Lows near 80 coast to the 70s inland. Friday, partly cloudy and hot with a slight chance of showers or thunderstorms. Highs near 90 coast, 90s to near 100 inland, near 100 to 106 Rio Grande plains.

BORDER STATES - NEW MEXICO - Tonight, Friday and Friday night, scattered afternoon and evening thunderstorms otherwise fair to partly cloudy. Lows 40s and 50s mountains with 70s lower elevations. Highs on Friday mid 70s to lower 90s mountains with mostly 90s elsewhere.

OKLAHOMA - Tonight through Friday night, partly cloudy with a slight chance of thunderstorms. Lows in the upper 60s to mid 70s. Highs Friday in the mid to upper 90s.

City briefs

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ALL YOU Can Eat Salad Bar 11:30-2 p.m. for Friday potato & cheese soup. The Coffee & Candy Barn, 301 W. Kingsmill Adv.

COTTONWOOD SPRINGS Chuck Wagon Supper, July 19, 22, 23rd, 7 p.m. Ribeye steaks 665-7126 reserv. Adv.

EXPERIENCED NAIL Tech "Nails by Angela" Touch of Class Salon 665-8401 Adv.

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HWY. 60 Chevron. We now have bait, tackle and fishing license, cold beer, lottery. Many new items. Night crawlers, ice etc. Make us your next lake stop, corner of Hwy 60 and Hwy 70. Open until 11 p.m. week-ends Adv.

MOVING SALE: 1224 Osborne, Friday, Saturday. Air conditioner and everything Adv.

NEW LOAD of yellow melons. New crop of cantaloupe. EppersonGarden Market. 2 miles East on Hwy. 60. Adv.

CHANEY'S CAFE - Thursday

5-8 p.m. Chicken & dumplings, pork chops, barbeque Polish, chicken fried steak. 716 W. Foster. Adv.

GARAGE SALE - 1136 S. Barnes - blue trailer house. Friday, Saturday 8-1 p.m. Blue sectional couch w/hide-a-way bed, coffee table, blue recliner, maternity clothes, ladies shoes sz. 9-10, Rocky Mtn. jeans sz. 5-7, household items, lots more. Adv.

DEL BRADLEY invites you to her booth at Celebration of Lights Trade Days - Saturday and Sunday. Adv.

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Texas schools refusing to accept transfer students

AUSTIN (AP) — Thousands more students are eligible to transfer out of low-performing public schools under a change in state law, but they may still have nowhere to go.

The Texas Education Agency has heard from parents who want to use the revamped public education grant program but haven't been able to find a school district that will take the transfers, said TEA spokeswoman Debbie Graves Ratcliffe.

While public school districts may still be deciding what to do, Mrs. Ratcliffe said, "I think it's just creating a lot of frustration out there." A number of school districts say they don't have room or resources for transfer students.

Senate Education Committee Chairman Teel Bivins, R-Amarillo, said Wednesday he hopes school districts will begin accepting transfers as they learn more about the program and the monetary incentives it offers for taking the students.

"The goal is to increase choice for parents and students in public education," said Bivins, who pushed expansion of the PEG program in this year's legislative session with Rep. Henry Cuellar, D-Laredo.

Both lawmakers said they want to monitor how the program works between now and the 1999 legislative session. If public schools don't accept PEG transfers, Cuellar said, one option would be to start

allowing private schools to take them. That idea didn't muster enough support for passage this year.

The PEG program was enacted in 1995 to give students a way out of public schools that fall below certain standards on the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills, a statewide test.

"The goal is to increase choice for parents and students in public education," — Sen. Teel Bivins, R-Amarillo

In the 1995-96 school year, 491,005 students from 652 campuses were eligible under the program. But only 31 students received the transfers, mostly because many school districts won't take the students.

Mrs. Ratcliffe said the agency doesn't keep records of how many requests were made.

Private schools aren't included in the program.

This year's measure makes more students eligible for the transfer program; requires school districts to notify parents that their children are eligible and give them information about the program; and gives schools financial incentives to take the transfers.

The law still allows schools to reject transfers.

There are 1,153 school campuses — out of 6,643 in Texas — that are considered poor enough performers under the new law to qualify for the PEG program. Nearly 800,000 students are at those campuses, out of 3.7 million Texas school children.

Under the expanded law, students are eligible to

school districts in their areas, they couldn't find anyone who was accepting PEG transfers," she said.

Central Texas' Eanes Independent School District — which has been rated exemplary because of its high passing rates and attendance and low dropout rates — is among those that doesn't accept transfers, said Jerry Molinoski, the district's assistant superintendent for human resources.

The school district already has had to make cut-backs because it has high property wealth and, under a school finance law, must share some tax proceeds with the rest of the state. It is also fast-growing, he said.

Allan Parker of the Texas Justice Foundation, which supports the PEG program and proposals for state-paid private school tuition, said parents who are turned down should keep trying.

"School districts have not had an opportunity to study the new law and decide if they want to change their policy now that they get more money," he said. "I would strongly urge parents again to contact these schools at the end of the summer."

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Hutchinson County Museum presents annual quilt show

BORGER — The Hutchinson County Museum will host a quilting program at 2 p.m. July 20 as part of the 16th Annual Quilt Show. The Quilt Show is open from 9-5 p.m. weekdays, 11-4:30 p.m. Saturday and 2-5 p.m. Sunday until July 31 at the museum. Jo Farr of Spearman will be the featured speaker for the special program. She will discuss "History of the Log Cabin Quilt".

Farr has been the owner of "Jo's This 'N' That" quilt and fabric shop in Spearman for more than six years. She has been interested in quilts, along with other forms of sewing and handiwork for more than 15 years and teaches quilting classes at her store. The "Log Cabin Quilt" reflects a lot of history she is eager to pass along to other quilt enthusiasts in the area.

The annual quilt show has been a popular exhibit for area quilters for many years and, as in the past, this year's show is judged with cash prizes awarded to first place winners. The Magic Plains Arts Council sponsors the show annually.

The quilts currently on display at the museum are placed in the following categories: Antique (50 years or older); Applique, hand-

quilted; Pieced, hand-quilted; and Mixed media. The mixed media category includes machine-quilted, tied and cross-stitched quilts, baby quilts, wall hangings and crazy quilts. Other quilts are also displayed for exhibition only.

Also featured during this year's show is the Family Wheel Quilt, completed by the Hutchinson County Museum Quilters. The quilt features the names of many local families and groups who sponsored the embroidering of their names on this special quilt. The quilt has become a registry of county families, clubs and individuals. Nearly five years in the making, the finished product is a marvelously crafted quilt. The late Dorothy Dewey, longtime leader of the Museum Quilters, as a fundraiser, originated the project. This is the first time the completed quilt will be displayed. The project raised \$2,365 for the museum.

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L.W. McCall
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Opinion

Privatization may be hampered

One of the U.S. Supreme Court's end-of-the-session decisions that didn't get much publicity could have a dampening effect on the still-growing trend of privatizing or contracting-out governmental functions.

In *Richardson v. McKnight*, the court ruled that prison guards at privately run prisons in Tennessee do not have the same limited immunity — it's "qualified immunity" in legal jargon — from lawsuits arising from their actions as guards that government prison guards sometimes (but not always) enjoy. Thus if a prisoner alleges mistreatment by a guard, the guard in a privately run prison can be sued as a private individual. Depending on the seriousness of the alleged offense, government-employed guards usually cannot be sued; so, any lawsuit alleging abuse must be filed against the institution involved rather than the specific individual.

The case was brought by Ronnie Lee McKnight, a convicted rapist serving a 24-year sentence at a prison in Tennessee run by Corrections Corporation of America under a contract from the Tennessee Department of Corrections.

McKnight said the bodily restraints placed on him while he was being transported were too tight, causing pain and swelling that required hospital treatment, and that the two guards taunted him when he complained. The Supreme Court decision means the suit can go forward against those guards as individuals.

Writing for a 5-4 majority, Justice Stephen Breyer said there is "nothing special enough about the job or about its organizational structure that would warrant providing these prison guards with a governmental immunity." Justice Antonin Scalia, in dissent, said the decision meant two sets of guards "who are indistinguishable in the ultimate source of their authority ... are to be treated quite differently in the matter of their financial liability."

That seems to place a burden on private companies seeking to provide government services on contract, since their employees can be sued while government employees usually cannot, which gives the government an artificial competitive advantage over private providers. Robert E. Poole Jr., president of the Los Angeles-based Reason Foundation, a pioneer in the privatization movement, explains that most private prison companies have been operating under the assumption that their employees didn't have such immunity anyway. Because of careful hiring and bonding practices, most companies purchase legal insurance at reasonable rates.

While the decision does establish a bit of a double standard, it is unlikely to deter privatization efforts.

If anything, this decision might prompt a reconsideration of the commonplace practice of shielding government employees from lawsuits if, as the legal boilerplate puts it, their actions are taken in good-faith belief that no one's rights are being violated. If holding private guards personally responsible for their actions means fewer allegations of abuse of authority and fewer lawsuits, holding government employees personally responsible might have a similar effect.

Thought for today

You see, when we came to division,
there was things that wouldn't
divide.

Will Carleton, 1845-1912
Betsy Destroys the Paper

Berry's World



"About that last signal you gave me — was that for the Dow, or NASDAQ?"

Dallas paper is confused

Don't get me wrong. I like Dallas. My family roots are there. LBJ Expressway goes through my great-grandmother's homeplace. Where the Santa Fe depot is downtown used to be Bowser Livery Stable.

But my grandfather, a cotton farmer, didn't see any future in the played-out blackland of north Dallas County and moved to the Texas Panhandle in 1929. He obviously saw what was about to happen to Big D.

In the intervening seven decades, Dallas has been overrun by Yankees. Foreigners from other parts of the U.S. who have no feeling for the Lone Star State. They are to Texas what New Yorkers are to the rest of the country. There is Dallas, and then there is somewhere out there.

Take Sunday's *Dallas Morning News* for instance. There was a front page story about Pecos, Tex., and their Fourth of July Rodeo.

The opening sentence places this community "at the bottom of the Panhandle."

On page two, it refers to the story as "Pecos, a Panhandle town associated with the likes of Pecos Bill and Judge Roy Bean, is also known as the birthplace of rodeo."

Pecos is a neat place even if they are wrong about being the birth place of rodeo (They claim to have had a rodeo of sorts in 1882). It's got a good sheriff and a good district attorney. Good folks live there. But it's not in the Texas Panhandle. According to my map, it's due west of San Antonio about half way to El Paso, south of New Mexico, in that vast area known as West Texas.

"No, we haven't moved," said Valerie Lara, a



Dave Bowser

Pampa News staff writer

spokesman for the Pecos Chamber of Commerce. "We're still in West Texas."

I wish it were in the Panhandle. It's the kind of community you'd like to have for a neighbor. It'd also mean I wouldn't have to drive so far to get there.

I don't know Kevin Sherrington, but according to the byline on the article he is a staff writer for The *Dallas Morning News*. He wasn't in the office when I called to ask him about the placement of Pecos, but he didn't sound like a Yankee on his answering machine. He didn't sound like a little foreign monkey from Massachusetts or Michigan or Oklahoma. He sounded like a nice guy, the kind of good old boy that you might find in Pecos or Pampa.

That leaves a couple of possible explanations. Since Ms. Lara claims that Pecos hasn't moved, that means that Mr. Sherrington must be mistaken about where Pecos is located or else a copy editor at The *Dallas Morning News* changed the story. Copy editors are notorious for that, especially if they're Yankees.

Of course, the Fourth of July in Pecos can get pretty wild. Sherrington may have been led astray over

the holiday weekend and forced to participate in Independence Day parties at which he became disoriented.

Fortunately there was a photographer with him, Russell Bronson, to keep him from getting into too much trouble. Bronson had the good sense and quick mind to get a picture of Denny McLanahan at full tilt aboard a barebacked bronc named Copen Smoke. While they didn't run it in color or on the front page, they did run the picture that filled almost a quarter of the page.

McLanahan knows where the Texas Panhandle is. He lives there. He's also ranked first in the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association World Championship standings in bareback bronc riding.

McLanahan is from Canadian, a town which lays claim to having the first public performance of a rodeo. The first rodeo in Canadian took place July 4, 1888, on Main Street.

According to the local newspaper, The *Canadian Record*, that first rodeo didn't have any judges or timer's guns to end a 10 second ride.

"Contestants rode until either horse or man was proved the better and risked hazards of plunging into buildings, railings or spectators," the paper reported.

I suppose arguments about who had the first rodeo, and what constituted the first rodeo, will continue until there's peace in the Middle East, but there's one thing for sure.

Canadian has always been right there in Hemphill County in the Texas Panhandle. Those poor people in Pecos probably aren't sure where they are. The *Dallas Morning News* sure isn't.

Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, July 17, the 198th day of 1997. There are 167 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: One year ago, on July 17, 1996, TWA Flight 800, a Paris-bound Boeing 747, exploded and crashed off Long Island, N.Y., shortly after leaving John F. Kennedy International Airport. All 230 people aboard were killed.

On this date: In 1821, Spain ceded Florida to the United States.

In 1841, the British humor magazine *Punch* was first published.

In 1898, during the Spanish-American War, Spain surrendered to the United States at Santiago, Cuba.

In 1917, the British royal family adopted the Windsor name.

In 1938, aviator Douglas Corrigan took off from New York, saying he was headed for California. He ended up in Ireland, earning the nickname "Wrong Way Corrigan."

In 1944, 322 people were killed when a pair of ammunition ships exploded in Port Chicago, Calif.



Clinton is sapping our military

Charley Reese

The military forces of the United States have only one reason for existence — to fight and win the country's wars. The Clinton administration is persistently weakening their ability to do that.

Politicians and many in the press are obsessed with feminism, race and homosexuality. I'm not. I don't think a majority of Americans are. I don't care if the military is not pure as an angel in matters of discrimination. I just want it to have the equipment and the training to fight like the devil.

For the first time in American history, American forces are deployed in 100 foreign countries. And that's not counting their more or less permanent deployment in Germany, South Korea and Panama.

Know what's wrong with that? Deployment on U.N. errands costs money. And they are not training. The forces in Bosnia, for example, are not training to fight a war. They are merely sitting between two ethnic groups that hate each other.

Air Force pilots enforcing that silly no-fly zone in Iraq are not training either. All they are doing, as one disgruntled Air Force officer put it, is converting jet fuel into noise. They have to do this for 90 days. At the end of that time, instead of having some time with their families they haven't seen for three months, they have to go into intensive training to regain their combat skills.

The military, contrary to the yuppie vision of it as a combination social service organization and sum-

mer camp for girls who like uniforms, is a killing machine. If the Chicago Bulls don't win a game, nothing bad happens. If a fighter pilot doesn't win, he dies. And if enough of his comrades die, then people on the ground or on ships at sea die because the enemy controls the sky. And after enough of them die, then the people back home start dying.

An old friend of mine has maintained for years that the American people are not going to figure things out "until somebody butt-strokes them with an AK-47 and burns their house down." When that happens, then people may realize that somebody should have told the feminists to shut up and keep their hands off the military. A wise nation confines silly fads to inconsequential things.

Air Force pilots at the peak of their careers are leaving the military in droves because of plummeting morale brought on by the lousy policies and appointments of the Clinton administration.

No one should expect a draft dodger surrounded by aging 1960s radicals to do the right thing for American defense forces. And Clinton hasn't. He adopted bad policies. He has made bad appointments. Almost anybody the Clintons recommend

should probably be rejected on the grounds that if they were any good, the Clintons wouldn't like them.

The accounting equation in a defense force is that equipment and manpower must equal mission. If you cut equipment and manpower, you must reduce the missions. If you cut equipment and manpower but increase the missions, then you ruin your military by wearing out your equipment and your men.

That's what is happening. An excellent article by David Wood of the Newhouse News Service pointed out recently that last year 329 experienced Air Force pilots walked away and 414 are expected to quit this year. The reasons cited:

"They have little trust in the integrity of the Air Force or their political leaders. They complain of being lied to. They work hard and serve on long foreign deployments only to see promotions going to politically correct bureaucrats," the article said, citing both interviews and Air Force internal documents.

"Our current military leadership is collectively spineless and gutless. How many generals and admirals have had the guts to point out the fallacies and dangers of Clinton's policies even after retirement? Our military culture has spawned a generation of toadies, yes-men (and women) and sycophants, willing to say or do anything to ensure continued promotion." That's from a personal letter to me from an Air Force officer on active duty.

Putting more on someone's else's tab

Stephen Chapman



Four years ago, Congress voted to complicate the lives of Jay Printz and Richard Mack.

These gentlemen serve as sheriffs of Ravalli County, Mont., and Graham County, Ariz., respectively, and like most of us, they have plenty to do without legislators thousands of miles away idly dreaming up new tasks for them to perform. But new tasks they would have. When Congress passed the Brady Act, which established a five-day waiting period for handgun purchases, it required would-be buyers to undergo criminal background checks before they could get weapons. And guess who it assigned to do the background checks.

This delegation of responsibility was convenient for Congress for several reasons. One is that it spared members the tedium of figuring out how to handle the task of investigating people who want to acquire sidearms. Another bonus was that when someone's application was rejected, the rejection would come from the local sheriff, not from federal employees. And, perhaps best of all, our lawmakers didn't have to come up with the money to pay for administering the program since the cost would fall on someone else. Congress could bask in the glory of rescuing Americans from handgun violence, while others got to do the heavy lifting.

Printz and Mack resented the new obligations. "I didn't have the time or the resources," Printz said. "In the first six weeks, I had 100 of those applications. The federal government was ordering us to do something but not willing to pay for it."

So he and Mack went to court to be relieved of the unwanted duties. Recently, in a historic Supreme Court decision, they got their way. The court, by a 5-4 vote, reached the startling conclusion that local law-enforcement officers are not the indentured servants of federal legislators. That, and not gun con-

trol, was the real issue at stake here.

"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," wrote Justice Antonin Scalia in the majority opinion. "Such commands are fundamentally incompatible with our constitutional system of dual sovereignty."

As constitutional law, this was pretty novel stuff — like the 1995 ruling striking down the Gun-Free Schools Act, which said that, contrary to its more expansive fantasies, Congress does not have unlimited power to regulate absolutely anything under the sun. The Brady Act verdict is one of several recent decisions reversing the flow of power from the states to Washington, which has been going on since the New Deal.

This case was interesting as well, notes University of Illinois constitutional scholar Ronald Rotunda, because it addressed a federal device that has grown increasingly popular in recent years. Instead of deciding to do good by creating a federal program and appropriating money to pay for it, Congress and the president have often preferred to tell states, companies and individuals to

do good and let them pick up the tab.

Should workers get time off when a new baby arrives? Make private employers give it to them at the employer's expense. Would it be nice for the public to have access to a California beach? Force a homeowner to provide it. Should mass transit be accessible to the disabled? Pass a law forcing local agencies to adapt. Should endangered species be protected? Prevent landowners from cutting down their trees. Congress and the president get the credit, voters get the benefits, and no one ever notices how much the scheme costs because the needed money falls miraculously out of the sky.

Well, actually, it doesn't. But the voters who are gratified by this law or that regulation never have to confront the full cost of attaining their desires — much less determine whether they are willing to pay their fair share. In the first place, they may pay nothing at all. In the second place, if they do pay, they may never realize that what they pay — in higher taxes or prices, or in lower living standards — stems directly from what they got.

And they never feel the need to ask if the benefit of the law exceeds its costs. The citizens of the United States may get only \$1 in public safety benefits (if any) for every purchase blocked by the Brady Act, but Sheriffs Printz and Mack may spend several times that much getting the information that allows them to block it, and their local taxpayers will have to shoulder the burden.

This constant resort to unfunded mandates is a formula for bad government, encouraging everyone to assume that much of what we demand from government is free. What the Supreme Court told Congress is good advice, too, for the citizenry at large: If you want something, be prepared to put your money where your mouth is.

Extraterrestrial movies rule summer box office

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The outer-space craze gripping the nation ruled at movie theaters over the weekend as *Men in Black* out-dueled *Contact* as the most popular film.

Men in Black earned \$30.5 million in its second week, according to estimates Sunday from Exhibitor Relations Co. Inc. The comedy starring Will Smith and Tommy Lee Jones as secret police protecting Earth from alien hoodlums has now raked in \$140 million.

Contact, a more serious look at the possibility of life elsewhere with Jodie Foster starring as a scientist obsessed with contacting aliens, debuted with \$20.5 million in ticket sales.

Final figures were to be released today.

The only other new release making the top 10 was *A Simple Wish*, a children's film starring Martin Short and Kathleen Turner as mischievous magic makers. It was No. 9 with \$2.6 million.

Face/Off was No. 3 in its third week with \$12.3 million while *My Best Friend's Wedding* remained in fourth place with \$8.4 million.

Disney's big summer animated release, *Hercules*, dropped two places to fifth, taking in \$8.2 million in its fifth week.

Out to Sea held onto its No. 6 spot for a second week with \$4.1 million, followed by *Batman and Robin* with \$3.8 million. The film has earned \$98.5 million in four weeks.

In 10th was *The Lost World: Jurassic Park*, which earned \$1.3 million. The dino-sequel has taken in \$220.9 million in eight weeks.

The top films from Friday through Sunday:

1. *Men in Black*, Columbia, \$30.1

BOX OFFICE	
Top weekend movies	
Weekend of July 11-13, 1997	
All dollar figures in millions	
Gross to date, weeks in release, number of screens	Weekend gross
1. <i>Men in Black</i> \$138.6, two weeks, 3,020 screens	\$30.1
2. <i>Contact</i> \$20.5, one week, 1,923 screens	\$20.6
3. <i>Face/Off</i> \$71.8, three weeks, 2,851 screens	\$12.3
4. <i>Hercules</i> \$66.5, five weeks, 2,930 screens	\$8.3
5. <i>My Best Friend's Wedding</i> \$63.5, four weeks, 2,343 screens	\$8.3
6. <i>Out to Sea</i> \$14.7, two weeks, 1,736 screens	\$4.2
7. <i>Batman and Robin</i> \$38.8, four weeks, 2,701 screens	\$4.1
8. <i>Con Air</i> \$89.9, six weeks, 1,884 screens	\$2.9
9. <i>A Simple Wish</i> \$2.7, one week, 1,676 screens	\$2.7
10. <i>The Lost World: Jurassic Park</i> \$221.1, eight weeks, 1,422 screens	\$1.4

Source: Exhibitor Relations Co., Inc. AP

\$4.2 million, 1,736 locations, \$2,394 average, \$14.7 million, two weeks.

7. *Batman and Robin*, Warner Bros., \$4.1 million, 2,701 locations, \$1,513 average, \$98.8 million, four weeks.

8. *Con Air*, Disney, \$2.9 million, 1,684 locations, \$1,717 average, \$89.9 million, six weeks.

9. *A Simple Wish*, Universal, \$2.7 million, 1,676 locations, \$1,630 average, \$2.7 million, one week.

10. *The Lost World: Jurassic Park*, Universal, \$1.4 million, 1,422 locations, \$950 average, \$221.1 million, eight weeks.

11. *Wild America*, Warner Bros., \$1 million, 1,745 locations, \$589 average, \$5.4 million, two weeks.

12. *Speed 2: Cruise Control*, Fox, \$920,000, 1,033 locations, \$890 average, \$42.9 million, five weeks.

13. *Liar Liar*, Universal, \$804,000, 708 locations, \$1,135 average, \$176.3 million, 17 weeks.

14. *Ulee's Gold*, Orion, \$684,000, 186 locations, \$3,676 average, \$3.1 million, five weeks.

15. *Austin Powers, International Man of Mystery*, New Line, \$504,000, 772 locations, \$653 average, \$51.9 million, 11 weeks.

16. *Breakdown*, Paramount, \$449,000, 603 locations, \$744 average, \$48.8 million, 11 weeks.

17. *Anaconda*, Columbia, \$443,000, 551 locations, \$804 average, \$63.3 million, 14 weeks.

18. *Romy and Michele's High School Reunion*, Disney, \$290,000, 406 locations, \$715 average, \$28.2 million, 12 weeks.

19. *Jungle 2 Jungle*, Disney, \$198,000, 294 locations, \$672 average, \$58.7 million, 19 weeks.

20. *The English Patient*, Miramax, \$185,000, 203 locations, \$789 average, \$77.6 million, 35 weeks.

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'Mad Dads' Are Angry Enough To Take Back Their Streets

DEAR ABBY: The letter in your column from "First Class Parent" — the father who was raising his children as a single parent — struck a chord with me. I am president of the national MAD DADS (Men Against Destruction — Defending Against Drugs and Social Disorder).

So many of our children today grow up in homes with only one parent — usually the mother. Children need the influence of a father or other positive role model. Many of our male volunteers grew up in households without a father, or are single fathers themselves. They have seen firsthand the consequences of absent fathers, and they are doing something about it.

Our organization started in 1989, after one of the founders' sons was nearly beaten to death by gang members. Here in Omaha, we were tired of the downward spiral of delinquency, drugs, gang involvement and destruction.

Today, MAD DADS has 50 chapters in 14 states. Our volunteers act as mentors, friends and, most important, positive role models to youth. These individuals walk their neighborhoods in pairs to take back their streets from drug dealers and gang members. They implement activities and programs to reach out to youth, serving as surrogate fathers, uncles and big brothers. MAD DADS chapters have been created in some of the poorest and most crime-ridden areas of the country (South Central Los Angeles, for example, now has a chapter



Abigail Van Buren
SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

and two subdivisions.) MAD DADS continues to reach out to recruit positive role models for inner-city youth. If your readers would like further information regarding MAD DADS, including how to become a volunteer or start a chapter in their area, they can contact us at 1-402-451-3500, or write to: MAD DADS National Headquarters, 3030 Sprague St., Omaha, Neb. 68111.

Thank you, Abby, for drawing attention to the important issues of fatherhood in our nation.

EDDIE STATON, PRESIDENT, OMAHA
DEAR MR. STATON: Thank you for letting my readers and me know about this worthwhile effort to reach and rehabilitate fatherless youth.

Mentoring is not a new idea, but it seems to be enjoying a resurgence in popularity. Mentoring takes time, training and dedication — but the payoff, turning young lives in produc-

tive new directions, is enormously rewarding. The committed men who step forward to donate their time and energy are to be commended. I wish you continued success in this noble effort.

DEAR ABBY: I receive lots of mail from organizations requesting donations for various causes. I'm sure that these requests are for good causes, but there's a limit to one's ability to make donations.

I am especially irritated with organizations that send me address labels with my name on them. I'm sure it must be an enormous expense to print these labels for all the people on their mailing lists. Why don't they use this money for their cause? I have enough labels to last me if I wrote 10 letters a day for the rest of my life! I even receive labels with my husband's name — and he's been dead for two years.

I know everybody reads "Dear Abby," and I hope someone in these organizations sees this and acts to put an end to this foolish expenditure.

ENOUGH ALREADY IN FALL RIVER
DEAR ENOUGH: This method of raising money has been used for as long as I can remember. However, people are under no obligation to pay for anything they did not order — and that includes stickers with your name and address printed on them. And by the way, you are under no obligation to return them, either.

Horoscope

Friday, July 18, 1997

The year ahead could be an exciting one for you, because you'll be more energetic and fearless. Your efforts will be favorable, provided you don't let impulsive boldness get in the way.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Strive to appreciate your mate's point-of-view today pertaining to a vital family issue. If you don't, you could encourage conditions for lingering warfare. Get a jump on life by understanding the influences that govern you in the year ahead. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions today by mailing \$2 and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Today, do not gossip about people who aren't present to defend themselves. Your listeners will repeat your comments to the object of your annoyance.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Avoid risky enterprises today, especially those of a financial nature. Your enthusiasm for action could override your objectivity.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Courtesy is an essential requirement today in your involvements with others. Do not treat anyone in a manner you would resent if you were the recipient.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Do not see the silence today if an arrogant individual makes deprecatory comments. Let him or her know that you're not a candidate for put-downs.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Today, you and a loved one might take opposing positions regarding an issue about which you both feel strongly. Do not let it get out of hand.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) If your way of doing things conflicts with your mate's today, make some adjustments. You will be inviting problems if you're

unyielding.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Keep your opinions to yourself today regarding something that doesn't directly involve you, but does have an affect upon a sensitive friend.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Someone who doesn't operate in the open might try to put obstacles on your path today. Let this person know you're up to his or her little ploys.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You might ignore your better judgment today and yield to the wishes of a clever manipulator. However, if you're on guard, his or her foil will be useless.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Do not take merchandise you want serviced today back to an individual who did a lousy job previously. Find someone else who is truly reliable.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Your chart indicates you may be a bit too possessive today with someone with whom you're emotionally involved. This could cause complications.

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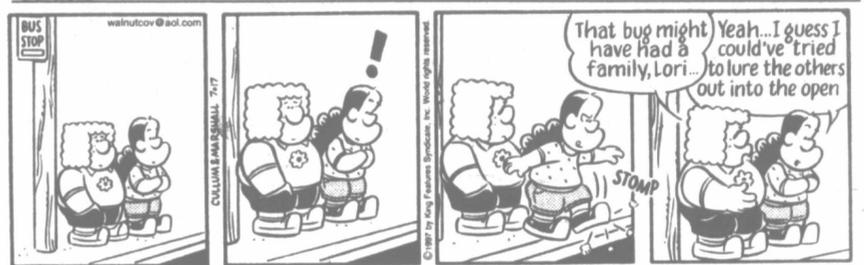
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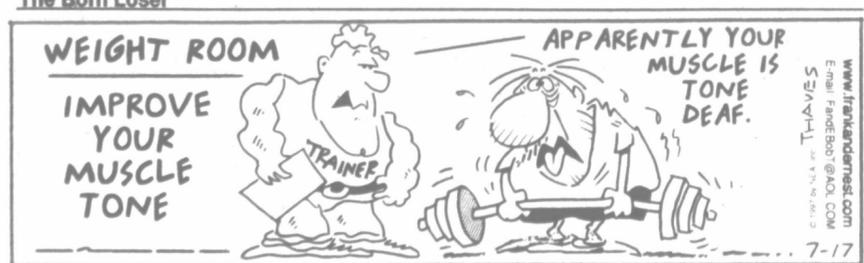
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SPORTS

Rangers' Oliver shuts out Bluejays, 6-0

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Darren Oliver pitched his second career shutout and Will Clark doubled twice and drove in three runs Wednesday night to send the Texas Rangers to a 6-0 victory over the Toronto Blue Jays.

Oliver (6-9) scattered eight hits in his first complete game and shutout this season. The right-hander, whose other shutout also came against Toronto on June 8, 1996, struck out four and walked one. He is 5-0 with a 0.95 ERA in his career against the Blue Jays.

Warren Newson added a three-run homer in the sixth off Pat Hentgen (9-7) as the punchless Blue Jays dropped their third straight and were shut out



Darren Oliver

for the seventh time. Hentgen, the 1996 Cy Young Award winner, allowed six runs and 10 hits in 5 1-3 innings, his shortest outing since Oct. 1, 1995.

Hentgen, who had made 55 starts since then, struck out five and walked one.

Texas took a 1-0 lead in the third with an unearned run. Mark McLemore singled with two outs, went to second on Ivan Rodriguez's single, and kept going to third when left fielder Joe Carter bobbled the ball.

Clark drove in McLemore by lining a single off Hentgen's glove.

The Rangers made it 3-0 in the fifth on Clark's two-run

double. Texas broke the game open in the sixth when Lee Stevens and Dean Palmer singled and Newson followed with his seventh homer.

Newson has homered in three straight games.

Toronto continued to struggle at the plate. The Blue Jays, last in the AL in hitting, wasted a bases-loaded, no-out situation in the second as Oliver struck out Tilson Brito and got Carlos Garcia to hit into a double play.

The Blue Jays had runners on first and third with one out in the third, but Oliver also got out of that jam. Toronto wasted yet another scoring chance in the sixth as Carlos Delgado was stranded at third when third

baseman Dean Palmer made a diving two-out stop of a hard-hit grounder and threw out Charlie O'Brien.

Notes: The Rangers placed right-hander Julio Santana on the 15-day disabled list retroactive to July 15 and purchased the contract of right-hander Tanyon Sturtze from Class AAA Oklahoma City. Santana suffered a dislocated right kneecap on the follow-through of the last pitch in his previous start Monday night against Anaheim. ... Texas had lost five of its previous seven. ... Rangers left fielder Rusty Greer missed his second straight start with a pulled leg muscle. ... Hentgen has dropped four of his last five decisions.

Notebook

TENNIS

WACO — Pampa junior Mandy Wells won five matches to capture the ZAT Masters tournament in her age group. She defeated Terrilee Tatum of San Antonio, 6-3, 6-1, for the girls' 16 singles championship last weekend.

Wells advanced to the finals by defeating Velvet Canada, 6-2, 6-1.

Leslie Holton of Perryton defeated Brooke Loofboro in the finals of the girls' 18 age group, 6-3, 6-1. She defeated Phebe Wang, 7-5, 6-3, in the semifinals.

Wells and Holton are coached by Jan Nunch-Soegaard of Amarillo.

BASEBALL

PAMPA — Andrews defeated Pampa, 12-2, Wednesday night in the finals of the 9-10 year-old West Texas State Tournament at Optimist Park. Andrews advances to regional play in Springdale, Ark.

BASKETBALL

INGLEWOOD, Calif. (AP) — Zheng Haixia scored 15 points to lead the Los Angeles Sparks to their most lopsided victory of the season, a 77-52 win over the Houston Comets, in Julie Rousseau's debut as interim coach Wednesday night.

Penny Toler added 14 and Lisa Leslie 10 points and a game-high 10 rebounds for Los Angeles (5-7), which had lost four of its previous five games.

Former University of Southern California standouts Cynthia Cooper and Tina Thompson each had 17 for Houston (7-5) in front of an announced crowd of 7,240 at the Forum.

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Spurs forward Sean Elliott says his summer workouts are helping him overcome his leg surgery and are putting him on course to be fit by training camp in October.

"I'm running all out now," Elliott said after a Wednesday workout. "I'm feeling pretty good. I expect to be back to where I was before the injury when training camp starts. In fact, I'll be better."

Elliott's 1996-97 season ended in February, when he underwent surgery to correct tendinitis in his right quadriceps, an injury that had slowed him throughout the season.

FOOTBALL

GREEN BAY, Wis. (AP) — What once looked like the weak link for the Super Bowl champions is quickly becoming another force for Green Bay.

Two months after Wayne Simmons' unexpected return, free agent linebacker Seth Joyner agreed to terms with the Packers on Wednesday, spurning higher offers from several teams, including the Dallas Cowboys.

"We've decided to sign with the Green Bay Packers, a four-year deal for \$6 million," Joyner's agent, Jim Solano, said in a greeting on his answering machine.

Joyner's services were welcomed in Green Bay because Packers middle linebacker George Koonce, the team's leading tackler last year, had reconstructive knee surgery and is expected to miss the first six games.

Coach Mike Holmgren said that last week he didn't think the team had a chance in the Joyner sweepstakes.

"He was making a real, real, large salary, and I just wasn't sure that we could come up with enough money to make it work quite honestly," he said. What the Packers couldn't offer in cash, they could in chances.

"He's played a long time, he's made a lot of money, maybe getting a ring or a chance to get the ring or pairing up with Reggie White, maybe that's the most important thing for him," Holmgren said.

Report: Cowboys would pay \$10,000 fine if caught in bar

IRVING, Texas (AP) — Dallas Cowboys players who ignore owner Jerry Jones' ban on a sports bar near Valley Ranch could face a \$10,000 fine, The Dallas Morning News reported today.

The newspaper cited a source it did not name as saying the fine would be imposed for conduct detrimental to the team.

No other establishments are off-limits to players, the source said.

Jones says he has ordered players to stay away from the Cowboy's Sports Cafe, a bar just a few blocks from the team's practice complex. Until now, the bar was a popular hangout for players. It is owned by former players Tony Dorsett, Eugene Lockhart, Alfredo Roberts and Everson Walls.

Jones refused to discuss his reasons for the ban.

"I don't want to get into in-depth reasons why we made the decision," the owner said. "But it was overwhelmingly a decision we needed to make."

A source close to the team said one reason reserve tight end Kendall Watkins was cut this week is because he defied the ban.

On Monday, coach Barry Switzer said Watkins was released because the team was displeased with his conditioning and his behavior.

Watkins' agent, Brian Levy, said the tight end weighed 278 pounds when he visited the Miami Dolphins on Tuesday. That's four pounds less than the Cowboys had him listed in their media guide last year.

Prior to his release, Watkins was scheduled to make \$180,300 bonus for reporting to training camp on Friday.

"I don't know what they've got to gain by saying bad things about him," Levy said. "They just didn't want to pay him."

"Kendall's not an angel, but that's not a tabernacle choir they've got in Dallas."

A source told the newspaper that Jones made the ban known about a month ago and discussed it with the sports bar owners.

"It seems a little hasty because the ownership has always had good reputations," Walls said. "It's kind of hard to tell grown men what to do once they leave the premises, especially when they're going to places that are legal."

Walls said former Cowboys coach Tom Landry advised players every year of places they should stay away from.

The Cowboys have had seven drug-related NFL suspensions in the past three years. Since the end of last season, Jones has hired former cowboys star Calvin Hill and his wife as consultants to deal with team behavior problems.

Late signings strengthen Cardinals on eve of camp

TEMPE, Ariz. (AP) — The Arizona Cardinals, strengthened by recent free-agent acquisitions, are off to training camp optimistic that they can improve on last year's 7-9 record.

Until a few days ago, it looked as if they would have to do it with the same players.

Tight end Chris Gedney was the only free agent hired from another team (Chicago) this year until the Cardinals added wide receiver-kick returner Kevin Williams (Dallas) and safety Eric Castle (San Diego) on Tuesday, then picked up outside linebacker Mike Caldwell (Baltimore) the next day.

In addition, cornerback Tom Knight of Iowa and quarterback Jake Plummer of Arizona State, the Cardinals' top two draft picks, signed contracts this week.

That means Arizona will suit up all of its draft choices and all of the veteran free agents invited back for the first practice. That hasn't happened since 1988, the Cardinals' first year in Arizona.

Coach Vince Tobin was low-key about what it means to special teams to have Williams, the only Cowboy ever to return punts and kickoffs for touchdowns and score as a ballcarrier and receiver.

He said tailbacks LeShon

Johnsorf and Leeland McElroy will have a chance to return kicks as well.

But Williams also gives the Cardinals the kind of speed at wide receiver they haven't had since Randal Hill, and the biggest plus may be his background.

"He has been on some very, very good football teams, teams that won the Super Bowl," Tobin said. "And I think that winning is contagious. Anytime you have someone who has experience in what it takes to be successful, it helps your team."

The Cardinals will meet tonight in Flagstaff, then begin two-a-days Friday on Northern Arizona University fields that are 7,000 feet above sea level.

"I've heard about that. I guess it's either the heat or the thin air," said Gedney, who will battle starter Pat Carter and Johnny McWilliams for playing time and give new offensive coordinator Dick Jamieson a chance to use some double-tight end formations.

It has been 13 years since the Cardinals had a winning record and 50 since they won a playoff game, but Tobin is adamant that the future is more important. He saw progress in the team's 7-6 finish after an 0-3 start.

Angels win again

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) — Todd Greene hit his first two home runs of the season in consecutive at-bats and Chuck Finley won his fourth straight start Wednesday night as the Anaheim Angels beat the Detroit Tigers 5-3 for their ninth consecutive win.

The Angels have a 50-42 record.



Donald Riffe with wife Gaynelle displays last year's Colonel Bogey award.

Riffe ready for Tri-State golf

PAMPA — Donald Riffe is hoping unlucky 13 will be his lucky number. That's because the Stratford golfer is making his 13th trip to the annual Tri-State Senior Association Tournament and his golf game has been suffering.

"I was playing well in the early spring and summer, but it hasn't been so good for me lately. Hopefully, I'll come back to earth when the tournament starts," Riffe said.

Riffe, who operates a grain company in Stratford, won the Colonel Bogey Award last year. The award is presented annually to a golfer who has worked toward the betterment of the Tri-State Seniors Association.

"I'm looking forward to the trip. It's a great tournament. It's especially so because the Pampa people make it special," he said.

Riffe served as Tri-State president in 1993 and is currently on the board of directors.

Tri-State activity begins Sunday with a registration for all golfers from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Pampa Country Club. A hospitality hour will be held for contestants and wives from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Pampa Community Building, 200 North Ballard.

Practice rounds are scheduled Monday, starting at 8:30 a.m. The first round of the 36-hole tournament tees off Wednesday at the Pampa Country Club. The first two rounds consists of match and stroke play while Friday's final round will be stroke play only in all flights.

Defending champion is Elmer

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 - 1940 — Herb Dysart, Plainview
 - 1941 — W. Clay Willis, Fairview, Okla.
 - 1942 — T.E. Baker, Woodward, Okla.
 - 1943 — Charles Ladd, Vernon
 - 1944 — R.J. Hagan, Pampa
 - 1945 — Frank Day, Plainview
 - 1946 — Roy Allen, Oklahoma City, Okla.
 - 1947 — Red Gober, Austin
 - 1948 — Wade Holman, Amarillo
 - 1949 — Elmer Winn, Plainview
 - 1950 — O.A. Terry, Lubbock
 - 1951 — Chick Trout, Lubbock
 - 1952 — Charlie Mahone, Hobart, Okla.
 - 1953 — John Casady, Cheyenne, Okla.
 - 1954 — Norton Headrick, Amarillo
 - 1955 — Byron Clancy, Carter, Okla.
 - 1956 — E.G. Kilmurray, Ratton, N.M.
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 - 1960 — Gordon Burch, Borger
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 - 1967 — Al Schrock, Marlow, Okla.
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 - 1971 — Raymond Marshall, Lubbock
 - 1972 — Dr. W. Earl Walkdrop, Fort Worth
 - 1973 — Roy Lester, Tulsa, Okla.
 - 1974 — J. Bryan Johnson, Oklahoma City, Okla.
 - 1975 — Web Wilder, San Antonio
 - 1976 — Lew Lacy, Oklahoma City, Okla.
 - 1977 — F.B. Martin, Amarillo
 - 1978 — J. Sallert Worley, Shamrock
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 - 1987 — J. Carroll Weaver, Borger
 - 1988 — Dr. Joe Donahoe, Pampa
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 - 1991 — Charles Holter, Dallas
 - 1992 — Floyd Backoff, Pampa
 - 1993 — Doug Newton, Del Rio
 - 1994 — Vester Smith, Higgins
 - 1995 — Bob Curry, Pampa
 - 1996 — Don Riffe, Stratford

Pair tied for British Open lead

TROON, Scotland (AP) — Picking up birdies on the front nine and withstanding a fierce wind on the back, Greg Norman and Fred Couples survived two-faced Royal Troon today for the early lead at the British Open.

Joining them at 2-under-par 69 was Justin Leonard, whose training in windswept Texas came in handy on a sunny day in which gusts off the Irish Sea provided both pleasure and punishment.

With the wind at their back on the front nine, Couples and Norman each made five birdies. Then they got to the 10th tee, the first of eight closing holes into a wind so strong the 450-yard par-4s were unreachable in two.

"Being 5 under after nine, I knew I was going to make some bogeys, so I just tried to hang in there," Couples said.

He took three bogeys and avoided three more with par putts longer than his shadow. Couples' 4-foot par putt on the 18th slid by on the right, giving him a 69 and great peace of mind.

"I'm thrilled to death to be under par," said Couples, who hasn't finished better than 32nd since the Masters.

Norman was at 4-under par after rolling in an 8-foot birdie putt on the ninth hole, and he remained there after saving par on the 463-yard 11th hole, playing as a par 4 and providing the most daunting tee shot at Royal Troon.

He bogeyed the 13th hole, a 465-yard par 4, when his 5-iron landed in the thick, deceptive rough right of the green. Norman made par-saving putts on the next two holes, but ran out of them on the 18th when his 10-footer turned left of the hole.

"Believe me, I'm delighted," Norman said. "It was a long, hard day today, and we've got another three long, hard days to go."

Leonard eagled the 577-yard sixth hole, hitting a 5-iron to 20 feet and holing the putt. He made the turn at only 2 under, but then shot a brilliant even-par 35 on the back to share the early lead.

"I putted beautifully today, and I stayed real patient on the back nine, because I realized there were some greens I just wasn't going to get to," Leonard said.

And it didn't figure to get any easier as the day grew long. Moist conditions yielded to a drier wind, which was making it even more difficult to get the ball close to the hole on downwind approaches that ran up to the green.

Tiger Woods was 1 under through eight downwind holes. He drove into the greenside bunker on the 364-yard first hole, but blasted through the green into another pot bunker and had to save par.

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Atlanta	60	34	.638	—
Florida	54	38	.587	—
New York	51	42	.548	8 1/2
Montreal	50	42	.543	9
Philadelphia	27	64	.297	31 1/2
Central Division				
W	L	Pct.	GB	
Houston	48	47	.505	—
Pittsburgh	47	48	.500	—
St. Louis	45	48	.484	2
Cincinnati	41	51	.446	5 1/2
Chicago	39	55	.415	8 1/2
West Division				
W	L	Pct.	GB	
San Francisco	53	41	.564	—
Los Angeles	50	44	.532	3
Colorado	44	51	.463	9 1/2
San Diego	43	51	.457	10
Tuesday's Games				
Houston 5, Chicago Cubs 3				
Los Angeles 6, Colorado 5				
Montreal 5, Florida 0				
Pittsburgh 4, N.Y. Mets 3				
St. Louis 7, Cincinnati 4				
Philadelphia 6, Atlanta 1				
San Francisco 18, San Diego 2				
Wednesday's Games				
Florida 5, Los Angeles 1				
Cincinnati 7, Pittsburgh 3				
Philadelphia 6, Montreal 0				
Chicago Cubs 6, N.Y. Mets 5				
Atlanta 2, Colorado 1				
San Diego 4, St. Louis 3				
Houston 8, San Francisco 1				
Thursday's Games				
Chicago Cubs (Mullholland 6-9) at N.Y. Mets (Clark 7-6), 12:10 p.m.				
San Francisco (Gardner 9-4) at Houston (Holt 7-5), 1:35 p.m.				
Los Angeles (Candiotti 5-2) at Florida (Lester 7-6), 7:35 p.m.				
Cincinnati (Smiley 7-10) at Pittsburgh (Cordova 6-5), 7:35 p.m.				
Montreal (C. Perez 8-6) at Philadelphia (Beech 0-4), 7:35 p.m.				
Colorado (Smith 4-2) at Atlanta (Maddux 12-3), 7:40 p.m.				
San Diego (Hamilton 7-3) at St. Louis (An. Benes 6-3), 8:05 p.m.				
Friday's Games				
Colorado (Wright 4-5) at Chicago Cubs (Trachsel 4-7), 3:20 p.m.				
San Diego (Smith 2-1) at Florida (Fernandez 10-7), 7:05 p.m.				
Houston (Garcia 3-7) at Montreal (Martinez 11-4), 7:35 p.m.				
Pittsburgh (Lieber 6-8) at Philadelphia (M.Lester 4-10), 7:35 p.m.				
Cincinnati (Morgan 3-6) at N.Y. Mets (Jones 12-5), 7:40 p.m.				
Los Angeles (Reyes 1-0) at Atlanta (Neagle 12-2), 7:40 p.m.				
San Francisco (Estes 12-3) at St. Louis (Stottemyre 8-6), 8:05 p.m.				
American League				
All Times EDT				
By The Associated Press				
East Division				
W	L	Pct.	GB	
Baltimore	57	34	.626	—
New York	53	39	.578	4 1/2
Chicago	47	47	.478	13 1/2
Detroit	43	49	.467	14 1/2
Boston	41	52	.441	17
Central Division				
W	L	Pct.	GB	
Cleveland	49	38	.563	—
Chicago	47	45	.511	4 1/2
Milwaukee	43	46	.483	7
Minnesota	40	52	.435	11 1/2
Kansas City	37	52	.416	13
West Division				
W	L	Pct.	GB	
Seattle	53	41	.564	—
Anaheim	51	42	.548	1 1/2
Texas	46	46	.500	6
Oakland	39	57	.406	15
Tuesday's Games				
N.Y. Yankees 12, Cleveland 6				
Oakland 8, Seattle 5				
Detroit 7, Boston 5, 12 innings				
Baltimore 8, Toronto 4				
Minnesota 8, Chicago White Sox 4				
Milwaukee 5, Kansas City 2				
Anaheim 6, Texas 2				
Wednesday's Games				
Boston 4, Baltimore 1				
Cleveland 4, Milwaukee 3				
N.Y. Yankees 11, Chicago White Sox 5				
Texas 6, Toronto 0				
Oakland 11, Kansas City 3				
Anaheim 5, Detroit 3				
Seattle 8, Minnesota 7				
Thursday's Games				
Kansas City (Belcher 8-8) at Oakland (Karsay 2-9), 3:15 p.m.				
Boston (Sele 10-7) at Baltimore (Erickson 11-5), 7:35 p.m.				
Cleveland (Hershiser 8-5) at Milwaukee (Eldred 9-8), 8:05 p.m.				
N.Y. Yankees (Cone 9-4) at Chicago White Sox (Darwin 4-6), 8:05 p.m.				
Toronto (Clemens 14-3) at Texas (Burkett 7-7), 8:35 p.m.				
Detroit (Lira 5-6) at Anaheim (Springer 4-3), 10:05 p.m.				
Minnesota (Tewksbury 4-8) at Seattle (Huston 1-1), 10:05 p.m.				
Friday's Games				
Boston (Wakelin 3-10) at Cleveland (Colon 2-2), 7:05 p.m.				
Chicago White Sox (Baldwin 6-9) at Baltimore (Mussina 10-3), 7:35 p.m.				
N.Y. Yankees (Gooden 3-2) at Milwaukee (D'Amico 7-4), 8:05 p.m.				
Detroit (Blair 7-4) at Texas (Witt 10-4), 8:35 p.m.				
Toronto (Williams 4-8) at Anaheim (Watson 8-5), 10:05 p.m.				
Kansas City (Bones 0-1) at Seattle (Johnson 12-2), 10:05 p.m.				
Minnesota (Hawkins 1-5) at Oakland (Wojciechowski 0-1), 10:35 p.m.				

Astros tied for first in NL Central

HOUSTON (AP) — Mike Hampton's sinker has raised the pennant chances of the Houston Astros.

"There's still a long way to go, but now that we've got Shane (Reynolds) off the disabled list and if Mike can keep pitching the way he has the last few weeks it's a very encouraging sign for this team," Houston manager Larry Dierker said after Hampton pitched a four-hitter in Houston's 8-1 victory over San Francisco on Wednesday night.

Hampton (6-7), has won four of five with one no-decision in his last six starts. The left-hander went the distance for the third time in his last four starts, struck out six and walked none. His earned run average during his last four starts is 1.41.

"The first half of the season was frustrating for this team," Hampton said. "We'd play good for a game or two, then not so good for a game or two. You don't want to get too excited about one game, but that (come-from-behind win over Chicago Tuesday night) and this one is a good start."

"After all the ups and downs we've had, we're not going to get overconfident, but this does feel

good."

Hampton started out 2-6 this season before the sinker began to sink opponents.

"I probably threw 65 sinkers in 110 pitches tonight," Hampton said. "I still throw my cutter as my out pitch, but this gives me another one when I need it."

The win, combined with Pittsburgh's loss to Cincinnati, put the Astros in a tie for first place in the National League Central Division.

"It's nice to finally be able to get over (.500) again," Craig Biggio said. "The big thing is to play well now because everybody knows what's on the line. Hampton has been doing a good job for us. We need him to do well if we're going to win this thing."

The Astros chased San Francisco starter Keith Foulke (1-4) with a four-run fourth. Foulke was raised in Hargrave, a small town 45 minutes north of Houston and was pitching in front of 30 friends and relatives for the first time.

"I was excited but that's no excuse for the way I pitched," Foulke said. "This team is a first-place ballclub and they can't afford to have me throwing like this day after day."

Houston scored three runs in the first inning. Biggio walked leading off, went to second on Chuck Carr's single and scored on Jeff Bagwell's single. Luis Gonzalez's pop fly fell for a hit to drive in Carr, and Derek Bell's fielder's choice drove in Bagwell to make it 3-0.

"Bagwell had a big night and Gonzalez' blooper really hurt us," San Francisco manager Dusty Baker said.

In the fourth, the Astros chased Foulke as they scored four runs on three hits and a pair of hit batters. Bogar hit his second homer of the season to lead off the inning. Bogar had an inside-the-park homer at home against Cleveland on July 1.

One out later, Biggio singled and Carr walked. Reliever John Johnstone then came in and gave up a two-run double to Bagwell. Gonzalez walked and Johnstone hit the next two batters, Bell and Sean Berry, with the latter driving in Bagwell for a 7-0 lead.

In the fifth, Glenallen Hill doubled, went to third on a groundout and scored on a groundout by Rich Aurilia.

Hampton's single drove in Brad Ausmus in the sixth to give the Astros an 8-1 lead.

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<p>3 Personal</p> <p>MARY Kay Cosmetics and Skin Care... call Deb Stapleton, 665-2095</p> <p>BEAUTICONTROL Cosmetics and Skin Care sales, service, and makeovers. Lynn Allison 1304 Christine 669-3848</p> <p>MARY Kay Cosmetics. Free delivery, makeovers, career information. Sherry Darga 669-9435</p> <p>LOOKING for persons who work for Webb Co. or Ref. them and/or performed construction work at Celestine in Pampa, prior 1964. Call Mindy Bankston. 1-800-222-2766</p> <p>ERRANDS Etc. Yard work, groceries, cleaning, bills, etc. Let us do your errands. 669-6732</p> <p>5 Special Notices</p> <p>ADVERTISING Material to be placed in the Pampa News, MUST be placed through the Pampa News Office Only.</p> <p>TOP O Texas Lodge 1381, study and practice, Tuesday night 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>PAMPA Lodge #966, Thursday 17th, Official Visit District Deputy Meal 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>10 Lost and Found</p> <p>LOST Wednesday July 2, Small tan Pomeranian in vicinity of Evergreen and 25th streets. Body has been cut short, tail left bushy. Reward for return. Home 665-6668. Offer 665-0961 ext. 235.</p> <p>FOUND 2 male tan Pekingese. In the area of 2000 blk of Charles. 665-3488</p> <p>LOST 2 male Pitt Bulls. 300 block of N. Christy. If found call 665-4015 or come by 317 N. Christy.</p> <p>LOST female Siamese-Persian cat (Trixie). Tag number is 10797. Off-white with dark face. 665-3539</p>	<p>11 Financial</p> <p>NEED \$\$\$? Continental Credit, 1427 N. Hobart, 669-6095. We Hablo Espanol. Phone applications welcome.</p> <p>QUICK CASH \$100-\$200-\$300 10 Min. Phone Approval Checking Account Required NO CREDIT CHECK 806-335-CASH 335-2274</p> <p>SUN LOAN COMPANY \$100 - \$400 National Security Applications Welcomed Applications Taken by phone 665-6442</p>	<p>14c Carpet Service</p> <p>NU WAY Cleaning service, carpets, upholstery, walls, ceilings. Quality doesn't cost. It pays! No steam used. Bob Marx, owner operator 665-3541, or from out of town, 800-536-5341. Free estimates.</p> <p>BTS Carpet Cleaning & Restoration Carpet/Upholstery Free Estimates. Call 665-0276</p> <p>14h General Services</p> <p>COX Fence Company Repair old fence or build new. Free estimates. 669-7769.</p> <p>NAVARRO Masonry Brick work, block, stucco, stone, and concrete. Remodel and additions. Call collect 878-3000.</p> <p>WILLOUGHBY'S Backhoe Service. Dirt work/digging. 669-7251, 665-1131.</p> <p>14m Lawnmower Service</p> <p>Yardwork; landscaping, maintenance, lot clean-up. Call 665-3146.</p> <p>14n Painting</p> <p>PAINTING reasonable, interior, exterior. Minor repairs. Free estimates. Bob Gorson 665-6033.</p> <p>Hunter Decorating Painting 665-2903</p> <p>CALDER Painting-Interior/exterior, mud, tape, blow acoustic. 665-4840, 669-2215.</p> <p>14s Plumbing & Heating</p> <p>JACK'S Plumbing Co. New construction, repair, remodeling, sewer and drain cleaning. 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Nice people, great prizes. 1-800-665-5861 Maxxie.</p> <p>SIVALLS, Inc. needs Lay-Out Fabricators Drug test required. Only experienced should apply. 2-3/4 miles west on Hwy. 60, Pampa, Tx.</p> <p>FURR'S Family Dining, Coronado Center, now taking applications for all positions. Apply in person BOE.</p> <p>TRUCK drivers/operators wanted at Dowell. Must be able to pass CDL tests. Apply in person at Dowell, 702 E. Brillhart, Perryton, Tx.</p>	<p>21 Help Wanted</p> <p>Wildlife Jobs/\$Salary+Benefits Game wardens, security, maintenance, park rangers. Benefits/ no experience necessary. Exam application 1-800-813-3585 extension 7615, 8 a.m.-9 p.m. 7 days</p> <p>Postal Jobs \$17.21/Hour plus full benefits, no exp. necessary. For application and exam information call 1-800-813-3585 extension 7614, 8 a.m.-9 p.m. 7 days.</p> <p>DO YOU HAVE NEWS PAPER TRAINING OR EXPERIENCE? The Pampa News would like to keep its files current with the names of available individuals living in this area who are interested in full or part-time employment and who have credentials in all areas of newspaper work including editing, reporting, photography, advertising, production, presswork and circulation. If you are a QUALIFIED newspaper professional, please send your resume, including salary requirements, IMMEDIATELY to: Editor The Pampa News P.O. Drawer 2198 Pampa, Tx. 79066-2198</p> <p>BUSY Construction Company seeking full-time office help to answer multi-line phone system. Accounting background, Lotus 2-3, ten key and 45 WPM typing speed needed. Apply at D. E. Rice Construction, 3300 S. Cedar, Borger, or mail resume to Box 3344, Borger, TX 79008</p> <p>CNA's Needed part to full-time 2:30 - 11. Great benefits including car expense, insurance, retirement plan & meals furnished. Apply in person at St. Ann's Nursing Home - Panhandle.</p> <p>DETECTIVE - PRIVATE Investigator Trainees. Good Wages 806-767-0252.</p> <p>FLOOR Hands on a pulling unit needed. Also need a Wire Line Technician. 665-2550</p>	<p>21 Help Wanted</p> <p>THERAPIST TECHNICIAN II - PAMPA WORKSHOP (EMPLOYMENT SPECIALIST) High school graduation, GED or proficiency evaluation of experience plus some experience assisting in arts and crafts, music, education, recreation, vocational, physical or occupational therapy, speech and hearing or audiology. Prefer bilingual. Hours 8 am - 4 pm (flexible). Salary \$1122.00/month with State of Texas benefits. Before processing Application for Employment, all applicants will be required to pass the ABLE test or provide documentation of the successful completion of 12 semester hours of college from an accredited college or university. AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY/AFFIRMATIVE ACTION EMPLOYER. Contact Amarillo State Center, 901 Wallace, P.O. Box 3070, Amarillo, TX 79106, phone 358-1681. 8-5 M-F.</p> <p>ELECTRONIC Technician needed in the Pampa TX area. Experienced in trouble shooting electronic instruments. Send training and vocational experience to Box 18 c/o Pampa News, P. O. Drawer 2198, Pampa, TX 79066. EOE.</p> <p>Owner-Operators Needed: Broker Transportation Services, Inc. needs Owner-Operators to pull refrigerated trailers. 80% of our business is in the state of Texas. We offer weekly settlements, unloading pay, a physical damage insurance program, steady work and high earnings per mile. We require a 1990 model or newer conventional, 3-axle, sleeper equipped tractor. We prefer equipment driven by owner, but small fleet operators will be considered. For more details call Booker Transportation Services, Inc. at 800-569-4633, etc. 300 Monday thru Friday 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Our Owner-Operators make money. Call today!</p>	<p>21 Help Wanted</p> <p>THE Grandview Hopkins Independent School District will be taking applications for a part-time librarian/art teacher for the 1997-98 school year. Prospective candidates should complete an application, and submit the following items: College transcript, resume, professional and personal references. The application process will close July 28, 1997. Mail correspondence to: Route 1, Box 27, Groom, TX 79039</p> <p>NEEDED Bilingual attendants to help with handicapped and elderly. Call 372-8480</p> <p>AUTO Body Repairman Needed. Must furnish own hand tools. Call Odis Qualls at Ford's Body Shop. 665-1619</p> <p>LVN Charge Nurse needed part-time, 10:30 p.m.-7 a.m. on a 2 on 4 off schedule & PRN both 2:30 p.m.-11 p.m. & 10:30 p.m.-7 a.m. Great benefits including car expense and meals furnished. Apply in person at St. Ann's Nursing Home-Panhandle.</p> <p>SEVERAL positions available. Apply in person at Chaney's, 716 W. Foster.</p> <p>WANTED: Part-time lady to aid in childcare/light housekeeping. Call 665-6031.</p> <p>CALDWELL Production needs shop mechanic. 6 paid holidays, 1 week paid vacation per year. 665-8888, Hwy. 60 West, Pampa.</p> <p>PLUMBERS Helper full time. Experience preferred. Apply in person 522 S. Cuyler.</p> <p>WANTED: Full time ranch hand, good salary and place to live on ranch. Only experienced hands need apply. Call 665-7128 before 5:00 or 665-5928 after 5:00. J.L.B. Ranch-James Bradley.</p> <p>BABYSITTER needed immediately! Call Chel 665-6442 before 5, 665-6734 after 6.</p>	<p>30 Sewing Machines</p> <p>WE service all makes and models of sewing machines and vacuum cleaners. Sanders Sewing Center. 214 N. Cuyler. 665-2383.</p> <p>50 Building Supplies</p> <p>White House Lumber Co. 101 S. Ballard 669-3291</p> <p>HOUSTON LUMBER CO. 420 W. Foster 669-6881</p> <p>53 Machinery and Tools</p> <p>LINCOLN Miller, Hobart welders for sale. 248-7913 (days) 248-0023 (nights)</p> <p>CLEAN Miller 200 Amp Welder with leads, new battery. Call 669-3544.</p> <p>PamCcl Two-Man Scramble July 19th, 20th Call 663-4317 or 663-4245</p> <p>60 Household Goods</p> <p>JOHNSON HOME FURNISHINGS Rent one piece or house full Tv-VCR-Camcorders Washer-Dryer-Ranges Bedroom-Dining Room Livingroom Rent By Hour-Day-Week 801 W. Francis 665-3361</p> <p>FOR Sale: neutral couch, wood trim, excellent condition. Call 669-6483 after 6 p.m.</p> <p>BUNK/Puton Bed - White. Puton cushion included. Like new! \$185. 665-3430</p> <p>FOR Sale: living room furniture, appliances, air conditioners and sand box. 1340 Garland.</p>
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68 Antiques

WANTED: Antique furniture and anything western. Call Jewett 665-8415 or at 302 W. Foster.

69 Miscellaneous

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YARD Sale. 801 E. Murphy, Cloysing, TV, VCRs, dishes, and toys. Fri - Sun 9-? No early birds! Cash Only!

MOVING Sale: 1123 S. Hobart. Starts Friday 12 noon.

MOVING: Thurs-Sat. 3 beds, couch, new kitchen appliances, tools, long bed pickup cover. North West Main, Miami, TX. House for sale w/ 7 acres, Miami, TX. 669-3652 or 868-3161.

Garage sale Friday 7:30 a.m.-7 p.m. 1600 Evergreen

3 family garage sale at 1234 S. Hobart. Fri. and Sat. 8 am - 9 pm. A little bit of everything.

1613 N. Summer. Playpen, portable crib, Little Tikes, 6 printers, day bed, clothing (infants-3x), boys/mens (med-2x). Thur. & Fri. 9-?

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FRIDAY and Saturday 8 - 4. 2137 N. Banks. Chandelier, books, pictures, misc. items, refrig. side-by-side, and clothes, quilt scraps.

KING size waterbed, toys, child clothes, craft items. Friday, Saturday, 801 N. West.

GARAGE Sale. 400 Jupiter St. Starts Friday at 8 a.m. thru Sunday. Comforters, bedding, twin bed frames, nice clothes (kids, Junior, & adult sizes), stereo cassette player & eight track player, toys, video tapes, craft items, household items, dishes, suitcases, lots of misc. No Early Birds.

MAN'S Back Yard Sale. Friday 8:00 til dark. 617 Hazel, Tools, tent, camping stuff, fishing stuff. Power and air tools, air compressor. "Just a lot of stuff!" (No Checks)

ALL day Fri. til noon Sat., 401 Naida. Maple baby bed like new; lots of baby things, inf.-sz.2 girls clothes, small dinette set; pet cages; pecan kitchen cabinets; 13 ft. John boat w/motor; prom dress; microwave stand; exercise bike; Toyota Camry; lots of misc.; washing machine-like new.

GARAGE Sale - 1836 N. Summer. Friday 9 a.m. Refrigerator, chair, table, clothes, household items.

3 Family Garage Sale. 504 E. Foster. 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Friday, Saturday and Sunday

GARAGE Sale: Friday 7/18, 8-5, 127 E. 26th. Lots of good stuff.

INSIDE The House and Yard Sale. 1020 S. Clark St. Fri. & Sat. 8-? Furniture, table and chairs, 3 piece bedroom suit, twinbed-sheets, towels, blankets, quilts, clothes size 20 and up, pots, pans dishes, lots of what nots and much more.

4 Family-Fri. 8-1 p.m. Sat. 7 a.m.-? Ladies bike, high chair, carseat, baby items, all sz. clothes, dolls, books, lots of misc. 1204 S. Christy.

FURNITURE, Collectibles, Misc. 853 E. Craven. Fri. & Sat. 8 - 4.

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YARD Sale: 510 N. Ward. Friday 8-4. Teen Rocky Mountain jeans, plus clothes all sizes and miscellaneous. Don't miss it!

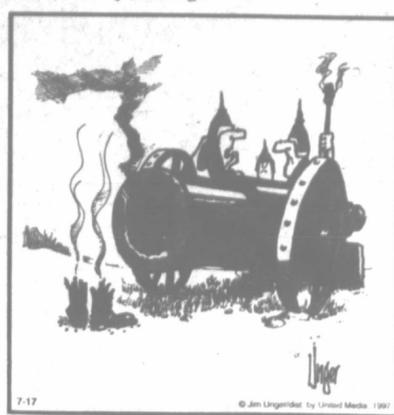
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Mower, farmers engage in standoff over crops, easements

WACO (AP) — A highway mowing crew and angry farmers engaged in a standoff in a corn field south over attempts to mow crops that a contractor claims extend onto state property along the highway.

"What we have is a man with a state agency forcing something on land owners," said Wendell Crunk, a farmer whose corn field faces Farm Road 3400 a few miles southeast of Waco.

J.L. Davis, a private contractor hired by the Texas Department of Transportation to mow along area highways, said Wednesday that his tractors were left idling about 9 a.m. Wednesday after angry farmers confronted his team of mowers.

McLennan County deputies kept watch as the mowers and farmers remained in a standoff for more than five hours as DOT officials considered the situation.

About 2:30 p.m. the tractors were ordered parked, at least temporarily.

Texas man arraigned in drugging, rape of Arkansas woman

WARREN, Ark. (AP) — A traveling businessman who authorities say drugged, raped and videotaped three women has been denied bond.

Bradley County Circuit Judge Joe Mazanti heard from an Arkansas woman who said Steven Sera, 39, drugged, raped and

videotaped her. He is charged with rape, attempted rape, kidnapping and introducing a controlled substance into another person.

The court also viewed a videotape Wednesday that shows Sera allegedly having sexual intercourse with the woman while she is unconscious.

After listening to three hours of testimony, the judge denied bond, saying that Sera was a flight risk.

Sera was first arrested at his Irving, Texas, home two weeks ago after police showed a Colleyville, Texas, woman a videotape of her being sexually assaulted while she was unconscious.

Boy recants testimony that sent dad to prison for past seven years

ABILENE (AP) — A 13-year-old boy is recanting testimony he gave seven years ago that resulted in a 75-year prison term for his father on a molestation charge.

The boy's testimony in 1990 that his father molested him helped convict Billy Lynn Stevens, 40, of aggravated sexual assault of a child.

But the boy now insists it was his stepfather who molested him and forced him to lie on the witness stand.

A hearing was scheduled for Friday in Taylor County court to sort out the case. State District Judge Billy John Edwards will collect facts to be presented to the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals, which could overturn Stevens' conviction.

How high can the Dow go? Wait until the year 2000!

NEW YORK (AP) — It took 88 years to reach 1,000 points, 15 years to 2,000, four years to 3,000 and another four years to 4,000. From there, it took less than three years to reach 8,000.

The message on Wall Street that resounded Wednesday as the Dow Jones industrial average shattered another millennium marker is that the stock market's momentum — fueled by ordinary Americans who continue to shovel savings into stock mutual funds — could easily propel the famed barometer to 10,000 by the end of the century, maybe sooner.

Even the most ardent skeptics of the bull market are beginning to concede that the

historical guidelines for measuring Wall Street's cycles aren't necessarily relevant anymore.

"The new era model is becoming very fashionable," said Edward Yardeni, chief economist at Deutsche Morgan Grenfell. Yardeni's 1995 prediction that the Dow would hit 10,000 by the end of 1999, once mocked as fantasy, is now taken seriously.

A potent mix of good economic news, low inflation and healthy corporate profits from industrial mainstays like Intel and Ford were the latest catalysts to incite the buying frenzy Wednesday, pushing the Dow average up 63.17 points to 8,038.88. The Nasdaq Stock Market posted its biggest one-day

gain ever and 10th straight record close.

The Dow average already has gained almost 1,600 points, or 25 percent this year, nearly matching last year's robust 26 percent gain and more than twice what 26 experts had predicted for all of 1997.

Several other market measures also pushed further into record territory as interest rates sank to their lowest level since late last year in the bond market, making stocks a more attractive investment choice.

"People don't want to be left out of this market. No bull market ever ends with interest rates going down," said Larry Rice, chief investment officer at Josephthal, Lyon & Ross.



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