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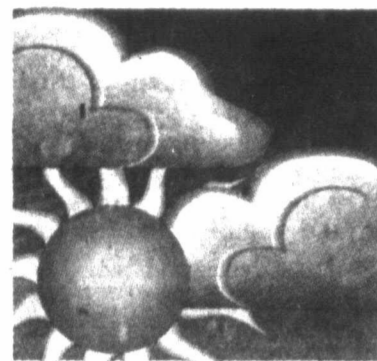
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## STATE

**DALLAS (AP)** — The Roman Catholic Diocese of Dallas ignored "a mountain of evidence" that a priest was molesting boys and later worked to cover up the scandal, plaintiffs' attorneys alleged as an 11-week civil trial wound down.

Jurors heard closing arguments Monday in the trial against the diocese and the former Rev. Rudolph Kos.

The 11 plaintiffs, who allege Kos molested them, when they were boys, seek \$146.5 million in damages.

A jury of 10 women and two men was expected to begin deliberations today.

The diocese does not dispute the molestation claims but denies negligence on its part.

The church's attorney argued Monday that Catholic officials are "good people" who wrongly concluded that Kos was not engaged in sexual misconduct.

## DEATHS

- Kaylee Brackelle Cornett, 6, daughter of Monte and Brenda Cornett
- Tim L. Epps, 39, lifelong Pampa resident
- Lester Howard Lindsey, 66, Phillips Petroleum employee
- Ethel N. Loter, 82, former clerk at McIlhane's Dry Goods
- Robert K. "Bob" Naul, 64, retired vice president-general manager of Woods Service Corp.

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## City replacing old dumpsters 500 bought for \$132,440

In the next three to four weeks area residents will be seeing many new dumpsters in their alleys.

The city has ordered 500 new 3-yard dumpsters, approximately 260 have been delivered.

According to Rick Stone, director of Sanitation, the new dumpsters cost \$264.90 each making a grand total of \$132,440 for the entire order.

Work crews have spent three Saturday workdays assembling and getting ready to start delivery of the new dumpsters.

Stone said, "A survey was done six or eight months ago and from this survey we have decided which dumpsters will be replaced."

This is a time consuming process, according to Stone, and work crews have been able to ready about 200 of the containers.

"Old dumpsters will be refurbished if possible, others will simply be disposed of as unrepairable," said Stone.

The new bins come equipped with skids to keep them from resting directly on the ground and hopefully to keep deterioration to a minimum.

Stone said crews will work on Saturdays getting the dumpsters out.

"If the residents will just bear with us for a while, work with us a little we'll eventually get all the new dumpsters set out. This will make our streets and alleys look better," said Stone.

The new bins will be the same brownish-tan metal containers, with plastic lids. The only added difference is the skids to keep the dumpsters from sitting directly on the ground.

## Texas GOP head says ouster effort hurts party image

**AUSTIN (AP)** — The abortive attempt at ousting U.S. House Speaker Newt Gingrich only hurts the Republican Party's image and could threaten its recent gains, the Texas GOP chairman says.

"There is a widespread sense that the Republicans have got to get back on the offense on the issues," chairman Tom Pauken said.

"The timing was terrible. I think there's a frustration on the part of a lot of Republicans at the grassroots level ... a feeling we were so close to winning a majority and now we're slipping backwards."

Pauken is stepping down this week as GOP leader to seek the party's nomination for attorney general next year.

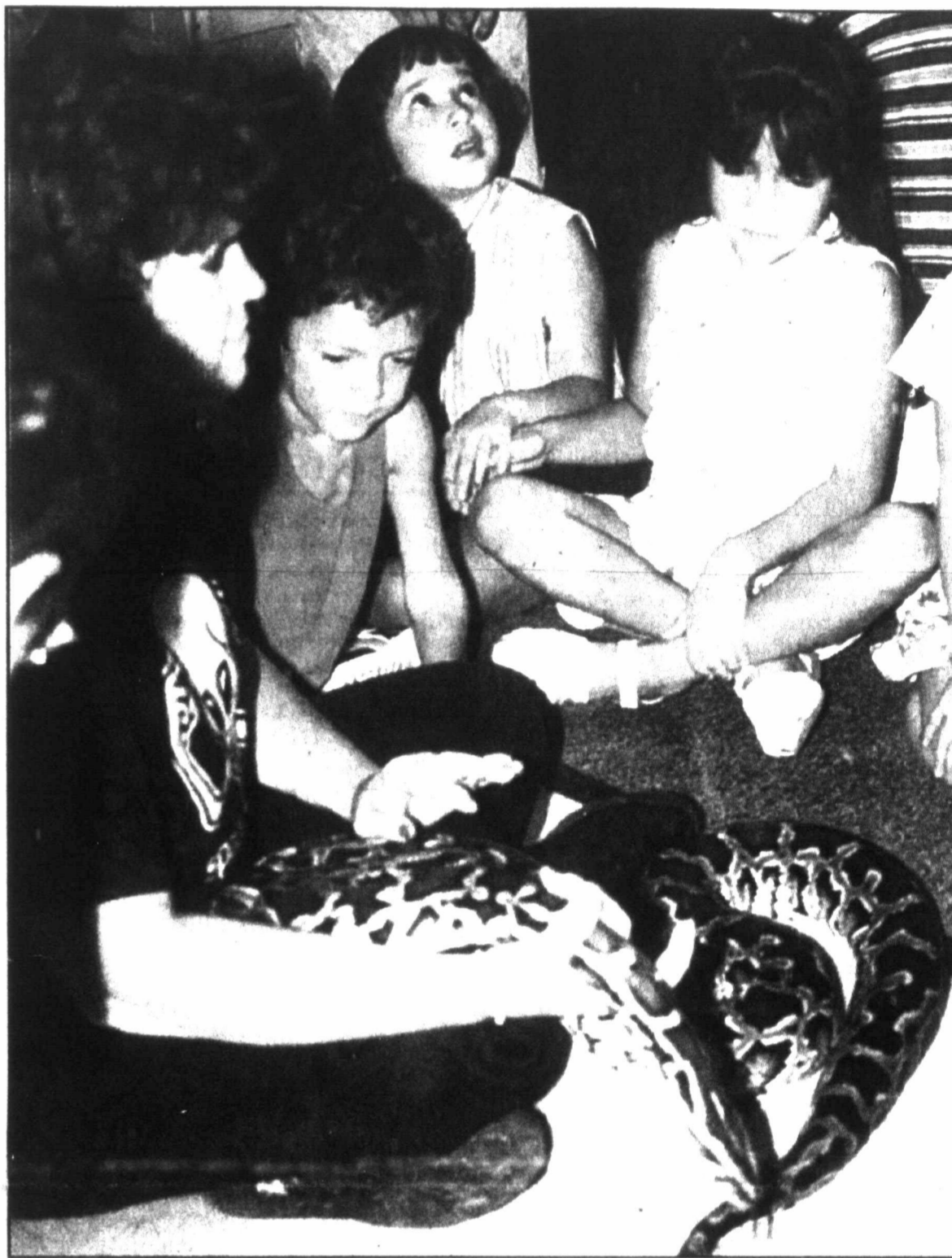
In the three years at the reins,

Pauken has overseen considerable success at the ballot box, including: taking control of the state Senate for the first time since the 1870s; sweeping all statewide offices on the 1996 ballot; boosting GOP membership in the state's congressional delegation from nine to 13; and winning majorities on the Texas Supreme Court, Court of Criminal Appeals, Railroad Commission and state Board of Education.

In the wake of the anti-Gingrich uprising, Pauken said Monday that he hopes congressional Republicans will set aside differences and concentrate on the proposed \$135 billion tax cut bill, the biggest in 16 years.

"It's important for us to hang in there on this (tax cut) issue,"

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(Pampa News photo by Dianna F. Dandridge)

Students in the ESL Summer Fun program, Paul Soria, Myra Salazar and Atziri Murgado, were among 35 students Monday who got up close to a Brazilian Python weighing more than 75 pounds. The Spanish-speaking students have been studying animals in nature and zoos as part of their English speaking lessons.

## It's fun, practical... ESL course winding up

Thirty-five predominately Spanish-speaking kindergarten and first grade students have been practicing their English speaking skills in beastly ways for the past eight weeks.

The students haven't gotten out of hand, but what they have gotten was some hands on practical experience with wild animals with fur, scales, and skin.

The students have been participating in an eight-week course designed to prepare limited English speaking children with fun, games and some real usage of English language.

The students have made different animals with sponge painting, cutting and gluing,

made homemade ice cream and visited a number of animal related interests.

After the students study the animals, their habitat, and zoological niche, the animals they have made are placed in a cage so the children can understand that all animals originally came from the wild and many are in zoos as protected species.

The children visited a goat, pig and chicken farm, the Amarillo Zoo, and Recreation Park to feed the ducks.

The high point of the ESL Summer Fun Program came in cages, terrariums and even a burlap bag on Monday morning from owners and managers from Pets-R-Neat.

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## Spouses of Tri-State Senior golfers keep busy

by MIRANDA G. BAILEY  
Staff Writer

This week while about 150 men are playing golf at the Tri-State Senior Golf Association Tournament, their spouses are staying just as busy, if not more.

Ladies Activities Co-Chairpersons Barbara Rogers and Mary Nelson have planned a week full of golf, food and fun specifically for the wives of the contestants.

The Tri-State Seniors Wives 1997 Retail Treasure Hunt, one of the planned activities, is a popular tradition with the ladies, according to Rogers and

The tournament has brought about 300 visitors to Pampa.

Nelson.

The "Retail Treasure Hunt" involves 36 local merchants. Each merchant supplies a box where perspective winners go, fill out an entry form and deposit it into the box. At the Tuesday Ladies Luncheon and Style Show, names are drawn from each of the merchant's boxes and the winners are supplied with wonderful prizes,

Nelson said.

In addition to the treasure hunt and Tuesday's luncheon and style show, the wives also had their own nine-hole golf tournament Monday afternoon and there will be a wife's putting tournament on Wednesday. Every afternoon there are bridge games planned after lunch at the Pampa Country Club.



(Pampa News photo by Miranda Bailey)

The 63rd Annual Tri-State Senior Golf Association Tournament includes a "Wives Tournament" at the Pampa Country Club. Nola Pearman, Waxahachie, TX, Anne Steel, Tomball, TX, Lois Brixley, Hilltop Lakes, TX and Liz Rathburn, Amarillo, played together in the nine-hole scramble yesterday.

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# Turmoil in the ranks: Next casualty in GOP leadership could be Rep. Tom DeLay

WASHINGTON (AP) — Rep. Tom DeLay, a scrappy former exterminator who posed for a magazine story a year ago with bullwhip in hand, could be the next casualty of the foiled coup against House Speaker Newt Gingrich. But not without a fight.

As House majority whip, the 50-year-old Republican from suburban Houston has a knack for counting votes and making deals. And his followers say he believes he can weather an effort to oust him.

"He's getting a bum rap," said DeLay spokesman John Feehery. "He's not going to resign; he has no intention of resigning. He's a valuable asset to the Republican Party."

GOP dissidents say they were encouraged in their anti-Gingrich scheming by the third-ranking DeLay. DeLay has maintained a public silence on the episode.

DeLay — along with House Majority Leader Dick Armye, a fellow Texan, and House GOP Conference Chairman John Boehner of Ohio — could face no-confidence votes when Republicans caucus privately on Wednesday.

A preliminary meeting is planned tonight. If Gingrich tries to replace DeLay out of revenge, as some Gingrich loyalists are suggesting, it wouldn't be the first time the two have crossed swords.

DeLay backed another Republican when Gingrich ran for his first leadership post in 1989. And after Republicans seized control of the House in 1994, DeLay got his current job by defeating Gingrich's handpicked choice, then-Rep. Robert Walker of Pennsylvania.

At best, the two have enjoyed a rocky working relationship.

DeLay, who ran a pest-control business before getting into politics, is no stranger to controversy.

An ideological conservative, he is blunt-spoken and makes no apologies for being an active political operator, once declaring: "I'm a hard-working, aggressive, persistent whip. That's why I'm whip."

Congressional whips are responsible for

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day-to-day management of legislation and for lining up votes — by bullying tactics if necessary — in support of party leadership positions.

To drive home his job, he keeps a bullwhip on a table in his office. And he posed with a bullwhip for an article in the September 1996 *Texas Monthly*.

Colleagues refer to him, not always respectfully, as "The Hammer."

Armye and DeLay came to the House in the same year, 1985, and have mostly been friends.

"They're both combative souls and a little mean-spirited at times," said Bruce Buchanan, a political scientist at the University of Texas.

DeLay got into a shoving match in April with Rep. David Obey, D-Wis. DeLay uttered a vulgarity and shoved Obey before the two were separated by a DeLay aide.

DeLay, who maintains close ties to Christian conservatives, has been a tireless advocate for conservative causes, including lower taxes and less regulation.

His attempts as a member of the House Appropriations Committee to cut back on environmental regulations generated protests from many, including moderate Republicans.

In a floor speech in 1995, DeLay branded the Environmental Protection Agency "the Gestapo of government."

Of the Republican leaders implicated by some in the abortive anti-Gingrich plot, DeLay is the only one who hasn't publicly denied any role.

And that may be bringing him some grudging respect from other Republicans. Rebels are reportedly angry with denials of involvement by Armye and Boehner.

Rep. Bill Paxon of New York stepped down last week as Gingrich's appointed leadership chairman as a result of the controversy. But GOP renegades have said Paxon had less involvement in the scheme than did the others.

## Prairie flower



(special photo by Joan Quillian)  
Joan Quillian captures the delicacy of a flower in a field southeast of Amarillo.

## Prosecutors question immunity for Buddhist nuns

WASHINGTON (AP) — Prosecutors have told the Senate that three of four Buddhist nuns GOP investigators want to grant limited immunity to may have been more than just pawns in a scheme to launder Democratic Party donations, committee sources say.

The Senate Governmental Affairs Committee was voting today on whether to give partial immunity to all four nuns to clear the way for them to testify about a fund-raiser at a California Buddhist temple attended by Vice President Al Gore.

The panel's chairman, Sen. Fred Thompson, R-Tenn., is also seeking immunity for Keshi Zhan, an associate of Democratic fund-raiser Yan Lin "Charlie" Trie.

Under committee rules, two of the panel's seven Democrats would have to join nine Republican members to provide the two-thirds vote needed to confer immunity.

Limited, or "use," immunity bars the use of a witness' congressional testimony as evidence in a criminal prosecution.

Senate investigators are seeking limited immunity grants so that the four nuns can describe how twelve Buddhist monastics gave political donations to the Democratic National Committee for which they were later reimbursed by the Hsi Lai Temple in Hacienda Heights, Calif.

The contributions were made after DNC fund-raiser John Huang

and Maria Hsia, who organized the event on April 29, 1996, sought an additional \$60,000 from the temple, investigators say.

Federal prosecutors have uncovered evidence indicating that one of the four, temple Abbess Suh Jen Wu, was involved in another illegal fund-raising episode, said committee sources, speaking on condition of anonymity.

The Justice Department told the committee that two others, the temple's administrator and the bookkeeper, may have had a deeper involvement in the scheme to conceal the temple's donations, said another committee source.

Prosecutors are said to be dissatisfied with the outlines of testimony to be given by the abbess and the fourth nun, the source said.

Fred Friedman, a Los Angeles lawyer who represents the temple, said the Justice Department has not told him that any of the nuns are targets of the investigation.

"Neither the abbess nor anyone else at the temple came anywhere close to intentionally violating any of the rather complex and arcane campaign finance rules," he said.

Prosecutors also oppose limited immunity for Zhan, who gave \$12,500 to the DNC even though she worked as a low-paid employee of the Arlington County, Va., government.

## Jury to return for more deliberations

ROCKPORT, Texas (AP) — A former Texas mayor accused of kidnapping and killing his business partner with carbon monoxide is the innocent victim of someone else's dirty work, his defense attorney says.

"The truth is this guy didn't do it. He wasn't there," Bill May told jurors Monday during closing arguments of Mark Crawford's capital murder trial. "The only guy on trial is the guy who didn't do it."

Crawford, the mayor of Ingleside in 1988-92 and a former candidate for state Senate, is charged in the May 6, 1996, slaying of Nick Brueggen, a Houston accountant.

After two weeks of testimony, jurors began deliberations Monday afternoon. They retired for the night after four hours of work and were told to return this morning.

Crawford, who has appeared confident as jurors went home Monday.

"They'll never give a guilty verdict. They would have already done it," he told reporters as he was escorted back to jail.

If convicted, Crawford would receive an automatic life prison sentence because prosecutors are not seeking the death penalty.

Prosecutors contend Crawford killed Brueggen, 49, in retaliation for meeting with federal authorities last year about an alleged insurance scam involving both men.

After the meeting, Crawford was indicted in Fresno, Calif., on more than 30 federal counts of wire fraud, embezzlement, money laundering and perjury. That indictment, which now also charges Crawford with Brueggen's murder, is on hold pending the outcome of the Texas case.

## Members of state House try to identify, flush dumb laws

AUSTIN (AP) — It has become known as the federal toilet law.

To conserve water, Congress in 1992 approved legislation reducing the amount of water that can be used each time a toilet flushes, thus also reducing the water pressure and the ability to clear the bowl of its contents.

After complaints flooded in from people saying that they now need to flush two and three times to get enough pressure to clear the bowl — thus wasting more water than before — several U.S. House members on the Corrections Advisory Group are now attempting to flush the law, once and for all.

That group, comprised of twelve House members, is going across the country looking for other "foolish and ridiculous laws" for repeal or amendment.

On Monday, the group was represented by Reps. Sam

Johnson, R-Plano, and Kay Granger, R-Fort Worth, at a hearing open to the public.

Since its inception in 1995, the legislative corrections process has resulted in 23 bills being passed by Congress and 16 being signed into law.

"The public wasn't consulted about the toilet law," Johnson said. "The public has to work, so it never gets consulted about any-

thing. Kay and I think that the people have better ideas about what's best."

"Congress passes laws and you say, 'What in the world causes this to happen?'" Ms. Granger said. "This is our chance to correct it."

The House members heard an assortment of stories Monday, mostly focusing on overburdened regulations being adminis-

tered by agencies such as the Environmental Protection Agency.

Michael J. Nasi, an attorney representing the city of Frisco, just north of Dallas, said actions taken by the city regarding the discharge of effluents by a battery company had been targeted for \$125,000 in fines by one arm of the EPA and cited for an award by another EPA section.

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### Altrusa Garden Party



(Special photo)

Altrusa International Inc., of Pampa style show planning committee met recently to look over table decorations for the event. The theme of this year's show is "Altrusa Garden Party." The annual catwalk is scheduled to take place Saturday, Aug. 16, at M.K. Brown Auditorium. Featured above are: (first row, left to right) Karen Bridges, Jeanne Mitchell, Mayda King; (second row) Mary McDaniel, Mary Wilson, Diane Birdsell, Chleo Worley.

## Early voting: Homeowners may get 'no brainer' tax break

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas homeowners may have a "no-brainer" tax break awaiting them at the ballot box. But state officials fear a low voter turnout and some people say the obvious choice has consequences.

Early voting for the Aug. 9 election began Monday and runs through Aug. 5.

On the ballot is a single question, asking voters whether homestead property tax exemptions should be increased from a minimum of \$5,000 to a minimum of \$15,000.

The higher exemption will cost school districts about \$1 billion every two years — money lawmakers have pledged to replace.

Secretary of State Tony Garza, the state's chief elections official, began his week in South Texas on a get-out-the-vote tour. He has not set an estimate on how many of the state's 10.6 million registered voters will cast a ballot in the election.

Ann McGeehan, Garza's election director, said she expects between ten percent and 15 percent.

"Constitutional elections are uphill battles in terms of getting people out to vote," Garza said, adding that when there aren't candidates on the ballot, fewer people bring attention to the election.

"I'm trying to raise the awareness level," he said.

The tax exemption question comes after lawmakers failed to approve an attempt to lower and cap local school property taxes. The House and Senate approved separate plans to cut the locally set tax rates, but could not agree on a final version of the idea.

Instead, they approved a plan to increase the amount of a home's value not subject to tax-

ation for schools. Also included is dedicating lottery revenues to education and a provision allowing Texans' 65 and older to transfer a proportionate amount of their homestead tax freezes from one home to another if they move.

The lottery-to-education provision goes into effect Sept. 1 regardless of the election. The tax freeze portability is contingent on the election.

Bush has said there's little argument against increasing the tax exemptions. Even so, the governor also plans a get-out-the-vote tour before Aug. 9.

"He hopes that Texans vote early or make sure they get to the polls on Aug. 9," said Bush spokesman Ray Sullivan.

Dick Lavine, an analyst for the Center for Public Policy Priorities, said it's hard for Texans to turn down a tax cut because of future consequences. But he said voters should think about what they are deciding.

"It puts us at least \$1 billion in the hole in every future (state) budget," Lavine said of the proposal.

As property tax rates continue to go up, school districts will lose more money because of the tax exemption. That means the exemptions will cost more than \$1 billion in the future.

The \$1 billion being used to pay for the tax break in the next two-year budget, beginning Sept. 1, came from state funds reserved for such spending.

### State briefs

#### City water tests showing no contaminants barred from trial

HOUSTON (AP) — Tests indicating no dangerous crude oil contaminants polluted a Houston neighborhood have been barred as evidence in an ongoing trial against Chevron USA.

The test results, obtained from the city of Houston's legal department, show few samples that contain pollutants and no results indicating contaminants at dangerous levels, say two independent drinking experts contacted by the *Houston Chronicle*.

Nevertheless, U.S. District Judge Kenneth Hoyt has barred the tests from evidence at the request of plaintiffs attorney John O'Quinn, who claims the city may have been biased in its testing approach.

Residents in Kennedy Heights in southeast Houston claim contaminants from three abandoned crude oil pits below their neighborhood have infiltrated the water supply and are to blame for cases of lupus, cancer, birth defects and other immune system diseases in the neighborhood.

The residents sued Chevron USA and are asking for relocation expenses, medical costs for the ill and punitive damages.

said Monday afternoon that she had something to say, *The Dallas Morning News* reported in a copyright story today.

She then asked all parties in the case to stay put for a little talk. She removed her robe, then took a seat in the jury box and began pouring her heart out about what she had heard in the nearly three-month civil trial.

The judge's talk came after jurors heard closing arguments in the trial against the diocese and the former Rev. Rudolph Kos. The eleven plaintiffs, who allege Kos molested them when they were adolescents, seek \$146.5 million in damages.

"If anything like this can ever be positive, then let there be healing, and let there be hope," the judge said, addressing the plaintiffs who were a few feet in front of her and also the church leaders who were across the room.

#### Economy surges but Hispanics lagging, new study states

CHICAGO (AP) — Hispanic Americans, who are expected to be the largest minority in the United States within ten years, are struggling to find ways to share in

the nation's economic boom.

A study of Hispanic economic status indicates that a third of all Hispanic Americans live in poverty and trail other ethnic groups in educational levels, home ownership and health insurance protection.

Community leaders gathered

at the annual conference of the National Council of La Raza, the nation's largest Hispanic advocacy group, are seeking to reverse those trends.

"The problems must be attacked on several fronts," said Raul Yzaguirre, president of the National Council of La Raza.



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#### Judge lets emotions out after molestation case goes to jury

DALLAS (AP) — A district judge took off her robe and let her emotions out after jurors left the courtroom to deliberate on a sex-abuse civil lawsuit filed against the Dallas Catholic Diocese.

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## Woman Is Close To Leaving Man Who's Grown Distant

**DEAR ABBY:** I have been married for three years and love my husband dearly; however, I'm very close to leaving him. Why? Because I feel invisible. I'm a good wife and do everything within my power to make him happy, but when he comes home from work, he greets me with a "hi" — then he greets our three dogs with petting and words of love. This infuriates me! It's so painful I have to leave the room.

As of three months ago, my husband decided he sleeps better without me, so we've been sleeping apart. I know he works hard at his job, and it's important for him to get a good night's sleep, but that's no excuse for his behavior toward me. Our sex life has practically come to a halt. I expressed my feelings to him, only to be ignored. When I get affectionate with him, he pushes me away saying, "Not now, honey, I'm too tired."

Abby, I don't claim to be the perfect wife, but the house is always immaculate and the laundry is never piled up. I make hot meals daily and our pets are well-groomed and cared for. I am not drop-dead gorgeous, but I get my share of looks and remarks. I will not seek what I need from other men, but I won't spend the rest of my life in a marriage that consists of domestic duties and nothing more.

My husband never misses my column. Hopefully, he'll see my letter, realize how hurt I am, and change his ways. Sign me ...

DESPERATE FOR ADVICE



**Abigail Van Buren**

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IN NEW JERSEY

**DEAR DESPERATE:** For the sake of your marriage, it is imperative that you find out exactly what happened three months ago that changed the dynamics of your relationship with your husband. He is behaving like a selfish, insensitive clod. Before you walk out, tell him how you feel and offer him the option of marriage counseling.

**DEAR ABBY:** Law enforcement officers and their actions have been and always will be targets for criticism, skepticism and controversy. Two of the most newsworthy topics involving law officers are the use of physical force and deadly force on criminals. It is easy for the general public or the media to second-guess what was right or wrong. They have hours or days to do it — while an officer has only seconds. The stakes are high on the street. Hesitation or a wrong decision may very well cost

an officer his/her life. This brings me to a recent letter you published: "Wayne in Santa Rosa, Calif." said he thinks cops should carry tranquilizer guns instead of firearms. Well, Wayne, in our "Wild Kingdom," the animals — a.k.a. carjackers, armed robbers and drug dealers — carry guns. Real guns. And they do not hesitate to use them on innocent people, as well as on cops. The animals you see on "Wild Kingdom" are potentially dangerous because they are instinctively trying to protect their lives or the lives of their offspring. The "animals" we deal with are predators — preying on innocent, honest citizens, and they are dangerous because they choose to be.

Abby, it's obvious that Wayne is ignorant of how violent these people can be, and how quickly a situation can turn on an officer in any given situation. I can only suggest that he get a job in law enforcement, because I'm sure his outlook on tranquilizer guns would change.

Law enforcement can always use good advice on how to improve. Most of us and our bosses welcome good advice. But tranquilizer guns? I'm 30 years old, have been a cop for eight years, and I thought I'd heard it all.

**CPL. DONALD PALLISER, ST. TAMMANY PARISH SHERIFF'S OFFICE, COVINGTON, LA. DEAR CPL. PALLISER:** Be patient. By the time you're ready to hang up your firearm, you'll have heard more.



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## Horoscope



Wednesday July 23, 1997

Major changes could be in the offing for you in the year ahead. Some will be self-induced, others will be determined by outside factors. Both are capable of producing ultimate benefits.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** You may find the assistance you've been seeking today that will finally help you rid yourself of some burdens you have been putting off for quite some time. Leo, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing \$2 and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this

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

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** Even though you're likely to be in a sociable mood today, you'll still be very selective regarding the companions you'll choose.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** This is a good day to spend some time cleaning out your home and office by getting rid of things you know you'll never use again.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)** Conversation partners will immediately sense you're not given to making idle remarks. When you voice an opinion, you'll truly have something to say.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)** You are now in a favorable growth pattern, so be alert for two or more opportunities that have long-range possibilities.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** Both today and tomorrow, conditions will be more receptive than usual for advancing certain self-interests about which you feel strongly.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)** Heed to any hunches you get today relating to

career or financial moves. Your intuition can supply you with insights your logic can't perceive.

**PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)** One of your affiliations might ask you to take on new responsibilities today. Do so willingly, because it could offer unique benefits.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** Challenges will stimulate your abilities and feelings of self-worth today. You may volunteer to tackle something that intimidates others.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** It is important today you have faith in the final outcome of events. If you do not waver and continue to think win, the results could be significant.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** Today you might have an opportunity to transform something that is presently outmoded. You will know how to make things functional once again.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** A present involvement may be destined to play a more significant role in your future affairs. This person possesses a strong, positive personality.

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Daddy reviews Billy's vacation cartoons.



"I just hate being the last one in bed."

### The Family Circus

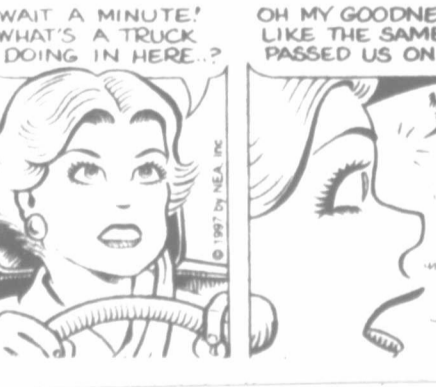


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## Nation briefs

### Scientific panel to consider conflicting breast implant studies

**BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (AP)** — In a move that could affect thousands of lawsuits over breast implants, a court-appointed panel will publicly review conflicting scientific studies about the controversial products.

The panel was to begin today by hearing from experts representing implant makers and women who have sued the companies.

Many women say they have been harmed by implants, a claim manufacturers dispute. Both sides cite studies they say prove their point.

U.S. District Judge Sam Pointer, presiding in about 19,000 implant suits consolidated for pretrial negotiations, has given the four-member panel the task of evaluating the different findings to help courts decide the cases.

Members, nominated by an independent committee and approved by Pointer, will provide videotaped testimony for use in court.

Last year, U.S. District Judge Robert Jones of Portland, Ore., used a similar panel and ruled there was insufficient scientific evidence to prove silicone implants cause disease in women. The decision concerned some 80 cases, but was not binding on other courts.

### The secret is out — American stars cleaning up on Japanese ads

**TOKYO (AP)** — Sylvester Stallone does it. So do Naomi Campbell, Jodie Foster, Paul McCartney and NBA star Scottie Pippen. Pretty soon, Tiger Woods will be doing it, too.

They all pitch products on Japanese TV and rake in loads of money from the world's second-biggest advertising market. While some do endorsements at home, too, those generally are more closely scrutinized.

Publicists for Hollywood's moonlighting stars say the advertising work here is both lucrative and professionally satisfying. Still, it is often done with the understanding it will never, ever be seen by audiences back home.

While good for the product's image, some superstars want to be sure the product doesn't

## Mowers, start your engines!



(AP photo) A flagman guides racers through the fourth turn during a riding mower race recently in Lowell, N.Y. With names like "Sodzilla," "Turfinator" and "The Lawn Ranger," hundreds of Americans are converting their riding mowers into racing machines.

## Danny causes flooding in Alabama

**MOBILE, Ala. (AP)** — The remnants of Hurricane Danny crawled through the state, dumping torrential rain and causing flooding as it trekked north.

The storm pummeled central and western Alabama with up to eight inches of rain Monday. An equal amount of rain was expected to fall overnight, prompting flash flood warnings in three counties.

Along the coast, Danny dropped 2 1/2 feet of rain in three days in its weak hurricane form. At its worst, the storm sent upwards of 2,000 people to shelters. Most took advantage of lighter rains and waded back into wrecked homes Monday.

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