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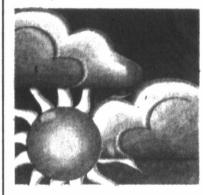
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WACO (AP) — The investigation into the abduction and murder of a 7-year-old Killeen girl has produced no significant leads and the killer's trail has gone cold,

police say. "We've reached a point where we don't have a direction to go," Killeen Lt. Lee Caufield, who commands the department's Crimes Against Persons section, told the Waco Tribune-Herald. "Now, we have to back up and punt."

Police received more than 2,000 tips from the public Danydia Betty-Jacqueline "Nee Nee' Thompson disappeared from Marlboro Elementary School on April 30.

But once the girl's badlydecomposed body was found on May 8, stuffed inside a plastic bag and dumped along a highway south of Killeen, the leads stopped coming.

"You get frustrated," Caufield admitted. "You get frustrated just because of what's involved in it. It's the loss of a small child - a wasted life."

Police say a neighbor was the last person to see the girl alive the morning of her disappearance. The witness told investigators the girl was riding piggyback-style on the back of a man not far from her school campus.

A nine-day search for the girl involving hundreds of volunteers and law officers ended on the grassy shoulder of Highway 195, about 8 miles south of Killeen, when two volunteers stumbled across a bag of human remains.

matched all, six numbers drawn Saturday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said.

The ticket was worth an estimated \$13 million and was sold in San Antonio

The numbers drawn Saturday night from a field of 50 were: 5-11-17-36-37-40.

Wednesday night's drawing will be worth an estimated \$4 million.

- Billy Joe Bush, 66, pipeline
- Larry M. Foster, 47, member Arkansas Army National Guard
- Leon Higgins, 68, carpen-
- Paul Mercer Jr., 67, retired
- farmer. • Carl O. Poston, 42, employee John Morrell Company in Sioux City.

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Belladonna use on rise by youth in Pampa area

The pretty flower is deadly.

Use of belladonna as an hallucinogen has increased among the youth of Pampa this summer. So have trips to the emergency room.

"Use of belladonna has increased recently," said Terry Young with the Pampa Police Department.

Although no deaths have been blamed on use of the drug in Pampa, police and hospital officials said the increase in the number of cases in which belladonna appears to be involved has risen drastically this summer. Belladonna occurs naturally in Jimson weed, part of the toxic Nightshade family that is indigenous to the Texas Panhandle.

The weed is usually found in poor soil, according to Gray County Extension Agent Danny Nusser.

"This is probably the perfect year for it," Nusser said. "We had moisture early and now this hot weather will bring them out."

Department of Public Safety Chemist Roy Murphy said the plant gets rediscovered every few years.

"It's dangerous," he said. "There have been people die

For years, belladonna was used for medicinal purposes in a variety of remedies including eye drops and to treat diarrhea.

"We don't see it used that much anymore," said Tom Hill, pharmacist at Columbia Medical Center.

He explained that newer medicines without the side effects have replaced it. However, the drug has gained popularity among recreational users. The problem is that the drug is potentially deadly.

To complicate matters, the antidote for the poison can also be lethal.

"The antidote is extremely dangerous," said Tom Hill, pharmacist at Columbia Medical Center.

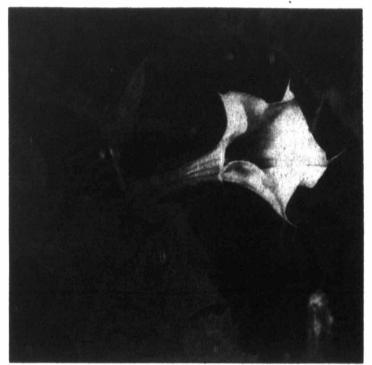
Hill said that belladonna causes the heart rate to increase. The antidote has the opposite effect. It causes the heart rate to decrease, so treatment for the ingestion of belladonna can be tricky.

Medical literature indicates that in addition to its antidepressant and mood-elevating qualities, it also diminishes bowel functioning and increases urinary retention as well as increasing the heart rate.

"This thing has the potential to kill you," Young said.

"This thing has the potential to kill you,"

-- Terry Young Pampa Police Department



As evening shadows lenghtened Saturday night, the Tri-State Bluegrass Express began warming up at the Mobeetie Bluegrass Festival. From left to right are Eddie Maxwell on banjo, Eudell Gifford on guitar, Bill Smith on fiddle and Jim Holmes on bass.

Hot time, hot tunes at bluegrass festival

By DAVE BOWSEr Staff writer

MOBEETIE — It was dark-thirty when the headlights from Wayne Tolbert's pickup flashed across the gathering in the pasture.

A quarter mile away, Flint Hill Special from Mayer, Ariz., was on stage, but the Tri-State Bluegrass Express wasn't scheduled to perform until 11:20 p.m. The hot panhandle afternoon had sapped Tolbert's strength so he had gone to Wheeler for a nap. A little before 10 p.m., he guided his pickup through the campground filled with tents, trailers and motor homes toward a quiet corner where the band congregated to warm up and decide which songs to play for the Saturday night finale of the Mobeetie Bluegrass Festival.

"Wayne's our spark plug," said fiddle player Bill Smith. "He gets us enthused."

The members of the band had begun making their way to this corner of the pasture as the late afterstill July afternoon. Banjo player Eddie Maxwell said he figured Tolbert would arrive about 9:30 p.m. As the group discussed what to play, they left room for changes that Tolbert might want to make. If he didn't arrive, like that time in Duncan,



noon sun threw some shade on the Chase Miller, 9, hugs his great-grandmother Maida Allen during the weekend bluegrass festival in Mobeetie. Twelve of Mrs. Allen's greatgrandchildren came to visit her this weekend at her Wheeler County home.

See BLUEGRASS, Page 2

Smaller Texas roads getting more deadly

DALLAS (AP) — The rural but we had a lot of three- and deadlier, and law enforcement never had a year that high. officials say they don't know

were killed last year, compared with three in 1995 — a 400 percent increase in the 25,000-person county just northwest of Houston. The jump was one of the highest in the state for counties with more than 10 fatalities.

"Last year was just outrageous," Waller County Sheriff Randy Smith told The Dallas Morning News in Sunday's editions. "I really don't know why,

roads of Texas are becoming four-people accidents. We've

Although fatalities increased on all Texas roads last year, rural In Waller County, 15 people county roads and two-lane state and U.S. highways posted the biggest jumps. Some speculate that the death rate was influenced by a 1996 increase in speed limits on many roads to 70 mph.

According to county-by-county traffic statistics recently compiled by the Texas Department of Public Safety, fatalities more than doubled last year in 15

See ROADS, Page 2

Catholic faithful may have to help pay \$120 million

against the Catholic Diocese of Dallas could turn into \$200 million by the time appeals are exhausted — or about \$600 for every registered Catholic in the diocese, The Dallas Morning News reported.

The prospect of tapping the 325,000 Catholic faithful in the ninecounty diocese rather than selling off assets to pay the judgment has been discussed, Randal Mathis, attorney for the diocese, told the paper for Sunday editions. But the Dallas attorney declined to elab-

Experts who have followed similar lawsuits against other dioceses said there is no question people in the pews will feel the pinch it insurance companies won't cover the claim.

The Rev. Jay Nelson, a New Mexico priest who edits a national newsletter on religious misconduct, predicted that church officials will press church members before they liquidate major investments. See CATHOLIC, Page 2

Lady Bird Johnson visits JFK museum

BOSTON (AP) — The John E. Kennedy Library and Museum welcomed a special guest Saturday morning when Lady Bird Johnson arrived to view the exhibit on former first lady Jacqueline Kennedy.

She was en route to Martha's Vineyard, the site where the two women last visited in 1993 before Mrs. Kennedy's death.

Museum director Brad Gerratt said Mrs. Kennedy and Mrs. Johnson, now 84, developed a friendship while their husbands served in the White House and remained friendly throughout the past several decades.

Accompanied by Harry J. Middleton, director of the Lyndon Baines Johnson Library in Austin, Texas, Mrs. Johnson spent about 40 minutes viewing the displays.

Mrs. Johnson particularly enjoyed Jacqueline Kennedy's wedding dress and former White House artifacts, Gerratt said.

The former first lady was also moved by a childhood photo of Mrs. Kennedy with her father, Jack Bouvier.

"That photo was displayed in the White House for many years," said Gerratt. "I think it brought back some memories.

Daily Record

Services tomorrow

FOSTER, Larry M. - 2 p.m., Hart-Wyatt Funeral Home Chapel, Walters, Okla. HIGGINS, Leon — Graveside services, 2 p.m., North Lawn Cemetery, Dumas.

Obituaries

BILLY JOE BUSH

Billy Joe Bush, 66, of Pampa, died Friday, July 25, 1997. Graveside services will be at 4 p.m. today in Memory Gardens Cemetery with the Rev. J.C. Burt, pastor of Barrett Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of

Mr. Bush was born Jan. 28, 1931, at Wellington. He married Velma Jean Yearwood on Oct. 11, 1953, at Clovis, N.M. He had been a Pampa resident since 1949. He was a pipeline mechanic.

Survivors include his wife, Velma, of the home; two daughters, Brenda Carol O'Dell of Pampa, Judy Ann Martin of Canyon; a son, Billy Dale Bush of Bridgeport; a stepson, Larry Gene Yearwood of Greenville; eight grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

LARRY M. FOSTER NORTH LITTLE ROCK, Ark. - Larry M. Foster, 47, father of a Pampa resident, died Thursday, July 24, 1997. Services were to be at 10 a.m. today in Camp Robinson Army Base Chapel. Additional services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday in Hart-Wyatt Funeral Home Chapel in Walters, Okla. Burial will be in Walters Cemetery.

Mr. Foster was born Nov. 22, 1949, at Walters, to Glen and Nell Foster. He was on active duty with the Arkansas Army National Guard at Camp Robinson. He had served in the Army for 17 years and was a training specialist.

He was preceded in death by his father. Survivors include his wife, Paula Thennes Foster, of the home; two sons, Larry Mac Martinez of Pampa and Derrick Mac Foster of North Little Rock; a stepdaughter, Paulette Walls of North Little Rock; his moter, Nell Foster of Pampa; and a sister, Marsha Reiter of Valley View, Texas.

LEON HIGGINS

Leon Higgins, 68, of Pampa, died Sunday, July 17, 1997, at Amarillo. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday in North Lawn Cemetery at Dumas with the Rev. H.L. Stevens, retired **Assembly** of God minister, officiating. Burial will be under the direction of Rector Funeral Home of Amarillo.

Mr. Higgins was born at Denison, Texas. He had been a Pampa resident since 1985, moving from Dumas. He was a carpenter. He was a U.S. Army veteran, serving during World War II.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Audrey Higgins, in 1980.

Survivors include two daughters, Deborah Sue Flores of Lefors and Jeanette Ann Higgins of Ukiah, Calif.; a son, Vernon Gene Higgins of Hesperia, Calif.; a stepdaughter, Kelly Stevens of Pampa; a sister, Bernice Scott of Dumas; a brother, Ray Higgins of Dallas; and four grandchil-

PAUL MERCER JR.

McALLEN - Paul Mercer Jr., 67, died Friday, July 25, 1997, at Temple. Graveside services were to be at 2 p.m. today in Miami Cemetery at Miami with George Lindburg officiating. Burial will be under the direction of Brown Funeral Directors of Borger.

Mr. Mercer was a native of Carmen, Okla. He married Carolyn D. in 1956 at Raton, N.M. He had been a McAllen resident for two years. He was a retired farmer. He was a veteran of the

Korean War. He was a member of First Baptist Church of Miami and Veterans of Foreign Wars of Miami. Survivors include his wife, Carolyn; a daugh-

ter, Rebecca Smith of Miami; four sons, Jerry Mercer of Canvon, Mark Mercer of Mannford, Okla., Aaron Mercer of Saint Cloud, Fla., and Robert Melton of Perry, Fla.; a sister, Ann Turner of Pampa; two brothers, Gene Mercer of Arrovo City and Frank Mercer of McAllen, and 16 grandchildren.

CARL O. POSTON

Carl O. Poston, 42, of Allen Neb., formerly of Pampa resident, died Tuesday, July 22, 1997, at Sioux City, Iowa, following a traffic accident in rural Allen, Neb. Services were Saturday in Bressler-Humlicek Funeral Home in Wakefield, Neb., with the Rev. Floyd Throckmorton officiating Burial was to be at 2 p.m. today in Fairview Cemetery with Earl Brem and Terry Leck officiating. Local arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Poston was born Sept. 30, 1954, at Chicago, Ill., to Don and Hazel Poston. He was a 1972 Pampa High School graduate. He married Karen Brem on Jan. 24, 1985, at Lovington, N.M. The couple moved to Sioux City in 1987, where he worked for John Morrell Company. They had been Allen residents since 1991. He had worked in the oil fields.

He enjoyed his family, comedy, boxing and fishing.

He was preceded in death by an infant brother and by his parents

Survivors include his wife, Karen, of the home; two children, Joyce Poston and Michael Poston, both of the home; a sister, Elizabeth Pappelaar, of St. George, Utah; and a brother, Leonard Flippen of Bullhead City, Ariz.



Emergency numbers

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Police report

The Pampa Police Department reported the following calls for the 48-hour period ending at 7 a.m. Monday.

SATURDAY, July 26 A hit and run was reported at Varnon and Crawford.

SUNDAY, July 27

An information report was taken at 825 N Dwight.

Criminal trespass was reported at 1430 Williston Street. Reported damages included a torn window screen at \$50.

A hit and run was reported at Hobart and Alcock. Damage to the right front of the vehicle

An assault was reported at 201 Kingsmill. Unauthorized use of a motor vehicle was reported at 1084 Varnon Dr.

MONDAY, July 28 An assault was reported at 1108 Sirroco

Abrasion of right knee reported. A theft of \$5 gasoline was reported at 1405 Starkweather.

Domestic assault was reported at 2600 N. Hobart, D-4. Soreness to back of head reported.

Ambulance

Rural Metro reported the following incidents for the 48-hour period ending at 7 a.m. Monday. FRIDAY, July 25

10:32 a.m. - An ICU responded to the 900 block of Twifford on a trauma and transported one to Columbia Medical Center. 12:46 p.m. An ICU responded to the 900 block of

Alcock and transported 2 patients to Columbia 6:15 p.m. - An ICU responded to McCullough on

a fire assist. No injuries reported. 8:18 p.m. - An ICU responded to 900 Brunon and transported one patent to Columbia Medical

11:10 p.m. - A ICU responded to Columbia Medical Center to transport a patient to Northwest Hospital in Amarillo.

SATURDAY, July 26 8:50 a.m. - An ICU responded to the 700 block of McCullough on a medical. No patient was trans-

11:13 a.m. - An ICU responded to the Columbia Medical Center to transfer one patient to local

11:13 a.m. - An ICU responded to the Columbia Medical Center to transfer one patient to the VA

1 p.m. - An ICU responded to BSA on a code 1 transfer back to local nursing home.

5:30 p.m. An ICU responded to the 500 block of Nelson on a fall. One patient was transferred to Columbia Medical Center.

7:40 p.m.: An ICU responded to the 100 block of S. Russell on a medical. One patient was trasport ed to Columbia Medical Center.

11:29 p.m. An ICU responded to the 400 block of W. Kingsmill on a trauma. One patient was trasported to Columbia Medical Center.

12:31 a.m. - An ICU responded to Columbia Medical Center and transported one trauma to Northwest Hospital in Amarillo.

2:26 a.m. - An ICU responded to the southeast part of town on a medical. No patient was located SUNDAY, July 27

1:24 p.m. - An ICU responded to the 300 block of S. Gillespie on a medical and transported one patient to Columbia Medical Center. 4:05 p.m. - An ICU responded to a local nursing

home on a trauma and transported one patient to Columbia Medical Center. 5:05 p.m. - An ICU responded to a residence

south of Pampa on a medical and transported one patient to Columbia Medical Center. 5:56 p.m. - An ICU responded to a local nursing

facility on a medical and transported one patient to Columbia Medical Center.

7:08 p.m. - An ICU responded to Columbia Medical Center for a patient transport back to a local nursing facility.

Fires

The Pampa Fire Department reported the following calls for the 48-hour period ending at 7 a.m. on Monday.

SUNDAY, July 27 9-46 a.m. - One Unit and two personnel responded to a dumpster fire at 1305 N.

12:54 p.m. - Three units and six personnel responded to a propane bottle leak at 2216 N.

9:39 p.m. - Two units and three personnel responded to a trash fire at 713 Denver. 10:46 p.m. - Two units and three personnel responded to a grass fire six miles south on

Sheriff's Office

The Gray County Sherff's Office report the following calls and arrests for the 48-hour period ending at 7 a.m. Monday.

SATURDAY, July 26

Terry Hayes, 37, Borger, was arrested on charges of bond surrender, possession of drug parafanalia, and theft by check in Randall

SUNDAY, July 27

John Nelson Dwyer, 47, 2718 Comanche, was arrested on charges of driving while intoxicated. John Edward Shackelford Jr., 29, 1101 Ripley, was arrested on charges of public intoxication. Kevin Patrick Roberts, 22, transient, was arrest-

from Rogers County, Okla. Abel Rodriquez, 25, 525 % Summer, was arrest. ed on charges of aggrivated assault with mytor vehicle (Donley County).

ed on charges of violating probation burgians

Salvador, Rodriguez, 20,, 417 N. Fautlener, was arrested on charges of aggrivated assault with motor vehicle (Donley County)

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ROADS

Texas counties with more than 10 traffic deaths in 1996. Those counties are Bowie, Brown, Cooke, Eastland, Galveston, Hill, Hood, Jim Wells, Kaufman, Madison, Palo Pinto, Polk, Taylor, Waller and Washington.

"None of these seem to make sense," said Sheriff Brent Button of Hill County, where fatalities rose from nine in 1995 to 31 in 1996. "A lot of the fatalities were on rural roads where we don't have a lot of traffic."

Harris County remains Texas' leader in fatalities with 366 in 1996. That represents a 21 percent increase over 1995, when the home county of

Houston led the state with 302 fatalities. Dallas County followed last year with 270 fatali-

CATHOLIC

"It undoubtedly will come back to the parishioners," Nelson said. "The only hope is they'll demand more accountability of their leaders."

Ten former parishioners and the parents of one who committed suicide sued former Dallas priest Rudolph "Rudy" Kos and the diocese, alleging years of sexual abuse until 1992 that the church hid from its

Jurors in a civil case decided Thursday that the diocese was grossly negligent and concealed information in its handling of sexual abuse complaints lodged against Kos, 52.

BLUEGRASS

Okla., when he spent the entire evening pulling his trailer around looking for a place to park, they would go on without him. No one was worried. They knew he'd be there, but like the music they play, they are used to improvisation.

"I can't play in the dark," Tolbert yelled good-naturedly.

Bill Holmes climbed in his camper, found a lantern and lit it. By the light of its glowing mantle on the hood of Holmes pickup, the group pulled up folding chairs, tested a few strings and on some unspoken signal the music of Midnight Train burst forth.

There was no count, no audible clue as to what was about to happen. It just happened.

They were a diverse crew. Eudell Gifford and Holmes in their bib overalls. Maxwell in a tee shirt and shorts. Tolbert in a jump suit. And Smith in boots and jeans. Most live in Amarillo. Gifford lives in Lefors.

Yet when the music exploded, the individuals melded into one being. There is no written music. No formal arrangements. It's as though the music has joined their souls together in some mystical

After about 30 minutes, they realized they had selected enough songs for a two hour performance or more. They began to delete songs from the hand scribbled list in Holmes pocket notebook although each knew the music would continue well beyond the last scheduled stage performance.

"That's what it's all about," Tolbert said. "Picking!"

Tolbert said at the first Mobeetie Bluegrass Festival 18 years ago, he brought a tent and pitched it near the flat bed trailer that served as a stage.

"Eudell Gifford and Ray Cargo stood outside by my tent and played all night," Tolbert said. "Every 30 minutes they would holler and say, 'Wayne, you want to come out and pick with us?""

The next year Tolbert left the tent at home and brought a travel

trailer. He parked it away from families in the association now," everybody else.

That first year, Tolbert said, about 100 people showed up to hear the music.

"Probably not that many," Tolbert said.

"I thought there were more people than that," Jack Selby of Pampa chimed in. "I hauled trash that year."

have averaged between three and four thousand. In the years in between, the association built a to a 50 minute performance. permanent stage and planted never changed.

Crews are out early in the week preparing everything, getting ready for the weekend. Performances started Friday evening. Groups filled the stage midnight. The festival officially ended Sunday morning with weekend, informal groups gathered between the motor homes and trailers to jam. Young men in beautiful women in sweatshirts darkness of the night. and banjos, silver-haired grand-

"There are about 350 to 400 likes bluegrass music.

ties, a 9 percent rise over its 247 fatalities in 1995. Tarrant Country saw a decrease, from 135 in 1995 to

Statewide, 3,738 people were killed on Texas roads in 1996, an increase of almost 18 percent. Despite the increases, state and county officials

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are reluctant to establish a cause-and-effect relationship between speed and deaths just yet. They say there were a number of factors besides speed: Alcohol, traffic congestion, economics and increasingly hostile drivers.

"It's difficult to put a finger on it at this time,"

said Jim Templeton, manager of the accident records bureau for the Department of Public Safety. The type of study needed to determine a causeand-effect relationship requires certain data that we don't yet have."

Dallas Bishop Charles V. Grahmann has said the judgment will be appealed. Attorneys for the plaintiffs said the award already is worth \$150 million because of interest dating to the 1993 filing of the law-

If the judgment is upheld, interest could push the award to about \$200 million in the next three to five years, The News reported.

Plaintiffs attorney Sylvia Demarest said the diocese has enough liability insurance to cover the judgment. But it's not clear how much good those policies will do. Insurers around the country have been refusing to pay for clergy abuse, arguing just as plaintiffs have that church leaders knew who the dangerous priests were and failed to remove them.

> Tolbert said. "A lot play instruments. A lot don't. A lot just like to listen.'

> "I was talking to two young men awhile ago," said a security guard. "They said they'd been taking lesson for years, but they learned to play this afternoon under that tree over there."

After a few more songs and a The last few years, the crowds little kidding over some forgotten lyrics, the Tri-State Bluegrass Express narrowed their play list

A quarter mile away, the more shade trees. But the music Chapman Family from Ash Grove, Mo., were finishing up. The Tri-State Bluegrass Express would follow the next group, Star Canyon from San Angelo.

On the front row, Jack Selby was video-taping the perforall day Saturday until well after mances. Next to him sat Eudell's sister, Velda Chadwick, and their 90-year-old mother, Leta Gifford, gospel music, but throughout the waiting for her son and the final selection of the night, Orange Blossom Special.

The black outline of the horidark glasses and mandolins, zon long ago dissolved into the

Overhead, the stars seem to mothers playing bass and old twinkle more brilliantly than guitars. Children, oblivious to because of the clear weather. May their musical heritage, ran be it was because of a lack of city between the campsites playing lights with which to compete. May be somebody up there just

City briefs

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EMERGENCY JAIL Release. 24 hrs. Jack Ward, 669-9911. drives great. 665-3566. Adv.

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Weather focus

Tonight, chance of showers and thunderstorms. Low about 70. South wind 10-20 mph. Tuesday, partly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of thunderstorms. High 88. East to southeast wind 10-20 mph. Yesterday's high was 96; the overnight low, 73

REGIONAL FORCAST WEST TEXAS - Panhandle -Tonight, mostly cloudy with a chance of showers and thunderstorms. Low in the mid 60s. East wind 10-20 mph. Tuesday, partly sunny with a 30 percent chance of thunderstorms. High in the upper 80s. East to southeast wind 10-20 mph. Low Rolling Plains - Tonight, a slight chance of evening thunderstorms over the northern south plains and low rolling plains, otherwise partly cloudy. Lows from the mid 60s to lower 70s. Tuesday, partly cloudy. A slight chance of afternoon thunderstorms. Flighs 85-95. Permian Basin/Upper Trans Pecos - Tonight, a slight climice of thunderstorms over the Trans-Pecos, Otherwise partly cloudy. Lows around 70. Busseley, partly cloudy. Highs Guadalupe Mountains/Big Bend Avea -Innugity, acathered mainly eventing thanderstorms, other

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ties with a slight chance of Rio Grande plains. thunderstorms. Clear to partly cloudy elsewhere. Low 75 to scattered Cooler north. Highs lower 90s Red River counties to near 102 south. Heat advisory for counties through Tuesday, Afternoon heat the above counties.

SOUTH TEXAS -Hill Lows in the mid 70s, near 70 tral becoming partly cloudy tions. with a slight chance of showers or thunderstorms. Highs upper 90s west to mid 90s elsewhere. Southeast Texas and Upper Texas Coast — Tonight, partly cloudy with a slight chance of evening showers or thunder- ers and thunderstorms. Cooler storms. Lows in the mid 70s inland to near 80 coast. lower 90s. Tuesday night; part-Tuesday, partly cloudy with a ly to mostly cloudy with a chance of showers or thunder- chance of showers and thunstorms. Highs in the mid to derstorms, mainly southern upper 90s inland to near 90 Oklahoma and western north coast. Coastal Bend and the Rio Texas. Lows in the 60s.

the lower 60s mountains to Grande Plains - Tonight, partmid 70s along the Rio Grande. ly cloudy with isolated Tuesday, partly cloudy with evening showers and thunderwidely scattered thunder- storms. Lows near 80 coast to storms. Highs in the mid 80s the mid 70s inland. Tuesday, mountains to around 103 along partly cloudy with a slight chance of showers or thunder-NORTH TEXAS - Tonight, storms. Highs near 90 coast to partly cloudy Red River coun- upper 90s inland, around 100

BORDER STATES

NEW MEXICO - Tonight, 81. Tuesday, partly cloudy with scattered evening showers and thunderstorms. thunderstorms slowly diminishing and mostly ending after midnight with skies becoming partly cloudy. Lows 40s and Dallas, Tarrant, Denton, Collin 50s mountains, mostly 60s elsewhere. Tuesday and indices Tuesday night, partly cloudy between 105 to 115 degrees in with scattered afternoon and nighttime thunderstorms. A little cooler east. Highs 70s and Country and South Central 80s mountains and northeast Texas - Tonight, mostly clear. with mid 80s to mid 90s lower elevations west and south. Hill Country. Tuesday, brief Lows 40s and 50s mountains morning low clouds south cen- with mostly 60s lower eleva-

OKLAHOMA - Tonight, partly cloudy with a chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows from the mid 60s to mid 70s. Tuesday, partly to mostly cloudy with a chance of showwith highs from the mid 80s to

GOP press Attorney General Janet Reno for independent counsel

By JIM ABRAMS **Associated Press Writer**

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WASHINGTON (AP) Republicans are stepping up their demands that Attorney General Janet Reno appoint an independent counsel to investigate illegal campaign contributions, saying her reluctance to do so verges on political meddling.

That reluctance is "becoming more and more indefensible and I have to say there is growing concern about her actions," Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., said Sunday.

Lott, appearing on NBC's Meet the Press, said he was not calling John Huang "General Stonewall Reno" to extremely disturbing, and if it do something more.



resign, but "the pattern here is continues we're going to have to

Department to name an indepen-

Reno has argued that the charges of illegal campaign contributions from foreign countries do not meet the standards for naming an independent counsel credible evidence that Cabinetlevel officials committed a crime.

is conducting its own investigation. It has further angered Republicans by taking its time approving immunity for witnesses they want to call before the Senate committee conducting hearings on campaign fund-raising irregularities.

GOP senators, led by Sen. Arlen Charlie Trie, who arranged for Watergate complex, got himself that. Specter, R-Pa., have pushed for more than \$600,000 in contribufiling a lawsuit to force the Justice tions to the Democratic National Committee, denied allegations tional businessman. After the eleven of 20 requests for immuni-Sunday that he may have been campaign spending issue eruptworking as an agent for the Chinese government.

said he had "nothing to hide" and insisted that suggestions that he was involved in espionage "totally is false." ABC said Trie Instead, the Justice Department has been in Beijing for weeks, but Democratic Party fund-raiser, Daschle of South Dakota defendis considering returning to the United States where congressional investigators are eager to hear from him.

businessman whose restaurant gally funnel money into political talk about reasons why she can't Clinton frequented as governor, campaigns and what role, if any, grant immunity," he said on Trie came to Washington where Huang and the Indonesian com- ABC's This Week.

He did not elaborate. But other In another development, he set up an office in the pany, the Lippo Group, had in appointed to a presidential comed, Trie left for China.

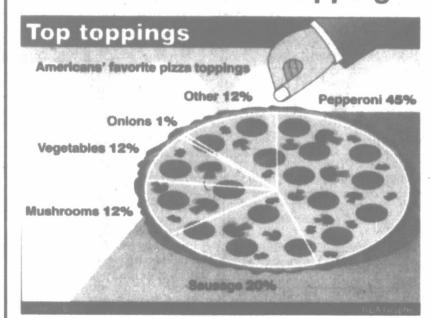
In an interview with ABC, Trie their fourth week, Specter said nity requests." On the others, he John Huang, a former Commerce an informed decision. Department official and glomerate with ties to China.

A former Little Rock, Ark., ed on whether China tried to ille- ing investigations, she can't even

Justice Department spokesman mission and became an interna- Bert Brandenburg said that ty have been granted and "it would be a mistake to say that we As the Senate hearings enter have not been processing immuthey will provide evidence of said, "we don't have enough direct links between the dates information at this point to make

Senate Democratic leader Tom received CIA briefings and when ed Reno. "The attorney general Huang called an Indonesian con- has a very tough job to do. She can't reveal her sources, she can't The hearings have concentrat- reveal the current state of ongo-

America's favorite toppings



Pepperoni is the most popular pizza topping among Americans, according to a recent poll. Almost half picked the spicy red sausage as their favorite pizza addition.

Clinton seeks support for various issues from governors

President Clinton has accused the plain last week about the governation's governors of "dragging nors: "They've been dragging their feet" on national school their feet." for support, warning that kids are at risk without heightened educa- implementing the welfare law tion benchmarks.

"If you don't want, even in a the strong economy, tens of thou- Congress, giving states greater sands of people standing around—control of welfare programs. on the street, vulnerable to gangs and guns and drugs and violence, and costing you money ed about - then we had better rededicate ourselves to a national

fund-raising dinner late Sunday. Aides described the remarks as a preview, in part, of Clinton's education and welfare message to today's Association in Las Vegas.

enlist in the Education the president said Sunday. Department's voluntary program of national testing and performance measures for gradeschoolers in math and science.

So far, just 15 urban school districts and six states have agreed -Kentucky, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, North Carolina and West Virginia – as well as schools operated by the Defense Department.

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LOS ANGELES (AP) - governor of Arkansas, to com-

their success up to now, since it was passed last year by Republican-controlled

But he also wants to underscore what remains to be done because welfare reform continues you just want to be narrow mind- to be a work in progress," Lockhart said

As for the budget-balancing commitment to excellence for compromise close to agreement every child in education," the on Capitol Hill, the president president told a Democratic suggested Sunday that a deal could be completed in time for an announcement before the governors' conference.

"I want us to make this balmeeting of the National Governors anced budget agreement tomorrow – (one) that I hope 90 percent Clinton is pushing states to of the Democrats will vote for,"

Policy and politics were not the only order of business planned for today: a good part of the president's schedule was set aside for

Clinton recently got the goahead from his doctor to resume playing after knee surgery. He played 18 holes Sunday at Los Angeles' Hillcrest Country Club, switching in and out of two five-That prompted Clinton, once somes during the round.

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Documentary raises new questions about Waco seige

FORT COLLINS, Colo. (AP) - A new documentary uses the government's own showings, including the Sundance Film ernment armored vehicles fired into the Denver Film Festival in October. Branch Davidian complex moments before a fire erupted, killing 75 people inside.

raises new questions about the federal government's account of the 1993 siege of the compound near Waco, Texas. It challenges the official version that portrayed the fire as a mass suicide by Davidian leader David Koresh and his followers.

principal writer for the documentary, directed by Emmy-winning director William Gazecki. Dan Gifford of Cable News Network and

his wife, Amy, produced the movie with

infrared imagery to try to prove that gov- Festival in Utah. It will be screened at the

The film Waco: The Rules of Engagement imagery in attempts to prove that the government's armored vehicles and agents fired into the rear of the complex. Waco was a focal point of the trial of

Timothy McVeigh, convicted of and sentenced to death for the April 19, 1995, bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building Mike McNulty of Fort Collins, who spent in Oklahoma City. Prosecutors said nearly four years investigating Waco, was the McVeigh blew up the building and killed 168 people in revenge for Waco.

The defense said McVeigh, a decorated Gulf War veteran who turned of the Seventh-day Adventists, had been against the government, sympa- around for decades. It says their views thized with the Davidians and was weren't far from the mainstream.

Rules of Engagement has had only limited profoundly affected by their deaths. For McNulty, Waco wasn't so much about politics as the deaths of members of a religious minority. He is a Mormon, and in 1838 The film is the first of the Waco documen- a group of Mormons was massacred in taries to use the government's own infrared Hauns Mill, Mo., under orders from that

> When McNulty saw CNN television coverage of the Branch Davidian complex going up in flames, "that was the first though I had: Was this another Hauns

> McNulty stressed that Waco is no justification for Oklahoma City, but said he hopes his film opens a new investigation of the Texas siege.

> The film notes the Davidians, an offshoot

Grand jury to hear Marine border shooting case this week MARFA, Texas (AP) – A grand Caver has said that he is lean-Jepson said he plans to present murdered in cold blood. His fam-

deciding Clemente Banuelos, a 22-year-old ment on the matter. Marine corporal, should be Esequiel Hernandez Jr.

home in the tiny border village of Patrol.

standards. Now, he is appealing On welfare, Clinton wants to completed, as far as we can go at iber rifle for a third shot when directly to his former colleagues recognize the governors for this time," James Jepson, the first Banuelos fired his M-16. assistant district attorney told the San Antonio Express-News.

"I'm sure there will be more as this thing continues.

Texas Rangers have led the investigation and Ranger Capt. Barry Caver has said he has doubts about the military's portrayal of the shooting as an act of self-defense.

whether since then has refused to com-

Military officials charged with murder or other Hernandez, who was tending crimes in the fatal shooting of his goat herd, was shot after firing twice at a four-man Marine Hernandez, an 18-year-old surveillance team that was goat herder, died May 20 a few watching a suspected drug route hundred yards from his family's at the request of the Border

The military maintains that the "The investigation has been 18-year-old had raised his .22-cal-

power to let Banuelos return to Marine obscurity with his unit at Camp Pendleton, Calif., by not indicting him. But an indictment would plunge him into a highstakes trial. The outcome could influence the future of military operations along the U.S.-Mexico

the Houston Chronicle.

for attorney general.

in the late 1980s.

AIDS policy group.

joined

The State Republican Executive

Committee is expected to elect

Ms. Weddington Saturday to suc-

ceed Pauken, the party chairman

from Dallas who resigned to run

career that began when she

Concerned Women for America

She later was active in Texans

In the early 1990s, Ms.

Weddington worked for the

Texas Conservative Coalition and

later for state Rep. Frank Corte Jr.,

R-San Antonio. She later became

involved with the Texas Public

Policy Foundation, a conservative

for Better Health, a conservative

the

It's a milestone in a political

conservative

jurors will make a decision by the government. end of the day. He added that he about the case to the jury.

return an indictment, thereby Express-News the day after his ordering that Banuelos be arrest- grandson's funeral. ed and face trial.

jury will convene Wednesday to ing toward murder charges, but at least six witnesses, and expects ily has hired lawyers to sue the

"This wasn't an accident. I will make no recommendation think they're pure murderers," Hernandez's grandfather, Valerio It would take nine votes to Pando, told the San Antonio

But according to Jack Some locals believe the Zimmermann, who is Banuelos Presidio High School sophomore, lawyer and a former Marine who was tending the family colonel, the Marine fired to save goats when he was shot, was the life of a comrade

Susan Weddington makes top state Republican chair

SAN ANTONIO (AP) - Susan views that she does, the Weddington, vice chairwoman of Republican Party as an organizathe Texas Republican Party since tion will lose the support of 1994, appears poised to succeed mainstream Texans," Democratic Tom Pauken this week in the Party Chairman Bill White told state GOP's top job.

The 46-year-old Christian conservative activist from San Antonio believes her scheduled election as Texas Republican Party chairwoman demonstrates that women have more opportunities in the GOP than in the Democratic Party.

"It's a powerful statement," she told the San Antonio Express-

Dick Weinhold, chairman of the Texas Christian Coalition, told the newspaper that Ms. Weddington will bring excitement to the party.

"I certainly count her as one of our friends," he said. "She'll work very hard to get Republicans elected up and

down the ballot." Top Texas Democrats are not impressed. They say Ms. Weddington's rise reaffirms that what they call the "radical right" retains control over the Republican Party and nudges it further out of the political mainstream.

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Opinion

NATO deserves closer scrutiny

Americans need to take a long, hard look at the invitation NATO has extended to three countries, Poland, Hungary and the Czech Republic, to join the alliance. President Clinton and his secretary of state, Madeleine Albright, brokered the deal, but the U.S. Senate ultimately must approve it with a two-thirds majority. That puts California Democratic Sens. Dianne Feinstein and Barbara Boxer in the hot seat.

The first question is whether Americans fully realize what the expansion means. Article 5 of the 1947 NATO treaty stipulates, "The parties agree that an armed attack against one or more of them ... shall be considered an attack against them all ... "The member nations then are required to use "armed force" against

Let's put that in perspective. About two million Hungarians live in Romania. Currently peace exists between the two countries. But if the situation worsens ten years from now and a war begins, Article 5 means the attack also is against the United States. Our country would be committed to war against Romania. Do Americans want to involve our country and its military - including nuclear weapons - in such potential disputes?

Or consider another flashpoint, Poland and Belarus. Until 1945, large parts of Belarus belonged to Poland. With Belarus a close ally of Russia, are Americans willing to be automatically involved - as required by Article 5 – should a dispute erupt?

A second question is one of cost. Ms. Albright insisted that only \$200 million a year would be required of the U.S. taxpayers. 'That's a joke, not an estimate," Ted Galen Carpenter, vice president for defense and foreign policy analysis at the Cato Institute, told us. The Congressional Budget Office in its report nearly two years ago said the total cost of a NATO expansion could amount to more than \$120 billion over the next 13 years. Americans, would pay \$20 billion to \$30 billion of that amount, or \$1.5 to \$2. billion a year

A third question is how realistic any new NATO commitments are for the United States. The Pentagon calculates it needs only four Army divisions and six Air Force Wings for a NATO rapid reaction force ready for deployment in Central Europe. But that's only slightly larger than the peace-keeping force in Bosnia. NATO wouldn't be able to mount any kind of serious military action, such as a defense against an invasion by Russia.

"I think the only real question is whether the enlargement proves to be a farce or a tragedy," Mr. Carpenter warned. "I would think the odds would be in favor of a farce. What the United States and the other allies appear to be doing is making paper guarantees to the new members. Ultimately the new NATO security guarantees to Poland and Hungary will be about as useful in a showdown as the British and French guarantees were to Poland in 1939," just before the country was carved up by the Soviet Union and Nazi Germany.

Finally, the only serious threat to Europe on the horizon is a reenergized Russia. But with Western Europe's population three times that of Russia and its economy 13 times larger, shouldn't the Europeans themselves work out their own security arrange-

-Odessa American

Thought for today

"What we've got to do, is to keep up our spirits, and be neighbourly. We shall come all right in the end, never fear."

Charles Dickens, Martin Chuzzlewit

Clinton overuses child card

Am I the only one who's grown tired of President Clinton's shameless habit of using "children" to defend practically every public policy he advocates? It's as if he thinks he's the second coming of George Washington – a latter-day father of our country.

Name an issue – any issue – and the president claims to have arrived at his position because of his profound concern for the well-being of America's 70 million or so youngsters. As to those folks who differ with the president on an issue - well, they must not love kids as much as he does.

That's precisely what the president insinuated when he announced his support for new clean-air standards. "I approved some very strong new regulations today that will be somewhat controversial, said Clinton. "But I think kids ought to be healthy."

But the debate is not about healthy kids. It's whether the benefits of the Draconian new regulations endorsed by Clinton justify the extraordinary new costs. Some 250 members of Congress, 27 governors, 1,000 mayors, and assorted state and local government officials do not think so.

Their sentiment is shared by at least one member "The incremental health-risk reduction for more stringent standards is small," according to a memo But there is n written by Alicia Munnell.

She estimated that just one of the new rules will cost as much as \$60 billion a year, while providing benefits of \$1 billion or less.

Munnell, a liberal economist, would no doubt agree with critics of the new clean-air standards that there are far more cost-efficient ways to reduce health risks for the nation's children.

Yet, her boss - the president - is moving full speed noted, "There is not a single study, not one study in not need to hide behind kids.



Joseph **Perkins**

Joseph Perkins is a columnist for the San Diego Union-Tribune and a commentator for MSNBC.

ahead with implementation of the onerous new clean air standards in the name of kids. Kids are also the pretext for the president's regula-

tory jihad against the distilled spirits industry. He's peeved with the rapscallions because they decided late last year to abandon their 50-year-old

voluntary ban on television advertising.
"Liquor has no business with kids, and kids have no business with liquor," the president of the more than one million new guns that are sold preached. "Liquor ads on television would provide a message of encouragement to drink that of the president's Council of Economic Advisers. young people simply don't need. Nothing good

> But there is no evidence whatsoever to support Clinton's wild claim that kids will start swilling gin or vodka or rum just because a Tanqueray or Absolut or Bacardi commercial airs on television. Indeed, that is the conclusion of Morris E. Chafetz, founding director of the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, a division of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

the United States or internationally that credibly con-nects advertising with an increase in alcohol use or abuse. Any assertion or assumption that alcohol ads increase use or abuse is fantasy, not fact."

It also is a fantasy that, by more heavily regulating sales of firearms to law-abiding adults, the government will curb juvenile gang violence.

But that didn't stop the president from issuing an executive order this month requiring the nation's 112,000 federally registered gun dealers to post signs and distribute written notices warning each and every gun purchaser that is a felony to sell or give a

"I want every adult who buys a gun to see that sign and think about it before they give a child a gun that could wind up in gang violence," the president

But how many law-abiding adults are walking into gun stores, buying firearms and turning them over to children? Probably not even one-half percent

in this country each year. All of which prompted National Rifle Association spokesman Bill Powers to chide the president for his hollow gesture. "Do not stand up and talk about stopping youth gang violence by throwing a card at people," he said. "Give me a break."

It is sophistry for President Clinton to frame every public-policy matter as a children's issue. He does this not because of fatherly concern for the nation's kids, but because he figures its the best way to deflect

opposition to his policies. But if the president puts forward sound policy, it In a recent, widely published commentary, Chafetz ought to be defensible on the adult merits. He ought

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Today's Highlight in History:
On July 28, 1945, a U.S. Army bomber crashed into the 79th floor of New York City's Empire State Building, killing 14 people.

On this date: In 1540, King Henry VIII's chief minister, Thomas Cromwell, was executed. The same day, Henry married his fifth wife, Catherine Howard.

In 1794, Maximilien Robespierre, a leading figure of the French Revolution, was sent to the guillo-

In 1821, Peru declared its independence from Spain.

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In 1868, the Fourteenth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, guaranteeing due process of law, was declared in

In 1896, the city of Miami, Fla., was incorporated.

ho's selling, not who's buy

Two important statements - one mumbled into what was believed to be a dead microphone and one very much on-the-record - sketch the parameters of what's going on in the Senate hearing investigating campaign-finance abuses in the 1996 election. The statement-makers were Canadian Prime Minister Jean Chretien and Sen. Fred Thompson, R-Tenn.

Not realizing that his mike was turned on and that his words were being recorded, Chretien chatted in French with his Belgian counterpart at the NATO meeting in Madrid, Spain. He condemned the American position allowing only three new members into NATO in the current season of NATO open admissions. Chretien said the Americans acted only to deliver a political payoff to Czech, Polish and Hungarian voters in America. Chretien said: "All this is for short-term political reasons to win elections ... In fact, they are selling their votes: You want me to vote for NATO? Don't forget the bridge in my district." Sacre bleu! Chretien then continued: "It's incredible. In your country or in mine, all (those) politicians would be in prison." (The political virginity of European democracies has escaped most observers.) Put politicians in prison!

Cut now to the opening statement of Sen. Thompson, chairman of the investigating committee. Unlike Chretien, he knew his mike was live. He led off this way: "The committee believes that high-level Chinese government officials crafted a plan to increase China's influence over the U.S. political process. The committee has identified specific steps taken in furtherance of the plan. Implementation of the plan has been handled by Chinese government officials and individuals enlisted to assist in the effort. Activities in furtherance of the plan have how damning and dangerous their statements are occurred both inside and outside of the United when they say "Everyone does it," and "It's old to spend a hot summer.



Ben Wattenberg

Ben Wattenberg is the author of Values Matter Most and is the host of the weekly public television program Think Tank.

States. Our investigations suggest that the plan con-A communist semi-superpower trying to buy an

American presidential election! Outer-directed vs. inner-directed. Thompson stressed that bad guys in China were trying to subvert American democracy. Chretien said that American politicians regularly subvert American

toward the question Chretien raises. After all, China is not the only country in the world that tries to influence American elections or politics. There should be an Olympic event for it at the Sydney Games. The key question is: Do American politicians purposefully act illegally for political and personal gain?

answer. No, Virginia, most American politicians don't act illegally, and don't sell their votes to communist dictatorships or anyone else, and don't belong in prison. Do the Democratic spinners realize

news." This, from the avatars of democracy? It is because Chretien is wrong, not right, that

Thompson's inquiry is so important. Of course, Thompson understands that. He only misemphasized the problem; he did not ignore it. His list of allegations was substantial and perhaps staggering: money laundering; influence peddling; and violations of the Ethics in Government Act, the Hatch Act and conflict of interest laws. He knows the central question was not who was buying, but who was sell-So stay tuned. There are important issues at play.

At a time when America is trying to lead the world toward democratic values, will we allow Chretien's ugly view to prevail? Did the Clinton campaign purposefully act in an illegal manner to raise money? If so, can they be rightfully accused of trying to buy a presidential election? (Money helps get votes; illegal money helps get functionally illegal votes.) If so, what sorts of punishment are appropriate, and for whom? Does such activity question the legitimacy of The first score goes to Chretien. The ultimate root the Clinton second-term administration? How does of the Thompson hearings will, and must, evolve that stack up politically against the important consideration that Clinton is doing a rather good job these days?

Given their record in the first week of hearings, I wouldn't put much faith in the mainstream media on this matter. They didn't get it, or even close to it. They babble on about whether the hearings "got off Chretien has the right question and the wrong to a fast start," what kind of immunity John Huang might or might not get, what the spinners spun, and how big an audience there was.

Fox News is now broadcasting gavel-to-gavel coverage with only short breaks. No intermediaries. Draw your own conclusions. There are worse ways

Will North's 15 minutes ever expire

This month's 10th anniversary of the Iran-Contra hearings brings with it two thoughts about Oliver

First is, if you traced his lineage a few generations, you would likely find a common ancestor with

Second is, if we could sneak a peak in Ollie's shower, we would likely find a can of Brasso in the Really, have you ever seen a national figure with

more brass body parts than Oliver North? The man admitted to a jury that he had sold weapons to the Iranian mullahs. He conceded that he had diverted the revenues to the Nicaraguan Contras. He confessed that he had lied to Congress about it. He acknowledged that he had tried to obstruct the investigation.
The jury agonized, argued, cried and prayed for

twelve days, then dismissed nine counts and convict-And how did Ollie react? He was thankful for the

forbearance of the American people, right? Well, not America. Heck, make that the world. He saved the exactly. The verdict was a "partial vindication," he Then two Reagan-appointed appeals judges threw

out his conviction on a technicality, and a word of appreciation for the mercifulness of the American system seemed in order. But Ollie had other thoughts. He was "totally exonerated," he said.

In defiance of Andy Warhol's 15-minutes-of-fame rule, North has remained on our screens for a full decade. Surely he has experienced a moment or two of remorse over the years.

Well, no, not really What people need to understand, he has been diversion."



Joseph Spear

telling reporters who seek him out for their 10th anniversary stories, is that he was right all along. His terrible ordeal was in fact a mighty struggle against 'an imperial Congress.

More than that: The defeat of the Nicaraguan Sandinistas was the first major setback for the evil Soviet empire, so what he really did was save world. Anyway, Ronald Reagan knew all along what Ollie was doing. "I would not have done a single thing that I did if I'd thought for a second that Ronald Reagan didn't personally approve," he told USA

Do you remember what Ronald Reagan had to say about Oliver North's claim of presidential complicity? "I do have to admit that I am getting pretty steamed about the statements coming from Oliver North," Reagan fumed in 1994. "I never instructed him or anyone in my administration to mislead Congress ... And I certainly did not know about the Iran-Contra

This brings me back to my first thought: Oliver North is the Richard Nixon of the '90s. You whip out your gold cross and you beat the vampire back. You stomp him, you think you're rid of him, then you turn around and there he is again.

Ronald Reagan's denunciation should have been the death knell for Oliver North, but it hardly fazed him. Oh, OK, he said, "If the president says he didn't know, he didn't know.

President Reagan is but the most notable in a long fine of luminaries who have questioned Oliver North's veracity.

Nancy Reagan: "He lied to my husband and lied about my husband, kept things from him that he should not have kept from him, and that's what I think about Ollie North.

Gen. Norm Schwarzkopf: "I have some real concerns with ethics and integrity as far as Colonel North is concerned.

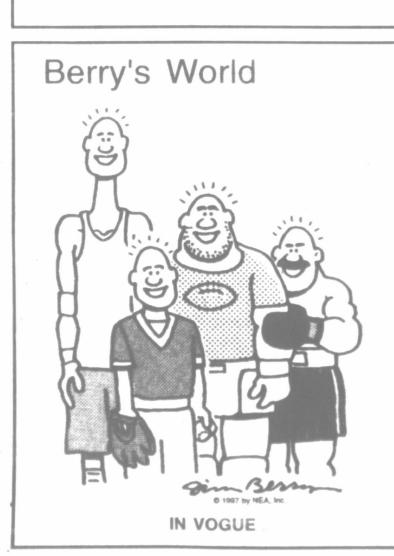
Gen. John Singlaub: North "fantasizes so many

Adm. Elmo Zumwalt Jr.: "Oliver North hasn't just broken the law or lied to the American people, though he has done both. He has disgraced his uniform and debased our democracy.'

Former secretary of the Navy James Webb:"Many people who have known Oliver North well have marveled at the exaggerations and misrepresentations he has brought to the public arena. The blows glanced off North's chin like pebbles off

a windshield. He hit the lecture circuit, wrote a bestselling memoir, signed up to host a talk show, became

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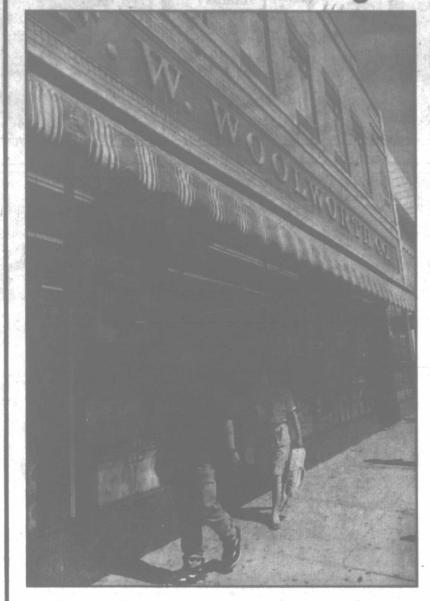
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Shoppers walk past F.W. Woolworth store on Main Street in downtown McAllen, Texas, recently. The company has announced that it will close its fiveand-dime stores nationwide after failing to compete against the big discount stores.

World briefs

Report: Explosion in oil company building kills eleven

MOSCOW (AP) - A natural gas tank exploded in the kitchen of an oil company building today, killing at least eleven people and injuring 19.

Rescue crews worked for hours to free employees of the Lukoil-Permneft Oil Co. in Kueda, in Russia's western Perm region, the Ministry of Emergency Jerusalem construction Situations said.

The blast shattered a two-story building, part of an oil process- an American millionaire wants to ing station, that housed a canteen build a Jewish housing complex on the first floor and offices on in an Arab neighborhood have the second floor, according to the warned they will block bulldoz-ITAR-Tass news agency. Both ers with their bodies if need be to were occupied at the time of the stop the project. blast, it said.

Chairman of troubled Thai computer firm Alphatec resigns

BANGKOK, Thailand (AP) — The chairman of a computer ceed. company that was supposed to be the cornerstone of Thailand's emerging high-tech sector resigned today, following allegations that \$156 million has disappeared during his watch.

of Alphatec Electronics PCL, informed his employees by email of his resignation, according the project Thursday. Prime to a senior company official who Minister Benjamin Netanyahu spoke on condition of anonymity. opposes it at this point and two

a report in the daily Manager appeal against the construction to newspaper that \$156 million has the committee that approved it. disappeared from the company or its subsidiaries while Charn has been chairman. Alphatec the Ras el-Amud neighborhood supplies computer chips to U.S. for at least a month, and the giants Texas Instruments Inc. and developer, Irving Moskowitz of Cypress Semiconductor Corp.

report, statements filed to the mit.

Stock Exchange of Thailand also had been falsified. The stock exchange today suspended trading of Alphatec stock, which closed Friday at 63 cents per share.

Charn could not be reached for comment and an Alphatec spokeswoman also was unavailable for comment.

Palestinians vow to rebuff U.S. millionaire's

IERUSALEM (AP)

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said Sunday that the project will not go forward, at least for now, but about 30 skeptical Palestinians gathered at a youth club to discuss what to do if construction is allowed to pro-

"We should ... defend our land, including fighting bulldozers chaining ourselves in front of bulldozers – so that the Israelis will understand that we are not eared during his watch. just talking," said Faisal Charn Uswachoke, chairman Husseini, the PLO official in

charge of Jerusalem. City officials issued a permit for The resignation coincided with city councilors submitted an

Israel radio said the move would delay any construction in Miami Beach, has suggested he According to the Manager will not immediately use the per-

China being courted

Japanese nervous about competition from U.S., attempts to woo China

OSAKA, Japan (AP) - The buzzwords being Chinese, who are increasingly drawn to the ry of a war from 50 years ago is something decidedly those of corporate Japan: benevo- even rock 'n' roll of the United States. lent management, superb technology, team

But the seven eager students at this training session for Matsushita Electric Industrial Co. managers are not your average bunch. They are Chinese - and represent the front line of a renewed push by Japanese industry into the huge Chinese market.

Much of the impetus for the concern over the Chinese market is defensive. Japanese corporate leaders fear the United States is becoming a stronger competitor in their back yard and they want to protect their turf.

And their interests are considerable. Japan's investment in China - at \$4 billion - is about double that of the United States. And the list of Japanese companies is extensive, including the likes of Nissan Motor Co., NEC Corp. and Nisshin Steel Co.

Matsushita alone has invested \$558 million in 31 joint ventures and three fully owned companies in China.

The electronics giant has courted China since 1978, when Chinese leader Deng Xiaoping, eager to modernize Chinese manufacturing, visited a Matsushita color TV plant

Deng also met company founder Konosuke Matsushita, famous as the inventor of a quirky, uniquely Japanese management method that emphasizes zen-like characterbuilding, such as humility, courtesy and dedi-

But, with Deng's death this year, some Japanese business leaders are worried that their old-boys network in China may be rapidly withering with age.

"The Chinese have more respect for Americans. They just see Japan as having the technology," said a Matsushita executive, Yukio Shohtoku.

anti-Japanese sentiment among younger charge of its China business. "The memo-funneled money to the Democratic Party.

thrown around the conference room are democratic freedoms, superpower prowess, the Americans don't have to deal with."

The sagging interest in Japan is also ic leverage reflected in a drop of Chinese exchange stuthe past two years – the first decrease in two

If more and more Chinese go to the United States, Japanese officials fear, they will likely Asia in March, China signed contracts with

Americans also have the edge in diplomat-

Although the Japanese government has a dents enrolling in Japanese universities over reputation for orchestrating economic growth at home, it likes to keep a low profile

on the international stage. During Vice President Al Gore's visit to

Japan's investment in China – at \$4 billion – is about double that of the United States. And the list of Japanese companies is extensive, including the likes of Nissan Motor Co., NEC Corp. and Nisshin Steel Co.

have grown to trust.

U.S. automakers, for instance, have developed an edge over their Japanese rivals by using Chinese-American employees with the language and cultural skills to serve as a bridge between the two nations.

"Japan has to catch up with the U.S.A. in terms of attracting Chinese people," Shohtoku said. "That's what I am most worried about when I think of the long-term future."

The image battle won't be easy. Japanese companies know they are up against the legacy of their country's military aggression before and during World War II, which left many Chinese with bitter hatred

toward the Japanese. Japanese soldiers committed atrocities in China, including massacres of civilians, sexual enslavement of Asian women for frontline brothels and a special unit that experimented on prisoners of war.

Shohtoku sees disturbing signs of growing Toyota Motor Corp.'s vice president in recently, allegations that Beijing may have

opt to do business with the Americans they General Motors Corp. and Boeing Co. Japanese Prime Minister Ryutaro Hashimoto's visit in September is unlikely to land similar deals for Japanese corporations.

> Matsushita leads the Americans in its TV, air-conditioner and other electronics business in China. But it is likely to be at a disadvantage in winning telecommunications projects, where politics are bound to play a bigger role. One possible plus the Japanese have is appealing to the Chinese as fellow Asians

> who have an intertwined history and culture. At the recent workshop for the Chinese executives from Matsushita's joint ventures, one of the Chinese trainees said Chinese and Japanese at Matsushita work well together because they share a common outlook.

Between the lectures, the Chinese were taken on a tour of Japan's ancient capital of Nara, where centuries-old artifacts show clear influences of Chinese culture.

Some Japanese businesses also think they "When you think about history, there is could benefit from U.S.-Chinese tensions over an element of difficulty," said Akira Yokoi, human rights, copyright violations and, more

Lott: Weld's chances slim for post in Mexico

Police probe slaying of high-powered dominatrix

trix in Las Vegas, called the build-

Inside the apartment were cos-

tumes, chains, whips, police said.

address book for leads.

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Central Park.

William Weld's chances of being confirmed sadorship, has run into the possibly insurmountambassador to Mexico may have disap- able opposition of Sen. Jesse Helms, R-N.C., the peared when he criticized the powerful head conservative head of the Foreign Relations of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, Committee. Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott said Helms, who effectively can kill a nomination by Sunday.

that he by no means is giving up. In Boston, sources close to Weld said Sunday that Weld will resign as governor to fight for the ambassadorship full time.

effective 5 p.m. Tuesday, at a news conference Monday, the source told The Associated Press. It likely will be an uphill battle, if Lott's com-

ments are any barometer. "The biggest problem right now is Gov. Weld shot his foot off," Lott, R-Miss. said on NBC's

"Meet the Press." "He held a news conference and bashed the chairman of the committee that held his fate on this nomination."

Weld, who was formally nominated by the kind of Republican."

NEW YORK (AP) – A 58-year-

old woman shot to death at her

dark apartment amid whips,

chains and cages was a domina-

trix, police said, an expert who

offered fantasy bondage from

sensuous teasing to exquisite tor-

The body of Nadia Frey - who

called herself "Mistress Hilda

Pierce" and dressed in a black

cowgirl outfit in sex magazines -

was found Saturday at her black-

She had been shot four times.

Police said there was no sign of

forced entry into the apartment

on Manhattan's prosperous

and-gold painted apartment.

WASHINGTON (AP) - Massachusetts Gov. White House last week to the Mexico City ambas-

refusing to schedule hearings, has said that Weld But Weld, a moderate Republican, indicated is unqualified for the job because he is soft on drugs. Weld has supported the medical use of marijuana and a needle exchange program for

The governor made his decision to resign and Weld will announce his resignation as governor, pursue the ambassadorship at a meeting Sunday afternoon at his home in Cambridge, according to the source. Among those attending were his wife, Susan, his chief of staff, press secretary and two top political advisers.

Weld has fought back, accusing Helms of "ideological extortion" and saying that Helms' opposition has nothing to do with drug policy. "It has everything to do with the future of the Republican Party. In plain language, I am not Senator Helms'

Upper West Side, not far from customers in a crucifix position.

Police were searching Frey's among salons, dentist offices and

Police said the woman's told the Daily News that a steady

daughter, reportedly a domina- stream of limousines, Mercedes

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THE PAMPA NEWS

Monday, July 28

Up-Front Breakfast Attire Takes Visiting Couple Aback

DEAR ABBY: For the past six years, my husband and I have vacationed in Florida, where our friends "Myrtle" and "Gary" share their home with us for a week. We aren't moochers; we buy groceries, pay for their meals when we eat out, and drive our car when we go places.

This year, however, something strange happened. Myrtle came to the breakfast table wearing only a transparent lace nightgown. Nothing was left to the imagination. This nappened twice, but since my husband and I were guests in their home, I was reluctant to suggest that she wear a robe. Perhaps she meant nothing by it, but she made other subtle passes at my husband during our stay.

I kept quiet because I feared that if I objected or made a scene, the vacation would be ruined for every-

My husband was also taken aback by Myrtle's bold display. Neither of us can imagine why she behaved this way after all our years of friendship.

What should I have done? And what should I do if she repeats this seductive behavior next year? CONFUSED UP NORTH

DEAR CONFUSED: It's water under the bridge now, but at the time, you could have talked to her privately and suggested that she cover herself appropriately, or you and your husband could have packed up and

Horoscope

Tuesday, July 29, 1997

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ably as well. Trying to patch up a broken

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moved to a hotel.

Next year, decline their hospitality and make hotel reservations — and if they ask you why, tell them.

DEAR ABBY: I have been divorced from my wife for several years and I now live with my girlfriend. My ex-wife and my girlfriend have become very friendly and spend extended periods of time on the telephone with each other. This makes me very uncomfortable

I have made my feelings clear to both of them, but I cannot insist beaming with all the praise. After 37 they stop. They have the right to choose their own friends.

Is it common for ex-wives and girlfriends to take a shine to one another, or is this unusual? **UNCOMFORTABLE**

IN PHOENIX DEAR UNCOMFORTABLE: Consider yourself fortunate. Many individuals find it impossible to keep peace between expartners and the person with whom they are currently

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) If something competitive develops today where your career is concerned, Lady Luck will do all she can to push you up front. Do not be intimidated

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Acknowledge any creative ideas that come to you today. Even if they can't be used immediately, put them on paper for future reference. They could be winners.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) A person In the year ahead you may have more with whom you have emotional ties might prove to be a beneficial channel for you opportunities than you've had previously today to help bring something desirable to increase your material worth. Do not hesitate to ask for compensation that is SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Things

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Do not be a loner could work out rather well today in develtoday and deprive others of your com- opments where you serve as a partner, working in conjunction with another for a common cause. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Con-

romance? The Astro-Graph Matchmaker ditions that have a benign affect upon can help you understand what to do to your earning abilities look good today. Watch for immediate ways to increase your income

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) You will have an A-plus day that will be very evi-

Do not assume that the two are spending time talking about you. More than likely, they simply enjoy conversing with each other. Enjoy their friendship, and let them do the same.

DEAR ABBY: Before my husband and I were married, he showered me with gifts large and small. After we married, it became my duty to send the cards and buy the gifts for family and friends.

My birthday, Mother's Day and Christmas would go by with no gift or card. I would suffer in silence, getting more and more depressed as the time

Finally, after several years of this, I decided not to allow my feelings to be hurt any longer. Two weeks before the big day, I would remind him, "My birthday is in a couple of weeks, and I'd really like that dress we saw or those beautiful earrings. Why don't we go out for dinner at (blank)?"

It worked! I was happy and he was years, he hasn't caught on yet

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dent to others. You should be wellreceived wherever you go. Do not hide vour light under a bushel

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Maintain high hopes today and be persistent in your endeavors. Events might not start out to your liking, but they should conclude to your satisfaction.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Dare to be a dreamer today and don't be afraid to think big. Trends are developing that could allow you to turn your wishes into TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Material

prospects look interesting today, especially if you're teamed up with an individual who has been lucky for you lately. GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Today, if your

outlook is optimistic, it will enhance your other attributes. Do not let negative thinkers influence you otherwise. CANCER (June 21-July 22) Others

might be deceived by outward appearinces, but not you. Your probing that uncover reality is one of your best ©1997 by NEA. Inc













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Miriam, just because the wine is a little too sweet is no reason to make a scene and send it back







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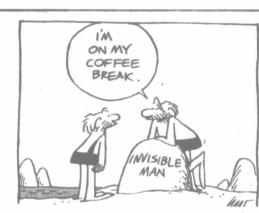






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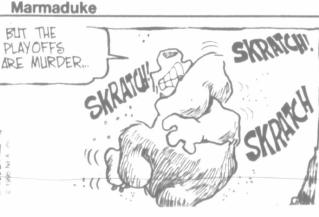
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"Kids who live in a lighthouse

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"He doesn't bite, but his tail is a lethal weapon.



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SPORTS

Football

PAMPA - There will be a Harvester Booster Club meeting at 7 p.m. July 28 in the Ready Room at Valhalla.

Parents of freshmen, junior varsity and varsity players are urged to attend.

Call 669-0780 or 665-6082 if more information is needed.

Golf

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WARREN, Ohio (AP) Tammie Green eagled the fifth playoff hole Sunday to beat Laura Davis and win the Giant Eagle LPGA Classic at Avalon Lakes Golf Course.

It was the second time Green eagled the 451-yard, par-5 18th in the playoff as she and Davies did it on the third extra hole.

Green, who was playing one group in front of Davies, forced the playoff when she birdied the closing hole for a 4-under-par 68 that put her at 13-under 203 for 54 holes.

Davies had a chance to win the tournament in regulation but her 3-foot birdie putt rimmed the cup and she finished with a clos-

The playoff format at the 6,308yard course required the players to play holes No. 18 and No. 10, repeating that order until a winner was determined.

Davies' tee shot on the final playoff hole found the left rough and left her obstructed by trees. After Green used a 6-iron on her second shot to get within four feet of the pin, Davies was forced to go for the green. Her second shot solidly hit a tree and ricocheted left.

It was Green's second victory of the year --- she won the Sprint Titleholders Championship and fifth of her career. She has won two of five playoffs she has been and is 1-1 in them this year. Davis dropped to 1-7 for her career in playoffs.

Green won \$90,000 and moved her career earnings to \$2.7 million. Davies earned \$55.855 to second place.

Two-time defending champion Michelle McGann shot 3-over 75 Sunday to finish 3-under for the tournament.

Baseball

HOUSTON -- A game-by-game list of the Houston Astros' ninegame winning streak, dating to a 3-1 loss to San Francisco on July 17. With Sunday's 7-1 victory over Montreal, the Astros moved within one victory of the club record of 10 consecutive victories. The streak:

July 27 — Houston 7, Montreal

July 26 — Houston 9, Montreal

July 25 — Houston 5, Montreal

July 24 — Houston 10, Montreal 5

July 23 — Houston 7, St. Louis

July 22 — Houston 4, St. Louis

July 20 — Houston 9, Montreal July 19 — Houston 8, Montreal

July 18 — Houston 2, Montreal

BORGER -- Frank Phillips College Lady Plainsmen Baketball Team signed Stacy Simmons. Simmons is a 5'6" combo guard from West Oso High School in Corpus Christi, Texas. She averaged 16 points, 5.7 rebounds, 5.7 assists and 3.6 steals per game her senior year. During both her junior and senior years, she was named First Team All-District, Corpus Christi All-Metro, All-South Texas and TABC All-Region. She was also selected 2nd Team All-State by Texas Basketball magazine and selected to play in the TABC All-Star game her senior

and 2 guard spot for the Lady Plainsmen. Coach Meyer says passer, and can shoot the three or penetrate." He looks forward to her coming to Borger and being an asset to the 1997-98 Frank Phillips Lady Plainsmen Team.

Notebook Clark home run seals Rangers win

the No. 2 spot in the batting order, drove in two runs and scored the tie-breaking run on a time up than everyone else." wild pitch in the seventh inning

notch. The combination, Oates the first at-bat over with." said, reminded him of his days 1977-78 when Davey Lopes and Bill Russell batted 1-2.

"It looked pretty good to me," Oates said. "Actually, first is his Greer's groundout.

McLemore or Goodwin.

"It gives us a lot of flexibility at

"The only thing about the leadoff one-run games. spot is that you may get one more

"Being in the lineup was dence." as the Rangers beat the Chicago enough for me," said Goodwin, White Sox 5-4 on Sunday night. acquired from Kansas City on Oates inserted newly acquired Friday night in a trade for third Tom Goodwin into the leadoff baseman Dean Palmer. "I just Friday night in a trade for third Rangers a 5-3 lead, helping them baseman Dean Palmer. "I just withstand a homer by Frank spot, moving McLemore down a wanted to get in a game and get

With the game tied 3-3 and one McLemore doubled off Tony the game and advanced on Rusty (Goodwin's) least productive Karchner relieved Castillo and ninth for his 22nd save in 28 him at the top." skipped past catcher Jorge
It didn't matter to either Fabregas to the backstop, allowskipped past catcher Jorge first and third with two out. ing McLemore to score.

CHICAGO (AP) - Texas man- the top of the order," said ing groundout in the first and hit ankle, went 3-for-4, including a scored on McLemore's groundager Johnny Oates may have McLemore, who was batting .329 a home run leading off the third two-run single in the Chicago out. Rookie Fernando Tatis led off finally found his one-two punch. in 39 games since moving back as the Rangers won their third Mark McLemore, dropped to into the leadoff spot on June 14. straight. Texas now is 10-23 in

"It's a win," Oates said, "and the guys are playing with confi-

Will Clark led off the eighth weren't worried about him.' with his 11th homer to give the Thomas in the bottom half, his

'We had a lot of opportunities with the Los Angeles Dodgers in out in the Rangers seventh, all weekend and we could not get Castillo (3-4) for his third hit of White Sox, who have lost 10 of their last 14 games.

Robin Ventura, playing his

sixth to tie the game.

"Robin is healthy," White Sox home run to make it 2-0. manager Terry Bevington said. "I think we all keep forgetting that. He's probably the best third baseman in the American League. We

Coupled with Cleveland's 4-2 win over Oakland, the loss dropped the White Sox 5 1/2 games behind the Indians in the AL Central, the furthest Chicago has been behind since July 17.

"We all have to kick ourselves him about the first homer. the big hit," Thomas said of the in the tail and get going because we can't keep relying on Cleveland losing," starter Danny John Wetteland pitched the Darwin said.

Eric Gunderson (2-0) gained spot. But I like our lineup with his first pitch to Juan Gonzalez opportunities, leaving runners at the win with 1 2-3 innings of

Goodwin tripled in his first atfourth game in his comeback bat for the Rangers leading off striking out one. Darwin matched McLemore also hit a run-scor- from a fractured and dislocated the game against Darwin and his season high with seven strike-

the Texas second with his first

Ventura doubled in the Chicago second against Texas starter Tanyon Sturtze, advanced on Harold Baines' groundout and scored on Mike Cameron's sacrifice fly.

McLemore led off the Texas third with his first homer since Sept. 15, 1996, to put the Rangers up 3-1 before Ventura tied it. McLemore's teammates razzed

"They asked if I wanted the ball, if I wanted to sign it," McLemore said. "I don't have many (home runs) but I do have more than one."

Sturtze, making his first major league start, gave up five hits and walked two over 5 1-3 innings,



Championship flight winners in the Tri-State Tournament are as follows: Tommy Wilson, runnerup; Eddie Duenkel, champion; E.C. Roark, fourth place and Dill DeLoach, third place.

Messier reportedly headed for Vancouver Canucks

future. And that future will be in will be announced at a news con- another team. Vancouver, according to broadcast ference today in Vancouver, and published reports.

ESPN; UPN 9, a television station excess of \$20 million. based in nearby Secaucus, N.J., as

British Columbia.

and agreed to a long-term deal may have options for a fourth and Coast over the weekend. with the Canucks, according to fifth season, making the deal in

tract worth \$10 million plus an Cups with the Edmonton Oilers.

Messier has reportedly agreed option year, on Sunday night said Messier could make a decision to a three-year deal worth \$18 mil- they had not been informed of any known this week on his hockey lion to \$20 million that UPN 9 said decision by the player to sign with

Messier was reported to have made the decision to join the The 36-year-old free agent has Today's (New York) Daily News Canucks after meeting with team spurned the New York Rangers reported that the Vancouver deal owner John McCaw on the West

Messier has played six seasons with the Rangers and led them to The Rangers, who had reported-their first Stanley Cup in 54 years well as the New York Post and ly offered Messier a two-year con- in 1994. He also won five Stanley

Pampa Bambino All-Stars ousted in tourney action

HARRISON, ARK. — The fourth innings. Mississippi Champions 9-2 on Saturday.

took a 1-0 lead in the first standing fielding play with a inning when Heuston smacked diving catch on a fly ball in left a one-out double to right center field in the second inning. field. He took third on an Moree and Jay Gerber also infield hit by Jordan Klaus, made good catches in center Pampa's leading hitter in tour-field and right field, respectivenament play, and scored on a ly. single by Ryan Zemanek.

strikes paint the outside corner with wins over Tulia, Lockney, as they struck out nine times Andrews, and doubleheader all the way to third on an infield Their bats deserted them in the out and scored on a passed ball. regional tournament causing

Tyson Moree in the third inning second year in a row.

Pampa Optimist All Stars were Zemanek was touched for ousted from the Major Bambino seven hits and four earned runs Regional Tournament losing to in three innings. Simon gave up State three runs and three hits in two Champions 6-2 on Friday and to innings. Zemanek hit one batthe South Arkansas State ter, walked one and struck out

In Saturday's game, Pampa Braddock turned in the out-

Pampa won the West Texas Pampa watched five third State Championship in Tulia and did not get another hit until wins over Plainview on the Klaus singled in the sixth, went final day of the tournament. Pampa wasted a walk to them to go two and out for the

and an error which allowed The 11- and 12-year olds were John Braddock to reach base in the only Pampa Optimist all the fifth inning. Pampa went star team to advance beyond out in order in the second and the state tournament this year.

Cink records first PGA title One-stroke victory

By CHRISTINE HANLEY

AP Sports Writer

CROMWELL, Conn. (AP) — Rookie Stewart Cink won his first the green. The ball cleared the PGA Tour title Sunday, a one-pond by only inches but bounced stroke victory in the Greater on the green and went left, well Hartford Open that was secured within reach of a two-putt for when Jeff Maggert bogeyed the par.

on a negative note," said Cink, going to be in that situation again who was in the clubhouse when (tied for lead). You've got to go Maggert self-destructed at No. for it," said Cink, who made his 18, ending what looked like a professional debut at the 1995 guaranteed playoff. "But it's Greater Hartford Open, finishing

Cink closed with a 4-under-par 66 for a 13-under 267 total, Daly completed four straight matching the tournament record solid rounds in his his first tourset by Greg Norman in 1995. nament since leaving the U.S. Maggert, who carried a two- Open early. He closed with a 68 stroke lead into the final round, for a 4-under 276 total. finished with a 69 and in a threeway tie for second.

side of the fairway, just short of a rounds." bunker. Using a utility wood, he then hit his approach to the right two-way race between Maggert of the green, getting a bad lie in and Cink, and appeared headed deep rough. His wedge then for a certain playoff after 17 bounced too far past the flag for holes. him to save par.

on the final hole to tie Cink. Cink won three times on

the Nike Tour last year. He is the Cink until Cink birdied No. 10. fourth first-time winner on the Maggert reclaimed the lead with \$496,878 this year.

One of his best highlights came No. 14. at No. 17, where his tee shot bounced to the left of the cart 1993 Walt Disney.

path, with a downhill lie. Instead of playing safe and laying up in front of the water, Cink went for

"It was a tough shot, a tough "You hate to see it end like that, lie. But you never know if you're tied for 18th. A fitter and healthier John

"It's been a pretty good yay tie for second. week," Daly said. "Just to get At No. 18, Maggert pushed his back in the groove of things. ... It drive into the rough on the left felt good just to play four

For most of the day it was a

Byrum actually left himself Matching Maggert's 268 were with a better chance to force a Brandel Chamblee and Tom playoff, reaching the green in Byrum, who each had a chance two. But his putt breezed just past the side of the cup.

Maggert was a stroke ahead of PGA Tour this year. The \$270,000 a birdie at No. 12, but fell back prize pushed his earnings to into a tie with Cink when he missed a 5-foot putt for par at

Maggert has only one win, the

Basketball

Simmons will play the point "She is a good ball handler and

to THSCA All-Star Game FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — Dallas Kimball Spurs and Dallas Mavericks. He recently spent two coach Goree Johnson figured he didn't have a choice weeks playing for the Los Angeles Lakers in a sum-

Sasser leads North

last season. Even though Jeryl Sasser was one of his mer league. best outside shooters and a great ball-handler, he also was one of the tallest guys on the team.

That made him a center. Sasser was only 6-foot-5, but it didn't matter. Sasser still led the Knights to their second consecutive Class 5A state title this past spring.

Johnson will coach Sasser one last time Monday night, in the Texas High School Coaches Association's annual all-star basketball game. With a roster full of kids taller than Sasser, Johnson finally

has a choice on where to play him. This time, Johnson will let Sasser start at point guard and maybe play some shooting guard, the position he'll likely play this fall for Southern Methodist.

"The two guard is my natural position, really," Sasser said. "But at Kimball I was about the tallest guy on the team and had to play whatever position my coach wanted. It didn't matter as long as we won."

Sasser was one of the main reasons Kimball won, averaging around 18 points and 16 rebounds as the Knights went 38-2 to win their third state title of the

Sasser also was a star on the 1996 team that went 38-2 and won the championship. His brother Jason led the 1990 Knights to another crown. Jason Sasser went on to star for Texas Tech and last

season played briefly in the NBA for the San Antonio

Johnson said Jeryl's game is pretty similar to

Jason's, with one notable exception. 'Jeryl is a better outside shooter," the coach said. Sasser showed off his guard skills whenever recruiters visited him, then moved back to center for games. He believes the time spent on the inside have helped develop his overall game.

"I can take my guy inside more than most other guys," Sasser said. "I know the moves to do to get a foul or get a bucket, and when I'm covered by a smaller man I can shoot over them. It'll give me a nice

Plenty of colleges were interested in Sasser, but many scared themselves off by believing he was a lock to follow his brother to Tech, even though the Red Raiders are being investigated by the NCAA.

"That was kind of odd for me," Sasser said. "Everybody expected me to go to Texas Tech and I expected myself to go to Texas Tech, to tell the truth. But with the situation there, I didn't know if they would be on probation, or not be in the tournament

or not be televised." Sasser wound up picking SMU, where he'll be joined by several other top recruits from the Dallas area. One of them, Chad Elsey of Flower Mound Marcus, will join Sasser in the backcourt for the North all-stars Monday night.

NOTE: Three points for victory, one point for shootout win and zero points for loss. Saturday's Game

Kansas City 1, New England 0, SO (4-3) Sunday's Games Tampa Bay 1, Columbus 0, SO

(3-1)Los Angeles 2, Colorado 1 New York-New Jersey 2, Washington D.C. 1 Monday's Games No games scheduled Tuesday's Games No games scheduled

Wednesday's Game Columbus at Washington D.C., 7:30 p.m.

Continental Indoor Soccer League At A Glance By The Associated Press **Eastern Division** Pct. GB Houston 3 6 .667 Dallas 8 .571 1/2 5 Monterrey .545 Washington 6 .545 Indiana 6 .538 Detroit 0 12 71/2Western Division W GB Pct. Sacramento .818Seattle 8 .667 11/2Anaheim

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" Women's National Basketball Florida (A.Leiter 8-6), 7:05 p.m. Association At A Glance All Times EDT

By The Associated Press **Eastern Conference** L Pct .765 New York13 4 Houston 10 .667 7 Charlotte .500 41/2 Cleveland .467 5 Western Conference Phoenix 5 .615

Los Angeles 10 .412 Sacramento 5 10 .333 4 Utah 4 12 .250 51/2

Saturday's Games Charlotte 64, New York 61 Cleveland 77, Utah 66 Sunday's Game

Monday's Game

Cleveland at Phoenix, 8:30 p.m. American League

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Sunday's Games Atlanta 3, Cincinnati 2 St. Louis 6, Florida 4 Houston 7, Montreal 2 Colorado 4, Chicago Cubs 0 Los Angeles 7, Philadelphia 1 San Diego 5, N.Y. Mets 3 San Francisco 6, Pittsburgh 5,

13 innings, 1st game Pittsburgh 10, San Francisco 7, 2nd game

Monday's Games Cincinnati (Smiley 9-10) at

Atlanta (Neagle 13-2), 7:40 p.m. St. Louis (Stottlemyre 9-7) at 6:05 p.m. Houston (Holt 7-6), 8:05 p.m.

Colorado (Swift 4-3), 9:05 p.m. Pittsburgh (Lieber 6-10) at Los Angeles (Valdes 5-9), 10:05 p.m. Philadelphia (M.Leiter 5-11) at San Diego (Smith 4-1), 10:05 p.m.

Only games scheduled Tuesday's Games Pittsburgh (Cooke 8-9) at Los Milwaukee (Mercedes 3-6), 1st Texas 111 Angeles (Astacio 6-7), 4:05 p.m. Cincinnati (Morgan 3-8) at

Atlanta (Millwood 1-2), 7:40 p.m. Houston (Reynolds 5-6), 8:05

Montreal (Martinez 11-5) at Colorado (Wright 5-6), 9:05 p.m. Philadelphia (Green 0-1) at San Diego (Ashby 6-6), 10:05 p.m.

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.544 3 1/2 .485Texas 50 53 91/2 Oakland 42 64 .396 19 Saturday's Games Texas 4, Chicago White Sox 1

Cleveland 6, Oakland 3 Toronto 6, Kansas City 5 Seattle 9, N.Y. Yankees 7 Boston 7, Anaheim 6 Milwaukee 3, Detroit 1 Baltimore 2, Minnesota 1, 12

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1:05 p.m. Toronto (Clemens 16-3 and Flener 0-0) at Milwaukee (Woodard 0-0 and Adamson 2-1), 2, 5:05 p.m.

Minnesota (Rodriguez 2-3 and Robertson, 7-8. HRs-Baltimore, Chicago Cubs (Tapani 1-0) at Miller 0-0) at Kansas City Berroa (20), Surhoff (14). (Belcher 9-9 and Pittsley 2-7), 2,

Anaheim (Perisho 0-2) at Montreal (Perez 9-6) at Cleveland (Hershiser 9-5), 2nd New York000 game, 7:05 p.m. Oakland (Rigby 0-4) at N.Y.

Yankees (Cone 11-4), 7:35 p.m. Texas (Witt 10-5) at Baltimore (Mussina 10-4), 7:35 p.m. Tuesday's Games

Toronto (Williams 6-8) at game, 2:05 p.m. Seattle (Johnson 14-2) at Boston Chicago 010 Florida (Fernandez 11-8), 7:05 (Wakefield 4-12), 7:05 p.m.

m. Anaheim (Finley 9-6) at Chicago Cubs (Trachsel 5-8) at Cleveland (Clark 0-2), 7:05 p.m. St. Louis (Osborne 1-2) at Yankees (Gooden 3-3), 7:35 p.m. Texas (Hill 5-8) at Baltimore D.Darwin, (Boskie 5-4), 7:35 p.m.

Toronto (Undecided) at Milwaukee (Karl 5-10), 2nd game, 8:05 p.m. Detroit (Blair 9-4) at Chicago White Sox (Baldwin 7-10), 8:05

Minnesota (Hawkins 2-6) at Kansas City (Bones 1-2), 8:05 p.m.

Sunday's Major League Linescores By The Associated Press AMERICAN LEAGUE Anaheim 100 100 5 7 1 **Boston 000** 030 003 9 0 6

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Haynes, Wengert (5), Small (8), Groom (8) and Molina; Jacome, (6), Assenmacher (9) and Alomar. W—Jacome, 2-0. L—Haynes, 0-1. Montreal 001 Sv—Assenmacher (1).

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Rosado, Perez (8), Casian (8), Olson (8) and Sweeney; Hentgen, Quantrill (8) and Santiago. W-Olson, 1-0. L-Quantrill, 4-3. HR—Kansas City, Benitez (2).

Milwaukee 201 300 11 18 2 Detroit 002 020 102

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Beech, Gomes (6), Harris (7) and Lieberthal; Candiotti, Hall (8), Radinsky (9) and Piazza, Prince (9). W—Candiotti, 7-3. L— Beech, 0-6. HRs-Philadelphia, Jefferies (9). Los Angeles, Cedeno (2), Cromer (4).

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Clark, Lidle (6), Kashiwada (7), McMichael (7) and Hundley; Hamilton, Cunnane (6), Worrell (8), Hoffman (9) and Flaherty. W-Cunnane, 5-2. Pettitte, Nelson (8) and Girardi. Kashiwada, 3-1. Sv-Hoffman 21

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2nd Game

Pittsburgh 102 001 1014 0 010 006

F.Cordova, Loiselle (9) and Vn.Landinghm, Kendall; Johnstone (6), Poole (8), D.Henry (8), R.Rodriguez (9) and Berryhill, R.Wilkins (8). W—F.Cordova 7-6. L-Vn.Landinghm 4-7.' HRs-Pittsburgh, K. Young 2 (14), J.Guillen (8). San Francisco, Snow (16), Aurilia (5), R. Wilkins

Texas League At A Glance By The Associated Press **Second Half Eastern Division** W GB L Pct. Tulsa (Rangers)21 .553 x-Shreveport (Giants)21 .525 1 19 Jackson (Astros)19 23 .410 5 1/2 **Western Division** El Paso(Brewers)21 18 x-San Antonio(Dodgers)20 .526 1/2 Wichita (Royals)21 .512 Midland (Angels)19 .463

x-clinched first half title Saturday's Games Arkansas 4, San Antonio 0 Jackson 8, Wichita 4, 1st game Wichita 4, Jackson 3, 2nd game Shreveport 10, Midland 3

Tulsa 15, El Paso 6 Sunday's Games Wichita 5, Jackson 4 Shreveport 17, Midland 0 Tulsa 8, El Paso 1 Only games scheduled Monday's Games San Antonio at Arkansas

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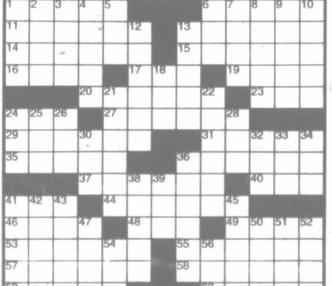
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Budget battle

Budget deal at hand, but some disputes remain

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WASHINGTON (AP) - Congressional leaders and White House officials are edging near a budget deal as differences narrow over who should receive a new children's tax credit. Remaining disputes include the size and scope of an effort to expand health-care coverage for youngsters.

"We're anxiously awaiting seeing the final draft tomorrow," Senate sured children.

Budget Committee Chairman Pete Domenici, R-N.M., told reporters Sunday evening following several hours of

consultations between Republican leaders and aides to President Clinton.

Domenici and other Republicans acknowledged that some differences remained, but they minimized them.

Clinton also voiced optimism, telling a Democratic fund-raising audience in California on Sunday night: "This is a very good budget, if we can resolve the remaining problems. If we stay in a positive frame of mind, if we all work

in good faith, I think we have an excellent chance to get make it harder to find the jobs.

priate tax cut without allowing it to explode the deficit.'

Talks were expected to continue today and an official announcement worried about retaliation by elderly voters insisted it be dropped. could come Tuesday, in time to push the compromise through Congress by Friday, when lawmakers hope to begin their summer recess.

Aides spent much of Sunday drafting parts of the agreement into legislative language.

When asked what was unresolved, House Speaker Newt Gingrich, R-Ga., replied, "Virtually nothing." He said final versions of legislation cutting taxes and balancing the budget by 2002 would be finished by tonight.

But White House economic adviser Gene Sperling cautioned that disagreements remained over some tax-cut details and an effort to provide health coverage for many of the country's ten million unin-

"There are significant issues ... that are still unresolved and critical to a sound balanced-budget agreement,"

> Sperling said in an interview. Republican aides acknowledged that disputes remained over whether states would decide the specific benefits children would get, as the GOP wants, or whether the federal government would do it, as Clinton prefers.

> There also was disagreement over whether welfare beneficiaries who take public or non-profit jobs should be covered by worker-protection and minimum-wage laws. Republicans said those requirements could

Sunday's talks seemed to finally kill a plan to boost Medicare premi-Still, he cautioned: "We're working hard to give people an appro- ums for higher-income recipients. The Senate had approved the measure last month and Clinton said he favored the idea, but House Republicans

> Also scrapped were proposals to raise Medicare's eligibility age to 67 from 65 and to charge \$5 per visit by home health-care workers. Both were approved by the Senate but opposed by Clinton and the

State briefs

Report: Bullock likely to the end of race-based admissions donate campaign funds to universities

FORT WORTH (AP) - Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock likely will donate the rest of his multimillion-dollar campaign war chest to Texas universities when he leaves office in January 1999, the Fort Worth Star-Telegram reported today.

Bullock, 68, announced last month that he will not seek a third term in the state's secondhighest elective office. The lifelong Democrat still had at least \$2.85 million in his campaign coffers at the time, according to records on file at the Texas Ethics Commission.

According to state law, officeholders may not keep unspent campaign donations. They may return the money to donors, give it to other candidates or give it to charities or schools.

In an interview last week, Bullock told the newspaper he was reluctant to discuss his plans for the money, but he conceded that he has deep affection for Texas Tech University and Baylor University, both of which he attended.

Whoever ends up with the money, there will be no strings attached, Bullock said.

Texas Tech professional schools will have fewer minorities this year

LUBBOCK (AP) — Like other universities in the state, Texas Tech's professional schools will see a drop in the number of minorities enrolled this fall, especially among black students.

Two black students are scheduled to enroll at the Tech law school this year – two fewer than in the fall of 1996, Tech figures show. The medical school, which had two black students last year, expects none this year.

Hopwood ruling, which led to their leaders."

policies at state schools, is partially to blame.

The March 1996 Hopwood ruling was handed down by the 5th U.S. Circuit of Appeals in a suit brought by four white students who argued the race-based admissions policy used by the University of Texas Law School denied them admission.

Attorney General Dan Morales interpreted the ruling to mean an end to race-based admission policies, scholarships, financial aid, recruitment and tutoring pro-

Catholic faithful may have to help pay \$120 million jury award

DALLAS (AP) - Last week's \$120 million sex-abuse verdict against the Catholic Diocese of Dallas could turn into \$200 million by the time appeals are exhausted - or about \$600 for every registered Catholic in the diocese, The Dallas Morning News reported.

The prospect of tapping the 325,000 Catholic faithful in the nine-county diocese rather than selling off assets to pay the judgment has been discussed, Randal Mathis, attorney for the diocese, told the paper for Sunday editions. But the Dallas attorney declined to elaborate.

Experts who have followed similar lawsuits against other dioceses said there is no question people in the pews will feel the pinch if insurance companies won't cover the claim.

The Rev. Jay Nelson, a New Mexico priest who edits a national newsletter on religious misconduct, predicted that church officials will press church members before they liquidate major investments.

"It undoubtedly will come back to the parishioners," Nelson Officials at Tech's law and said. "The only hope is they'll medical schools said the demand more accountability of

Report: Former governor lobbying for tobacco industry

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solved, House Speaker Newt

Gingrich, R-Ga., replied,

"Virtually nothing."

controversial tobacco industry settlement, didn't support the settlement, he wouldn't The Dallas Morning News reported today.

A few weeks before the tobacco industry Democratic Sen. Edward M. Kennedy to Republican party over the last few years. pitch the deal, the newspaper said.

voice his objections loudly.

That would allow congressional publicly announced the terms of a landmark Republicans to vote with tobacco companies legal settlement which would protect the without worrying about politic.....etaliation, industry from abolition or bankruptcy, the staffers said. The tobacco companies Richards met with Massachusetts have donated millions of dollars to the NBC, Textron Inc. and Lockheed Martin.

Richards declined comment on any aspect reviewing the settlement, weeks after the firms, at a fee the National Journal estimated of her work with the tobacco industry. The meeting with Kennedy, Jane Hickie, a long-this spring at \$200,000 month.

DALLAS (AP) - Former Texas Governor apparent goal of her visit, Senate staffers time friend of Richards' and former chief of Ann Richards was instrumental in pushing a said, was to ensure that even if Kennedy staff, was among a delegation of tobacco lawyers who visited the West Wing of the White House, the newspaper reported.

Richards is a senior adviser at the Washington firm of Verner Liipfert Bernhard McPherson and Hand. She has registered to lobby for several firms, including Conrail,

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