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Low tonight 67. High tomorrow 93. For weather details see Page 2.

EDINBURG (AP) — A former police officer has been sentenced to life in prison for the rape and stabbing of an 18-year-old woman he killed while on duty.

Gilberto Chavero Jr., 24, was sentenced Monday in the March 23, 1996, killing of Iris Yvette Hidalgo, a McAllen High School honor student.

Chavero was convicted of capital murder in June for raping and killing Ms. Hidalgo while on duty for the **Edcouch Police Department.**

A farming community of 3,000 people, Edcouch is 10 miles east of Edinburg in Hidalgo County.

The day after the slaying, Chavero led authorities to Ms. Hidalgo's body after finding a note in his patrol car directing him to a sewage canal. Ms. Hidalgo was found floating face-down, her throat slashed.

Chavero later admitted to writing the note and told authorities he and the victim had consensual sex the night she was killed, but he had

maintained his innocence. Prosecutors, who did not seek the death penalty, said Chavero would be eligible for parole after serving 40 years in prison.

VICTORIA, (AP) Mystified investigators are searching for a motive behind the stabbing deaths of a Victoria daycare worker and her firefighter boyfriend, apparently by the woman's adult son.

Cody Mitten, 21, was arrested early Sunday at Brooke Army Medical Center in San Antonio, where he had taken the bloody body of Candelaria Gonzales Mitten, his 58year-old mother.

Mitten was charged Sunday in the death of Lt. Larry Sifford, a 52-year-old Victoria firefighter, but not yet in the murder of his mother.

In a signed statement to San Antonio police, the Austin landscape worker admitted that he stabbed the pair with a butcher knife.

After talking to the suspect, investigators found Sifford's bloody body in Mrs. Mitten's home, 100 miles from San Antonio. A large butcher knife was sticking from Sifford's back, said Victoria County Sheriff Michael Ratcliff.

• James Harold Alderson, 79, retired machinist, farmer. • Gene Beck, 37, roughneck, welder.

• Jack Allen McPeak, 66, retired employee of Ver-A-Ray Corporation.

• W.J. "Dub" Scott, sales clerk Baily Motor Company.

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Drainage aid for P. Village in proposal

By LAURA HALEY **Staff Writer**

After the subject was addressed in an NAACP meeting, the city has taken drainage problems in the Praire Village area more seriously and it has plans to rectify the situation.

To get started, a study of the drainage problems there is one of many projects earmarked in the proposed 1997-98 city budget which was submitted last week by City Manager Bob Eskridge.

The problem had previously been mentioned to Eskridge and Ward 4 City Commissioner Faustina Curry at an NAACP meeting in April. Residents were concerned about flooding in their neighborhoods, especially during this year's heavy rains.

Rev. I.L. Patrick told city officials at the April meeting that the drainage problem is so bad in Prairie Village that residents feel they need SCUBA gear to walk down the street.

Curry, along with Eskridge, has worked on the problem during the numerous city commis-

sion workshops and, with the 1997-98 budget in the works, Curry has made her voice heard on behalf of the residents living in Ward 4.

In an effort to prioritize the projects for funding next year, Eskridge and Director of Public Works Richard Morris visited the Prairie Village subdivision during some of the heavy rains to which Pampa has recently fallen victim.

"There is definitely a problem down there," said Eskridge.

And, the problem doesn't just affect one street; there are many areas in which the rains have caused water to go over the streets and into some residents

In the proposed budget, the city has allocated \$3,500-3,600 to study the drainage problem. The figure is based on an estimate given to the city by Barber & Merriman Engineers & Surveyors in Pampa. They would most likely conduct the study if this project is approved, said Eskridge.

See **DRAINAGE**, Page 2

Destruction of dilapidated homes in plan

Approximately \$30,000 has been allocated in the proposed 1997-98 city budget toward the demolition of dilapidated homes in Pampa. With these funds and the new landfill cell, 20-25 homes can be demolished during the next year, said City Manager Bob Eskridge. Although this doesn't remedy the problem, it is a beginning to rid

the neighborhoods of abandoned and often dangerous, houses. "We're going to try and prioritize and take care of as many as we

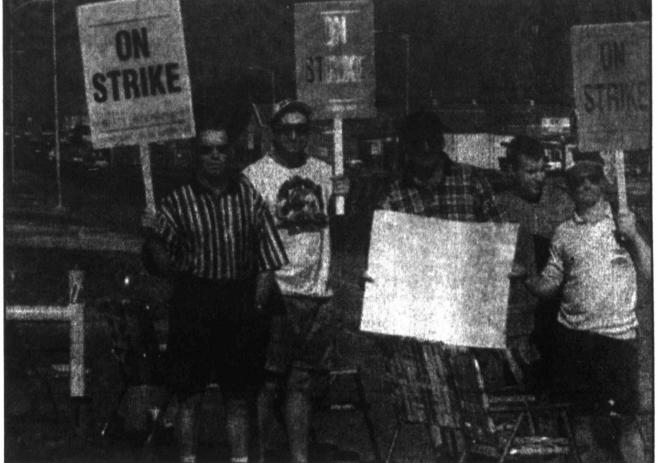
can with that money," said Eskridge.

Last year, the city ridded of the worn homes that were under the city's tax rolls. These homes, however, are privately-owned and must go through a legal process before any action can be taken. This is a lengthy procedure, explained Eskridge, because pri-

vate property owners must be given due process before the city can demolish these structures. And, there are too many dilapidated structures to address all at once. So, in an effort to begin addressing the problem, the city will begin prioritizes the structures that are deemed the worst for demolishing.

"We know most structures in town," said Eskridge, but added the city will need help from community organizations to determine those that are the worst.

See **HOMES**, Page 2



Local UPS drivers and members of the Teamster's union picketed today, along with hundreds of other drivers nationwide. Many of local UPS drivers are veterans with the delivery service for a number of years. Those picketing are Bryan Going, Keith George, Phil Savage, John Starnes and Mike Martindale. All have been employees of UPS from at least eight to 18 years.

Picket lines go up at Pampa UPS site

From AP wire and staff reports

Local UPS drivers have kept a vigil in front of their office on Alcock since the Teamsters union began its strike at 11:01 central time.

We'd rather be working," said driver Greg Davis. "We're just here as a show of unity."

The show of unity stems from a disagreement between UPS and the teamsters concerning the use of part-time employees and the pension plan. Teamsters contend that part-time employees are receiving lower pay, less benefits and vacation despite working full-time hours.

Only one part-time employee was on the scene of the local strike. John Starnes, along with the numerous full-time employees, joined the picketing against the last contract offered by UPS.

The contract had been turned down by the teamsters, without a vote by labor employees. The Pampa UPS employees on the picket line voiced agitation at the fact they had not been allowed to vote on the offer, but still stood behind the

Starnes was grateful for his co-worker's support. "I think it's (the strike) going to benefit me in the long run," he said.

All those on strike at the Pampa location are hoping it will end shortly and said the services to the eastern half of the panhandle will be "severely

"We feel bad for ourselves but we feel even

The striking drivers believe the support is part of a message to all employers attempting to bring in part-time or contract employees rather than hire fulltime personnel.

worse for our customers," said Davis, who noted that customers are truly caught in the middle.

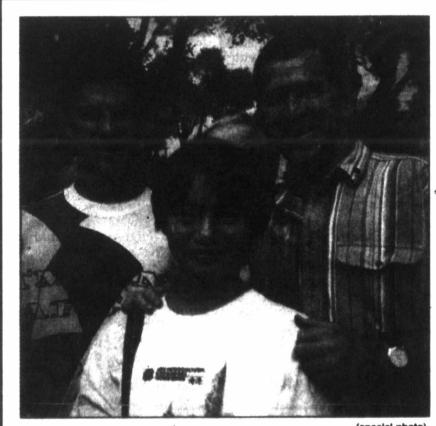
Despite the affect the strike will have on customers, many residents have shown their support by giving strikers a "thumbs up", honk or wave as they drive by.

The striking drivers believe the support is part of a message to all employers attempting to bring in part-time or contract employees rather than hire full-time personnel.

The nationwide strike began early Monday morning after talks with America's largest package delivery service broke down over the part-time employee and pension issues.

"We have exhausted every possible approach to try to resolve the problem," Teamsters President Ron Carey declared as he left the bargaining table late Sunday night. "At this point it's just a waste of

UPS and the union talked for a little over two hours Sunday evening, but shortly after 10 p.m. See UPS, Page 2



Ale Nunes of Brazil and Holly Liu of Hong Kong, AFS exchange students to Pampa High School, were thrilled to get their picture taken with Gov. George Bush at

Families await arrival of exchange students

by Darlene Birkes For The News

The August arrival of Julia Peters from Germany and French Canadian Vincent Simoneau will bring the total to 60 American Field Service (AFS) students attending Pampa High School since 1951.

The first students were sponsored by Pampa Noon Kiwanis members and this Kiwanis chapter continues to give support to the program.

An older and diversified exchange organization, AFS is celebrating its 50th year and this will be recognized locally with the release of 50 red, white and blue balloons from the Pampa Chautauqua stage at noon during the annual Labor Day cele-

includes 59 Chinese students Pampa were also going abroad for the first time, with 15 coming to the U.S. New York is the site of the birthday reunion in the U.S. Anna Losillia, a former 1978 AFS student in Pampa from Costa Rica, is one of 40 Central Americans flying into New Orleans and taking a bus tour to the New

York reunion. AFS was founded by civilian volunteer ambulance drives for the Allied forces of WWI and WWII. They wanted to encourage world peace and understanding and believed if they began with young people, these students might grow up oppos-

The first foreign students to the U.S. were from Germany and only two years after WWII,

Worldwide, the celebration the first several students to Germany.

Some 7,500 AFS students are participating annually in a variety of home-stay programs in over 55 nations. They range from a six-week mission or language program to a semester or year program. Since American Field Service is worldwide, it has become known as AFS.

The Ronnie Parsley family will host Peters in Pampa and the Mike Sublett family will host Simoneau.

Pampa sophomore Laurie Berzanskis will leave Sept. 4 to live in Palermo, Sicily, for 11 months. She is following PHS graduate Dana Eskridge, who returned from her year of study abroad in Belgium last summer speaking fluent French.

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Services tomorrow

ALDERSON, James Harold — Graveside services, 10 a.m., Parklawn Memorial Cemetery, Plainview.

McPEAK, Jack Allen — Graveside services, 10:30 a.m., Memory Gardens Cemetery, Amarillo. **SCOTT, W.J.** "Dub" — 11 a.m., Calvary Baptist Church, Borger.

Obituaries

JAMES HAROLD ALDERSON

James Harold Alderson, 79, of Pampa, died Saturday, Aug. 2, 1997. Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday in Parklawn Memorial Cemetery at Plainview with the Rev. Darwin Roberson, pastor of Bible Baptist Church of Floydada, officiating. Burial will be under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Alderson was born April 11, 1918, at Santa Anna, Texas, to E.G. and Nina Alderson. He graduated from high school at Erike. He married Helen Conger in 1945 at Portales, N.M. The couple moved to Plainview in 1946.

He was a machinist for Green Machinery for 18 years. He then moved to Clayton, N.M., and farmed

and ranched for several years. He also worked as a machinist for Stapleton's. The couple had been Pampa residents since 1979. He worked for Pupco Unit, retiring in 1985.

He was a U.S. Army Air Corps veteran, serving in the Military Police during World War II. He was a member of Plainview United Methodist Church.

He was preceded in death by his parents and by an adopted brother, Loyd Dickey.

Survivors include his wife, Helen, of the home; four daughters, Barbara Thomas of Pampa, Jaynee Lancaster of Lexington, Mass., Linda Edwards of Floydada and Sandra Murphy of Amarillo; a son, Edward Gary Alderson of Lubbock; seven grandchildren; two stepgrandchildren; and three stepgreat-grandchildren.

The family will receive visitors following services at 907 Fresno in Plainview and requests memorials be to Meals on Wheels, 201 E. Foster, Pampa TX 79065; or Grace Baptist Church, 824 S. Barnes, Pampa TX 79065.

GENE BECK

SHATTUCK, Okla. - Gene Beck, 37, died Thursday, July 31, 1997. Graveside services were to be at 2 p.m. today in Edith Ford Cemetery at Canadian with the Rev. Rick Timmons officiating. Burial will be under the direction of Good Samaritan Funeral Service of Shattuck

Mr. Beck was born at Borger and grew up in Canadian. He later moved to Woodward, Okla., and worked in the oil field as a roughneck and a welder. He recently returned to Shattuck. He enjoyed hunting and fishing.

Survivors include his mother, Margaret Phillips of Shattuck; his father, Emmitt Beck of Woodward; four sisters, Earline Wall of Spring, Oleta Poole of Turkey Creek, La., Sylvia Price of Canadian and Kathy Jones of Shattuck; and two brothers, Walter Beck of Rifle, Colo., and John Thompson of Jacksonville, N.C.

JACK ALLEN McPEAK

AMARILLO - Jack Allen McPeak, 66, a former Pampa resident, died Sunday, Aug. 3, 1997. Graveside services will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday in Memory Gardens Cemetery with the Rev. F.M. Byford, senior adults minister at Paramount Baptist Church, officiating. Military rites will be courtesy of Disabled American Veterans Chapter 26. Burial will be under the direction of Boxwell Brothers Funeral Directors of Amarillo.

Mr. McPeak was born at Miami. He was a graduate of Pampa High School and Wayland Baptist University. He had been an Amarillo resident for 36 years. He retired from sales at Ver-a-Ray Corporation.

He was a U.S. Army veteran. He was a member of Paramount Baptist Church and had served as music minister for a number of small churches in Colorado and Texas.

Survivors include three daughters, Jessica Capps of Garland, Jennifer Lindsey of Dallas and Jan Renee Gilmer of Garland; a son, Jeff McPeak of Houston; his mother, Evelyn McPeak of Pampa; a sister, Mary Ann Sparks of Goliad; a brother, Tom McPeak of Waco; and four grandchildren.

W.J. 'DUB' SCOTT

BORGER - W.J. "Dub" Scott, brother of a Pampa resident and of a White Deer resident, died Saturday, Aug. 2, 1997. Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday in Calvary Baptist Church with the Rev. Earl Skaggs officiating. Burial will be under the direction of Brown Funeral Directors.

Mr. Scott was a native of Ada, Okla. He had been a Borger resident for the past 45 years and was a sales clerk at Baily Motor Company. He was a U.S. Navy veteran, serving during World War II. He was a member of Calvary Baptist

Survivors include his wife, Gwyn Scott; four daughters, Ruth Gomez of Borger, Joyce Scott of Austin, Becky Prager of Las Vegas, Nev., and Martha Del Venture of St. Louis, Mo.; five sons, Mark Scott and Jay Scott, both of Austin, Kevin Scott of Borger and Jack Scott of Bartlesville, Okla.; two sisters, Doris Cole of Pampa and Paula Swain of Security, Colo.; a brother, Floyd Scott of White Deer; and 14 grandchildren.



Police report

The Pampa Police Department reported the following calls and arrests for the 48-hour period ending 7 a.m. today.

SATURDAY, August 2

Burglary was reported in the 110 block of Starkweather.

A 10-speed mountain bicycle, valued at \$100, was reported stolen in the 1000 block of W. McCullough

A possession of a controlled substance was reported.

Evading detention was reported and subject was arrested.

SUNDAY, August 3

Domestic assault was reported at 1508 N. Price Road and suspect was arrested.

A theft was reported at 1000 block of S. Christy. Criminal Mischief was reported in the 2400 block of Dogwood.

Criminal Mischief was reported at 1200 S. Faulkner.

Arrests

Linda Lewis, 37, address unknown, was arrested on charges of assault causing bodily injury. Steven Lee Spencer, 38, 2119 Lee, was arrested on charges of failing to sign at intent - no class M endorsement, evading detention using vehicle and possession of controlled substance.

Willie Loyd Ballard, 25, 2600 N. Hobart, was arrested on a capius pro fine warrant.

Rusty Dale Armstrong, 38, was arrested on two charges of assault by contact.

Sheriff's Office

The Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests for the 48-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

SATURDAY, August 2 Edward Rivera, 49, 1939 Clark Ave, was arrested on charge of possession of marijuana. SUNDAY, August 3

Kelli Lee Howe, 25, 324 Anne, was arrested on charges of driving while intoxicated. MONDAY, August 4

John Crane Jr., 27, Oklahoma, was arrested on charges of expired registration, failure to display drivers license, and driving while intoxicated

Ambulance

Rural Metro reported the following incidents for the 48-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today. SATURDAY, August 2

9:41 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to Columbia Medical Center to transport one patient to Baptist/St. Anthony's West.

12:04 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to a local nursing home on a trauma. One patient was transported to Columbia Medical Center.

p.m. - A mobile ICU was on standby on U.S. 60 east of Pampa and one patient was transported on trauma.

2:19 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1100 block of Prairie Dr. on a medical call and one patient was transported to Columbia Medical

3:01 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to Columbia Medical Center to transport one patient to a local nursing home.

3:38 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 100 block of Walnut Dr. on a medical call and one patient was transported to Baptist/St. Anthony's

SUNDAY, August 3

8:05 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to a local nursing center on a medical emergency and one patient was transported to Columbia Medical

8:57 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1000 block of Duncan on a medical call and one patient was transported to Columbia Medical

3:08 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to a local nursing center on a medical call and transported one to Columbia Medical Center.

4:28 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 600 block of N. Sumner on a trauma and transported one patient to Columbia Medical Center.

4:28 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 600 block of N. Christy on a medical and transported one patient to Columbia Medical Center.

1:49 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1800 block of W. Alcock in a traumatic emergency and one patient was transported to the Columbia

Medical Center emergency room. 3:51 a.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the 100 block of S. Russell on a medical emergency

and one patient was transported to the Columbia Medical Center emergency room.

Fires

The Pampa Fire Department responded to the following incidents for the 48-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

SUNDAY, August 3

1 p.m. - Three units and five personnel responded to five miles west on Highway 152 on a controlled burn.

3:47 p.m. - Three units and five personnel responded to a grass fire 15 miles south on Highway 70, started by lighting.

4:33 p.m. - One unit and two personnel responded to a grass fire started by lighting four miles north on Highway 70.

4:43 p.m. - One unit and one personnel responded to the intersection of Snyder and Fields on a power line down.

5:54 p.m. - Three units and seven personnel responded to 945 Sierra on an alarm malfunction.

Emergency numbers

Ambulance	
Crime Stoppers	669-2222
Energas	
Fire	911
Police (emergency)	011

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Carey emerged and said the talks were getting nowhere and were "a waste of time."

The company's offer included 1,000 more fulltime jobs as well as increased wages and benefits.

Carey repeated that the union would sign no deal that didn't include limits on subcontracting and more full-time jobs. Some two-thirds of the Teamsters at UPS are part-timers.

"There was no progress made in the areas that are extremely critical to our members," he said. "Part-time America just won't work. A half a job is

As a result, workers at UPS offices and distributions centers around the country walked off the job at 12:01 a.m. eastern time.

Pickets were quickly formed at UPS facilities from Atlanta, New York, Pittsburgh and Louisville, Ky., and in other cities: Dallas, Des Moines, Ia., Columbus, Ohio, Milwaukee, Seattle, Minneapolis, and Phoenix, Ariz.

The strike by 185,000 Teamsters has threatened to interrupt package deliveries for hundreds of thousands of businesses across the country. UPS handles 12 million parcels and documents a day, and analysts say rival carriers won't be able to absorb the overflow.

HOMES

One such organization he mentioned was the NAACP.

Concerns about abandoned, privately-owned homes were brought up by community members in the April NAACP. The empty homes are dangerous, attract rats and other pests and provide havens for many drug transactions, said resident Susan

Former District Attorney Tracey Jennings also addressed the problems at a previous city commission meeting. Drug trafficking has increased in

DRAINAGE

The study will focus on water flows through the area and the elevations. Eskridge is hoping the problems will be related to ditches and not enough outflow (drainage) structures. If this is so, he said, necessary repairs can be done in-house, which would provide a much quicker and cost-effective

Stocks

The following grain quotations are	Chevron78 3/8	dn 1/4
provided by Attebury Grain of Pampa	. Coca-Cola68 5/16	dn 5/16
	Columbia/HCA33 3/16	up 5/16
Wheat 3.29	Enron37 7/16	dn 7/16
Ailo	Halliburton46 3/16	up 1/8
Corn	Ingersoll Rand67 3/16	dn 11/16
7.77	KNE41 3/8	dn 9/16
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	McDonald's52 1/16	dn 1/2
Occidental24 3/4 dn 1/8	Mobil75 1/4	up 1/4
	New Atmos 24 1/8	dn 1/4
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Market quotations are furnished by	Ultramar32 3/4	dn 1/2
dward Jones & Co. of Pampa.	Wal-Mart37 1/4	up 9/16
Amoco93 1/16 up 5/16	New York Gold	323.90
Arco73 1/16 dn 15/16	Silver	4.41
Cabot28 5/8 dn 1/16	West Texas Crude	20.28
Cabot O&G21 NC		

Dave Murray, UPS' chief negotiator called the Teamsters' action "highly irresponsible" and called on union leaders to submit the offer which had remained unchanged since Wednesday

"Instead of setting up picket lines, they should be sending that final offer out for a vote," Murray

said. "Let the people decide."

Murray said the company would try to move priority packages — including hospital deliveries and perishables - with a limited workforce. Asked if the company would hire replacement workers, he said "we haven't come to those decisions yet.

Around the nation, local UPS managers began planning to move boxes themselves while drivers

and sorters geared up for the pickets.

Meanwhile, the U.S. Postal Service warned its employees to expect "an extraordinary increase" in parcel mail. It directed that customers be limited to four parcels per visit until the UPS strike is resolved. "The Postal Service looks forward to this opportunity to serve new customers," Postmaster Seneral Marvin Runyon said in a statement.

The Independent Pilots Association, which represents UPS' 2,000 pilots, issued a statement saying they would honor the Teamsters strike, effectively grounding the company's domestic jets. The company's overseas operations were not affected.

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areas where these homes are standing, she said, increasing the drug problem and causing a hazard to police officers.

Officers pursuing a drug dealer, she explained, are often blind in the sense that they do not know who or what type of weapons are kept in these abandoned homes. And, these homes, she said, are

the first place where these drug dealers flee. By demolishing these homes, it would give less opportunity for these type of criminal activities to take place. City commissioners agreed and have placed the item as a high priority project for the upcoming year.

"If its something we can fix," said Eskridge, "we'll try to do it as soon as possible."

If the work can be done in-house, then city workers can probably begin the necessary repairs as soon as the study has been completed. However, if contract labor is required, it may take longer, said Eskridge.

The proposed budget is expected to be approved by commissioners in September.

Calendar of events

TOASTMASTERS

Smooth Talkers and Knee Knockers Toastmasters Club meets 5:30 p.m. Tuesday in the dining room of Coronado Inn. For more information, call Daniel Silva at 669-6351 or Gary Casebier at 665-4212...

CLEAN AÍR AL-ANON Clean Air Al-Anon will hold weekly meetings on Tuesdays and Thursdays at noon at 810 W. 23rd. For more information, call 669-0407 or 669-3988.

PANHANDLE AREA **LUPUS SUPPORT GROUP**

The Panhandle Area Lupus Support Group will not meet during the summer months. It will resume meeting in October for an educational meeting in observance of Lupus Awareness Month. If you should need information or telephone support, call (806) 435-7030 or (806) 435-

City briefs

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Weather focus

LOCAL FORECAST

67. Sunday's high was 94; the overnight low, 70.

RÉGIONAL FORECAST WEST TEXAS — Panhandle - Tonight, partly cloudy with a less than 20 percent chance of evening thunderstorms. Low in the mid 60s. East to southeast 89. wind 5 to-10 mph. Low Rolling Plains — Tonight, partly cloudy with a slight chance of thunderstorms. Lows 65-70. Tuesday, partly cloudy. Highs 90-95. Permian Basin/Upper Trans Lows in the 70s. Tuesday, partly Pecos — Tonight, partly cloudy cloudy with isolated late afterwith a slight chance of thunder- noon showers and thunderstorms. Lows 65-70. Tuesday, storms. Highs in the mid and partly cloudy. Highs 90-95. Concho Valley/Edwards Plateau Tonight, isolated evening thunderstorms, otherwise fair. lated showers and thundercloudy. Highs in the mid 90s. Far near 80 coast. Tuesday, partly cloudy with isolated evening Tuesday, partly cloudy with 90 coast. Coastal Bend and the to lower 70s.

widely scattered afternoon thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 90s. Guadalupe Mountains/Big Bend Area — Tonight, widely scattered evening thunder-Tonight, partly cloudy with storms, mainly mountains. light and variable winds. Low Otherwise fair. Lows around 60 mountains to upper 70s along Highs mid 80s mountains to near 102 along the river.

NORTH TEXAS — Monday night, partly cloudy. Low 67 to 73. Tuesday, partly cloudy. High

SOUTH TEXAS — Hill Country and South Central Texas — Tonight, partly cloudy with isolated early evening showers and thunderstorms. west. Upper Texas Coast — Tonight, partly cloudy with iso-

Rio Grande Plains — Tonight, partly cloudy with isolated to widely scattered showers and thunderstorms. Lows near 80 coast to the mid 70s inland. Tuesday, partly cloudy with isolated to widely scattered showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the river. Tuesday, mostly sunny. the upper 80s beaches to near 102 Rio Grande plains. **BORDÉR STATES**

NEW MEXICO — Tonight through Tuesday and Tuesday night, partly cloudy with scattered afternoon and evening thunderstorms, showers most numerous mountains and north. Lows mid 40s and 50s mountains with 60s to lower 70s lower elevations. Highs Tuesday 70s and 80s mountains and north with upper 80s to mid 90s elsewhere.

OKLAHOMA — Tonight, a upper 90s east to near 102 far chance showers and thunderstorms northwest. Otherwise partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 60s to mid 70. Tuesday, partly Lows 65-70. Tuesday, partly storms. Lows in the 70s inland to cloudy. Highs in the upper 80s to mid 90s. Tuesday night, Partly West Texas — Tonight, partly cloudy with widely scattered cloudy. A slight chance of showshowers and thunderstorms. ers and thunderstorms north thunderstorms. Lows 65-70. Highs in the 90s inland to near and central. Lows in the mid 60s

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Gay killer: Activists push for resolution to unsolved crimes

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) - Andrew Cunanan's suicide halted one of the nation's most lurid cases of serial murder. But from New Jersey to Virginia to Texas, the slayings of as many as 30 gay men or transvestites, which activists believe are the work of five serial killers, remain unsolved.

In some cases, investigators have been hindered by lack of resources and, some allege, lack of interest.

"What's the difference between my son and Versace? Money and notoriety. If you've got money and fame, it's going to get solved," says Donna Smith, whose 18-year-old son's strangled body was found 10 years ago in Chesapeake, Va. Smith, who now lives in Cocoa, Fla., does not believe her son,

Charles, was homosexual, although he frequented the gay scene, as did most of the 11 victims who followed him in death. She watched the Cunanan chase in south Florida with fascination — and with anger that the Virginia serial killer has not been sought with the same fervor as the man suspected in the murders of fashion designer Gianni Versace and four other

"All the victims were seen as expendable," Smith says of the murders linked to her son's slaying. "They labeled them as gays

and druggies, so nobody cared." Activists who track violent crimes against gay men and les-

bians acknowledge some police departments, even the FBI, are beginning to reach out to the gay community to build trust and understanding "On the local level, many of us have seen day-and-night

changes in the last five to 10 years," says Jeffrey Montgomery, a spokesman for the Michigan Anti-Violence Project. "In Detroit, for example, there's been a 180-degree change in the way they handle cases, from very, very, very badly to extremely efficient and good."

Other activists, however, remain frustrated and say it still takes pushing to get many officers to take seriously any crimes involving homosexual victims, even homicides.

"Gay-related cases aren't popular cases. And whether it's ignorance or homophobia, it's a big problem," asserts Bea Hanson, director of client services for the Anti-Violence Project in New York.

Census: Immigrants, U.S. workers flocking to Lone Star State in droves

DALLAS (AP) - Texas is attracting equal Weinstein, director of the Center for numbers of foreign immigrants and people Economic Development and Research at from other states, a new study of census the University of North Texas. figures shows.

to Texas from another state, The Dallas Morning News reported Sunday.

attracting both groups," said William Frey, demographer at the University of Michigan Population Studies Center, which produced the report.

From 1990 to 1996, Texas had a net gain of 474,376 foreign immigrants and 426,696 domestic transplants, the report shows.

Nevada leads the nation in the rate of relocating Americans, but only added one foreign immigrant for every 10 "domestic migrants."

California, which leads the country in the rate of new foreigners, lost one American for each foreign immigrant.

"(Texas) gets a mix of the skilled migrants who make up the domestic migrant streams as well as ... people who are unskilled (who) tend to be immigrants," Frey said.

The migration patterns are indicative of tic migrants. Texas' economic upswing, said Steve Murdock of the Texas State Data Center at work in the oil, health-care and con-Texas A&M University.

The Dallas-Fort Worth area is the most balanced major metropolitan area in the nation in bringing in equal numbers of net gain of 115,000 people from other states comers. and a 110,000 net gain of people from other

net gain of both types of migrants of 224,000. That was more than any other area in the state.

The jobs luring migrants to the area are in health care, telecommunications, and domestic migrants and 23,323 foreign convention tourism, said Bernard immigrants in the past six years.

Well-educated workers gravitate to the Texas since 1990, a U.S. resident has moved less-skilled employees can find work in the tourism industry.

Unlike DFW, the metropolitan Houston "Most of the rest of the country is not area had a net gain made up of mostly foreign migrants - about 148,000 in the past

> The jobs luring migrants to the area are in health care, telecommunications, and convention tourism, said Bernard Weinstein, director of the Center for Economic Development and Research at the University of North Texas.

six years, compared to about 51,000 domes-

New Houstonians go there to find senior economist with the Federal Reserve Bank.

The Austin and San Antonio metropolimigrants. In the last six years, DFW had a tan areas both had mostly domestic new-

The Austin area had a net gain of about 112,000 domestic migrants, lured mainly The eight counties in the DFW area had a by computer company headquarters, state government and the University of Texas. There was a net gain of about 16,000 foreign immigrants.

San Antonio attracted a net gain of 41,031

Weinstein said the domestic migration can be attributed to senior citizens looking for refuge near the Hill Country.

San Ahtonio also doesn't have much to For almost every foreigner who moved to health care and high-tech industries, while offer foreigners in terms of jobs, except in the tourism industry, he said.

'Mexican or Central American migrants who are looking for jobs are going to go to Houston," he said. "They may go through San Antonio, but there are a lot more jobs available in Houston, Dallas, Austin than San Antonio.'

Texas border towns are also growing due to increased manufacturing and trade with

"You drive along the border and all you see are retail stores and banks," said Keith Phillips, senior economist with the Federal Reserve in San Antonio.

In the South Texas counties of Webb and Hidalgo, foreign migrants outnumber domestic migrants two-to-one. Significant numbers of domestic migrants are also moving to the Lower Rio Grande Valley. A lot of them are manufacturing plant managers and retirees, Phillips said

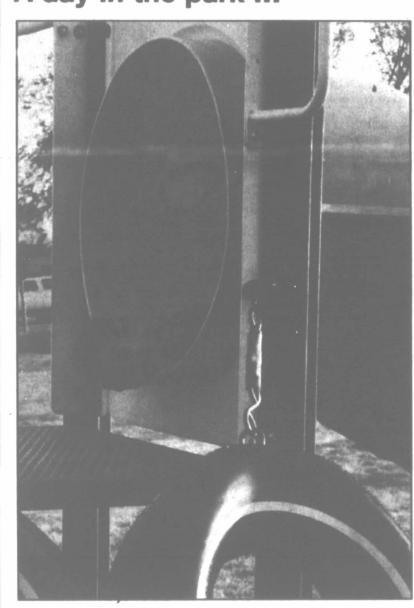
In El Paso County, although residents have benefited from increased Mexican trade, it has not stemmed the outflow of domestic migrants, said Federal Reserve economist Lucinda Vargas. In the past six struction industries, said Bill Gilmer, years, El Paso lost 36,000 residents and gained about 46,000 foreigners.

That's typical since the city has always had relatively few white collar jobs to keep well-educated workers, Ms. Vargas said. El Paso's economy is dependent on the military, the maquiladora industry and related transportation and construction jobs.

El Paso, however, does attract many skilled immigrants from Juarez, which is just across the border. After becoming affluent in Juarez, many go to El Paso for new opportunities, Ms. Vargas said.

"It's just a way for them progressing higher up the economic ladder," she said.

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Japan's revisionists rail against 'masochistic' view of history

baby and waves a dagger at a bleeding than shame. Chinese woman tied to a wooden stake "Japanese demons are cruel!" is written in

bold characters. The Japanese history textbook illustration, taken from Chinese World War II propaganda, upsets Nobukatsu Fujioka. But his main concern isn't the victims - he is worried

about Japan's self-image Tokyo. Textbook writers "are volunteering to

show that Japanese people are ruthless." The Japanese have feuded for decades books. Under pressure from its wartime vic-Asia in the 1930s and 1940s.

But the leaders of a new conservative paper - the Sankei - is behind him. backlash in Japan say the trend has gone too

TOKYO (AP) - The painting is brutal: A far. They want to cull references to Japanese

"No other country in the world subjects its schoolchildren to such terrible history education," Fujioka's Association to Promote New History Education wrote in a declara-

pelled to write a new history textbook." have railed against exploring Japan's war "It's masochistic," said Fujioka, an educa- role in the classroom. Militarists in trucks fitdeemed too far to the left.

tion. "To correct this situation, we feel com-

But Fujioka is no fringe radical. Writers, over how to present World War II in text- businessmen and a well-known sports figure are among his supporters; at least one local tims, Tokyo slowly has allowed writers to legislature has endorsed his views; his books include details of Japan's bloody conquest of are best-sellers. His ideas are fodder for high-brow journals, and a major daily news-

The growing backing has critics worried.

"What they are saying is a product of mere apanese soldier stomps on a screaming atrocities and instill national pride rather imagination, not even worth serious consideration," said historian Saburo Ienaga, who has fought for 30 years to include more mention of the war in textbooks. "What's alarming to me is that many people seem to support them."

Fujioka, however, has struck a cord with Japanese who question the need to feel con-Old guard conservatives and rightists long trite over events years before they were born.

If current textbooks have filled Japanese with self-loathing, Fujioka and his supporttion professor at the prestigious University of ted with loudspeakers regularly blare abuse ers say this aphorism is the cure: Japanese at the Education Ministry or publishers troops were no worse than those of any other fighting nation in World War II, and should not be singled out as especially bru-

According to Fujioka, U.S. occupation forces brainwashed the postwar Japanese into believing they had committed terrible crimes. The Japanese meekly accepted this view, and their neighbors have used it to pry concessions from a guilt-ridden Tokyo.

With inflation falling, Russia to introduce new ruble note

Gov. Bush kicks off state tour to sell property tax proposal

would be introduced next year and three zeros would be knocked off the old bills.

Yeltsin's announcement shows the Russian government is con- inflation will decline further to 6 to 8 percent in 1998. fident it finally has inflation in check after years of surging prices. Inflation was 22 percent last year and is running at about 12 per-

In the wake of the Soviet collapse, Russia has struggled with free-market reforms and inflation has dealt a crippling blow to millions of Russians who have seen the salaries and savings evaporate. Inflation peaked at 2,600 percent in 1993 and was consistently over 100 percent annually until last year.

'Today we reliably control money circulation and control infla- large wads of cash to make even routine purchases.

MOSCOW (AP) - With Russian inflation seemingly under contion," Yeltsin said. "The prices of basic goods are practically statrol, President Boris Yeltsin declared today that a new ruble note ble. That is why we made the decision to conduct the money reform.'

Central bank chairman Sergei Dubinin predicted today that

Beginning Jan. 1, 1998, new ruble notes will be introduced, the president said. Old ruble bills will still be valid until the year 2002, but three zeros will be chopped off their value.

That means an old, 1,000-ruble note will be worth the same as a

new one-ruble note beginning in January.
"We hope this new ruble will strengthen in the future," Dubinin

At present, 5,801 rubles equals a dollar, and Russians must carry

said. "We have finished the fight against inflation."

Bullock and House Speaker Pete people understand that there is the proposed constitutional Laney today helped Gov. a property tax cut available to amendment, which would raise George W. Bush kick off his state them, so I plan on using the the exemption from local school tour to promote a proposed bully pulpit to encourage voter taxes on people's primary

break on turnout," Bush said. Saturday's ballot.

Republican governor, but they certainly not anything to sneeze \$15,000. joined him at a Capitol news at." conference as he started out.

AUSTIN (AP) - Lt. Gov. Bob cerned about is that not many

The two Democratic state lars in property relief and a

homesteads. The current mini-Bullock said, "A billion dol- mum exemption is \$5,000.

The amendment would raise leaders aren't traveling with the hold-harmless for the schools is the minimum exemption to

That means a home assessed Laney said he also was con- at \$100,000 would be taxable on up to \$85,000 of its value instead

Early voting ends Tuesday for of \$95,000. Additional exemptions extended by school districts also could decrease the taxable amount. Homeowners' savings

amount to their local school property tax rates multiplied by 100. Bush said that would average \$142 per home. The total cost of the cut is \$1 billion a

Renters and business property owners would not get the break.

The ballot proposal also would allow homeowners 65 and older, who already get a property tax freeze, to transfer a portion of that freeze when they change residences.



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

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Opinion

Medicare fraud can be sickening

Maybe Medicare should be renamed "Medi-Ripoff." Federal auditors have reported finding \$23 billion in excess claims paid out in fiscal year 1996 through overbilling by the health-care industry. That amounted to 14 percent of the \$164 billion paid in Medicare claims that

To put the extent of fraud in perspective, the \$23 billion is higher than the tax cuts Congress is proposing.

"These improper payments could range from inadvertent mistakes to outright fraud and abuse," wrote June Gibbs Brown, inspector general of the Department of Health and Human Services, in her audit. "We cannot quantify what portion of the error rate is attributable to fraud.

Given the government's admitted inability to fully quantify the fraud and mistakes, the amount of the Medi-Ripoff could be even higher. "I think it's probably a conservative estimate," Robert Moffit said of the \$23 billion figure; he's deputy director of domestic policy studies at the Heritage Foundation and author of several studies on Medicare.

The reason there's so much medicare fraud is that the Medicare contractors don't have a reason to combat fraud," he explained: When costs go up, the government just gets a higher bill - and taxpayers pay the tab. "Because you don't have market incentives in Medicare, you don't have incentives to go after fraud. The bottom line: It's not your money."

By contrast, private insurance companies have an incentive to combat fraud. They have to make up the lost money by cutting benefits or raising premiums. So a defrauded company's competitive position is undermined - meaning a dollar of fraud is a dollar lost.

Moffit pointed out that the Clinton administration prosecuted only 800 people last year for Medicare fraud. But the solution isn't greater policing of hospitals and doctors; they have enough paperwork to fill out already. Rather, the solution is to establish market mechanisms. Moffit recommends switching Medicare to the system used for the federal government's own employees, called the Federal Employees Health Benefits Program. Under it, patients choose from among 400 different providers. And each provider has a strong incentive: Lower fraud means increased service to patients, higher profits, or both

How would the system work? Moffit wrote, "One reason these plans are popular is that they are organized by groups that actually represent enrollees rather than by health maintenance organizations (HMOs or unsuurance companies that often perceive the enrollee as a pussive buyer in an individual market. This feature could be particularly attractive in a reformed Medicare system One might imagine, for example, plans offered through the American Association of Retired Persons major unions, or even churches

What's clear is that some market mechanism tuil to he adopted to reduce Medicare fraud. Ever tion Congress is debating Medicare reforms - including housing the eligibility age to 67 - to cope with the tist geiring costs of a system scheduled to run in the red as soon as the year 2001. With 70 million baby boomers scheduled to turn 65 beginning in 2011, it's imperative that reforms be made now while the crisis still can be managed

-Odessa American

Dump the 'silly little boxes'

President Clinton cares deeply about the racial situation in America. Now he has presented us with a "major" speech and initiative about the issue. Clinton wants Americans to talk about race in the next year in a "candid national dialogue," replete with "town meetings," in order to come up with "concrete solutions" to make us "one America," a nation no longer divided white and black but the "world's first truly multiracial democracy.

Not a bad idea at all. But so far it seems like an exercise in race-based, politicized, hypocritical Clintonesquery rooted in the view that a multiracial democracy comes about by getting Americans to check boxes about their race and by keeping score. The question is: Can something good come from the

A public tip-off about the whole deal occurred just before Clinton's address at the University of California at San Diego (UCSD). At a White House press briefing, the names of Clinton's "advisory board" were released. The board is and propose actions to address critical areas such as education, economic opportunity, housing, health care, crime and the administration of justice." Big stuff.

What could be wrong with a candid national dialogue about big issues? Well, it turns out that all seven of Clinton's board members, plus the official "consultant" already march in lockstep to Clinton's pro-preference view of affirmative action, which is the central issue of the debate. A journalist asked White House briefer Sylvia Mathews (deputy chief of staff) this: "Why bother having that board if you've already decided that you want these people to support what you already believe?" After dithering, Mathews acknowledged the obvious: "The people that are mainly against affirmative action are not a part of the advisory board."

Who might these people be "who are mainly against affirmative action"? An ABC-Washington



Wattenberg

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

other minorities should receive preference in college admissions to make up for past inequalities, or not?" Almost three-quarters of the respondents said no, including 81% of whites and 48% of blacks.

So it will be Clinton's pro-preference commissioners vs. three-quarters of the American people. Hmm ... Who will prevail when it comes to shaping the concrete solutions?

Clinton began his speech by parading members commissioned "to help bridge the racial divide of his administration, heavily weighted toward appointees who are Filipino American, Puerto Rican American, Mexican American, African American, Japanese American and female American. Clinton likes to say his team "looks like America." But do his appointees, taken as a totality, think like America?

Clinton, the box-checking diversitymonger, repeatedly bragged about the great multiracial texture of the UCSD student audience. It turns out that two percent of the graduates were black, while California is seven percent black; 34% were Asian in a state that is ten percent Asian; eleven percent were Hispanic, vs. 28% of the state. That's

Clinton condemned California's passage last year of Proposition 209 and noted that it might 'resegregate" America, as evidenced by a decline in black and Latino admissions to UCLA, Berkeley and the University of Texas. "Resegregation" is a strange, mean and inflammatory word for a presi-Post poll recently asked: "Do you think blacks and dent to toss around while trying to bring us all ing those silly little boxes.

What Clinton didn't mention was that if minority students have (probably-temporary) difficulty in getting into the elite schools like Berkeley, they will end up one step down the food chain at the still very fine schools such as UCSD or Riverside, Davis, Santa Barbara or in the Cal State system at places like Fullerton, San Francisco or San Jose, or in California's junior-college system.

Clinton used the much-headlined projection that by the year 2050, whites would no longer be the majority in America. But that is a long way from locked-in, depending on the number and composition of immigrants coming to America in

decades to come. And so it went. Slippery stuff. As a professional chatterer, I generally approve of professional chattering. But a dialogue presupposes at least two points of view, which are obviously not going to come from the president. Might it have been better to hold the dialogue and let nature take its course? After all, as Clinton correctly noted, "We are more integrated than ever. More of us share neighborhoods, work, school, social activities, religious life, even love and marriage across racial lines than

But talk is what we'll get. What it yields remains to be seen. Clinton can control his box-checking side of the debate.

But will the national dialogue serve as a sounding board for anti-immigration advocates? It might, and one would hope from pro-immigration advocates as well. Ideally, it can serve as a podium for those of us who believe that a nondiscriminatory, nonpreference, colorblind policy is the way to go. Ward Connerly, a black businessman and a University of California regent who led the fight in favor of Prop 209, is starting a new organization called the American Civil Rights Institute (P.O. Box 188350, Sacramento, CA 95818).

Connerly would be wise to show up at every one of Clinton's town meetings. He has a pretty solid line to purvey: "Americans are tired of check-

Today in history

By The Associated Press Today is Monday, Aug. 4, the 216th

day of 1997. There are 149 days left in

Today's Highlight in History: On Aug. 4, 1944, Nazi police raided the secret annex of a building in Amsterdam and arrested eight people, including 15-year-old Anne Frank, whose diary became a famous

Journal of seditious libel. In 1790, the Coast Guard had its

In 1830, plans for the city of

Chicago were laid out. In 1892, Andrew and Abby Borden

were axed to death in their home in Fall River, Mass. Lizzie Borden, in an earthen dam in Mississippi. account of the Holocaust. She died at Andrew Borden's daughter from a the Bergen-Belsen concentration previous marriage, was accused of the killings, but was acquitted at Department of Energy.

In 1735, a jury acquitted John Peter In 1914, Britain declared war on Oceanos sank in heavy seas off South ing experiment.

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> In 1964, the bodies of missing civil rights workers Michael H. Schwerner, Andrew Goodman and James E. Chaney were found buried

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Ten years ago: The Federal Communications Commission voted 4-0 to rescind the Fairness Doctrine. which required radio and television stations to present balanced coverage of controversial issues.

Five years ago: The crew of the space shuttle Atlantis encountered difficulties as they tried to reel out a satellite attached to miles of thin In 1991, the Greek luxury liner cord as part of an electricity-produc-

The Connecticut town of Westport has a sister city, Yangzhou, in China. As a gesture of peopleto-people understanding, Yangzhou has offered 'a gift of friendship" to Westport - an ancientstyle pavilion, 20 feet tall and nine feet wide.

Officials of Westport visited Yangzhou and were delighted with the gift. Folks at home would be equally delighted, they thought. As Second Selectman Betty Lou Cummings emphasized, "This gift has nothing to do with poli-

Word started to go around Westport about the pavilion - and its being built at a location in has been silenced by intimidation, exile, prison town called Liberty Point. A number of residents terms ... or house arrest. objected strenuously to accepting anything from a country with so repellent a human-rights record As for no politics being involved, camp in Germany. Human rights issues are premayor of the sister city could not have been nomunated for office without the approval by the Central Party. Candidates advocating individual hights do not make the cut.

What also fired up the dissenters was that the pavilion had been unanimously accepted by the Board of Selectmen and the Parks and Recreation Commission without testimony from the objecnors. As fierce letters to the editor appeared in the Westport News - including one by this summer and Zoning Commission decided to let the supporters and protesters express themselves at a meeting - but without the commission taking a ione on the issue.

I spoke briefly, asking whether in the 1930s,



Nat Hentoff

Nat Hentoff is a nationally renowned authority on the First Amendment and the rest of the Bill of Rights.

A much more powerful witness was Elfriete Lafferty: "My family was in a concentration No matter what, it will always be dripping with

Another speaker, Carole Donenfeld, raised the issue of democratic rights in Westport itself. Aside from town officials having ignored the human-rights sissue, she said rank-and-file Westporters had been left out of the decision-

making process. Where is the democracy in Westport?" she resident and year-round taxpayer - the Planning asked. "How dare anyone tell us we have no rights about what we are doing in our town?" In vigorous agreement, Westport News editor Woody Klein is called for a full-scale debate before the Representative Town Meeting.

Mestiport would have allied itself with hear the thunder below. First Selectman Joe Suppositioning as a sister city. And I quoted from a Arcudi – who had been an influential backer of which – their Chinese friends could point out – manner State Department China Report: "All this out of friendship - has decided, according to "you can buy at several stores on Main Street in and dissent against the party and government the news "that because of the human-rights Westport."

issue, maybe Liberty Point is not such a good name after all" for the pavilion's site. He went on to say, "With all the controversy, the feeling is that the town does not want the gift."

A corollary debate among the townspeople is a teacher exchange program between Westport and Yangzhou. This will continue - with a grant from the American Council of Learned Studies and has been unreservedly approved by the Superintendent of Schools, Paul Kelleher and the Board of Education.

Among the enthusiasts is Joan Irvine, vice chair of the Board of Education: "Students will learn about Chinese culture, language and daily life ... in a country emerging as a major power in the world.

But if the Westport students visiting in China Amnesty International pointed out that the cious to me. I am offended as a taxpayer that I ask about the daily life of thousands of prisoners am to live with a symbol that is so destructive. of conscience and about forced abortions, what educational answers will they get from their In Denver, during a previous teacher exchange

program, a sixth grader said to the teacher from China: "I'm the seventh child in my family. What would have happened to me (in view of forced abortions) if I were Chinese?'

The spinning answer from the Chinese bearer of his country's culture was: "You're American, so you wouldn't be affected. But in any case, it's a very complicated question."

Westport teachers going to China will not be imprisoned for speaking freely in the sister city, but a degree of self-censorship is likely to take The rulers of the town have already begun to hold as they avoid bringing up, say, Tiananmen Square. Or the prison labor that produces goods

elebs are great byline pretenders

One thing that aggravates me no end is the way. people with big names and famous faces keep annuding on my territory. Ilaike, for example, Sarah Ferguson. A few weeks

ago site took time out from tea-and-biscuits to write a newspaper column and was immediately published in 2,000 papers around the world. I disn't mind when the Duchess of York exploits

the nonsitiety she gained by marrying and divorcing a prince to get her picture taken or to get on Lettlemmin or to get paid obscene sums to advertise crantherry mice and weight reduction programs. But when she takes unfair advantage of her celebrity status to write a newspaper column, then she is pushing her bloody luck

I feel like liselie Foster, who once had this to say about rock stars who think they ought to get into developing my skills and being a professional. And the idea of giving somebody a million dollars just because they can fill a stadium full of termagers is insulting. I mean, the idea of Sting as Picanno in moulting,

Precisely. Homest journalists pay their dues and if they live long enough, they get some notice. Actors, polls and rogues say, hey, I think I'll write a column, and they get a contract. They're so damned insouciant about it, too. Actor/director Ron Howard told the Los showbiz flop. After all, he said, he was co-edi-



Joseph Spear

have been a pretty easy thing for me to drift into."

Well, drift into this, buddy

It happens all the time. Paul Newman acts, makes tomato sauce and pops corn, but he's still. Why do they have to use up valuable op-ed space not satisfied, so he buys a piece of the Nation and active, "You spent 25 years becoming an actor, starts writing commentaries. Roseanne's creative correspondents out of work? Not to mention the needs are insufficiently nourished by playing the problem of confusing the public about who the wicked witch, so she conducts interviews for Mode magazine. (Given the fact that this is a fashion mag for the full-figured person, perhaps she bonafide from the counterfeit. Previously, I have does have the talent for the job.)

This is not a recent phenomenon. In the past few years, columnists' ranks have been infiltrated that would be a good idea. I have also proposed that by Hillary Clinton and Jimmy Carter. And by Christopher Matthews, former factorum for Tip have red dots painted on their foreheads, or wear O'Neill; Edwin Meese, the ethically challenged chevrons on the sleeves. None of these proposals attorney general who worked for Ronald Reagan; Angeles Daily News in 1994 he might had been a Oliver North, who was convicted of lying, shredding documents and accepting illegal gratuities tor of his high school newspaper and "it would before being rescued by an appeals court; Dan cent snouts.

Ouavle, the Olde Potatoe Heade. And, of course, Patrick Buchanan, who has been bouncing between politics and journalism for 30 years. It isn't just newspaper columns, either.

Television news is becoming a soapbox for retired or resting pols. Buchanan routinely flits between the hustings and CNN's Crossfire. George Stephanopoulos leaves the Clinton nest and immediately becomes an ABC analyst. New York congresswoman Susan Molinari is hired by CBS News to anchor a Saturday morning show.

Why don't all these people just go on the Web with the thousands of other fantasy journalists who "publish" the electronic equivalent of the old mimeographed newsletter and leave us alone? and air time and throw legitimate columnists and real journalists are and who the pretenders are.

We definitely need a system to separate the suggested that asterisks (*) be attached to column by lines to identify the pretenders, and I still think TV impostors be required to wear funny hats, or have caught on, so now I'm thinking about neon nose rings. You know, like the Fox TV hockey pucks.

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A pumpjack and a windmill ...

A Panhandle landscape is captured in this shot of native grasses blowing in front of a windmill and pumpjack.

FDA approves brain implant to cut tremors

By LAURAN NEERGAARD **Associated Press Writer**

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WASHINGTON (AP) – The Food and Drug Administration today approved a pacemaker-like brain implant to help people with Parkinson's disease and other tremor disorders literally cut off their uncontrollable shaking.

Medtronic Corp.'s Activa system provides "deep brain stimulation." It involves drilling through the skull to implant an electrode in the brain that emits constant, customized electric shocks to block tremors.

Activa helps control the debilitating shakes that accompany Parkinson's disease and a little-understood hereditary disease called essential tremor.

It "will enable patients with essential tremor to once again perform daily living activities unaided, and may improve these Parkinson's disease," said FDA Acting trembling. The surgery can cause permanent the long-term effects of constant electrical Commissioner Michael Friedman.

Up to 1.5 million Americans have Parkinson's disease, a degenerative neurological disease where patients suffer shaking along with rigid limbs and other worsening symptoms. About 2 million Americans have essential tremor, which causes similar violent

shaking but no other symptoms.

time. Only about 40 percent of essential tremor patients are helped with medicines.

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Up to 1.5 million Americans have Parkinson's disease, a degenerative neurological disease where patients suffer shaking along with rigid limbs and other worsening symptoms.

problems with speech, movement and swal-stimulation on brain tissue.

less risky.

patients, almost everyone experienced a emissions on their electrode.

reduction in tremors. Tremors were signifi-The drug L-Dopa helps some Parkinson's cantly reduced in 58 percent of essential symptoms, although its effects wane over tremor patients and 67 percent of Parkinson's patients.

The effect was greatest for essential tremor. The shaking is so debilitating that some where testing showed patients could write, other tasks significantly better after the implant. Parkinson's patients' trembling also was eased, but the implant didn't help other symptoms such as the rigidity that also impedes their ability to write and perform

The implant stimulates one side of the brain to cut tremors on one side of the body. It would take two implants, on each side of the brain, to cut the shaking of both hands. The FDA approved only one implant today, postponing its decision on whether a double implant is safe until Medtronic finishes further studies.

The FDA warned that the Activa system The Activa brain implant promises to be does have some side effects. About one-third of patients experience a tingling sensation in In a study of 113 severe Parkinson's the head and hands, although doctors could patients and 83 severe essential tremor minimize the effect by changing the shock

Family legacy ends:

Century-old ranch broken up to create nature preserve

By EDUARDO MONTES **Associated Press Writer**

FORT DAVIS, Texas (AP) - Don McIvor holds forth about his longtime home, a cherished family legacy, and it's like listening to a protracted sigh.

The 66-year-old cattleman's voice grows uneven as he contemplates the coming break up of the century-old U Up U Down Ranch, nearly 39,000 acres of piney wilderness and rolling fields high in the Davis Mountains.

"Oh sure, there's a lot of emotion. But I accept them as just emotions," said McIvor. "It's the way it came down and I have to accept them or just whimper, and I think it's better to accept them."

After 115 years, the McIvor family is selling the bulk of the ranch because McIvor's sisters want out. All but 6,400 acres will belong to The Nature Conservancy of Texas once the deal closes, possibly by summer's

The San Antonio-based nonprofit group says it will divide its 32,000 acres into four large tracts. Three will be sold to prospective

The remaining 12,000 acres at the highest elevations of the 8,378-foot Mount Livermore – a lush green "sky island" sprouting from the Chihuahuan Desert will become a private preserve for conservation and research.

"It's already inherently a derful home for native Texas Locke. plants and animals. Many species found in the Davis Mountains are not found in other parts of Texas and there are some that aren't found anyplace else on the planet," said Nature Conservancy spokeswoman Niki Frances McDaniel.

McIvor will live on the remaining section and ranch as he has since 1957, when he moved to West Texas to manage the U Up U Down during the last stages of a severe drought. Until then, the family had been absentee landlords.

McIvor was born and raised in New Hampshire and had only come down for a couple of summers before taking over the ranch established by McIvor's greatgrandfather, G.S. Locke. His sisters never lived there.

transplanted New The Englander came to love the land and the lifestyle, but has been dismayed by changes that have

occurred over the last 20 years.

The children of longtime ranchers who didn't want to stay in the business began to sell off some of the large ranches piece by piece, he said. High estate taxes and other financial concerns were also taking their toll.

Soon, rugged subdivisions for retirees and others seeking solitude in one of Texas' wildest areas were sprouting up on what had been adjoining ranches. Others turned to tourism ventures rather than continue running cattle.

"I felt lonely," said McIvor. "It became so that I was pretty much the only old ranch left in the Davis Mountains, basically. This is not just Jeff Davis County, it's all of West Texas. Marfa, Alpine, they're having the same problems."

When McIvor's sisters, Nancy Webb and Janet Chapin, decided they were ready to sell, McIvor bucked the prevailing trends and began serious negotiations with the Nature Conservancy, which had long before expressed interest in the property.

McIvor said he likes that the organization's plan calls for allowing continued ranching on some land while also preserving what he called a "unique coun-

The family has a history of backing scientific endeavors. McIvor's mother, Violet Locke McIvor, donated the land for the McDonald Observatory's first telescopes, which loom above the U Up U Down on Mount

Recently, Don McIvor donated 25 acres for construction of an experimental solar park just off the curving state highway that wends through the scenic forests.

His deal with the Nature Conservancy also includes the donation of a "conservation easement" on his remaining land, a property right that restricts its use so the conservation value is maintained.

The other properties have similar easements, which allow ranching but limit development and forbid subdivision. Owners get a tax break because the easements are considered a charitable contri-

NOT SO FUNNY JOKE

1st Aggle - Do you think that old boy is really saved? 2nd Aggle -Oh yes,he has been clapping about two years now.

Newsmakers

NORFOLK, Va. - Navy Seaman John D. Dawson, a 1990 Pampa High School graduate, along with fellow crewmembers off the amphibious transport dock ship USS Dubuque, conducted a community relations project at the Redemptionist School for the Handicap in Pattava, Thailand.

Dawson's crew members, along with elements from the 31st Marine Expiditionary Unit, removed several tons of concrete rubble and painted the inside of the school auditorium as part of the largest group of volunteers to ever donate their time and energy to the school.

Dawson joined the Navy in January 1996.

AMARILLO - Scott A. Johnson, a 1995 Pampa High School graduate and son of Christopher A. and RoseAnn N. Johnson of Pampa, has joined the United States Army under the delayed Entry Program at the U.S. Army Recruiting Station in Amarillo.

The program gives young men or women the opportunity to delay enlistment into the Army for up to one year before reporting to basic military training. The enlistment gives the new soldier time to learn a new skill, trav-

el and become eligible to receive as much as \$40,000 toward a college education. After completion of basic training, soldiers receive advanced individual training in their career specialty.

Johnson will report to Fort Lawton, Okla., for military basic training on Aug. 6.

The American Academy of Distinguished Students is proud to announce the membership of Kim Damron of Pampa. Damron is a history and drama major at El Centro Community College in Dallas. Invitations for membership in the Academy are based on the fol-

lowing criteria: 1) grade point average; 2) recommendations from fac-

ulty members or administrators at their universities; 3) leadership; and 4) service in their communities and universities. Select faculty members from prestigious universities from across the U.S. are invited annually to sponsor students. On the average, ten percent of these students are invited to become members of the

Academy. Members of the Academy represent America's best and brightest minds and next generation of leaders in the private and public sectors.

Wichita, Kan. - Wichita State University has announced students awarded degrees for the fall of 1997.

Among the 1997 graduating class was Yanjun Xue of Pampa. Xue received a master of science degree.

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Antique dolls



(Pampa News photo by Miranda G. Balley) Getting all dolled up! These two classic antique dolls

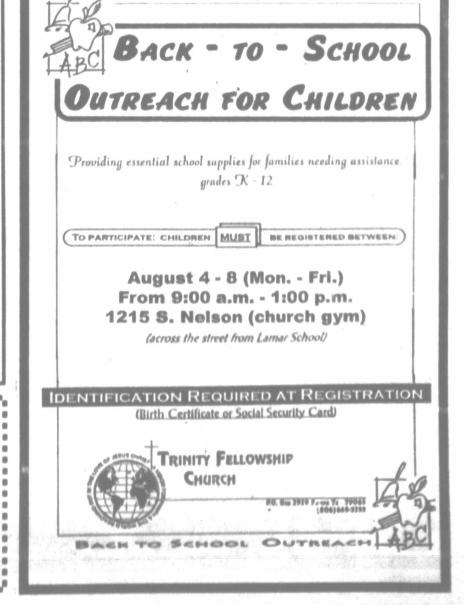
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Father Digs In His Heels In Battle Over Son's Name

DEAR ABBY: "Jack" and I were recently married and are now expecting our first child. Unfortunately, what should be a joyous time for us has turned into a battle of wills.

The day we found out I was pregnant, Jack told me if our child is a boy, he wants to name the baby after both his grandfathers, only one of whom is still living. I told him then I didn't care for either name and suggested we compromise by using one as a middle name, and then selecting a first name that we both like.

We learned last week that we are, indeed, going to have a boy. Jack refuses to discuss any other names. He said he has decided "not to be flexible on the subject" and doesn't care if it is fair or if I like it.

His attitude is killing all the joyful anticipation I should be feeling over the birth of our son. He has made it clear that "honoring" his grandfather is more important to him than considering the wishes of his wife - the mother of his child.

I've tried telling him how I feel about naming the baby, and that I won't sign the birth certificate unless our son has a name we both agree on. He says he doesn't care; he'll sign it without me.

Shouldn't I have a say in choosing the name my firstborn will carry for the rest of his life? I can't get my husband to listen to me on the subject. What should I do?

Horoscope

Tuesday, Aug. 5, 1997

Your leadership qualities will become

SAD MOM-TO-BE, WHITTIER, CALIF.

Birthday

Volunteering teaches you responsibility and earns you friends. I'd definitely recommend working at a nursing home or volunteering at other places - such as animal shelters, businesses, farms, hospitals, or just work at people's homes for free.

It may sound boring to some people, but it's worth the time. I've made many friends and have had lots of fun doing it.

REBECCA L. MAHAN, KEWASKUM, WIS.

DEAR REBECCA: Giving of one's time is the most precious gift a person can bestow. I know from personal experience how rewarding volunteer work can be. You are a mature and generous young lady who has learned a valuable lesson at a young age. Bless you for spreading the

To order "How to Write Letters for All Occasions," send a business-sized, selfaddressed envelope, plus check or money order for \$3.95 (\$4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, Letter Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054-0447. (Postage is

Good advice for everyone - teens to seniors — is in "The Anger in All of Us and How to Deal With It." To order, send a business-sized, self-addressed envelope. plus check or money order for \$3.95 (\$4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, Anger Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

not likely to make poor decisions today, as you'll be able to determine their worth from all angles. Weigh your alternatives

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Friends will be willing to do things for you today, because they know you'd do the same for them if the roles where reversed

your resources.

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Abigail Van Buren SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

DEAR SAD MOM-TO-BE: It is unfortunate that naming the baby has become a battle of wills. However, there may still be some room for compromise. Consider agreeing to name

the boy after his paternal great-grandfathers, then promptly give the child a nickname. Or, tell your husband that if he names the first child, it's your right to name the second - and put the agreement in writing.

DEAR ABBY: I read your column daily, and you offer good

advice. Keep up the good work. I'm writing to offer a suggestion to kids who have spare time this summer. I'm 12 years old and volunteer at my mother's job. She works in a nursing home. I walk with patients, talk to them, run errands and help with activities, plus a lot of other thangs. You can learn a lot, and bring patients joy



what to do to make the relationship work. Mail \$2.75 to Matchimakier, d/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill.

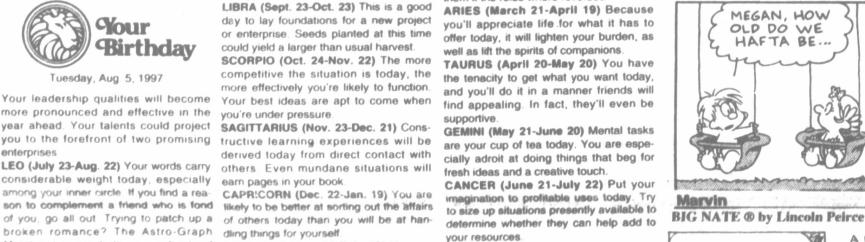
Station, New York, NY 10156. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Hunches or flashes of insight you get today should not be discounted. This is especially true if they are of a positive nature.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) This is a good day to lay foundations for a new project or enterprise. Seeds planted at this time could yield a larger than usual harvest. SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) The more competitive the situation is today, the more effectively you're likely to function. Your best ideas are apt to come when more pronounced and effective in the you're under pressure.

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Football

Pampa Harvester football practice is set to begin later this week, starting with equipment checkouts.

The schedule for checkouts on Wednesday, August 6:

•6:30 a.m. Seniors check out •7:00 a.m. Juniors check out •7:30 a.m. Sophomores check

•8:30 a.m. Freshmen check

Practice times for August 6th, 7th and 8th (Wed., Thur., Fri.): •8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.; Varsity

and Junior Varsity •10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon;

•1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.; Varsity and Junior Varsity

•6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.; Varsity and Junior Varsity Practice times for Saturday,

August 9: •8:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon; Varsity, Junior Varsity

• Freshmen practice will be announced Practice times for August 11-

15 (Monday through Friday): •7:00 a.m. - 8:15 a.m.; Varsity and Junior Varsity

•4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.; Freshmen •6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.; Varsity

and Junior Varsity Practice times for Saturday,

August 16: •8:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.; Varsity

and Junior Varsity •6:00 p.m.; Pictures will be

Tennis

The Pampa High School tennis team will begin practice on Wednesday, August 6. Two-aday practices are scheduled at 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon as well as 3:00 p.m. through 5:00 p.m., and will run through Friday, August 8. Practices are open to all Pampa High School students wishing to try out for the varsity and junior varsity squads.

Olympics

ATHENS, Greece (AP) - The International Committee expects five or six bids for the 2006 Winter Games, IOC president Juan Antonio Samaranch said today.

Bids are expected from Sion, Spain; Switzerland; Jaca, Slovakia; Poprad-Tatry, Innsbruck, Austria; and possibly a three-country candidacy involving Italy, Austria and Slovenia.

If Stockholm is not selected to host the 2004 Games next month, Samaranch said there may be a joint 2006 bid from Sweden and Finland.

Samaranch said Canada, which last hosted the winter games in Calgary in 1988, could have entered a bid but apparently decided not to.

Samaranch said the relatively small number of candidates means the IOC will not have to select a shortlist of finalists as it did for the 2002 Winter Games and 2004 Summer Olympics.

"I think we will have a maximum of five candidates," Samaranch told reporters at the Athletics Championships. "There will

not be a pre-selection." With 11 cities bidding for 2004, the IOC reduced the field to five finalists: Athens, Buenos Aires, Cape Town, Rome and Stockholm. The winner will be selected at the IOC session in Lausanne, Switzerland, on Sept.

Outdoors

AUSTIN — Consumers like to complain, and often rightly so, about not getting enough value for their dollar. One of the rare opportunities to get more than you pay for is the Super Combo hunting and fishing license offered by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. In addition to the licenses, the combo offers all seven state hunting and fishing stamps for just \$49. Buy all the components separately and they would cost \$82. Hunting and fishing licenses sell for \$19 each, with stamps valued at either \$5 or \$7. Despite the value, not as many Texans bought the license as officials had predicted when sales began a year ago.

Notebook Goodwin paces Ranger victory

Rangers acquired Tom Goodwin from the open the ninth and Cedeno went to sec- Hargrove said. "They rolled the dice and Cleveland made it 4-2 in the fourth as Kansas City Royals on July 25 to add a ond on Jim Leyritz' pinch single. dimension they badly lacked: speed. Goodwin, attempting to sacrifice the run-Goodwin's flying feet paid their first divners to second and third, ended up with a idend for the Rangers on Sunday night.

Goodwin matched a career-high with "I was just trying to get the runner to keys to four hits and raced home from third with third," Goodwin said. "But at the same Cedeno. Goodwin matched a career-high with cap a three-run ninth inning rally as the play. Rangers snapped a five-game losing streak with an 8-7 victory over the down the left field line to tie the game at Cleveland Indians.

"Being able to run puts pressure on the defense," Goodwin said. "That's part of Greer to reload the bases. Juan Gonzalez the game I can be successful at. Hopefully this is a stepping stone for me to have some consistency.

Goodwin started the night in a 2-for-22

manager Johnny Oates said. "It was nice but it was a chance I was willing to take." to have him on third base in that situation."

Mike Jackson (2-3) hit pinch-hitter the play.

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) - The Texas Domingo Cedeno with an 0-2 pitch to bunt single to load the bases.

the winning run on a shallow fly ball to time you want to get a base hit on the

Mark McLemore hit a two-run double Jackson intentionally walked Rusty

popped to short, but Clark lifted a fly ball to shallow center field and Goodwin beat Marquis Grissom's throw home. "There was plenty of doubt, but I had to

double to pace the Rangers offense. The career-high with four hits. "We'd just tied Gonzalez's RBI triple. key play, however, was taking a chance on the game. It's a decision you have to make Will Clark's fly ball with one out in the on your own whether you can make it. I in the second as Matt Williams doubled, inth. saw Marquis back up a couple of steps advanced to third on a fly ball, and score 'There's not too many guys who would and that finalized the deal. More than on Omar Vizquel's squeeze bunt single. have scored on that sacrifice fly," Rangers likely, a perfect throw is going to get me,

Indians manager Mike Hargrove said the Rangers were definitely gambling on

it came up good. Given that situation, I Williams doubled, advanced to third on a would have tried it too."

Jackson blew his second save in 16 sacrifice fly. opportunities. Hargrove said one of the keys to the inning was Jackson hitting

on an 0-2 pitch," Hargrove said. "You make it 6-2. really have to get that first guy out."

Brian Giles homered twice and drove in three runs for the Indians.

Cleveland took a 1-0 lead in the first off Tanyon Sturtze when Marquis Grissom led off with a triple and scored on Giles'

advanced to third on a fly ball, and scored Giles homered into the upper deck in right in the third to make it 3-1.

McLemore's single and scored as Rusty 10 homers in the three-game series.

"If the throw's on line, he's out," Greer grounded into a double play. But wild pitch and scored on leff Branson's

The Indians knocked out Sturtze in the fifth when Giles hit his second homer of the night. David Justice followed with an "The big thing was that he hit Cedeno RBI single off reliever Eric Moody to

Benji Gil's two-run homer in the fifth, John Wetteland (6-2) gave up a homer to his fourth, narrowed Cleveland's lead to Sandy Alomar in the ninth, but picked up 6-4. The Rangers cut the deficit to 6-5 against reliever Jose Mesa when Gonzalez led off the sixth with his 24th homer.

Notes: The Indians led off each of the first six innings with an extra-base hit. ... Giles had his first career multi-homer game. ... Goodwin started the night in a 2-for-22 "There was plenty of doubt, but I had to led off with a triple and scored on Giles' Moody was making his major league slump, but he had three singles and a try it," said Goodwin after matching his sacrifice fly. Texas tied it in the first on debut. ...Gil homered for the first time since June 3. He snapped an 0-for-18 The Indians went in front 2-1 with a run slump with his first hit since July 5. ... Gonzalez's homer traveled 436 feet, the third longest at The Ballpark in Arlington this season. ... Alomar hit his 15th homer, a new career high. ... The Rangers won on their final at bat for the 12th time this sea-Texas cut the deficit to 3-2 in the third son. ... Goodwin had four hits for the when Goodwin singled, took third on fourth time in his career. ... Cleveland had



Pampa High School student Tandi Morton hurdles past the competition during a track meet last season.

Morton was recently selected to be placed in the 1996-97 High School Edition of Who's Who In Sports. Selection to Who's Who In Sports is a distinguished honor. June 25 at Paris, Johnson finished career. awarded to less than 5% of the sports participants in American High Schools.

Klinger throws three TD's leads Raiders past Dallas

Jeff George makes first Raiders appearance

By DENNE H. FREEMAN AP Sports Writer

IRVING, Texas (AP) — Although the Oakland tract, it was David Klingler who looked like he was worth that much money.

While George was making his heralded debutshow with three touchdown passes as Oakland beat the Dallas Cowboys 34-27 in an NFL exhibition game Sunday night.

It added up to a happy debut for new Oakland the game coach Joe Bugel, the former Arizona Cardinals

"Over the last three years the Raiders have lacked a vertical passing game," Bugel said. "The Raiders haven't made many big plays. I think we made some progress in that area against the Cowboys."

George, whose career soured at both ble finding receivers — unlike the on-target Klingler.

said. "I wasn't rusty and felt pretty good for a preseason game. Everyone hates the preseason, two touchdowns on two possessions. but it's good work.

game to work on. I'll be there when the regular sions." season starts."

Klingler burned the youthful and injury-riddled Dallas secondary with three touchdown passes in the second quarter.

"It was a good way to start," Bugel said. "We showed we've got good depth at quarterback. ankles. We have three great quarterbacks. Klingler really aired it out. Jeff will get better. He's the type of had tonight," Aikman said. "It was a big confiquarterback that looks for the primary receiver dence builder." and then if he is not open begins to scramble out of the pocket."

Klingler threw a 3-yard touchdown pass to who made a one-handed catch.

rookie tight end Robert Rosenstiel. Then he went deep for a 62-yard scoring pass to Olanda Truitt and a 74-yarder to Kenny Shedd late in the sec-Raiders signed Jeff George to a \$27.5 million con- ond quarter against a mix of free agent rookie defenders such as Singor Mobley and Montrell

"Our receivers made some great moves and I for the Raiders, it was Klingler who stole the just put the ball in there," Klingler said. He finished 5-of-8 for 184 yards.

Third-string quarterback Donald Hollas fired a 5-yard touchdown pass to Kenny Grace late in

Dallas had four cornerbacks out of the game

because of injuries. We had a lot of people in the secondary who couldn't play, so we were just finding bodies to put out there," Dallas coach Barry Switzer said. 'I thought our first-team offense did a great

Said Dallas defensive coordinator Dave Indianapolis and Atlanta, said his timing was Campo: "I don't want to make excuses but we off. George was 3-of-9 for 47 yards and had troulooked at a lot of different personnel. It was an evaluation game for us."

Quarterback Troy Aikman, who said the "I felt pretty good considering I had been out Cowboys' No. 24-ranked offense was horrible of game situations for almost a year," George last year, showed things could be much better this season by going 8-of-10 for 104 yards and

Troy was throwing extremely well and Billy "I'll get better next week. I learned a lot just Davis did what he's been doing all of training watching from the sidelines. Klingler was mak- camp, making plays," Switzer said. "Our offense ing some good deep throws. I have my own did everything right in the first two posses-

Aikman threw a 33-yard touchdown pass to Davis, who was basically a special teams performer last season, and a 6-yard scoring strike to tight end Eric Bjornson, who spent most of the 1996 season limping around on two sprained

We needed an offensive performance like we

Dallas got a late fourth-quarter touchdown on a 25-vard pass from Max Knake to Macey Brooks,

Johnson scrapes into semifinals

ATHENS, Greece (AP) — and world champion for both the Michael Johnson made it to the 200 and 400. World Championships thanks to a controversial wild-card invita-

wasted that unprecedented

Easing up 50 meters from the finish in his second-round 400 heat Sunday, Johnson was caught by two hard-charging runners forced him to wait for the results five-hundredths of a second. of the last two heats to learn if he had scraped into the semifinals as one of the fastest losers.

another 400 heat, said of Johnson. semifinals "He doesn't have it in his heart right now. Part of it could be that walked away from the interview

A leg muscle injury in his 150- 50 TV and print journalists. showdown

a distant fifth in the 400 - his

"I was sure I had a firm grip on my position. I just didn't see (Wade)," the American said. "It Then the Dallas runner nearly surprised me that he was suddenly beside me."

The top three from each heat plus the owners of the four next fastest times advanced and Johnson's 45.39 seconds gave him the next-to-last qualifying spot. and relegated to fourth. That He made it into the semifinals by

Britain's Jamie Baulch and Nigeria's Clement Chukwu, both at 45.06, turned in the top "Once you get beat, you have heat times, while Americans to be a strong person to bounce Antonio Pettigrew, the 1991 American Tyree world champion, Jerome Young Washington, who was second in and Washington also reached the

A visibly angry Johnson area in silence, trailed by about

with Johnson, who has said he Donovoan Bailey on June 1 hopes to eventually break Butch forced Johnson to miss the U.S. Reynolds' world record and nationals — where the American bring it under 43 seconds, had to squad for the worlds was chosen. run two 400 heats on the same When he returned to action day for the first time in his

"I'm not surprised that he's first loss at that distance since running this slow," Young, who February 1989, a span of 59 races. took his heat in 44.87, said of his On Sunday, Johnson did not teammate. "It's a rough struggle look like the reigning Olympic to come back from injury."



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Associated Press Writer

HOUSTON (AP) - Attention professional football teams: 10th-largest media market is in about. need of a pro football team to root for. Stadium not necessary. Nearly four-decade track record of support. Apply in person ...

Houston's pro football loyalties are up for grabs.

For the first time since 1961 when the Houston Oilers helped inaugurate the old American they can. Football League — there will be no pro football played in the city this year because the Oilers have deserted for the financially greener pastures of Tennessee.

That void has not gone totally unnoticed by the teams closest, at least in location.

Dallas, home of the Cowboys, little more than three-hour drive up Interstate 45. New Orleans, home of the Saints, is about 320 miles to the east along I-10, by Texas standards a short five-

frequent flights to both cities make getting to either place a breeze. By the time drinks are served on the plane, it's time to descend.

New Saints coach Mike Ditka already has shown up, making a stop in Houston a couple of weeks ago on the eve of his first Ditto. training camp for a speech to the Houston Touchdown Club.

"We already have a great fan ate carry the games. base, but if we can get some more fans, that'll be great," he said.

Houstonians are not unfamiliar with The Crescent City. More visitors to New Orleans come tourism statistics show.

even when the Oilers were still around, Houston long has been soon. a Cowboys' town, a fact of life Nation's fourth-largest city and the Cowboys almost apologize months and definitely years, sell-

> TV ratings, for example, go through the roof for KRIV, Houston's Fox affiliate which carries NFC games. KRIV officials won't divulge their programming plans, but given the history, it would make sense they grab every Cowboys game

Houston isn't immediate, the Houstonians may need Dallas. soft sell has started to begin raising the blue Dallas star over the Bayou City.

"We have always done things to increase our profile and visibility in San Antonio, Austin and ury El Paso," says Cowboys is 225 or so miles to the north, a spokesman Rich Dalrymple. are among only a handful of NFL "And now Houston will fall into that category."

some big steps toward becoming And trying to fill up the nearly Houston's Team.

Cowboys' owner Jerry Jones Cheap air fares and quick and has hinted there could be an exhibition game featuring his team in Houston's future.

The Cowboys' two weekly TV shows? They're on in Houston this fall for the first time.

New Cowboys' cable TV pro-

Radio? Houston's Cowboy fans long have had a local affili-

Houston media have requested Cowboys not an alternative, the season press credentials for the Saints will be the first choice for Cowboys than ever before.

"Obviously we have respect for the Oilers organization and from Houston than any other Houston fans and that the deparcity in America, New Orleans ture of the team is still fresh in op a package to lure Houston minds there," Dalrymple says, football fans, although work on On the football field, however, "So from that standpoint, I can't the home folks take priority." the Saints are at a disadvantage. say we have anything going into

Maybe not immediately, but

"I believe within the next few ing tickets and potential sponsorship packages and luxury suites to fans in the Houston area will be something we'll be exploring," Dalrymple says.

It's not very far away for those who have a strong thirst for the National Football League."

The reality, though, is Dallas doesn't need Houston perhaps as So while the hard sell on much as some football-crazed

> "We're pretty much in a situation where our home games for the most part are sold out," Dalrymple says.

The Saints don't have that lux-

The Saints (who like the Oilers teams to have never played in a Super Bowl) don't have the Still, America's Team is taking Cowboys' tradition of winning. 80,000-seat New Orleans Superdome still takes work.

"That's one of the differences," says Greg Suit, the Saints' senior vice president of marketing and administration. "We've got tickets to sell. We are in need of business. We've got a unique facility and unique city, really a town gramming under an agreement that's built for tourism. We think with Fox Sports Southwest? we'll get some fans from Houston on several occasions."

One advantage the Saints have is that many Houstonians are sworn Cowboys haters. So Daily news coverage? More with the Oilers gone and the many fans.

> There's nothing formal yet, but Suit sees some possibilities with a travel company to devel-

"We'll probably do some

Houston's football loyalties remain with the silver and blue By MICHAEL GRACZYK Associated Press Writer Love 'em or hate 'em, and place immediately.' Maybe not immediately, but

HOUSTON (AP) - New York Mets pitcher Brian Bohanon figured this was almost a magi- now," manager Larry Dierker said. "I really cal weekend. Everything seemed to be going just the way he wanted it to go.

Then the Houston Astros spoiled it with a bizarre ninth-inning rally that beat the Mets 3-2 on a bases-loaded hit batsman.

Before that, Bohanon was flying high. This was the first time he had pitched in his home-

And to make matters almost a little surreal, Bohanon's 10-year high school reunion was held at the Mets' team hotel Saturday night. "It was just a coincidence," Bohanon said. us today and we won.

"They already had it planned long ago. I found out about it six months ago."

Bohanon wasn't even with the Mets then. He started this season with Norfolk in Triple A and was called up April 5. He was outrighted back to the Tides on May 1, but rejoined the Mets July 23. This was his third start and it seemed almost fortuitous.

"This was really special," he said. "I had 24 on the pass list here, but I think between 100 and 150 of my friends and family were in the stands.

"Then the reunion was great. I got to see a lot of the guys I played baseball with in high hit ball for the victory. school. It was a nice little get-together."

Nervous about playing in his hometown, Bohanon started in a somewhat shaky fashion, allowing hits to the Astros' first two batters. But then he struck out Jeff Bagwell and got two groundouts to end the inning.

In all, he pitched 5 1-3 innings, allowed only three hits with four strikeouts and a walk and manager Bobby Valentine said, "Brian was terrific. He battled out of some jams and made good pitches when he had to.'

Still, it was discouraging for Bohanon to leave the game leading 2-0 only to see the Astros come back and tie it on a two-run homer by Craig Biggio off reliever Juan Acevedo in the seventh.

Then reliever Greg McMichael loaded the Houston's, but unfortunately they didn't." bases in the ninth and hit Luis Gonzalez to drive in the winning run.

"I had no complaints (about being relieved)," Bohanon said. "They felt it was a better matchup (in the sixth) with Acevedo and (Derek) Bell and it was. He got him to fly out er. and got (Sean) Berry to strike out.

this game won and just had some tough luck. It's hard for me to lose to these guys. I wanted to come out and show the people at home I can today. That's just crazy." pitch in the big leagues."

He's got a good arm. I wasn't unhappy to see him leave the game.'

The Astros have now won 20 of their last 25 games and completed an 8-2 homestand.

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"We can't play any better than we are right don't believe we can. We're getting outstanding pitching, timely hitting and our defense has been playing better than it has been all year. You just hope it can last."

The Astros know it takes a little luck to keep a streak alive such as this one.

"We were fortunate to win this one," Biggio town against the team he had watched growing said. "You don't often see a guy get hit on an 0-up while attending North Shore High School. 2 pitch, and you wouldn't think you'd win a game where a home run ball goes for a double and a ball off the center field wall goes for a (one-base error), but those things happened to

"Unbelieveable."

With two outs in the ninth, Biggio singled to center and stole second before McMichael (7-9) walked pinch-hitter Thomas Howard and Jeff Bagwell to load the bases.

McMichael hit the left-handed hitting Gonzalez on the right leg on an 0-2 count to bring in Biggio with the winning run.

"I haven't seen the tape so I don't know," McMichael said. "I was just trying to get him out. I don't know if he was leaning out over the plate or it was that bad of a pitch.

Tom Martin (4-2) pitched two innings of one-

Berry missed a home run leading off the fifth when his long drive to left hit a speaker hanging from the Astrodome ceiling in left field. The ball bounced back towards the infield and Berry reached second with a double. Bohanon then retired the side to strand Berry.

Berry is only the second player and the first Astro to hit an Astrodome speaker in fair territory. The Phillies Mike Schmidt hit one in center field on June 10, 1974. Schmidt was held to a single as his blast struck the speaker and bounced back to short center.

"That's the longest double of my life," Berry said. "I was hoping the umpires would remember the Montreal ground rules (in Montreal a ball hitting the speaker is a homer) and not New York left fielder Butch Huskey said he

thought Berry's ball should have been a homer. "I never saw it," Huskey said. "Once I turned my back on the ball I turned around and tried to find it but I heard it hit the speak-

'I don't know why that's not a home run. "Right now, it's hard to think about. We had There's no way it shouldn't be. You can't penalize the guy for hitting the speaker.
"But I guess I'm glad it wasn't a home run

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Notes: Craig Biggio hit his third home run in The Astros believe that. "I'd never faced him the last five games ... Biggio's run scored in the before but I was impressed," Gonzalez said. ninth inning gives him 100 for the season. It's the third consecutive year he has scored at least 100 runs ... The Mets slipped to 12-12 on artificial fields this season ... They are only 6-13 in day games on the road.

Lasorda, Niekro get their inductions in Cooperstown

Oilers determined to run more

play over and over. We did all

Fisher said there were some

missed assignments and some

losses of individual battles at

"There were some things

We didn't just run the same from Arizona.

the things we'll continue to Fisher said. "Now, he doesn't

preseason.

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) - (opening) drive up a little bit planning," he said

By HAL BOCK AP Sports Writer

Angeles Dodgers manager Tommy Lasorda remembered how, as a kid, he had dreamed of pitching for the New York Yankees.

"I dreamed of playing with Dickey, DiMaggio, Gehrig," he said. "And then my mother would wake me up and say, 'It's time to go to school.'

"That dream was so real, and after what's happened to me now, this is unbelievable, the greatest Lasorda said. thing in my lifetime. The Hall of Fame is eternity. I am living a dream. I only hope somebody doesn't

"Fifty-two years ago, I left Norristown, Pa., as an aspiring left-handed pitcher, scared to death. Now I come into Cooperstown and I'm still scared to in 24 seasons using a gimmick pitch he learned

With 35 Hall of Famers returning for the ceremorues, Lasorda, knuckleball pitcher Phil Niekro, and infielders Nellie Fox and Willie Wells were added to the baseball shrine Sunday, swelling its membership to 232. The returning Hall of Famers included Stan Musial, who played "Take Me Out To The Ballgame," on his harmonica, and ailing Ted Williams, who received a standing ovation.

Joanne Fox accepted for her late husband, a 12time All-Star, and Stella Wells accepted for her father, the 14th Negro League player inducted. Longtime baseball writer Charley Feeney and broadcaster Jimmy Dudley were honored with

Lasorda, whose teams won 1,599 games in 20 seasons, including world championships in 1981 and 1988, was the 14th manager honored.

He said unless managers win, they become exmanagers in a hurry. With that in mind, he recalled going to church one Sunday morning in Cincinnati. manager of the Reds. I knew why he was there and he knew why I

was there," Lasorda said. "After Mass, he said, play ball."

The Tennessee Oilers are deter- we might have been more suc-

mined to run the ball more, an cessful," he said. "We were

intention met with mixed going to run the football and

results in their first exhibition we did it many different ways.

of the backfield, Eddie George, the line of scrimmage, but

was limited to 22 yards on nine overall he was pleased. He

carries, with a long of 7 yards. said the offense will probably

In the first half, when the only use about half its total

Wait for me outside, I'll be right out."

Lasorda peeked into the sanctuary and saw his COOPERSTOWN, N.Y. (AP) — On the day he rival light a candle. When McNamara left, the was inducted into the Hall of Fame, longtime Los Dodgers manager said he went in and blew out the candle. "I knew he wasn't lighting it for a dead relative," Lasorda said.

That day the Dodgers routed the Reds 13-2 with Lasorda teasing McNamara about the extinguished candle. That winter he heard from McNamara, who was on a trip to Rome.

"He told me, 'Try blowing this one out!""

Niekro, who grew up in coal miner region of eastern Ohio, cited an old country proverb. "If you shake me and say, 'Wake up, it's time to go to see a turtle sitting on a fence post," he said, "you know it didn't get there by itself.

"I didn't get here by myself."

The pitcher they called Knucksie won 318 games from his father. He talked about his brother, Joe, who also made it to majors as a knuckleball spe-

'We faced each other nine times," Niekro said. "He won five and I won four. That's the way it should be. He's the baby. He got one hit off me. He hit one home run in the big leagues and it was off me. Won a game, too.'

After leaving the majors, Niekro became first the manager and now general manager of the Colorado Silver Bullets, a women's professional baseball team. Players from the team were in the crowd at the induction ceremonies.

Niekro became emotional when he talked of his

"He taught me how to catch a fish, rabbit hunt, squirrel hunt, play pinochle," he said. "Whenever I went out to pitch, he said, 'Play ball, son, play ball.' Well, I think there's a game going on some-

where now," Niekro said. Then he rattled off the names of some of the old Across the cathedral was Johnny McNamara, then coal miners who worked with his father, men he sometimes tried his knuckler out on.

As his voice cracked, he said, "Play ball, dad,

Fisher said some young

players who had good nights

included linebacker Armon

Williams, a rookie linebacker

"Armon is very instinctive,"

get lined up in the right place

all the time, but on paper he

knows what to do. It's just a

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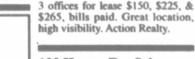
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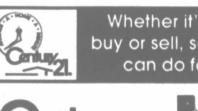
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GRAY (WEST PANHANDLE) Gruy Petroleum Mgmt. Co., #2 Hornsby, Sec. 64,23,H&GN, PD 2650'

LIPSCOMB (NORTHRUP Cleveland & WEST BRADFORD Tonkawa) Canyon Exploration Co., #1 Mathers, FORD Cleveland) Midgard Energy Co., 660' from North & West line, Sec. #5 C.C. Duke 'B', 933' from South & 660' from North & West line, Sec. 643,43,H&TC, PD 7800'.

LIPSCOMB (WILDCAT & WEST HIG-GINS Lower Morrow) Strat Land South & 1500' from West line, Sec. 92,43,H&TC, PD 12600'. Rule 37

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OCHILTREE (WILDCAT & ELLIS RANCH Cleveland) Midgard Energy Ricks 745,43,H&TC, PD 7150', for the follow-

#405, 1250' from North & 800' from West line of Sec.

Application to Deepen (withing casing)

'A', 2300' from South & 1650' from West Replacement well for #1-A

Application to Plug-Back HANSFORD (PATTEN Krider) Jones Energy, Ltd., #1 Collard 'A', 1930' from North & 1320' from West line, Sec. 1000' from South & 1650' from East line, 7,3,SA&MG, PD 3723'. Replacement well for #2-A

> **Amended Intention to Drill** LIPSCOMB (WILDCAT & BRAD-West line, Sec. 767,43,H&TC, PD 7550'.

Amended Field Name & PD OCHILTREE (WILDCAT & WEST Exploration Co., #192 J.J., 2000' from LIPS Cleveland) McNic Oil & Gas Midcontinent, Inc., #3A Blodgett, 2640' from South & 1250' from West line, Sec. 24, R, B&B (BHL: 1915' from South & 788' from West line of Sec.) PD 6800'. Exploration Co., #1174 J.J., 1060' from Amended to show well as Horizontal Sidetrack & add BHL

Oil Well Completions HANSFORD (TWIN Des Moines) Exploration, Inc., #3A Co., Dude Wilson Gas Unit, Sec. O'Loughlin, Sec. 3,2,WCRR, elev. 3026 df, spud 5-19-97 drlg. compl 6-2-97, testing wells: ed 7-15-97, pumped 80 bbl. of 39 grav. #404, 1250' from South & East line of oil + no water, GOR 800, TD 7494', ed 7-15-97, pumped 80 bbl. of 39 grav. PBTD 7054' --

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grav. oil + 15 bbls. water thru 16/64" line, Sec. 7,3,SA&MG, PD 3815'. choke on 24 hour test, csg. pressure 1880 psi, tbg. pressure 1170 psl, GOR 3557,

> WHEELER (THORNDIKE Lower Missouri) Samedan Oil Corp., #1-71 Reeves, Sec. 71, A-5, H&GN, elev. 2811 gl, spud 4-8-97, drlg. compl 4-26-97, tested 7-17-97, pumped 62 bbl. of 40.8 grav. oil + 6 bbls. water, GOR —, TD 8330', PBTD

> Corrected Gas Completion HUTCHINSON **(ARRINGTON** Cherokee) Strat Land Exploration Co., #2 Kirk 'A', Sec. 85,5-T,T&NO, elev. 3209 gr, spud 2-17-97, drlg. compl 2-27-97, tested 6-13-97, potential 1700 MCF, TD 6268', PBTD 6213' — Corrected to show Block as 5-T instead of A-5 **Plugged Wells**

(PANHANDLE) Oilwell Operators, Inc., #1 Short 2310' from K Plugging & Salvage, #902 South & 330' from East Lease line, Sec. Whittenburg, 921' from South & 1026' 2,1,H&GN, spud 12-20-49, plugged 6-30-97, TD 3080' (oil) — Form 1 in G.B.

GRAY (PANHANDLE) Texaco E & P, Inc., #4 Combs-Worley NCT-2, 1600' Sec. 36,3,1&GN, spud unknown, plugged 3-5-97, TD 3187' (oil) —

HANSFORD (WILDCAT) Ricks Wash) Midgard Energy Co., #403 Exploration, Inc., #1 Hintergardt Mines Ranch, 1320' from North & 660' from HANSFORD (COLLARD White 2869 kb, spud 5-18-97, drlg. compl 6-11- West Lease line, Sec. 243,26,GH&H, K Plugging & Salvage, #1401 97, TD 2850' (gas) — Form 1 in Dolomite) Jones Energy, Ltd., #2 Collard 97, tested 7-2-97, flowed 395 bbl. of 49.8 spud 5-13-97, plugged 5-29-97, TD Whittenburg, 3550' from North & 340' Petroleum Corp. of Texas

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Brawley Petroleum Corp., #1 McCloy, 1250' from North & East Lease line, Sec. 14,3,GH&H, spud 9-9-74, plugged 5-28-97, TD 6350', PBTD 3150' (gas) Form 1 filed in Shenandoah Oil Corp.

HUTCHINSON (PANHANDLE) H & K Plugging & Salvage, #801 Whittenburg, 2299' from North & 336' from East Lease line, Lot 8,3,Wm Neil, spud 11-9-84, plugged 5-30-97, TD 3415' (oil) — Form 1 filed in Star Dust Mines **HUTCHINSON (PANHANDLE) H &**

K Plugging & Salvage, #901 Whittenburg, 660' from North & 1026' from West Lease line, Lot 9,3,Wm. Neil, spud 10-30-84, plugged 6-3-97, TD 3f348' (oil) — Form 1 filed in Star Dust

HUTCHINSON (PANHANDLE) H & from East Lease line, Lot 8,3,Wm. Neil, spud 11-4-84, plugged 6-5-97, TD 3539' (oil) — Form 1 filed in Star Dust Mines

Plugging & Salvage, #1001 from South & 902' from East Lease line, Whittenburg, 940' from South & 366' from West Lease line, Lot 10,3,Wm Neil, spud 11-17-84, plugged 6-10-97, TD 3563' (oil) — Form 1 filed in Star Dust Mines

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HUTCHINSON (PANHANDLE) Jiro, #6 E.B. Johnson 'C', 1650' from North & 330' from West Lease line, Sec. 5,1,B&B, spud 2-1938, plugged 1-18-97, TD 4000' (oil) — Form 1 filed in Continental Oil

LIPSCOMB (BRADFORD Cleveland) Midgard Energy Co., #2 John R. Wassell 'A', 660' from North & East Lease line, Sec. 814,43,H&TC, spud 8-17-95, plugged 6-3-97, TD 9873', PBTD 7430' (gas) - Form 1 filed in Diamond Shamrock Corp.

LIPSCOMB (N.W. MAMMOTH CREEK Tonkawa) Gene Born, #2 Born 'D', 660' from South & East Lease line, Sec. 1135,43,H&TC, spud 4-6-85, plugged 7-16-96, TD 9500', PBTD 6280' (disposal) - Form 1 filed in TXO

OLDHAM (WILDCAT) Lyco Energy Corp., #1 Fulton-Toreador 'I', 2442' from HUTCHINSON (PANHANDLE) H & North & 695' from West Lease line, Lot 49,22,A. Taylor, spud 10-21-96, plugged 5-1-97, TD 5500', PBTD 3900' (oil) --

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Volcanic fallout rains down on deserted island capital of Montserrat

SALEM, Montserrat (AP) – A shower of volcanic debris fell today on Montserrat's safe zone, fallout from an eruption that blew superheated gas, rock and ash onto the island's deserted capital.

The eruption set aflame graceful Georgian homes and buildings in Plymouth that were abandoned two years earlier, when the Soufriere Hills volcano first sprang to life.

No damage was reported today in the safe area around Salem, where pebble-sized debris fell onto the rooftops of homes in one of Montserrat's most populated areas, about five miles north of Plymouth. Scientists were preparing to fly over the capital, Plymouth, in a helicopter to survey the damage.

"We expected it. We just didn't know when," said realtor Eddie Edgecombe. "People seem to have resigned themselves to this." The fires blazed among row houses owned by some of the island's poorer residents, who were unlikely to be insured, he said.

island in July 1995. The town once was this Caribbean island's busi-

Lethal avalanches of super-heated rock, ash and gas, called pyroclastic flows, barreled through the capital's port and boiled into the relocated off the unstable island. Caribbean sea, according to an early morning report from the Montserrat Volcano Observatory.

It sall are latest activity began about 9 p.m. (10 p.m. EDT) Sunday and ended at 3 a.m. (4 a.m. EDT) this morning, followed by more pyroclastic flows, most likely into the Gages valley.

We're experiencing a bit of a crisis," Jill Norton, deputy chief scientist at the observatory, said shortly after the volcano began a major eruption at 6:15 p.m. Sunday.

In the past two years, intermittent eruptions have prompted near-

It was the first time fiery debris has reached central Plymouth, ly half of Montserrat's 11,000 residents to flee the British colony. The which was evacuated along with the rest of the southern half of the most recent exodus followed a June 25 eruption that killed 10 people and left nine missing and believed dead.

The British government has been considering polling Montserratians to find out whether they want to be permanently

Douglas Darby, a retired Wall Street broker who moved to Montserrat from Long Island, N.Y., said he and his wife are thinking about leaving. In a telephone interview, he said he doesn't fear "this rolling stuff coming down over the mountain" that he watched from his home four miles from the flow.

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