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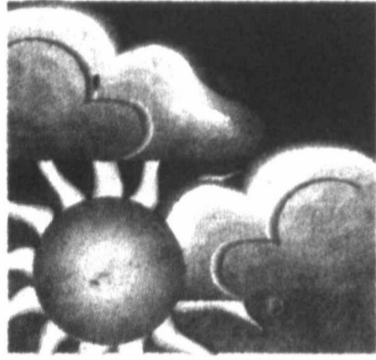
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PAMPA — The final meeting for the National Night Out Parade will be Thursday, at 7:30 p.m. in the Heritage Room of the M.K. Brown Auditorium.

Everyone interested in participating in the parade are encouraged to attend. The parade will be held Saturday, Aug. 9. Everyone joining in the parade will gather at the M.K. Brown Auditorium parking lot at 11:30. The parade will begin at noon for its trip through the streets of Pampa. Decorate your car, bicycle, etc. and join in this unique international crime prevention event. Your participation in the parade may help Pampa win an international award.

PAMPA — The Pampa Police Department needs information on your block party for Tuesday, Aug. 5. If you are planning an event in response to National Night Out please contact the Crime Prevention Unit at 669-5700. This information is used to compile a report to send to the national level. If you are interested in a police officer or city dignitary attending your party, please notify us.

AMARILLO — Models West has been chosen to film possible candidates for the new Oscar Mayer commercials. Open call is Tuesday, Aug. 12 at 9 a.m., 1 p.m. or 5:30 p.m. at 3405 S. Western (upstairs). Children ages 3 to 12 are asked to come and sing on video either the Oscar Mayer Bologna or the Oscar Mayer Wiener song. For more information call (806) 352-1943.

PAMPA — On Wednesday, the Lovett Memorial Library will have a scavenger hunt for the third day of the summer reading program. All children in Pampa are invited to attend for the fun of looking for information in the library.

A notice to all children who are signed up for the 1997 Texas Summer Reading Program: All time sheets need to be handed in by Friday, Aug. 8, so a tally can be made of the top 10 readers to get their prizes. All Teen Read sheets need to be handed in also and posters need to be picked out by Friday, August 15.

• Ernest H. Gatlin, 90, member Trinity Baptist Church.
• C.R. "Mitch" Mitchell, 65, employee of Stratford Sanitation Department.

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City salary plan almost in place

By LAURA HALEY
Staff Writer

All city employees will be making their proper salary by the end of next year, when a three-year plan to adjust city salaries finally comes to an end.

Problems with the old salary schedule was discovered three years ago when officials noticed no distinct pay grades had been given for long-term employees. Many of these employees were receiving the same pay as short-term employees, said Eskridge. Some of the long-term employees' salaries, he said, were 10-to-15 percent lower than what they should have been.

Rather than attempt to boost employees up to the old salary scale pay grades, the

city commissioners decided it would be easier to completely revamp the pay scale. Originally, city commissioners were hoping it would only take one year for employees to reach their corrected salary levels.

"We want to implement this over one year, but it was cost prohibitive," said Eskridge.

After surveying surrounding towns about pay rates and grades, commissioners adopted the new salary scale and agreed on a three-year adjustment plan to raise all employees to their earned level of income.

The new scale provides higher salaries depending on job titles, level of education and number of years of service. Overall, said Eskridge, salaries have increased 3 to 5 percent under the salary adjustment

plan. But, the adjustment plan is coming to an end.

"By the end of the next fiscal year, every employee will be where they're supposed to be on the salary scale," said Eskridge.

After the 1997-98 budget year, all employees will be at their correct level on the new salary scale. So, in future years, salaries will be increased according to the new pay grades.

The increase in pay for salaries, however, has not added much additional cost to the city's expenditures. In fact, the amount for salaries has decreased from \$3.3 million in 1996 to \$3.2 million for the upcoming year.

Eskridge explained that this decrease is due to an early retirement program and a

job evaluation program the city began last year.

Last year, employees eligible for retirement were offered either three years of health insurance or the cash equivalent upon retiring. Nine employees took advantage of the program, said Eskridge, and, after evaluation of their positions, the city was able to combine six of those jobs with others.

Even with the one-time cash disbursements or three-year health insurance coverage for these nine individuals, this option is still going to save the city approximately \$450,000, said Eskridge.

Whether jobs can be combined or eliminated is also considered any time a posi-

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Rig flips; man hurt

A Lubbock man suffered minor injuries after losing control of his 18-wheeler, smashing into a city rock garden, an electric pole, a street sign and a gas riser before the truck turned onto its side at the intersection of Highway 60 and South Wells.

The wreck occurred about 5 a.m. this morning, but it took 3 1/2 hours for three towing services to get the 18-wheeler upright again, said a witness. The driver of the Mrs. Baird's bakery truck, Guillermo Hernandez, 38, of Lubbock, was taken to Columbia Medical Center where he was treated and released.

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Charges in kidnap, rape filed

WHEELER — A man in jail in Kileen on a DWI charge was charged today with the kidnaping and rape of an Amarillo woman two years ago in Wheeler County.

Robert Cortez was charged on a warrant issued by Wheeler County Justice of the Peace Guy Hardin in Shamrock. The charge stems from an incident in which a woman was beaten and raped near Kellerville in the summer of 1995.

She told authorities that she had been kidnapped in Amarillo and driven to Wheeler County where she was attacked before being left in a pasture.

A crimestoppers tip has been given credit by Wheeler County authorities as leading to the arrest.



Kirk Clay, Joel Hernandez and Bob Douthit use air bags to attempt to upright an 18-wheeler that turned over early this morning in the 1300 block of West Wilkes. It took approximately 3 1/2 hours to get the truck upright and towed away. The driver of the vehicle was taken to Columbia Medical Center.

(Special photo by William McCarley)

Early voting ends today Amendment election set Aug. 9

Early voting for the Constitutional Amendment Election on Saturday, August 9, ends at 5 p.m. today. 391 early votes were counted by the County Clerk's office this morning.

Some precinct locations have changed this year because of construction at the Pampa elementary schools.

Gray County voters may cast ballots at the following locations for Saturday's general election.

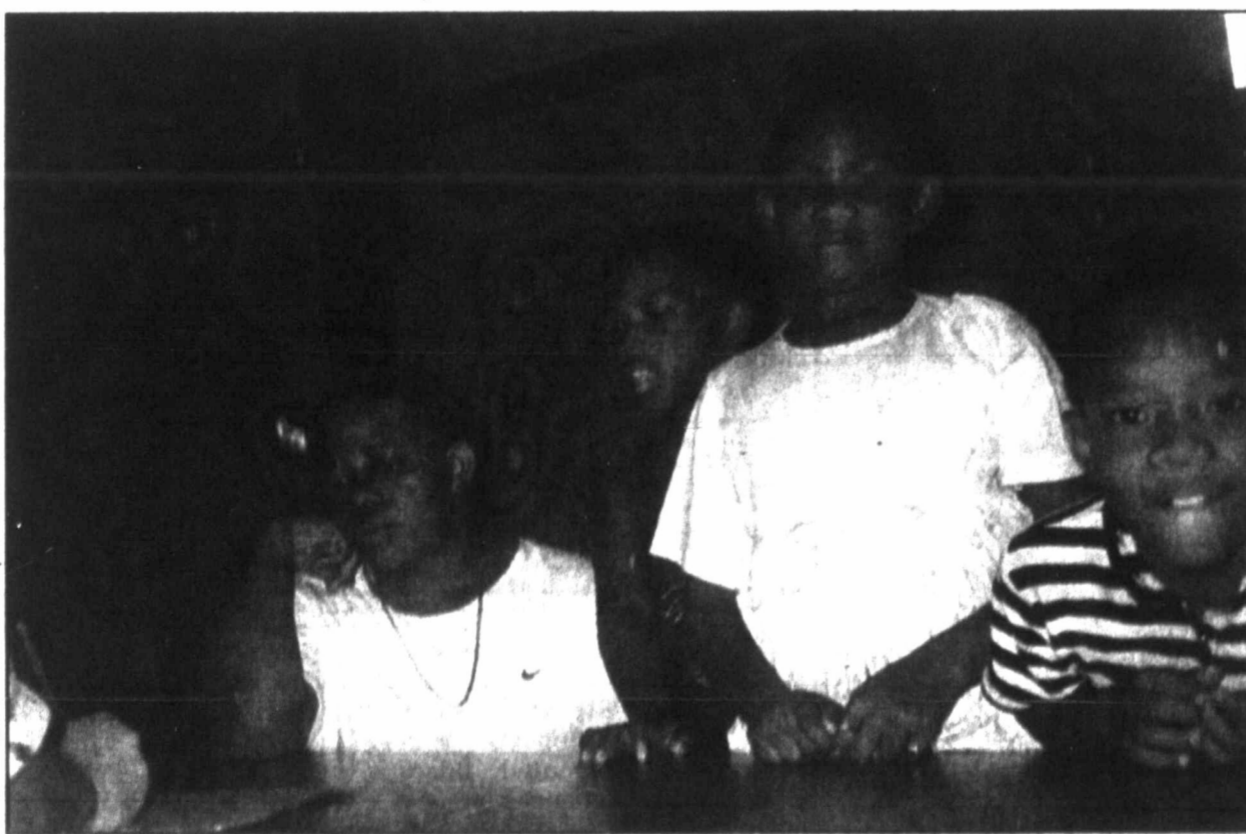
- Precinct 1: (change) Lefors High School Library
- Precincts 2, 10 and 13: Lovett Memorial Library - Pampa
- Precinct 3: Grandview Hopkins School
- Precinct 4: Lovett Library - McLean

- Precincts 7, 11 and 12: M.K. Brown Auditorium (Use south entrance only).

- Precincts 8 and 9: (change) Calvary Baptist Church Atrium at E. 23rd St. - Pampa.

- Precincts 14 and 15: Family Life Center of First Christian Church, Pampa.

Here is the wording of Proposition 1: "The constitutional amendment providing school property tax relief by increasing the residence homestead exemption by \$10,000 and providing for the transfer of the tax limitation to another qualified homestead for persons over 65 and a reduction in taxes on homesteads subject to the limitation.



Trinity Fellowship Church is giving free school supplies in a "Back-to-School Outreach" program. Clara Smith (left) registered her children Christopher, Candie and Tamela Tuesday morning.

(Pampa News photo by Miranda Bailey)

Outreach program makes sure pupils get school supplies

by MIRANDA G. BAILEY
Staff Writer

Parents unable to afford school supplies for their children can register to receive these necessities free of charge from Trinity Fellowship Church.

Any children grades K-12 going back to school this fall is eligible to receive the supplies. Parents must register their children at the church gym any day this week between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. to benefit from the program.

"It's so important to register because we have to know what to buy for the kids," Carolyn Stroud, one of the pro-

gram coordinators, said. Outreach coordinators Carolyn and Ed Stroud and program volunteers break down the children according to age group and assess what each student needs before they can make purchases.

"It's an impossibility to give supplies without the registration," Carolyn added.

Trinity's "Back-to-School Outreach" program was developed four years ago by the church to purchase school supplies for families that may be hard pressed to meet the added financial burden that comes with the beginning of school.

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Daily Record

Services tomorrow

GATLIN, Ernest H. — Graveside services, 10 a.m., Friona Cemetery, Friona.
MITCHELL, C.R. "Mitch" — 2 p.m., First Baptist Church, Stratford.

Obituaries

ERNEST H. GATLIN
AMARILLO — Ernest H. Gatlin, 90, father of a Canadian resident, died Sunday, Aug. 3, 1997. Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday in Friona Cemetery at Friona with the Rev. David Evans, pastor of Trinity Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be under the direction of Ellis-Blackwell Funeral Home of Friona.
 Mr. Gatlin was born at Whitney. He married Nellie Elizabeth Parr in 1926 at Friona. He had been a Muleshoe and Friona area resident most all his life, moving to Amarillo in 1981.
 He was a member of Trinity Baptist Church and Muleshoe Oddfellows Lodge #58.
 Survivors include his wife, Nellie; two daughters, Ernestine Vernon of Canadian and Doris Moore of Austin; a brother, Leslie Gatlin of Lubbock; seven grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.
C.R. 'MITCH' MITCHELL
STRATFORD — C.R. "Mitch" Mitchell, 65, a former Groom resident, died Monday, Aug. 4, 1997. Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday in First Baptist Church with the Rev. Jerry Stewart officiating. Burial will be in Stratford Cemetery under the direction of Morrison Funeral Directors.
 Mr. Mitchell was born at Wellington. He married Ann Bufkin in 1952 at Memphis. He had been a Stratford resident for 24 years and had moved to Stratford from Groom. He lived in Groom for 15 years.
 He was a truck driver for the City of Stratford Sanitation Department, retiring in 1994 after 16 years of service. He was a U.S. Army veteran and was a member of First Baptist Church.
 Survivors include his wife, Ann; two daughters, Diane Coaly of Stratford and Angela Marie Mitchell, of the home; a son, Don Mitchell of Stinnett; five sisters, Maurine Fuller of Moore, Okla., Vernie Watson of Groom, Lorene Braidfoot and Faye Williams, both of Panhandle, and Reba Carman of Amarillo; a brother, W.L. Mitchell of Birmingham, Ala.; and three grandchildren.
 The family will be at 404 N. Fourth and requests memorials be to Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center, 1500 Wallace Blvd., Amarillo TX 79106.

Police report

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

MONDAY, August 4
 Theft of a check was reported at 624 N. Banks. An 18-year-old female reported an assault in the 1000 block of Varnon Drive. Minor injuries to the stomach and feet were observed.
Arrest
 Scott Neil Mason, 24, 1112 Lincoln, was arrested on two capias pro fine warrants for speeding and failure to appear.

TUESDAY, August 5
Arrest
 Phillip Shane Bridges, 17, 109 N. Dwight, was arrested on four instanter warrants for expired motor vehicle sticker, minor in possession of alcohol, no liability insurance and ran a stop sign.

Sheriff's Office

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

MONDAY, August 4
 Jerry Rhoten, 43, 1500 Coffee, was arrested on charges of theft over \$50 and under \$500.

Accidents

The following accidents were reported to the Pampa Police Department for the 96-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

FRIDAY, August 1
 A 1991 red Pontiac Grand Am driven by Joel M. Ortega, 20, of Miami, ran into a Southwestern Public Service light standard and a parked 1997 blue Ford F-150 in the 700 block of West Brown. Ortega was cited for failure to control speed and failure to stop and leave information.

SATURDAY, August 2
 A 1989 white and blue Ford Ranger ran into a legally parked 1991 Dodge Dakota truck owned by Debbie K. Belez in the 400 block of North

Ambulance

Rural/Metro reported the following calls for the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

MONDAY, August 4
 12:20 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to Baptist St. Anthony's West in Amarillo to transfer one person to Columbia Medical Center.
 1:18 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to a local nursing home on a medical call. One person was taken to Columbia Medical Center.
 1:55 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the 500 block of Crawford on a trauma. One person was transported to Columbia Medical Center.
 3:27 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to Columbia Medical Center to transfer one person to Baptist St. Anthony's West.
 3:30 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to Columbia Medical Center to transport one person to Baptist St. Anthony's West.
TUESDAY, August 5
 4:59 a.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to Highway 60 and Wells on a possible trauma. One person was taken to Columbia Medical Center.

Clarification

In the ANTIQUES feature page on Sunday, July 27, the stores listed were local antique stores that were in the telephone directory yellow pages. This listing did not include all area antique stores, including Antiques by Sherryl and The Old Curiosity Shop.

Stocks

Stock	Price	Change
Chevron	78 5/8	dn 7/8
Coca Cola	68 1/2	dn 7/16
Columbia/HCA	31 11/16	up 7/16
Enron	17 11/16	up 1/8
Halliburton	46 3/8	dn 1/16
Ingersoll Rand	66 7/8	dn 5/16
KNE	41 7/16	NC
Kerr McGee	63 1/16	dn 5/16
Limited	22 5/8	up 1/4
Magco	30 1/8	dn 3/8
McDonald's	52 1/2	dn 7/16
Mobil	75 3/4	dn 3/16
New Atmos	24 3/16	up 1/16
Parker & Parsley	37 1/4	dn 1/8
Penney's	58 13/16	dn 1/4
Phillips	46 1/16	up 1/4
SLB	75 5/8	up 3/8
SPS	NA	NA
Tenneco	47 1/16	up 1/16
Texas	115 5/16	up 1/16
Ultramar	37 9/16	dn 1/16
Wal Mart	37 9/16	dn 5/16
New York Gold	319.60	dn 1.00
Silver	4.35	dn 0.05
West Texas Crude	20.78	dn 0.05

CASKET SPRAY
 3 DOZEN ROSES \$95.00
Freeman's
 806-669-3334
 410 E. FOSTER

Calendar of events

TRALEE CRISIS CENTER
 Are you or someone you know in an abusive relationship? Tralee Crisis Center is offering a women's support group Wednesdays at 5 p.m. All inquiries will be kept confidential. For information call 669-1131.

AUGUST IMMUNIZATION CLINICS
 Immunization clinics offering vaccines that give protection against several childhood diseases are scheduled for August. Protection is against polio, diphtheria, lock jaw, whooping cough, measles, rubella, mumps and HIB (Haemophilus Influenzae Type B). The Texas Dept. of Health is charging money to help the cost of keeping the clinic open. The amount of money will be based on family income, size and ability to pay. The services will be held on Wednesday, August 6, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Columbia Family Health Center on 600 West Kentucky.

TEXAS SUMMER READING PROGRAM
 On Wed. Aug. 6, the library will have a scavenger hunt for the third day of the summer reading program at 2 p.m. in the Lovett Memorial Library. All children in Pampa are invited to attend for the fun of looking for information in the library.

Fires
 The Pampa Fire Department reported the following calls for the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.
TUESDAY, August 5
 4:58 a.m. - Three units and six personnel responded to Highway 60 and Wells on a motor vehicle accident.

Fort Worth crime prevention advocate's son killed in fight

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — What started as insults hurled between two cars has ended the life of crime prevention advocate Lee Saldívar's son.
 "Last night after everybody left this morning, I felt like I haven't done my job," said Saldívar, a businessman and former city council candidate active in the Code Blue neighborhood crime prevention program.
 Saldívar's son, Anthony, 28, was fatally stabbed Saturday night when a fight broke out between two car loads of people and shots were fired, police said.
 His son's death was the sort of violence he has spent years

trying to prevent. Saldívar said Saldívar himself was shot in the head six years ago when his former wear shop was robbed.
 Since then he has become involved in local crime prevention programs and recently helped secure funds for a tutorial and recreational program for children.
 "I was still trying to work on him," said Saldívar of his son.
 Here I am out here trying to do things for kids, and I couldn't even do it at home."
 Saldívar said his son Anthony was struggling with the influence of gangs, but had made some improvements.
 Police said Anthony Saldívar was in an Oldsmobile Cutlass

with three other people and the suspect was in a Ford Mustang with his wife, 8-month-old child and two brothers.
 A shouting match broke out between the two groups, and the Mustang followed the Cutlass several blocks before several people got out and started fighting.
 A 21-year-old man is being held on \$50,000 bail in connection with Anthony Saldívar's death. Police said they expect to charge him with murder later this week.
 A friend of Anthony Saldívar's also was arrested on suspicion of aggravated assault.

Tri-State Fair bus tour making stop here today

AMARILLO — Reviving an old tradition, this year's Tri-State Fair will literally take its show on the road with five stops in the Texas panhandle.
 The "A Fair of the Heart" bus tour will cover over 250 miles today, visiting the cities of Dumas, Stratford, Spearman, Borger and Pampa. The bus tour is scheduled to make its Pampa stop from 3:30 until 4:30 p.m. at the Chamber Office, 200 N. Ballard.
 The fair is reviving this mid-1900s tradition as part of an outreach program with Amarillo and its sister communities in the panhandle. By mission, the fair's purpose is to encourage and develop the material welfare and upbuilding of the Texas panhandle, eastern New Mexico and the Oklahoma panhandle. Primary interests include agricultural, horticultural and educational pursuits. A round-table discussion has been set to allow community leaders the opportunity to get acquainted, learn about the area's largest fair and share ideas of concern and mutual benefit for this 74-year-old regional event.
 Lots of fun has been scheduled in this bus tour for area residents. Entertainment will be provided by the Big Texan Opry Singers and country singer Ed Montana. Jerry Funk, the panhandle's legendary wrestler, will be on hand to sign autographs

and promote the fair's Wrestle Fest. In addition, several fair sponsors will be on hand to give away free tickets to country and western concerts and the professional rodeo. The first 100 visitors to each bus stop will be able to pick up tickets for the fair's concert headliners including: Buffalo Club/Mila Mason, Michelle Wright, BR5-49 and Ricochet.
 "Rewards are also planned for our panhandle students," said Cheri Christensen, general manager of the fair. "Students from grades K-12 will be able to turn the A's from their last report card into free midway ride tickets. Students are asked to bring their last report card to the fair bus, where the tickets will be issued."
 The new Murphy Brothers Midway will also be selling a MEGA pass for this year's carnival. Fair thrill seekers may purchase the \$34.95 special pass which will allow them to ride all rides and is good any day of the fair, Sept. 12-20. The MEGA pass also includes gate admission and must be purchased prior to the fair.
 Fair personnel will be on hand to distribute premium catalogs, entry forms and other fair information. Any fair-goer needing additional information or forms may contact the Fair Office at (806) 376-7767 or write Tri-State Fair, P.O. Box 31087, Amarillo, Texas 79120.

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OUTREACH

School supplies will be distributed on Saturday, August 16, and registered students can receive the supplies at the church gym. Children will take part in refreshments, entertainment and short Bible-based programs for the various age groups, before the supplies are distributed.
 Outreach directors say the number one objective of the program is to reach single mothers who are struggling financially, as well as single dads and families that are unemployed.
 About 60 percent of the church members participate in one way or another during the registration, purchasing, sorting, distribution and presenting the Saturday program.
 The outreach is completely funded by the membership of the church without any other assistance.
 According to Carolyn Stroud, it takes approximately several thousand dollars to do the program.

However, church members and program participants believe the outreach is important.
 "Our goal is to not only meet the immediate need of school supplies, but also to present the gospel of Jesus Christ in a way that reaches even the youngest of children."
 In past years, Trinity has furnished school supplies for about 400 children. Stroud is hoping for a bigger turnout this year.
 "We only had 86 register yesterday and we'd like to have to give out more than we ever have," she said. "It's just so important that the needs of the people are met."
 Consequently, donations are not being taken. Families are not asked to pay a cent for the services.
 "No! No! No! Absolutely never!" Stroud said. However, parents must bring in a social security card or a birth certificate as proof of identity when registering children.
 And Stroud wants to remind families that this week, August 4 - 8, is the only time to sign up. Registrations will not be accepted after Friday at 1 p.m.

WRECK

Although a little shaken, Hernandez only suffered minor injuries, said police.
 While rounding a curve in the 1400 block of Highway 60, Hernandez lost control of the 18-wheeler, crossing the opposite lane of traffic and running into the city rock garden. Realizing that the truck had gone off the road, Hernandez swerved to the right, running into the electric pole, street sign and gas riser before the truck fell to its side.

It was Hernandez' evasive actions to re-enter the roadway that caused the 18-wheeler to overturn, according to the accident report.
 Three companies — Clay Motors in Shamrock, Richardson Texaco in McLean and Bob Douthitt Autos in Pampa — worked together to get the truck back on all 18 wheels. Air bags were used on one side of the truck while tow trucks pulled from the other side.
 Once upright, the vehicle was towed from the scene. Hernandez was cited for failure to control speed.

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tion becomes available within the city. By constantly reevaluating these open job positions, the city is

hoping to become more efficient and streamlined. The savings in salaries and benefits could then be used to fund other much needed improvements and projects, said Eskridge.

Weather focus

LOCAL FORECAST
 Tonight, mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of thunderstorms. Low about 67. South wind 10-15 mph. Wednesday, mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of mainly afternoon thunderstorms. High about 88. South to southwest wind 10-20 mph. Yesterday's high was 94; the overnight low, 70.
REGIONAL FORECAST
WEST TEXAS — Panhandle - Tonight, mostly cloudy with a 40 percent chance of thunderstorms. Low in the middle 60s. Southeast wind 10-20 mph. Wednesday, mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of mainly afternoon thunderstorms. High in the upper 80s. South to southwest wind 10-20 mph. Low Rolling Plains — Tonight, partly cloudy with a slight chance of thunderstorms. Low 65-70. Wednesday, partly cloudy. High 85-90. Permian Basin/Upper Trans Pecos — Tonight, partly cloudy. Low 65-70. Wednesday, partly cloudy. High 90-95. Concho Valley/Edwards Plateau — Tonight, isolated evening thunderstorms, otherwise partly cloudy. Low around 70. Wednesday, partly cloudy. High

in the lower 90s. Far West Texas — Tonight, partly cloudy with widely scattered evening thunderstorms. Low 65-70. Wednesday, partly cloudy with widely scattered afternoon thunderstorms. High in the mid 90s. Guadalupe Mountains/Big Bend Area — Tonight, partly cloudy with a slight chance of evening thunderstorms. Low from near 60 mountains to the upper 70s along the Rio Grande. Wednesday, partly cloudy with a slight chance of thunderstorms. High from the lower 80s mountains to near 102 along the Rio Grande.
NORTH TEXAS — Tonight, partly cloudy. A slight chance of thunderstorms west. Low 67 northwest to 75 south central. Wednesday, variable cloudiness with widely scattered thunderstorms. Thunderstorm more numerous extreme north central late afternoon. High 87 northeast to upper 90s south central.
SOUTH TEXAS — Upper Texas Coast — Tonight, partly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Low in the mid 60s to mid 70s. Wednesday, mostly cloudy with a chance of showers and thunderstorms. High from the lower 80s northwest to the lower 90s southwest.
BORDER STATES
NEW MEXICO — Tonight through Wednesday night, occasional showers and thunderstorms northeast, partly cloudy with scattered afternoon and evening thunderstorms remainder of the state. Low 40s and 50s mountains with 60s to lower 70s elsewhere. High Wednesday 70s and lower 80s mountains and northeast with mid 80s to mid 90s lower elevations west and south.
OKLAHOMA — Tonight, partly to mostly cloudy with a chance of showers and thunderstorms, most numerous northwest. Low in the mid 60s to mid 70s. Wednesday, mostly cloudy with a chance of showers and thunderstorms. High from the lower 80s northwest to the lower 90s southwest.

City briefs

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EMERGENCY JAIL Release. 24 hrs. Jack Ward, 669-9911. Adv.

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CHANEY'S CAFE - Tuesday 5-8 p.m. Pork chops, baked chicken, chicken gizzards, chicken fried steak. 716 W. Foster. Adv.

ALL YOU Can Eat Salad bar 11:30-2 p.m. For Wednesday - stew & cornbread. The Coffee & Candy Barn, 301 W. Kingsmill. Adv.

School board meeting



(Pampa News photo by Miranda Bailey)

Pampa Middle School principal Tim Powers and former principal of Wilson — now the director of special populations — address the board during a recent meeting regarding the inclusion program which will be initiated this year at the Middle School.

Study: Crash caused by aircraft flaw

AUSTIN (AP) — A study commissioned by the Airline Pilots Association has found that a popular 19-passenger commuter airplane has structural problems that could make it unsafe.

The University of Texas engineering study was commissioned by the pilots group as part of its petition for federal reconsideration of the 1991 crash of a Beech 1900C plane in which three crew members died.

The National Transportation Safety Board ruled that pilot error caused the crash, which occurred during a night training exercise off the Rhode Island coast by pilots of Business Express Airlines.

The APA and the UT study contend the crash occurred after the truss supports of the plane's right engine failed and the engine tore loose in midair.

According to the UT study, structural supports for the twin turboprop engines of the Beech 1900 are prone to cracks and other failures, the *Austin American-Statesman* reported Monday.

The Beech 1900C and 1900D account for 12 percent of the commuter airline fleet in the United States, or 253 planes, said the Regional Airline Association, a trade group.

Government records show the planes have been involved in three fatal crashes since entering service in 1986. None were found to involve structural failures.

Raytheon Aircraft Corp. spokeswoman Pat Zerbe said the planes have an excellent safety record in more than 4.5 million flight hours for airlines

worldwide. Raytheon Aircraft built 250 Beech 1900Cs through 1991 and 280 D models since.

Mike Scheidt, a Raytheon Aircraft vice president, said the company was a party to the investigation of the 1991 crash.

"We don't believe it was anything to do with the engine trusses," Scheidt said.

Ron Stearman, a UT professor of aerospace engineering who led a team of researchers in the study, said it found more than 750 maintenance reports to the federal Aviation Administration concerning engine mounts on Beech 1900s.

They included more than 250 about cracks in truss supports for the engines and more than 500 about breakdowns in plates that isolate engine vibrations from the airframe, which Stearman said could be more serious than truss cracks.

"A lot of mechanics must be working like mad to keep the aircraft as safe as it is," Stearman said.

He said the company has redesigned the engine mount six times in a 10-year period.

"Each design was basically having more difficulty than the previous design," he said.

Scheidt said Raytheon has made improvements in the engine mounts in the course of normal business operations.

The UT study also found acoustic signals picked up by the Business Express plane's cockpit voice recorder 32 minutes before the crash that Stearman said indicate the truss supports for its right engine were failing.

Beheading trial begins in Japan

TOKYO (AP) — A 15-year-old boy accused of beheading a younger boy is on trial in family court, and Japanese news reports said the judge ordered psychiatric tests.

Reporters were barred from the trial in Kobe, which was attended by the teenager, his lawyer, Judge Yasuhiro Igaki and other court officials. Prosecutors gather evidence for juvenile trials in Japan, but do not attend hearings.

Igaki ordered the suspect kept in custody for at least two months, during which he will undergo psychiatric tests, Japanese media said.

A court official confirmed the hearing occurred, but would not provide details.

The murder and decapitation of 11-year-old Jun Hase shocked Japan, where violent crimes are rare. Hase's mutilated head was found outside the gate of a school on May 27 with a note stuffed in the mouth calling police "fools."

The arrested boy, whose name is being withheld, has reportedly admitted to killing Hase as well as attacking four young girls, one of whom died.

He is in custody at a center capable of treating young defendants who may be mentally ill until the court determines his mental status.

Under Japanese law, the accused boy, who was 14 at the time of his arrest, is too young to go to jail. If he is found guilty, the court will choose between probation and putting him in a reformatory.

Immunization shots



(Pampa News photo by Laura Haley)

With eyes still full of tears, Chloe Zedlitz is consoled by her mother, Brenda, as her twin sister, Hilary takes her turn getting the required shots. The two are starting St. Matthew's prekindergarten class this year. Immunizations are just a part of the process for school registration.

Newspaper:

City released altered version of police chief's reprimand ...

BEAUMONT, Texas (AP) — The city of Pinehurst apparently violated the Texas Open Records Act when it released to the public a different version of a written reprimand issued to Police Chief Dan Robertson, the Beaumont Enterprise reported Monday.

Robertson was suspended by city administrator Curtis Jeanis on July 3 and reinstated by the city council on July 15.

After a request by newspapers under the state open records law, the city released a 23-item reprimand of Robertson.

But the newspaper said a copy of the reprimand sent to Robertson and his attorney contained 10 items not included in the letter released publicly.

Among the 10 items were allegations of misconduct, failure to take appropriate disciplinary action against an officer and giving information to the media.

The newspaper said it obtained a copy of the letter sent to Robertson, but that the chief did not furnish the letter.

Jeanis denied that the reprimand was edited between the time Robertson received it and the city released it and added that the document obtained by the Enterprise was a rough draft.

Robertson, who addressed the 10 items in question when he

responded to the reprimand, said all the items he rebutted were accusations leveled against him in the letter.

"We didn't respond to anything that wasn't in writing," said Ed

sions of the reprimand did exist.

Gunn said the first was a preliminary set of allegations and wasn't finalized until the whole city council met. After the council met, Gunn said, he revised the list.

"What was released to the paper was not an attempt to withhold information," Gunn said. "Rather, it was an attempt to zero in on what I thought was the most significant."

"I felt this is what the public and media needed to know — the most significant allegations against Dan. I was attempting to be fair to both sides releasing the specifics I released to the media."

Gunn said no city officials directed him about what to release or withhold.

Under the Open Records Act, government bodies can black out certain kinds of sensitive information, such as personnel issues and pending litigation, when releasing documents.

Deletions, however, must be clearly marked on the document.

The attorney general's office ruled in 1992 that governmental bodies cannot create a new document to fulfill an open records request.

Altering a public document is a criminal offense, punishable by up to a \$4,000 fine, up to three months in jail, or both.

"If officials fabricated a second version of a public document, that is a grotesque abuse of the public trust," said Timothy M. Kelly, editor of the Beaumont Enterprise. "We intend to pursue this, in the interest of letting people know what is going on in Pinehurst."

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Barton, Robertson's attorney.

Mayor pro-tem Bob Hood indicated the reprimand was indeed edited for public release.

"The reason the thing was edited ... I better stop right here," Hood said Friday. "We were trying our best to follow the Open Meetings Act. If there was a mistake, it was an honest mistake."

"We were just trying to be open and frank and now we're in a crunch."

City Attorney Tommy Gunn told the newspaper that two ver-

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Inside the
Beltway
with
Sen. Hutchison

National Guard
fits the bill ...

"A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed." — Amendment 11 to the U.S. Constitution ratified on December 15, 1791

The fall of the Berlin Wall in 1989 radically changed America's defense needs. This brought about a re-examination of our national spending priorities. As we try to balance the budget, we must make better use of scarce resources and seek greater value for every dollar spent. Accordingly, Congress has supported the Defense Department's efforts to reduce its size prudently and address changed security threats.

The Defense Department's force structure now is roughly 30 percent smaller than it was in the 1980s. Its budget has also declined to about 60 percent (in real terms) of its peak in 1985. We have reduced our military forces to the lowest levels since just before the outbreak of World War II.

One of the little-noticed implications of this changed defense landscape is the increased reliance we now put on the National Guard.

Our eight National Guard divisions are an integral part of America's defense readiness. A recent study of Texas' 49th Armored Division by the Institute for Defense Analysis concluded that it could mobilize, train and be ready for deployment in little more than 90 days.

This is the kind of essential support that makes it possible to downsize our active-duty force without compromising readiness or national security.

Dollar for dollar, the National Guard is one of the best defense investments we can make. In fighting for full funding for the National Guard in next year's defense bill, I pointed out to my Senate colleagues that the Army National Guard trains its recruits at only 20 percent of the cost of training a regular Army soldier. That's a savings no one can afford to ignore.

The administration's requested defense budget for next year would have severely cut funding for the National Guard. But in July, the Senate voted to restore critical funding for the National Guard (as well as reserve programs).

Historically, with the exception of the period of the Cold War, the United States has not maintained a large, standing defense force. We have relied instead on the National Guard and reserve programs.

It would be shortsighted to gut our reserve capabilities at the same time we are dramatically downsizing the active force.

Thought for today

"We haven't all had the good fortune to be ladies; we haven't all been generals, or poets, or statesmen; but when the toast works down to the babies, we stand on common ground."

Mark Twain

Berry's World



"He used to drink hard liquor, but now he drinks only wine."

Give parents a voucher system



Joseph Perkins

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

Imagine sending your child to a school with boarded-up windows, walls defaced with graffiti, a playground strewn with broken glass, a leaky roof requiring classroom floors to be covered with buckets during rainy days, bathrooms without toilet paper and overrun with human waste, and security so poor that gang meetings are actually held on school grounds.

No parent in America would willingly expose his child to such wretched conditions. But the parents of 28,000 predominantly black and Hispanic students in Compton, Calif., have no choice. They do not have the economic means to liberate their children from the city's blighted school system. Compton's parents are fed up. So they filed a lawsuit seeking to force the state Department of Education to improve the conditions of the inner-city public school system. The parents are represented by the Southern California chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union, whose legal director, Mark Rosenbaum, describes the state's benign neglect of Compton's public schools as "state-sponsored child abuse."

The parents were promised that Compton's 35 public schools would get better when the state took over management of the system in 1993. But four years later, there is little apparent improvement in either the physical condition of the schools or, more important, the quality of education received by poor schoolchildren. Indeed, one of every five Compton students drops out before receiving a high school diploma. As for those who remain in the city's public schools, their standardized-test scores are among the worst in all of California — a situation that is unlikely to change, since many Compton teachers are unqualified to be in a classroom.

Vivien Hao, a spokesperson for the Compton

school district, thinks the parents are expecting too much too soon. "There are so many problems," she told the New York Times, "that have festered in the district for decades that you can't address them all immediately, or even in three to four years."

"Sure it's hard," she continued, "to pay attention to algebra when the roof is leaking, but this winter I don't think there will be any leaking roofs. Will there be trash on the ground? Maybe. Will there be stopped-up toilets? Maybe. But those are the problems of many urban school districts, not just ours."

And that is precisely the point. Even if the Compton parents prevail in their lawsuit, even if the California courts order the state government to commit more resources to improve the physical condition of Compton's public schools, and the quality of education the black and Hispanic kids receive, it's not going to happen immediately. It's going to take many years to see a marked change. But the parents whose children are mired in Compton's blighted schools don't have time to wait three or five or seven or ten years or more for the public schools to improve. Over that time span, their kids will have either dropped out or graduat-

ed with an inferior education. The ACLU should not be asking the state to sink even more good tax dollars into Compton's woefully bad school district. It should be asking the state to give the money to Compton's parents in the form of school "vouchers" that could be used to enroll their kids in either private, parochial or decent public schools.

As it is, Compton's public schools have a captive clientele. No matter how horrible they are, parents have no choice but to entrust their kids to the government-run schools. But with a voucher system, these parents would enjoy the same consumer power as parents in more affluent communities in Los Angeles. If, like most, they don't like the public schools to which their children are assigned, they could shop around for a school that better meets their children's educational needs.

Of course, the education establishment in Compton and throughout California vigorously opposes any kind of voucher system. They believe that tax dollars spent on education should go exclusively to public schools and never to private or parochial schools. But it's one thing to make this argument in such affluent California communities as Beverly Hills or La Jolla or Nob Hill where the public schools are superior, where school children are guaranteed a quality education. But it borders on educational genocide to make this argument when talking about Compton or any other poor community, where the public schools are absolutely failing to properly educate their predominantly minority student populations.

Vouchers are not merely an education issue. They are a civil-rights issue. Poor and minority school children in Compton and other blighted inner cities have a right to a quality education, even if it is outside the public school system.

Today in history

By The Associated Press
Today is Tuesday, Aug. 5, the 217th day of 1997. There are 148 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:
On Aug. 5, 1962, actress Marilyn Monroe, 36, was found dead in her Los Angeles home. Her death was ruled a "probable suicide" from an overdose of sleeping pills.

On this date:
In 1861, the federal government levied an income tax for the first time.

In 1864, during the Civil War, Union Adm. David G. Farragut is said to have given his famous order, "Damn the torpedoes, full speed ahead!" as he led his fleet against Mobile Bay, Ala.

In 1884, the cornerstone for the Statue of Liberty was laid on Bedloe's Island in New York Harbor.

In 1914, the first electric traffic lights were installed, in Cleveland.
In 1924, the comic strip "Little Orphan Annie" by Harold Gray made its debut.



Public, press seemingly oblivious

The right wing is annoyed about the lack of news coverage being accorded the Senate's hearings on campaign financing.

Heck, I can tell them why this is so in one word.

Z-Z-Z-Z-Z-Z.

What? Oh, sorry about that. I must have dozed off.

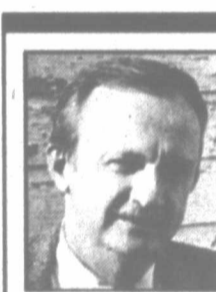
Actually, I need nine words to explain the dearth of media focus: The hearings are boring, and they are partisan crap.

They are being conducted by portentous, self-infatuated politicians who have a consummate interest in showing up the opposition and zero interest in fixing the system.

All of America knows this is true except for the ideologues. They, of course, attribute the indifference to a "liberal media" conspiracy. Fox News is OK. The channel that is owned by conservative Rupert Murdoch and presided over by former Nixon strategist Roger Ailes is broadcasting much of the hearings live. But the rest of the stations — ABC, NBC, CBS, CNN, MSNBC, PBS, even C-SPAN — are clearly covering up for their pal Bill Clinton.

"LIBERAL MEDIA YAWN AT REVELATIONS IN CAMPAIGN-FUND HEARINGS," read the headline in a front-page "analysis," in the Washington Times on July 14. The same newspapers and networks that "lavished tons of air time on Watergate and Iran-contra," read the Times article, "either ignored the Senate ... hearings or presented stories arguing that the hearings don't matter."

And you thought conservatives were familiar



Joseph Spear

with the concept of the free marketplace. When was the last time they counted the channels on their cable systems? I've got 64, most of which feature schlock, but all of which afford entertainment that is far superior to the Senate hearings.

The point is, there is a lot of competition for the public's attention, and the networks are acutely aware of it. Indeed, they paid minimal attention to last year's presidential campaign. Daily hearings that feature posturing polls and mind-numbing detail about campaign contributions simply are not going to hack it — especially since fair-minded people know that the accusers are as guilty as the accused, if not more so.

So the hearings are a bust and the conservatives have dragged out their all-purpose scapegoat. Pardon me while I yawn again. If there's anything more boring than these hearings, it's the right-wing plaint about the so-called liberal press, and its alleged conspiracy to soft-peddle Bill Clinton's indiscretions and cover up his trespasses.

What soft-peddle? Last year, several reporters

stood up in the White House newsroom, demanded the press secretary comment on whether the president had a sexually transmitted disease, and then proceeded to weave stories around the denial.

What cover-up? Where did we hear about Clinton's supposed fling with Gennifer? His alleged pass at Paula? His draft evasion, his ties to chicken tycoons, his White House coffees, his rental of the Lincoln bedroom, his China connection?

In 1994, Robert Lichter and his conservative Center for Media and Public Affairs examined 4,256 evening news stories broadcast on ABC, CBS and NBC between January 1993 and June 1994, and concluded: "Overall, Clinton's TV coverage has been negative by a greater than 3-to-2 margin (62 percent negative vs. 38 percent positive)." That's more than 2,600 negative stories in 17 months, or five per day.

Even Newt Gingrich was compelled to acknowledge during Clinton's first term that the president was getting mauled by the media. "The press overall has been very tough on the president and Mrs. Clinton," the speaker said.

What conspiracy? In 1995, William Kristol — former chief of staff to Vice President Dan Quayle and currently editor of the *Weekly Standard* — delivered this startling confession to *The New Yorker* magazine: "I admit it. The liberal media were never that powerful, and the whole thing was often used as an excuse by conservatives for conservative failures."

The truth emerges, though it doth not prevail.

Military spending: No common ground

Walter Mears
AP Washington correspondent

In these war games, the Pentagon is outflanked and the generals outranked. Congress won't tolerate more military base closings any time soon. There are skirmishes over weapons the administration doesn't want built, money it doesn't want spent.

"This Congress should never be ashamed to stand up to the Pentagon and say they are wrong," said Rep. Norman D. Dicks, D-Wash.

He was advocating enough spending to keep the B-2 Stealth bomber program going, so that nine more of the costly warplanes can be built, over Defense Department opposition. The House agreed, but by only a two-vote margin. With the Senate on record against more B-2s, the administration probably wins that one.

The strains between defense policymaking, politics and the economic boost that military contracts and bases provide back home, never are settled. It isn't a partisan matter.

Sen. Tom Daschle, the Democratic leader, helped rebuff the administration proposal for two more sets of base closings. The South Dakota senator said those already in the works will mean economic dislocation and disruption well into the next century.

Congress is seeking to add nearly 200 projects to the Pentagon's military construction plans.

In the debates over how much to spend on defense, down to the details of how to use it and which weapons to build, Republicans generally take the lead, but often with Democratic allies.

It is part policy, but it also gets local, involving contracts, jobs and installations prized by the voters back home. Daschle said closing more bases now would

make no sense for the military, for the budget, "and perhaps most importantly, for local communities."

Secretary of Defense William S. Cohen says it is going to have to be done, and the joint chiefs of staff do, too.

They propose, they don't decide. Before his final campaign, President Clinton displayed the political side of defense decision-making himself.

He didn't want Air Force installations in Sacramento, Calif., and San Antonio, Texas, closed, but couldn't alter the hit list, so he had jobs there shifted to private contractors. That eased the impact of the 1995 base closing order on two politically potent states.

In 1996, Clinton ordered a test B-2 converted to an operational bomber, a \$493 million project, although the administration had insisted that the planned fleet of 20 was enough. That meant jobs in Southern California, and was taken as a hint that there might be more later.

Republicans chafed at those maneuvers at the time, and cite them now in opposing administration attempts to close more bases and to bar more B-2 spending.

The strains showing now are in part the downside of what was supposed to have been a post-Cold War

peace dividend of funds freed from defense budgets for use at home. But there was no bonanza. And there was an economic toll in lost defense contracts, jobs and installations.

Inflation-adjusted, defense spending has been shrinking for 13 years. Ninety-seven bases have been ordered closed under a sort of no-fault system set up in 1988 and used four times so far. With Congress incapable of shutting a single base, the politically distasteful task of deciding which ones should be closed was turned over to commissions. They produced shutdown lists subject to yes-or-no congressional action, no amendments allowed.

How much that is saving is in dispute, since shutdowns cost money first. By the Pentagon's count, a net \$13 billion will be saved through 2001, and after that, \$5.6 billion a year.

Opponents of new base closings argue that the numbers are suspect, the impact unclear, and that shutdowns ordered so far have cost \$14 billion to save \$10 billion.

"Think of what you've already been through," said Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss. "Do you want that?" No, was the answer, in a 66-33 Senate vote on July 9. The House already had rejected the idea of more base closings.

Cohen isn't giving up. The Pentagon wants two more base closing commissions, in 1999 and 2001, estimating that projected shutdowns could save \$2.7 billion a year, the money to go to modernize military forces.

"There will have to be more rounds, period," Cohen said.

New cyber service: MCI, Progressive offer Internet broadcasting service

WASHINGTON (AP) — If MCI Communications Corp. and a Seattle software company have their way, people will soon be using home computers to watch their favorite TV shows or listen to baseball games.

MCI, the nation's second-largest long-distance company, and Progressive Networks Inc. are teaming up to sell an Internet broadcasting service to broadcasters, cable channels and sports networks, which in turn would offer it to home computer users.

Neither MCI nor Progressive Networks, a leading maker of Internet broadcasting software, would sell the service directly to computer users.

The technology isn't new. Computer users with the right software can hear live or taped audio or watch live or taped video on the Internet now. But it's not widely used.

"MCI is in a good position to accelerate that, and it starts to make the Internet more multimedia," said analyst Gary Arlen, president of Arlen Communications Inc., a telecommunications consulting firm in Bethesda, Md.

Audio and video broadcasting over the Internet require a lot of network capacity.

"They are bandwidth hogs. But MCI's high-speed, broader bandwidth network solves that," Arlen said. By joining forces, MCI and Progressive contend they can offer Internet broadcasting service more efficiently and potentially more cheaply

than they could separately or than their rivals can.

MCI and Progressive are targeting media companies that would use the service to enhance their Web sites, and Fortune 1,000 companies that would use the service for internal employee training or to post new product announcements on the Web, said Deborah Pierson of MCI.

ABC News' online service, for example, is using the service to broadcast audio and video clips accompanying a text story on the UPS strike, thus offering a package of video and more in-depth information. Other current customers include the Web sites of cable channels Home & Garden Television and ESPN, Pierson said.

The video doesn't look as good as broadcast television. People's movements look jerky because current technology can't move video as quickly as television.

To see the Internet broadcasts, home computer users would use Progressive software, which the company says is available free on the Internet. They said no special software is needed to hear the radio broadcasts.

MCI and Progressive are selling the service for \$8,500 a month and up, said Mike Metzger, general manager of Broadcast Services for Progressive Networks. Companies can also run ads with the service.

Square House Museum presents Jan Bell exhibit

PANHANDLE — Jan Bell knew at an early age that she wanted to be an artist. At 13, she was doing portraits and, by 15 she was selling her work. Largely self-taught, she developed her style for portraits and western themes; the latter include working cowboys with horses and cattle and dogs depicted in ranch landscapes. Her paintings are sold in galleries in the West and are included in major collections across the United States.

Lately, she has concentrated on commissioned portraits

and traditional subjects such as still life and landscape, and these are the subjects in the Square House Museum exhibit. It includes 17 pastel and one oil painting, as well as a series of portrait composites.

She also produces pen and ink drawings, and two of three published collections of these are displayed. The exhibit shows the versatility of this artist, with its range of subject matter in a variety of media. It also provides the viewer with the essence of Jan Bell by providing excellent examples of her use of color

and texture and her manipulation of light and shadow.

"Selected Works of Jan Bell" can be viewed in the Square House gallery through Labor Day. The hours are 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Saturday and 1-5 p.m. on Sunday. Admission to the museum and to the exhibit are free. The Square House Museum complex is located in Panhandle at the intersection of TX Hwy 207 and Fifth Street.

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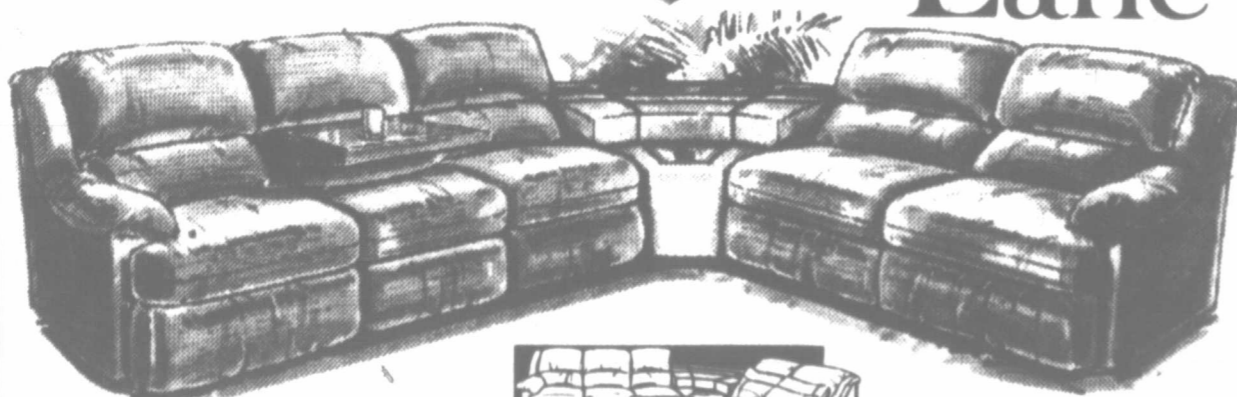
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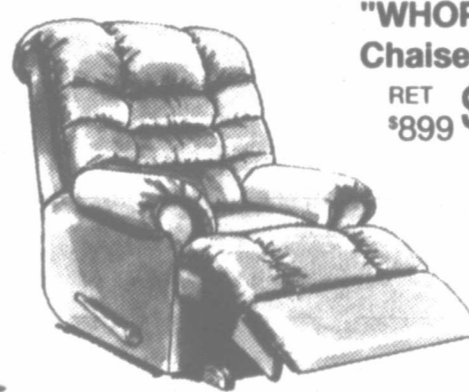
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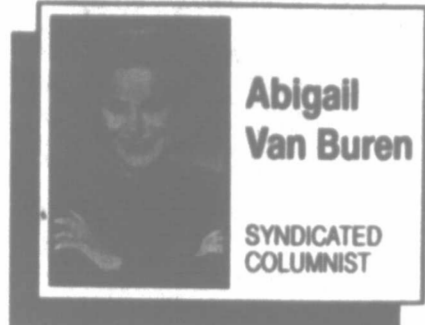
DEAR ABBY: I just read your answer to the director of a nursing home in Oklahoma who wrote about a woman whose mother had died in a nursing home. Rather than place flowers on her mother's grave, the daughter took them to a nearby nursing home and left them with a friendly note for a resident who had never had a visitor.

That certainly struck home with me. I've seen the same act of kindness many times, and can't tell you how much these small gestures mean to lonely elders who have outlived family and friends. The average age of nursing home residents is 85. It affirms their worthiness and restores an important connection to the larger community.

But I would also like to plead, in this case, that the woman actually meet the resident and give her the flowers in person. She needn't say much — just a quick hello, a brief introduction, a warm handclasp would do. Human touch is healing. It's encouraging. It's life-affirming.

I don't mean to belittle her anonymous act. That's a wonderful step, and if that's all she's able to do she has done more than most people would. I would just encourage her to take the next step. It would make all the difference in the world to that nursing home resident, who would be forever grateful. She might even make a great new friend — someone, perhaps, like her mother.

BRENT H. NETTLE,
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Abigail Van Buren

SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

SAN FRANCISCO MINISTRY TO NURSING HOMES

DEAR MR. NETTLE: Thank you for your sweet letter. I, too, thought the idea of providing flowers to a nursing home resident on Mother's Day was touching and generous. But not all my readers would agree with the wisdom of revealing the residents' identities. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: In response to "Anonymous in Oklahoma," who suggested that readers send flowers or gifts to those at nursing facilities rather than leaving flowers at a grave.

While this gesture would surely be appreciated, I would question the judgment of any nursing facility that would reveal the name of a patient, especially a patient without a family, i.e., heirs. While I believe that the woman who contacted "Anonymous in Oklahoma" was honest, not everyone is. A nursing home should, under no cir-

cumstances, disclose the names of its residents.

This reader obviously had her heart in the right place. However, in light of the often dishonest world we live in, where most scams target the elderly, it's much safer to suggest that readers send flowers to the nursing home and ask that they be delivered at the facility's discretion to a resident in need.

I have family members in nursing homes across the country and am unable to visit them as often as I would like, although they are always in my thoughts and prayers. I would be horrified to discover that a nursing home staff member had given the name of one of my relatives to a stranger.

While we should all perpetuate random acts of kindness, it is also important for caregivers and care facilities to respect and protect the privacy of their patients.

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Horoscope



Your Birthday

Wednesday, Aug. 6, 1997

Progress and recognition in your chosen field of endeavor are indicated for the year ahead, but you must be patient. Be grateful for small gains; they will accumulate!

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Your probabilities for personal gain look encouraging today, but what you derive may not be as large as you like. Keep expectations within reasonable limits. Leo, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing \$2 and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Do not leave critical matters to others today that you should be attending to personally. There aren't any guarantees they will do a good job.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) You will function better today if you're able to get off alone and work things out for yourself. Seek solitude if pressures begin to mount.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Spending time with friends could have greater advantages than usual today, provided you're selective. Choose pals who don't complicate life.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Challenging developments could bring out your better qualities today. Do not duck issues where you know you're right; stand your ground!

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Everything should eventually work out to your liking today if you treat developments philosophically. Keep a cool head and know this too shall pass.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Joint ventures could hold greater promise for you today than endeavors you try to do on your own. Find a knowledgeable teammate.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Cooperate today and strive to treat others as you would like to be treated yourself. Let fairness be your motivator for a beneficial arrangement.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Small details will take on more significance than usual today, so don't treat minor developments casually, especially regarding your career.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) People you meet in social activities today could help you in other areas of interest. All of your encounters will be memorable and warm.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) This is a good day to spend time and effort on finalizing things important to you and your family. Give domestic matters priority.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Today you might discover you're more adept at doing things that are mental, not physical. Rest your muscles and give your mind a workout.

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For Better or For Worse



Ario & Janis



Garfield



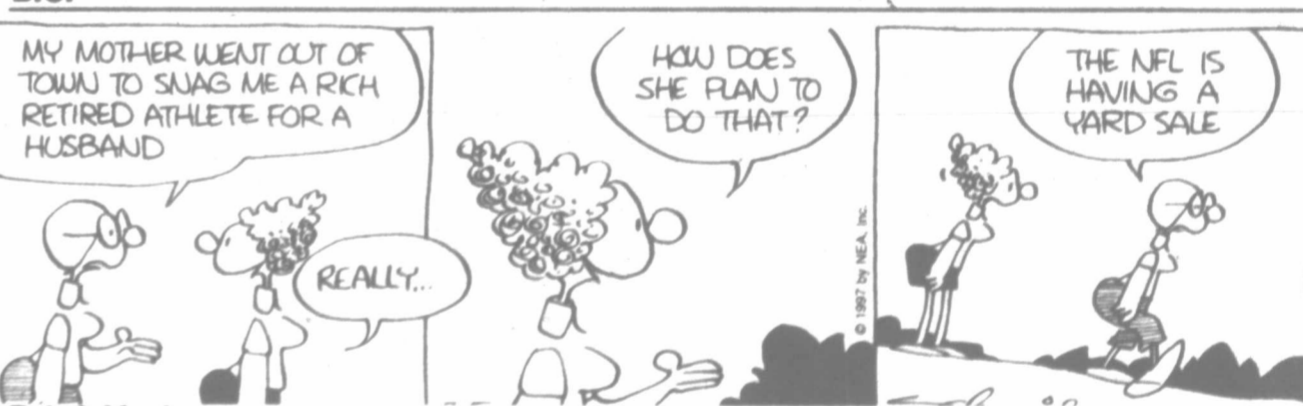
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Marvin



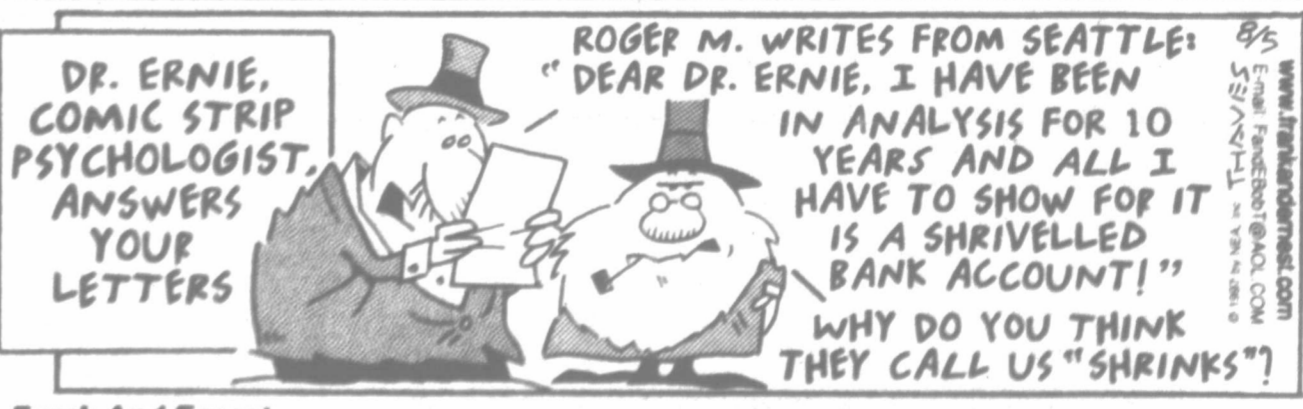
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Eek & Meek



The Born Loser



Frank And Ernest



Mallard Filmore



"Just CALL the dogs, Billy. They don't recognize chow call."



"This is better than running through the sprinkler."

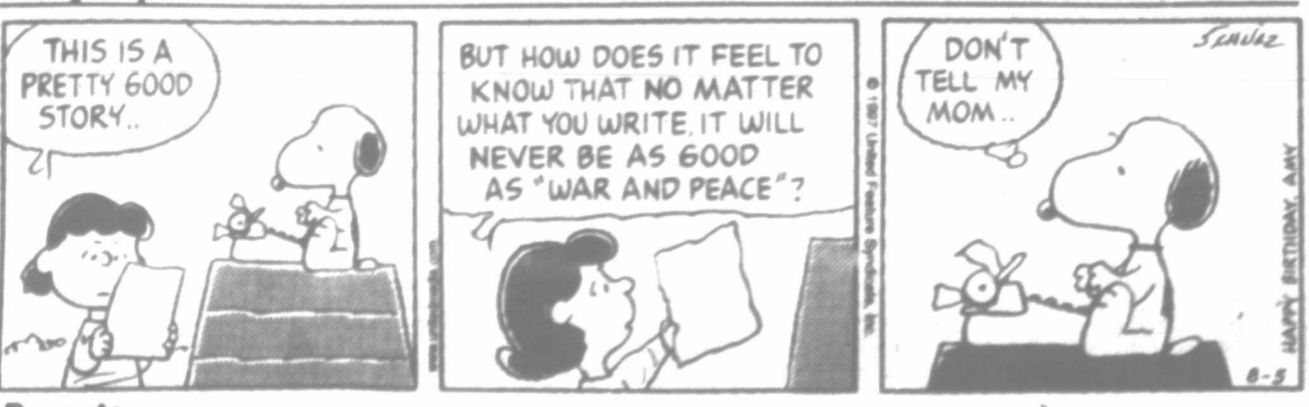
The Family Circus



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SPORTS

Notebook

Hockey

BOSTON (AP) — The Boston Bruins have reached an agreement with Joe Thornton, the first player chosen in the NHL amateur draft in June, on a three-year contract, the team announced today.

Thornton, 18, was expected to be in Boston by the end of the week to officially sign the contract. Terms were not disclosed.

"Quite obviously, we're thrilled that this process has ended with this agreement," Bruins assistant general manager Mike O'Connell said.

"He's big, strong and has all of the skills you look for in a player, with the attitude to match."

Thornton is seen as a vital cog in the Bruins' rebuilding effort. The team finished with the worst record in the league last season, and missed the playoffs for the first time in 30 years.

The 6-foot-4 center had 41 goals and 81 assists for the Sault St. Marie Greyhounds of the Ontario Hockey League last season. He was the youngest member of the 1997 gold-medal winning Canadian World Junior team.

Football

Former White Deer and Pampa football standout and current Miami Dolphin Zach Thomas suffered a fractured fibula in his left leg.

The injury occurred early on in the game, during the opening kickoff.

"I went airborne and my foot got hit while I was in the air, almost like a leg whip. I didn't think anything was wrong until I got up. I tried to walk it off, but they told me they were going to take me off on a cart."

Thomas didn't exit the game until after the first defensive series, and made a tackle on the second play.

Thomas is expected to miss the next three to four weeks, but hopes to return for the season opener August 31, when the dolphins go head-to-head with the Indianapolis Colts.

"I'll be back for the Colts," said Thomas.

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 out

•8:30 a.m. Freshmen check out

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; Freshmen

•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 taken.

HOUSTON — For the first time since 1960 —

when the Houston Oilers helped inaugurate the old American 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.

Davis makes big bid for third receiver

By DENNE H. FREEMAN
AP Sports Writer

IRVING, Texas (AP) — Billy Davis could become the wide receiver Deion Sanders wishes he could be.

Cornerback Sanders was a flop as a receiver for the Dallas Cowboys last year, one of the prime reasons the team was 24th in offense.

Davis, meanwhile, was on the special teams, making play after play with few chances to try his specialty.

Davis finally showed what he could do Sunday night in a 34-27 preseason loss to the Oakland Raiders, catching seven passes for 110 yards including a 33-yard touchdown strike from Troy Aikman.

"I could go on forever how much I like Billy Davis," Aikman said. "You can't put a price on how hard and how aggressive he plays."

Aikman said he admired the way Davis, a third-year free agent from Pittsburgh, competed on special teams last year knowing he wouldn't be doing much pass

receiving.

"He has a great work ethic and a great attitude to play the special teams like he did," Aikman said. "We need more guys like him."

In training camp this summer, Davis has become one of Aikman's favorite receivers.

Davis is hoping to become the Cowboys third receiver behind Michael Irvin and Anthony Miller, the former Denver Broncos Pro Bowler who will resume full workouts this week after recovering from knee surgery.

"I'm happy with my situation right now," Davis said. "Troy is showing a lot of confidence in me. I think with this little outburst it will further my point about getting the third receiver spot."

Davis is battling Stepfret Williams, who is injured, and rookie Macey Brooks, a fourth-round pick from James Madison, who had five catches for 78 yards Sunday.

Sanders is playing baseball for Cincinnati and there hasn't been one mention from Cowboys coaches about

his contribution as an offensive player this fall. Sanders is expected to play in the Cowboys regular season games starting in September.

Aikman was happy the Dallas offensive showed signs of life after a season last year he described as "horrible."

"It helps our confidence to score on the first two possessions like we did," Aikman said. "Eric Bjornson was injured all of last year and he got open for a touchdown pass. Of course, Billy has had a great camp."

Dallas coach Barry Switzer said the first quarter "was very impressive."

"We had two great offensive drives in the first half," Switzer said. "Billy Davis made some big plays. He's going to help our team."

The Cowboys were off Monday, then will resume workouts on Tuesday at St. Edward's University. They play their second preseason game on Friday at New England.

Rudd's unlikely Brickyard victory is still special

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — took home \$571,000 from the record Winston Cup purse of \$4.965 million - it was also the most cherished of his 19 career wins.

He has won at least one race 15 consecutive seasons, but he is not mentioned in the same breath with the superstars of his sport.

On Saturday, he won a big one, inscribing his name on the winner's trophy at Indianapolis Motor Speedway with a victory in the fourth edition of the Brickyard 400.

the only other names on that trophy are Jeff Gordon, Dale Earnhardt and Dale Jarrett - three of the biggest stars in Winston Cup racing.

"I guess we're something of an underdog," Rudd said. "Coming down pit road meant something special to me. I think about every crew member out there came and gave me a high-five as I was going to Victory Lane. That really means something special when you've got your competitors wanting to see you win."

Rudd choked up as he took a victory lap around the 2 1/2-mile oval in the back of an open convertible, with many in the crowd estimated at 320,000 staying to cheer him.

"There's something about having grandstands on both sides of the race track, just walls of people," he said. "You have people there with Jeff Gordon shirts, Earnhardt shirts and some Rudd shirts. But they're just race fans, and they're cheering as you ride by there."

Gordon and Jarrett dominated most of the race, but Rudd made his Ford last the final 115 miles on a tank of gas while the two big-name drivers had to stop for a splash.

Not only was it the biggest payday of his career - Rudd, owner-driver for his own team,

"When I was a kid, I raced go-carts, and my dream was to go on and run Indianapolis cars," the 40-year-old Virginian said. I was really to far north for stock car racing.

"I won the national championship in 1971 in go-carts just down the street at Indianapolis Raceway Park, on the road course. During the trip, our registration was right over here at the speedway.

"We took the (speedway bus) tour, we went to the museum and all that. I thought to myself, 'One day, I'll race here.' But I had no idea it would be in a stock car. I had no idea we would come here and win here."

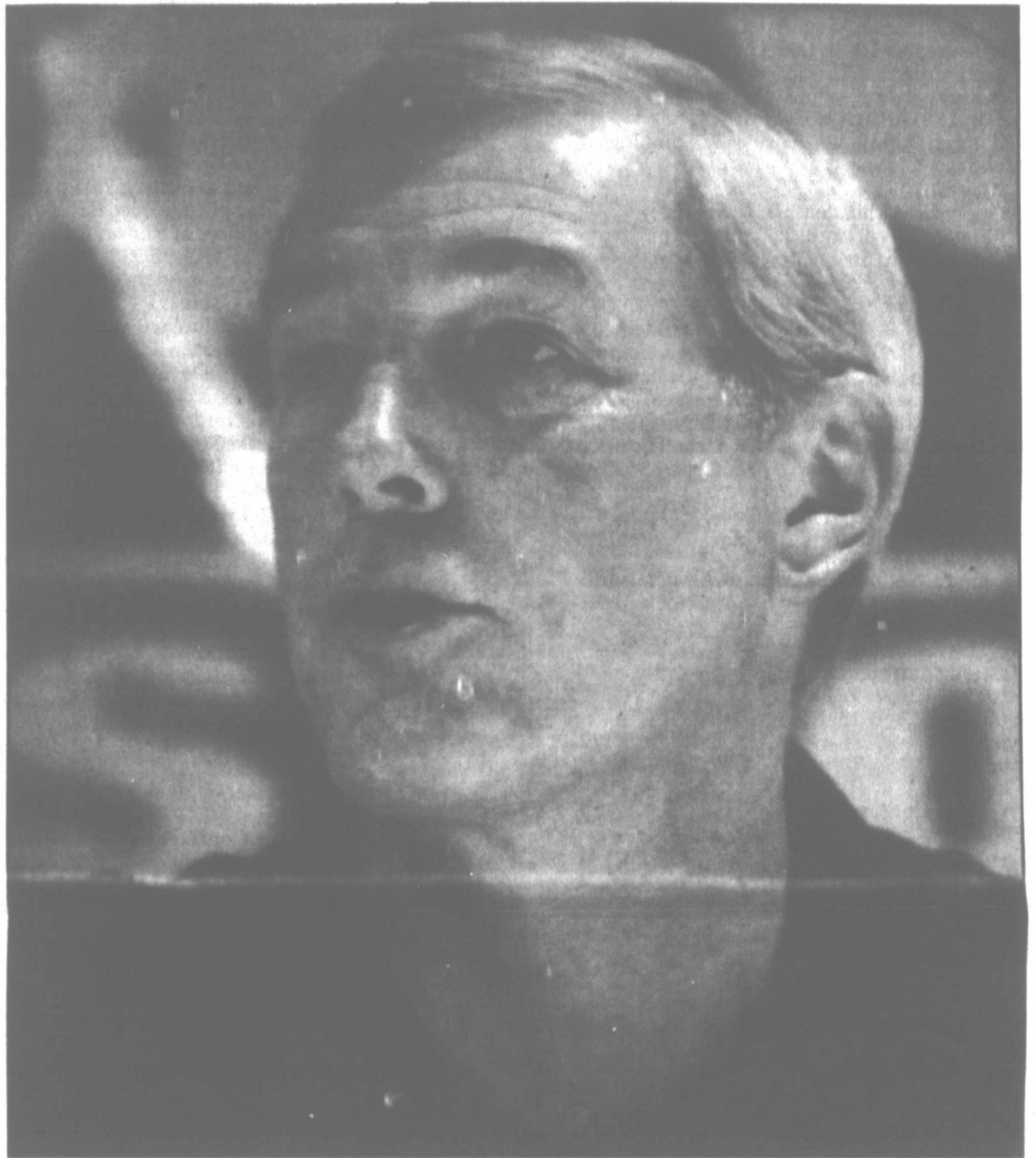
Rudd, who is eighth in the season points, readily admits his team does not have the money to run up front all the time.

"It's not real hard to figure out who's leading the laps and why," he said. "It doesn't mean they've got the best drivers. It doesn't mean they've got the best crew chief. They have the whole, overall package.

"I'm not going to complain about it, but we just have to work harder. So for someone like us to win a race - anyway you win a race - I'm awful proud of it." Rudd didn't take the lead on Saturday until Jarrett and Gordon, running one-two, pitted during a caution period 13 laps from the end of the 160-lap race.

Thanks to two caution flags in the final 17 laps, Rudd didn't even have to worry about his fuel gamble paying off.

"Being out at front at the end of that race was the eas-



University of Texas football coach John Mackovic speaks to reporters at the Texas High School Coaches Association on July 29, in Fort Worth, Texas. Coaches from Texas, Houston and Rice all sounded a lot more comfortable about their new homes, following the dissolution of the Southwest Conference. Mackovic spoke mostly about how being in the Big 12 helps recruiting.

Philadelphia and the NBA fail to comment on Iverson

By JUSTIN M. NORTON
Associated Press Writer

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — Allen Iverson, the flashy Philadelphia 76ers point guard who was named NBA Rookie of the Year last season, has been arrested and charged with drug and firearms possession.

Iverson was a passenger in a car that was stopped at 1:27 a.m. EDT Sunday for speeding on Interstate 64 about 20 miles east of Richmond, state police spokeswoman Mary Evans said. The car was going 93 mph in a 65 mph zone.

"When the trooper stopped (the car) he smelled marijuana, and that's why he asked them to get out," she said.

The trooper found a .45-caliber pistol on the floor mat in front of Iverson's seat during a search. Iverson told the trooper it was his gun.

Iverson was charged with possession of marijuana and possession of firearms with a controlled substance.

Evans said the firearms charge would be dropped because it only applies if a pound or more of marijuana is found with the weapon. She said one marijuana cigarette was found under the front seat where Iverson was sitting and another in the back of the car.

Iverson owns the car but was not driving, according to police.

The driver, Maduro Earl Hill, 32, of Hampton, was charged with reckless driving. Another passenger, Damon D. Stewart, 24, also of Hampton, was charged with possession of marijuana.

Iverson and Stewart were arrested and taken to New Kent County jail. Iverson's sister posted Iverson's \$2,000 bond and Iverson's uncle post-

ed Stewart's \$1,000 bond, Evans said.

The men are due in court Aug. 12. If convicted, they face up to a year in jail and up to a \$2,500 fine.

Iverson, who owns a home in Hampton, close to his boyhood home of Newport News, has an unlisted telephone number and could not be reached for comment.

Iverson was the NBA's No. 1 draft pick in 1996. He averaged 23.5 points last season, sixth in the league.

Dave Coskey, 76ers vice president of marketing and communications, said the team would not comment until they had spoken with Iverson.

"If Allen broke the law, he won't be given any special treatment," Coskey said.

The NBA said it did not want to comment at this stage of the legal process.

The arrest is not Iverson's first brush with the law.

Iverson was a standout basketball and football player at Bethel High School in Hampton. At age 17 he was involved in a bowling alley brawl between rival groups of black and white high school students.

Convicted on rioting charges in 1993, Iverson was given a five-year sentence. He served four months before former Gov. Douglas Wilder interceded, granting clemency, and the conviction was subsequently overturned.

Iverson played for two years at Georgetown before turning pro.

He was involved in a fight with teammate Jerry Stackhouse during his rookie season and was criticized for his admission that he carries a gun.

5th ANNUAL
PAMPA ROTARY CLUB
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AUGUST 9, 1997
Hidden Hills Golf Course
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Scoreboard

National League

At A Glance
All Times EDT
By The Associated Press

East Division				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlanta 70	42	625	—	
Florida 63	46	578	5 1/2	
New York	61	48	560	7 1/2
Montreal	57	52	523	11 1/2
Philadelphia	35	73	324	33
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
Houston	61	50	550	—
Pittsburgh	55	56	495	6
St. Louis	52	58	473	8 1/2
Cincinnati	46	62	426	13 1/2
Chicago	45	67	402	16 1/2
West Division				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
San Francisco	61	50	550	—
Los Angeles	60	51	541	1
San Diego	53	58	477	8
Colorado	52	60	464	9 1/2

Sunday's Games

Pittsburgh 8, Colorado 4
Montreal 6, San Diego 3
Philadelphia 10, St. Louis 1
San Francisco 8, Cincinnati 3, 10 innings
Houston 3, N.Y. Mets 2
Florida 8, Atlanta 4
Chicago Cubs 4, Los Angeles 3, 12 innings

Monday's Games

Houston at Florida, 7:05 p.m.
Colorado at Philadelphia, 7:35 p.m.
Atlanta at Pittsburgh, 7:35 p.m.
San Francisco at Cincinnati, 7:35 p.m.
St. Louis at N.Y. Mets, 7:40 p.m.

Tuesday's Games

Houston (Kile 15-3) at Florida (Saunders 3-3), 7:05 p.m.
Atlanta (Glavine 10-5) at Pittsburgh (Schmidt 6-6), 7:35 p.m.
San Diego (Hatchcock 7-6) at Cincinnati (Remlinger 3-4), 7:35 p.m.
Los Angeles (Astacio 7-7) at Montreal (Johnson 0-0), 7:35 p.m.
Colorado (Bailey 9-8) at Philadelphia (Schilling 11-10), 7:35 p.m.
St. Louis (Morris 8-6) at N.Y. Mets (Harnisch 0-0), 7:40 p.m.
San Francisco (Darwin 0-0) at Chicago Cubs (Foster 10-6), 8:05 p.m.

Wednesday's Games

San Francisco at Chicago Cubs, 2:20 p.m.
Florida at Pittsburgh, 7:35 p.m.

Women's National Basketball Association

At A Glance
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Eastern Conference				
	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	15	4	.789	—
Houston	11	7	.611	3 1/2
Charlotte	10	7	.588	4
Cleveland	11	8	.579	4
Western Conference				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Phoenix	8	9	.471	—
Los Angeles	8	12	.400	1 1/2
Sacramento	5	13	.278	3 1/2
Utah	5	13	.278	3 1/2

Saturday's Games

New York 78, Phoenix 70
Cleveland 72, Sacramento 51
Utah 74, Houston 63

Sunday's Game

Charlotte 77, Los Angeles 70

Monday's Games

Charlotte at Utah, 9:30 p.m.
Sacramento at Phoenix, 10 p.m.

Tuesday's Games

Los Angeles at New York, 7:30 p.m.
Houston at Cleveland, 7 p.m.

American League

At A Glance
All Times EDT
By The Associated Press

East Division				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
Baltimore	69	39	.639	—
New York	63	45	.583	6
Detroit	51	57	.472	18
Toronto	51	57	.472	18
Boston	52	59	.468	18 1/2
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
Cleveland	56	49	.533	—
Milwaukee	54	54	.500	3 1/2
Chicago	53	56	.486	5
Minnesota	49	60	.450	9
Kansas City	46	61	.434	11
West Division				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
Anaheim	63	48	.568	—
Seattle	62	48	.564	1/2
Texas	51	58	.468	11
Oakland	43	70	.381	21

Sunday's Games

Detroit 5, Toronto 2
Kansas City 5, Boston 2
N.Y. Yankees 6, Minnesota 5
Seattle 6, Milwaukee 5
Baltimore 7, Oakland 5
Anaheim 4, Chicago White Sox 1
Texas 8, Cleveland 7

Monday's Games

Cleveland at Detroit, 7:05 p.m.
Toronto at Minnesota, 8:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees at Kansas City, 8:05 p.m.
Boston at Texas, 8:35 p.m.
Milwaukee at Anaheim, 10:05 p.m.

Tuesday's Games

Cleveland (Juden 0-0) at Detroit (Thompson 9-8), 1:05 p.m.
Toronto (Person 4-7) at Minnesota (Miller 0-1), 1:15 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Drabek 7-7) at Oakland (Karsay 3-11), 3:15 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Rogers 4-4) at Kansas City (Appier 6-9), 8:05 p.m.
Boston (Gordon 5-9) at Texas (Alberro 0-2), 8:35 p.m.
Milwaukee (Florie 2-2) at Anaheim (Dickson 10-4), 10:05 p.m.
Baltimore (Key 13-6) at Seattle (Olivares 6-6), 10:05 p.m.

Wednesday's Games

Milwaukee at Anaheim, 4:05 p.m.
Cleveland at Toronto, 7:35 p.m.

Major League Soccer

At A Glance
By The Associated Press

Eastern Conference						
	W	L	SOW	Pts	GF	GA
D.C.	15	8	3	39	51	38
Tampa Bay	13	10	3	33	41	41
New England	12	10	4	28	27	32
Columbus	9	13	2	23	28	33
NY-NJ	7	13	1	19	24	35
Western Conference						
	W	L	SOW	Pts	GF	GA
Kansas City	15	7	5	35	42	35
Dallas	12	11	3	30	41	37
Colorado	11	12	2	29	37	42
Los Angeles	9	12	1	25	31	26
San Jose	8	15	2	20	40	43

NOTE: Three points for victory, one point for shootout win and zero points for loss.

Saturday's Games

Colorado 3, Washington D.C. 2, SO (3-2)
Kansas City 2, Dallas 1
Columbus 2, Los Angeles 1

Sunday's Games

San Jose 5, New England 1

National Football League

Preseason At A Glance
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AMERICAN CONFERENCE						
East						
	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
Indianapolis	1	0	0	1.000	20	16
N.Y. Jets	1	0	0	1.000	31	17
Miami	0	1	0	.000	00	20
New England	0	1	0	.000	3	7
Buffalo	0	2	0	.000	27	51
Central						
Pittsburgh	2	0	0	1.000	58	31
Jacksonville	1	0	0	1.000	23	9
Baltimore	0	1	0	.000	20	21
Cincinnati	0	1	0	.000	16	20
Tennessee	0	1	0	.000	12	21
West						
Denver	1	0	0	1.000	31	10
Oakland	1	0	0	1.000	34	27
San Diego	1	0	0	1.000	20	13
Seattle	1	0	.500	.60	34	
Kansas City	0	1	0	.000	14	28

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East						
	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
N.Y. Giants	1	0	0	1.000	21	20
Washington	1	0	0	1.000	20	8
Arizona	0	1	0	.000	6	34
Dallas	0	1	0	.000	27	34
Philadelphia	0	1	0	.000	17	31
Central						
Green Bay	2	0	0	1.000	27	3
Minnesota	2	0	0	1.000	52	32
Detroit	1	0	0	1.000	20	17
Chicago	1	1	0	.500	37	47
Tampa Bay	0	1	0	.000	08	20
West						
New Orleans	1	0	0	1.000	21	12
Atlanta	0	1	0	.000	17	20
Carolina	0	1	0	.000	9	23
St. Louis	0	1	0	.000	6	24
San Francisco	0	1	0	.000	13	20

Thursday's Game

Green Bay 7, New England 3

Friday's Games

Detroit 20, Atlanta 17
Indianapolis 20, Cincinnati 16

Saturday's Games

Washington 20, Tampa Bay 8
Minnesota 24, St. Louis 6
New Orleans 21, Tennessee 12
N.Y. Jets 31, Philadelphia 17
N.Y. Giants 21, Baltimore 20
Pittsburgh 28, Kansas City 14
Chicago 20, Buffalo 17, OT
San Diego 20, San Francisco 13
Seattle 34, Arizona 6

Sunday's Games

Jacksonville 23, Carolina 9
Oakland 34, Dallas 27

Monday's Game

Denver vs. Miami at Mexico City, 8 p.m.

Friday, Aug. 8

Cincinnati at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Buffalo, 7:30 p.m.
Baltimore at N.Y. Jets, 8 p.m.
Dallas at New England, 8 p.m.
Arizona at St. Louis, 8 p.m.
Green Bay at Oakland, 10 p.m.

Saturday, Aug. 9

Washington vs. Tennessee at Nashville, Tenn., 7 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
Denver at Carolina, 8 p.m.
Jacksonville at N.Y. Giants, 8 p.m.
Kansas City at New Orleans, 8 p.m.
Seattle at San Francisco, 9 p.m.

Slocum earns first save after traded to Seattle

The Seattle Mariners have had a shaky bullpen most of the season. Their relievers are still shaking things up, but not getting rattled.

On Sunday, Heathcliff Slocumb, acquired Thursday in a trade with Boston, got his first save for Seattle and 18th overall this season when he held on in the ninth inning to preserve the Mariners' 6-5 win over the Milwaukee Brewers.

Slocumb worked around a one-out walk to Jesse Levis and an infield single by Mark Loretta before fanning Jose Valentin and Jeff Cirillo to end the game.

"We'll bring you to the edge, maybe irritate a manager," Slocumb said. "But as long as you come out victorious, that's fine."

Slocumb, who pitched one scoreless inning Saturday in his Seattle debut, struck out Valentin after eight foul balls.

"I was throwing the guy everything I had, fastballs in, fastballs out. I thought he might be stealing the signs or something. But we just went with what we know best — fastballs," Slocumb said.

In other AL games, it was the New York Yankees 6, Minnesota 5; Kansas City 5, Boston 2; Detroit 5, Toronto 2; Baltimore 7, Oakland 5; Anaheim 4, Chicago 1; and Texas 8, Cleveland 7.

Seattle manager Lou Piniella has been asking for relief help most of the year.

"Interesting I don't need," he said with a laugh. "But it's in the win column. He got his first save here."

Piniella needed a strong bullpen on a day when Randy Johnson (15-3) wasn't dominant.

Mike Timlin, obtained Thursday in a trade with Toronto,

relieved Johnson to start the seventh. He gave a two-run, pinch-hit homer in the eighth to Jeremy Burnitz that pulled the Brewers within 6-5.

"We've added some depth and some experience and some good arms to our bullpen. We feel better," Piniella said of the trades for Slocumb, Timlin and Paul Spoljanc. "We're going to have a much better situation coming up out of the pen."

Johnson allowed three runs and four hits in six innings, struck out six, walked three and threw two wild pitches.

"Even when we knock him out, he slips off the hook from us," Milwaukee manager Phil Garner said. "He lived on his laurels a little bit today. The first three outs, we didn't swing at strikes."

Johnson beat the Brewers for the ninth straight time, improving to 12-4 against them lifetime.

Burnitz also had a two-run, pinch-hit homer Saturday. He became the first Brewers player to hit pinch homers in consecutive games.

Jay Buhner hit a two-run double and Lee Tinsley a two-run triple in the fifth inning against Al Reyes (0-1) to put the Mariners ahead 6-3. Yankees 6, Twins 5

At New York, Bernie Williams, who returned Friday from his second stint on the disabled list, homered twice and drove in four runs for the Yankees.

Williams hit a solo shot in the fourth and a three-run drive, his 13th in the fifth off LaTroy Hawkins (3-7).

Dwight Gooden (5-3) pitched five innings and Mariano Rivera got his 32nd save. Royals 5, Red Sox 2

At Kansas City, Mike Macfarlane hit two homers, and Yamil Benitez and Jay Bell each hit one as the Royals set a team record with nine home runs in two games.

Reggie Jefferson homered twice for the Red Sox, only 1-7 against Kansas City this season.

Macfarlane hit a two-run homer in the seventh for a 4-2 lead. Benitez hit the next pitch over the left-field wall.

Macfarlane, who hit a solo shot in the third inning, began the game batting just .188 with five home runs. He had his first multi-homer game of the year and fifth of his career.

Ricky Bones (2-3) allowed six hits in seven innings. Jeff Montgomery worked the ninth for his sixth save. Tim Wakefield (5-13) was the loser.

Tigers 5, Blue Jays 2

At Detroit, Willie Blair won his seventh straight decision as Toronto lost its eighth in nine games.

Bob Hamelin and Melvin Nieves hit consecutive home runs in the second inning and Travis Fryman homered for the second straight day as Detroit won the four-game series 3-1.

Marlins already looking forward toward Atlanta

The Atlanta Braves and Florida Marlins had barely finished tangling with each other — not to mention the umpires — when they began looking ahead to next weekend at Turner Field.

In the wrapup of a contentious four-game series at Miami, Florida beat the Braves 8-4 Sunday to cut their lead in the NL East to 5 1/2 games. Devon White had four hits and drove in three runs, giving the Marlins their third win in four days.

"Everyone makes it seem like we are nothing compared to Atlanta," White said. "But that arouses our pride. We feel we can play with them. This is a big series and makes the rest of the year important."

The Marlins can really close in when they open a four-game set Friday night at Atlanta. The Braves, just 2-6 against Florida, figure to be ready.

"It will leave the last impression," said Chipper Jones, who homered and tripled for Atlanta. "That is why you don't see anybody in here panicking, crying or down in the dumps — 5 1/2 games back is still a tall task against a team like us."

In other games, Chicago beat Los Angeles 4-3 in 12 innings, Houston got past New York 3-2, San Francisco beat Cincinnati 8-3 in 10 innings, Montreal defeated San Diego 6-3, Pittsburgh downed Colorado 8-4 and Philadelphia stopped St. Louis 10-1.

Alex Fernandez (13-8) struck out 10, matching a season best, in eight innings for the Marlins. Braves rookie Kevin Millwood (2-3) trailed 7-1 after three innings.

The Braves and Marlins took turns contesting umpires' calls throughout the series.

Atlanta manager Bobby Cox was ejected for arguing a check-swing a day after Marlins manager Jim Leyland was tossed. Florida outfielder Moises Alou was ejected Friday night.

Cubs 4, Dodgers 3, 12 innings

Sammy Sosa hit a two-out, two-run homer in the bottom of the 12th as Chicago rallied to stun Los Angeles.

Sosa hit the first pitch from Dodgers reliever Todd Worrell (1-3) high over the fence in left field for his 23rd home run. Worrell retired the first two batters in the 12th, but then walked Mark Grace before Sosa delivered his game-winning homer.

The Dodgers had taken a 3-2 lead in the top of the inning when Greg Gagne hit his seventh home run, off Cubs reliever Mel Rojas.

Ramon Tatis (1-1) earned his first major league win by striking out both batters he faced in the 12th inning.

Astros 3, Mets 2

Reliever Greg McMichael hit Luis Gonzalez with an 0-2 pitch with the bases loaded and two outs in the bottom of the ninth inning, forcing home the winning run at the Astrodome.

Craig Biggio, who homered and had three hits, singled with two outs in the ninth and stole second. McMichael (7-9) walked pinch-hitter Thomas Howard and Jeff Bagwell, then hit Gonzalez in the leg.

Houston has won 20 of 25 and holds a six-game lead over Pittsburgh in the NL Central. Todd Hundley homered as New York finished 5-6 on its road trip.

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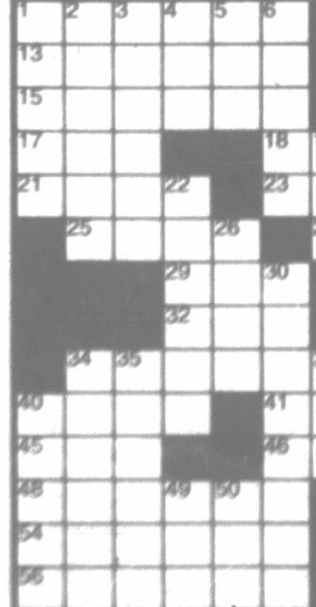
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Historian: Cold War guided handling of flying saucer questions

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Cold War strongly guided official America's early attitude toward close encounters with flying saucers, whatever they were, says a historian who scrutinized more than four decades of CIA documents.

Sightings of unidentified flying objects from the late 1940s prompted intelligence officials to worry that the Soviets might try to disrupt U.S. air defense systems or the government itself by orchestrating mass UFO sightings, Gerald K. Haines writes.

Such concerns, he said, prompted the Air Force and others to play down the issue and to concoct false cover stories to explain UFO sightings that were really super-secret U.S. spy planes — the U-2 and the later SR-71 Blackbird.

Haines is a historian at the National Reconnaissance Office, which oversees missions and interprets data from the intelligence satellites that later replaced manned spy aircraft.

His article, "CIA's Role in the Study of UFOs, 1947-90," was published in the spring issue of *Studies of Intelligence*, a CIA journal. An unclassified version has appeared on the Internet.

Haines said a CIA study group worried in 1952 that panic and hysteria about UFO sightings might eventually "overload the U.S. air warning system so that it could not distinguish real (military) targets from phantom UFOs," providing the Soviets advantage for a surprise nuclear attack.

A special panel of outside scientists created to pursue such security implications concluded unanimously in 1953 that there was no credible evidence of UFOs from outer space, nor evidence of a direct national security threat, Haines wrote.

But he said the scientists, headed by physicist H.P. Robertson of the California Institute of Technology, "did find that continued emphasis on UFO reporting might threaten the orderly functioning of the government by clogging the channels of communication with irrelevant reports and by inducing hysterical mass behavior harmful to constituted authority."

The panel recommended that the National Security Council "debunk UFO reports and institute a policy of public education to reassure the public of the lack of evidence behind UFOs." It also urged enlisting the mass media, advertising, business clubs and "even the Disney Corp. to get the message across," Haines wrote.

By 1956, the Air Force was able to attribute 96 percent of all UFO sightings to the high altitude U-2 and SR-71 intelligence gathering planes, Haines said. But it took care "not to reveal the true cause of the sightings to the public," linking them instead to "natural phenomena such as ice crystals and temperature inversions."

An Air Force spokesman, Maj. Ed Worley, said Sunday he could not comment specifically without first seeing the report. But he said, "We take extraordinary measures to protect our national resources."

Judge expects two-thirds of jury pool to be excused

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Most of the 300 prospective jurors summoned to hear the state's racketeering lawsuit against the tobacco industry will be unable to serve, a judge estimated today.

Florida is the first of 40 states that have sued the industry to go to trial. It charges that tobacco companies have known for decades that their products kill and have conspired to conceal the true dangers.

Of the first ten prospective jurors interviewed by Circuit Judge Harold Cohen, seven were excused because serving for up to six months would cre-

ate an undue financial burden. One woman told the judge she'd lose her house; another was a young father who was his family's sole supporter.

"If the trend holds, you're probably going to be left with about one-third who are physically or financially able to come back," Cohen told attorneys.

Jury selection is expected to last a month.

The first round of courtroom questioning, which will take two weeks, is being conducted by the judge alone and focuses only on physical or financial burdens or whether prospective

jurors don't believe they could be impartial because of past media exposure.

Billions of dollars are at stake, although Florida has not set a specific figure in its lawsuit. Mississippi settled a similar suit for \$3.4 billion after the industry agreed to a \$368 billion national settlement that would require congressional approval.

Under Florida racketeering law, if the jury finds in the state's favor the industry could lose its profits since 1977 and see its sales and marketing severely restricted.

Unlike previous tobacco lia-

bility suits, Florida has a special legal weapon with a 1994 law that stripped the industry of its defense that smokers were aware of the risks of smoking.

Peter Bleakley, a Philip Morris Cos. attorney leading the defense team, called the trial a "sham" last week after Cohen ruled the companies could not use personal choice or public awareness of tobacco's effects in its defense.

The judge also ruled that defense lawyers will not be able to cite the state's own production of cigarettes, which were made by prison inmates from 1935 to 1978.



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Boomtown Community Theatre presents ...

BORGER — "Debut in Duet, Part Two" is Boomtown Community Theatre's moniker for an evening of one-act plays to be presented in August.

The first production will be *An Actor's Nightmare*, an absurd comedy by Christopher Durang. An amnesiac finds himself onstage in various productions without knowing his name, his lines or his fate, resulting in an hilarious muddle of confusion.

The entire act entertainment will be *The Fairy Tale of Rencercella* recited by Patrick Wakefield, followed by *Curse You, Jack Dalton*, a melodrama complete with a hero, heroine and two vicious villains. The audience will be expected to boo and hiss the villains as well as assault them with popcorn.

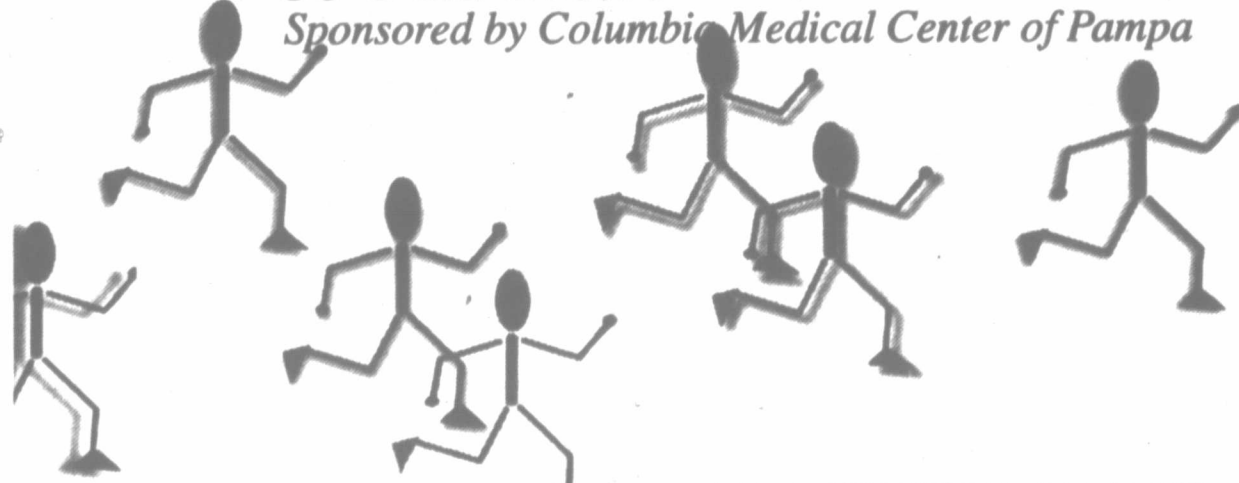
This evening of lively entertainment will be well worth the \$7.50 admission. Tickets will be available at the door on performance nights of Aug. 14, 15, and 16. Call (806) 274-7011 for additional information.



Top photo: Gene Baker plays Jack Dalton and Kendra Vessels plays Bertha Blair in *Curse You, Jack Dalton*. Bottom photo: Scene from *An Actor's Nightmare*.

Chautauqua Fun Run/Walk & 5K Run 1997

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Where: Central Park-Pampa, Texas (corner of Georgia & Mary Ellen)

When: September 1st
•Fun Run/Walk (one mile) begins at 8 a.m.
•5K Run begins at 8:20 a.m.

Entry Fees: Preregister by Aug. 27 Fun Run \$3.00 5K \$8.00
Register day of Race Fun Run \$4.00 5K \$9.00
All entry fees are donated to the Pampa United Way

5K-MALE	5K-FEMALE	FUN RUN-MALE	FUN RUN-FEMALE
19 & Under	19 & Under	8 & Under	8 & Under
20-29	20-29	9-11	9-11
30-39	30-39	12-15	12-15
40-49	40-49	16-19	16-19
50+	50+	20-29	20-29
		30-39	30-39
		40-49	40-49
		50+	50+

Pre-registration packets (containing number and T-shirt) can be picked up at registration beginning at 6:30 a.m. in Central Park, September 1st.

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