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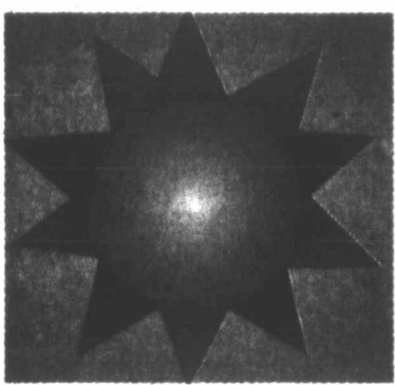
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HOUSTON (AP) —
Houston is the No. 1 city in
the nation in a category that
no one is proud of.

It's tops when it comes to
the number of postal workers
bitten by dogs.

"Whenever you get a lot of
unwanted dogs in the area,
you will see a lot of dog bites,
and that is the case here in
Houston," said Kathy Barton,
spokeswoman for the city's
Department of Health and
Human Services.

The U.S. Humane Society
has reported that there were
65 dog bites to Houston
postal workers in fiscal 1997
— the most reported in the
country.

Mail carrier James Sanchez
wasn't surprised at the city's
ranking. He was attacked by
a stray dog as he carried the
mail about a month ago.

No tickets correctly
matched all six numbers
drawn Saturday night for the
twice-weekly Lotto Texas
game, state lottery officials
said.

The jackpot was worth an
estimated \$32 million.

The numbers drawn
Saturday night from a field of
50 were: 7, 8, 16, 30, 42 and
48.

Wednesday night's drawing
will be worth an estimated
\$45 million.

- Rebecca Allman, 87, Hale
Center resident of 82 years.
- B.O. Bentley, 89, retired
plant superintendent for
Dorchester Gas Producing
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- Thomas William "Bill"
Owen, 88, retired owner-
operator Wheeler Texaco
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(Pampa News photo by Miranda Bailey)

Pampa High School art teacher Amy Ivins with her student Michael Cornelison and his art project.

She believes positive words best motivation

By MIRANDA G. BAILEY
Staff Writer

Editor's Note: This is one in a series of stories on Pampa teachers entitled, "Celebrating our Teachers." Those interviewed were nominated by their school's administration.

"I think it should be required for everyone to have art. There is a misunderstanding that art is frivolous," said Pampa High art teacher Amy Ivins.

"Art is important for two reasons: You can learn to think original and be creative and

whether or not you're an artist, you need to learn to appreciate it," said Ivins. "Art's everywhere. Can you imagine a car, a house, or clothes not being designed by artists? What if we didn't have pictures in textbooks?"

These are some of the very same reasons Ivins uses to encourage her students to explore the world of art.

Ivins, an art major, said she works hard to keep a positive attitude because in doing so, she strives to behave as she wants her students to behave.

The best motivator for her students is a posi-

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Grand jurors meet, return indictments

The 31st District Grand Jury returned 24 indictments last week ranging from forgery to possession of a controlled substance in a correctional facility.

The indictments include Aaron Eugene Young, 27, 118 W. Albert, indicted on charges of aggravated assault.

Stephen Dwight York Jr., 25, 908 Fisher, was indicted on charges of tampering with a government record.

Wayne Leon Woodward, 35, 709 N. Dwight, was indicted on charges of aggravated assault.

Linda Jean Wickham, 39, no address given, was indicted on charges of forgery by passing.

Jason Matthew Vaughan, 23, Jonesboro Ark., was indicted on charges of possession of a controlled substance.

Michael Earl Steptoe, 29, 1117 Varnon Drive, was indicted on charges of possession of marijuana.

Joe Reyes Solis, 32, 434 N. Starkweather, was indicted on charges of aggravated assault.

Brian Joseph Rush, 26, 705 N. Gray, was indicted on charges of possession of a controlled substance.

Julie Ann Phillips, 26, Snyder, Texas, was indicted on charges of theft over \$1,500 and under \$20,000.

Angie Moreno, 45, 918 N. Gray, was indicted on charges of tampering with a witness.

Barry Lee Mobley, 25, no address given, was indicted on charges of

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Judge rules against Skinner

Convicted murderer Henry Watkins Skinner won't get a habeas corpus hearing in Gray County now that Judge M. Kent Sims has overruled Skinner's plea he be granted a hearing because his lawyer missed a deadline.

Sims overruled Skinner's position on good cause for late filing, a spokesman in the district attorney's office said today.

Steven C. Losch, attorney for death row inmate Skinner, 35, convicted in 1995 of the New Year's murders of his girl friend and her two sons, claimed in his brief that he was busy and unable to get the writ of habeas corpus filed before the deadline established by law. He said he did, however, file a motion for an extension of the deadline.

Losch maintains his fax machine didn't work, his investigator was pregnant and he was extremely busy.

District Attorney John Mann in his reply to Losch's brief said Texas law does not allow for an extension of the deadline to file a writ of habeas corpus. Mann also said that even if the law allowed an extension, Losch has not justified the delay in asking for it.

Skinner was convicted of the murders of Twila Busby, 40, and her two sons, Elwin Caler, 22, and Randolph Busby 20, on New Year's 1194. She was beaten to death and her sons were stabbed.

Abundant supply steadies gas prices

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Plentiful supply kept up with increased summer demand and left gasoline prices unchanged.

"We have a momentary price inertia," industry analyst Trilby Lundberg said Sunday.

The average retail price of gasoline, including all grades and taxes, was about \$1.14 a gallon, according to the Lundberg Survey of 10,000 stations nationwide conducted Friday. That was up just one-eighth of a cent from the May 8 survey, Lundberg said.

Memorial Day, the traditional start of the summer travel season, failed to kick off a price hike because a "more than ample supply" kept pace, she said.

At self-service pumps, the average price for regular gasoline was about \$1.09 per gallon, mid-grade was about \$1.19 and premium was about \$1.27.

At full-service pumps, regular was about \$1.49, mid-grade was about \$1.58 and premium was about \$1.66.

Rodeo queen contest still in need of donations

The 1998 Miss Top O' Texas Rodeo Queen prize packages are being completed and donations are still being accepted to finish the pageant director's goals.

Pageant directors Sonja Daniel and Jamie Greene have been working hard with the donations that have been received to date and are putting a prize package together that any contestant will be excited to receive.

The Miss Top O' Texas Pageant is still in need of Pampa's support to make the 1998 pageant as nice as last years. "We are still looking for two saddle sponsors, one for Miss Top O' Texas and one for Miss Top O' Texas Teen plus a \$500 scholarship for the Queen," Pageant director Sonja Daniel said.

"The person that donates money for the purchase of the saddle will have their business name imprinted on the fender of the saddles and our queens will ride these

"When it comes down to the financial responsibilities to make Pampa's Miss Top O' Texas Pageant become a successful annual event we need more money so we can complete the prize packages, hire professional judges, and rent facilities."

— Sonja Daniel, pageant co-director

saddles for years after the competition is over with," Daniel said.

The 1997 Miss Top O' Texas Rodeo, Danyelle Rideout, has made many appearances while riding her saddle from parades to rodeos around the panhandle represent-

ing the Top O' Texas Rodeo and Pampa.

"These are such attractive saddles that people are always drawn to come get a closer look thus free advertising is everywhere the queen rides her saddle," Daniel stated.

The sponsors who have donated money for the four handmade belt buckles that the queens and the first runner-up will receive are: Top O' Texas Evenings Kiwanis Club, Uniglobe Travel Agency, and the Clark Carr Family.

"But the Miss Top O' Texas Pageant is still in need of a donation for the last handmade buckle," Daniel said.

"Additional prizes have been given by some of our great Pampa area merchants. Rheams Diamond Shop has donated a 14kt gold and diamond horseshoe ring for our queen winner. Waynes Western Wear is once again con-

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Daily Record

Obituaries

REBECCA ALLMAN

HALE CENTER — Rebecca Allman, mother of a Pampa resident, 87, died Saturday, May 30, 1998, at Methodist Hospital in Lubbock. Graveside services were to be at 11 a.m. today in Plainview Memorial Park Cemetery at Plainview with the Rev. Scott Jimenez, pastor of First United Methodist Church of Hale Center, officiating. Burial will be under the direction of Freeman-Abell Funeral Home.

Mrs. Allman was born July 2, 1911, at McKinney, Texas. She had been a Hale Center resident for 82 years. She married Edmond Allman in October of 1933; he died in 1987. She was a graduate of Wayland Baptist College and taught school. She was a member of First United Methodist Church and of Order of the Eastern Star #38, serving as worthy matron.

Survivors include two daughters, Janice Sackett of Pampa and Sharon Bell of San Francisco, Calif.; three grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to Hale Center Senior Citizens Association, P.O. Box 205, Hale Center, TX 79041.

B.O. BENTLEY

AMARILLO — B.O. Bentley, 89, died Sunday, May 31, 1998, at Lubbock. Services are pending under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Bentley was born Feb. 2, 1909, in Oklahoma. He moved to White Deer in the 1920s. He married Ethel Simmons in 1939; she died in August 1996. He was plant superintendent for Dorchester Gas Producing Company for more than 37 years, retiring in 1975. He had been an Amarillo resident since 1975, moving from White Deer.

He was a member of White Deer Masonic Lodge #1188 AF&AM and Tascosa Country Club in Amarillo. He was past president of White Deer Lions Club and White Deer School Board. He was a Baptist.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Barbara Imke; and by a granddaughter, Janie Imke, in 1972.

Survivors include two daughters, Linda Peirce and Beverly Bentley, both of Amarillo; a son, David Bentley of Lubbock; nine grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to Cal Farley's Boys Ranch, P.O. Box 1890, Amarillo, TX 79174; or to White Deer Cemetery Association, P.O. Box 273, White Deer, TX 79097.

THOMAS WILLIAM 'BILL' OWEN

WHEELER — Thomas William "Bill" Owen, 88, died Saturday, May 30, 1998, at Amarillo. Graveside services were to be at 2 p.m. today in Wheeler Cemetery with Bill Morrison, minister of Wheeler Church of Christ, officiating. Burial will be under the direction of Wright Funeral Home of Wheeler.

Mr. Owen, a lifelong Wheeler resident, was born Aug. 4, 1909, at Wheeler, to Tom and Arrie Owen. He graduated from Wheeler High School. He married Doraeen Vic Wood on April 7, 1935, at Texoma, Okla. He owned-operated Wheeler Texaco Station for 31 years, retiring in 1971. He later worked for the City of Wheeler for 10 years, retiring in 1990.

He served as mayor pro-tem of Wheeler for several years and was a member of Wheeler Independent School District Board of Trustees for 12 years. He served on the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission, was a charter member of Wheeler Kiwanis Club and was a member of Wheeler Masonic Lodge, Wheeler Chamber of Commerce and Wheeler Church of Christ. He was named Man of the Year by Wheeler Chamber of Commerce in 1979 and was awarded the Pioneer Spirit Award in 1997.

Survivors include his wife, Doraeen, of Amarillo; a daughter, Billie Jones of McKinney; two sons, Burley Owen of Amarillo and Ray Owen of Lubbock; a sister, Letha Krhut of Wakeeey, Kan.; two brothers, Luke Owen of Corpus Christi and Albert Owen of Farmington, N.M.; nine grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to Alzheimer's Association, 2200 West 7th, Amarillo, TX 79106.

Calendar of events

PAMPA AREA LITERACY COUNCIL

Pampa Area Literacy Council office will be open from 1 to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Friday. For more information, call 665-2331.

PAMPA CHESS CLUB

The Pampa Chess Club meets every Tuesday night at the Coronado Inn at 7 p.m. We offer casual but competitive games against players of all ages and strengths, free instruction by expert chess players, and a free chess club newsletter. Nonmembers and novices are very welcome! For more information contact James A. Shook at 669-0227.

CLEAN AIR AL-ANON

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

TRALEE CRISIS CENTER FOR WOMEN

Tralee Crisis Center for Women is offering an in-house support group for victims of family violence. Meetings will be Tuesday's from 11 a.m.-12 noon and on Thursday's from 7-8 p.m. For more information call (806) 669-1131. All calls are kept confidential.

HIGHLAND GENERAL AND WORLEY HOSPITAL REUNION

There will be an annual reunion for nurses and employees of Highland General and Worley Hospital June 8 at 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at St. Vincent's Cafeteria. Please bring covered dish and \$2 donation - door prize.

Police report

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

Saturday, May 30

Clifford Eubanks, 24, 328 N. Dwight, was arrested on charges of driving while intoxicated. Jacqueline Marshman, 29, no address given, was arrested on charges of possession of drug paraphernalia and warrants.

Criminal mischief involving \$125 in tires was reported in the 400 block of N. Gray.

Domestic disturbance was reported in the 2100 block Williston.

Injury to a child was reported in the 1100 block of Huff.

Burglary of a Residence involving \$41 in cash and goods was reported in the 400 block of Doucette.

Theft of a \$400 Go Kart was reported in the 300 block of N. Nelson.

Burglary of a residence involving approximately \$1000 in cash and goods was reported in the 1300 block of E. Kingsmill.

Sunday, May 31

Jeremy Rene Wright, 17, Rt 1 Box 13H, was arrested on charges of minor in possession of alcohol and disorderly conduct.

Willie Ballard, 26, 521 Montagu, was arrested on a warrant.

Elijio Hernandez Jr., 18, 515 Short, was arrested on charges of minor in possession of alcohol, public intoxication and failure to id. to a police officer.

Evading arrest was reported in 200 block of N. Starkweather.

Ambulance

Rural Metro reported the following calls during the 48-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Saturday, May 30

8:33 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to a local nursing center on a medical call and transported one patient to Columbia Medical Center.

Sunday, May 31

12:12 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to Highway 60 East on a medical call and transported one patient to Columbia Medical Center.

8:27 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to Buckler and Hobart on a motor vehicle accident. No one was transported.

12:20 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1500 block of Williston on a medical call and transported one patient to Columbia Medical Center.

1:26 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1200 block of N. Hobart on a motor vehicle accident and transported one patient to Columbia Medical Center.

3:37 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to Columbia Medical Center for a patient transfer to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

Accidents

The Pampa Police Department reported the following accidents during the 48-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Saturday, May 30

A white vehicle that left the scene in front of 708 Deane Drive struck a legally parked 1966 green Chevrolet Impala owned by Guadalupe Campos, 708 Deane Drive.

Sunday, May 31

Scotty Meloy Henderson, 21, 713 Buckler, was charged with failure to yield the right of way and expired registration after the 1988 maroon and gray Ford pickup he was driving ran a stop sign at N. Hobart and W. Buckler. The pickup collided with a 1994 red Chevrolet pickup driven by Jerry Don Mackie, 42, 2632 Cherokee. No injuries were reported.

Sheriff's Office

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

Sunday, May 31

Eric Darnell Ryder, 29, 418 Hall, was charged with minor in possession.

Timothy Don Remington, 21, 1600 Somerville, No., 701, was charged with public intoxication.

Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by Atebury Grain of Pampa

Wheat	2.65	Chevron	79 3/16	dn 11/16
Milo	3.61	Coca Cola	79 3/16	up 11/16
Corn	4.11	Columbia/ICA	32 1/2	dn 3/16
Soybeans	5.54	Enron	50 5/16	up 3/16
		Halliburton	46 11/16	dn 11/16
		ICE	12 25/32	dn 5/32
		KNE	54	dn 1/8
		KRR Mc.Gee	63	dn 1/4
		Limited	33 5/16	up 1/16
		McDonald's	65 7/8	up 1/4
		Mobil	77 3/16	dn 13/16
		New Atmos	30 3/8	dn 3/8
		NFC	46 5/16	up 5/16
		Penney's	73 1/4	up 1 7/16
		Phillips	49 1/2	dn 3/8
		Pioneer Nat. Res.	23 1/4	NC
		SLB	77 1/8	dn 5/16
		Tenneco	41 3/16	dn 7/16
		Texaco	57 3/16	dn 9/16
		Ultramar	31 1/2	dn 7/16
		Wd. Mart	55 15/16	up 13/16
		Williams	32 1/16	dn 3/8
		Amoco	41 1/2	dn 5/16
		Arco	78 1/16	dn 13/16
		Cabot	33 3/4	up 7/16
		Cabot O&G	20 1/16	dn 1/16
		New York Gold	291.30	
		Silver	5.09	
		West Texas Crude	15.04	

The following show the prices for which these securities could have traded at the time of completion

Occidental 27 11/16 up 1/16

The following show the prices for which these mutual funds were bid at the time of completion

Magellan 105.15

Puritan 20.87

The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. Stock Market quotations are furnished by Edward Jones & Co. of Pampa.

Amoco 41 1/2 dn 5/16

Arco 78 1/16 dn 13/16

Cabot 33 3/4 up 7/16

Cabot O&G 20 1/16 dn 1/16

Chevron 79 3/16 dn 11/16

Coca Cola 79 3/16 up 11/16

Columbia/ICA 32 1/2 dn 3/16

Enron 50 5/16 up 3/16

Halliburton 46 11/16 dn 11/16

ICE 12 25/32 dn 5/32

KNE 54 dn 1/8

KRR Mc.Gee 63 dn 1/4

Limited 33 5/16 up 1/16

McDonald's 65 7/8 up 1/4

GRAND JURY

forgeries.

Joseph Michael Mehr, 39, Oceanside Calif., was indicted on charges of possession of a controlled substance.

Curtis McGill Lee, 40, 1057 Varnon, was indicted on charges of forgery.

Tarah Lashay Johnson, 23, 404 N. Nelson, was indicted on charges of possession of marijuana.

Walter Leon Heinzelman, 57, Jonesboro Ark., was indicted on charges of possession of a controlled substance.

Shannon Drell Harris, 27, 6505 Westwind, Amarillo, was indicted on charges of possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver.

Kenneth Wayne Griffin, 26, Canadian, was indicted on charges of driving while intoxicated-subsequent offense.

Michael Kurt Curfman, 18, 1124 E. Foster, was indicted on charges of forgery by making.

Ben Allen Cross, 35, no address given, was indicted on charges of forgery.

Gussie Diane Cox, 34, 1032 Huff, was indicted on charges of theft over \$50 and under \$500-subsequent offense.

Deborah Dee Chandler, 38, 604 N. Wells, was indicted on charges of forgery by making.

Gilberto Castillo, 32, 738 S. Reid, was indicted on charges of criminal mischief.

Johnny Joe Carrasco, 24, 520 Yeager, was indicted on charges of bribery and possession of a prohibited substance in a correctional facility.

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TEACHER

tive word, she said.

"Not to the group, but to the individual. That really works. It's hard to think about it all the time. But in art, kids are really sensitive about their projects."

Ivins' teaching philosophy revolves around her goal to expect the best from her students.

"To never accept less than the best...I want them to put an all-out effort to do things. Don't settle for a first try," she tells her students.

Her philosophy works.

When she came to the high school a few years ago, art students were sparse, and worse yet, extremely apathetic.

"I've gradually built my program. I had students who wanted to do nothing when I moved here,

there wasn't a big demand for the course and now there are no more empty spots," she said.

Her class is over-enrolled by about 100 each term.

One of the most challenging aspects of teaching art, Ivins said, is developing her curriculum.

"A lot of preparation and planning goes into it. I'm teaching over 30 different subject matters," she said. "Sometimes, I have to make up things out of the blue — we don't use a textbook in here."

But seeing a change in a student is by far the best part of the job, she said. For example, one of her students who flunked the course twice just recently took responsibility for putting on the class art show.

"I think I teach because I love interacting with the kids. I love teaching the subject I teach, I love art and I love teaching about life in general ... and I think you have to do that, too."

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RODEO

tacting his major distributors on behalf of the Miss Top O' Texas Pageant for additional prizes," Pageant Director Jamie Greene said.

"Our 1997 queens have been working very hard to represent Pampa at the Miss Rodeo Texas Pageant in San Antonio. They were so pleased with the additional prizes from Waynes Western Wear because it has helped them with their wardrobes while competing for their respective state titles," Greene said.

"This year Waynes Western Wear is donating two beautiful saddle blankets with hand-tooled wear leathers in each category for the winners of the horsemanship competition.

"Each young lady who enters will receive a bag filled with participant gifts ranging from Rodeo

America T-shirts to food coupons. Everyone last year received a handmade silver bracelet but this year's special gift is going to be a surprise until the farewell send off at the Hughey House Bed and Breakfast on July 11," Greene said.

If anyone would like to donate something special to put in the contestants gift bags please contact Sonja or Jamie. We want our pageant to be the best because we believe that Pampa is the best in the west!

"When it comes down to the financial responsibilities to make Pampa's Miss Top O' Texas Pageant become successful annual event we need more money so we can complete the prize packages, hire professional judges, and rent facilities," Greene said.

"I would like to express a deep appreciation to the individuals and businesses that have supported us by donating items and money," Greene said.

School shooting trial starts; first case up death of mother

JACKSON, Miss. (AP) — Jury selection opened today for the trial of Luke Woodham on charges of killing his mother, a crime that happened the same day the 17-year-old allegedly killed two classmates in a school shooting.

The attack at Pearl High School was the first in a string of multiple school shootings across the nation.

In the trial opening today, Woodham is charged in the hacking death of his mother, Mary Woodham, 50, the morning of Oct. 1. He also is to stand trial separately on charges of killing two classmates and wounding seven other students at the school later that same day.

Woodham was silent when deputies led him, unshaven and shackled, into the courtroom.

By midmorning, 20 potential jurors were quickly excused for financial hardships, health reasons or because they were taking care of ill relatives. The jury selection process was expected to continue much of the day.

If convicted of his mother's death, Woodham

faces a maximum of life in prison. That is also the maximum penalty he can receive if convicted in the school shootings.

Since the Oct. 1 shootings, the state Legislature passed a law that allows the death penalty in cases of murder on the grounds of a school.

Woodham's first trial is expected to last about a week. The second, which will cover the school shootings, will begin in Hattiesburg on June 8. Both were moved because of extensive publicity.

Five other teen-agers face charges related to the shootings at Pearl High. Prosecutors allege that the group was known as "The Kroth" and held secretive meetings at Woodham's house to discuss the murders.

No trial dates have been set for the five other defendants.

Since the Pearl High shootings, there have been similar high-profile rampages at schools in Jonesboro, Ark., West Paducah, Ky., Edinboro, Pa., and Springfield, Ore.

Weather focus

LOCAL FORECAST

Mostly sunny today with a high in the upper 90s and southerly winds at 10-20. Tonight, clear with a low of 65 and southerly winds from 5-10 mph. Tomorrow, mostly sunny and hot with a high of 100 and southwest winds at 5-15 mph. Yesterday's high was 87; the overnight low 64.

REGIONAL FORECAST

WEST TEXAS — Panhandle — Tonight, clear with a low in the lower 60s. South wind 5-15 mph, shifting to the west late. Tuesday, mostly sunny and hot with a high in the upper 90s. West to southwest wind 10-20 mph. Low Rolling Plains — Tonight, fair. Lows 65-75. Tuesday, sunny. Highs 100-110. Permian Basin/Upper Trans Pecos — Tonight, fair. Lows 68-75. Tuesday, sunny. Highs 102-110. Concho Valley/Edwards

Plateau — Tonight, fair. Lows 70-77. Tuesday, sunny. Highs 102-110. Far West Texas — Tonight, fair. Lows mid 60s. Tuesday, sunny. Highs 102-106. Guadalupe Mountains/Big Bend Area — Tonight, fair. Lows 60s and 70s. Tuesday, sunny. Highs mid 90s to around 115.

NORTH TEXAS — Tonight, clear. Lows 70 to 76. Tuesday, continued sunny and hot. Highs 98 to 105.

SOUTH TEXAS — Hill Country and South Central Texas — Tonight, clear. Lows near 70. Tuesday, brief morning clouds becoming sunny and continued hot with near record highs. Highs in the upper 90s. Southeast Texas and Upper Texas Coast — Tonight, clear skies with increasing clouds and patchy fog developing after midnight. Lows in the 70s. Tuesday, becoming sunny and continued hot with near record highs. Highs in the upper 90s inland to

near 90 coast. Coastal Bend and the Rio Grande Plains — Tonight, clear with increasing clouds after midnight. Lows near 80 coast to the lower 70s inland. Tuesday, mostly sunny and continued hot. Highs near 90 coast to the mid to upper 90s inland, near 105 Rio Grande plains.

BORDER STATES

NEW MEXICO — Tonight, fair skies. Lows mid 30s to near 50 mountains, 50s and 60s elsewhere. Tuesday, fair skies. Breezy north. Highs mid 70s to 80s mountains, mid 80s to 90s northwest and central, upper 90s to 105 southern lowlands. Lows mid 30s and 40s mountains and northwest with 50s and 60s elsewhere.

OKLAHOMA — Tonight, mostly clear. Lows mid 60s to lower 70s. Tuesday, partly cloudy north with a slight chance of thunderstorms. Fair elsewhere. Highs 94 to 102.

FBI agent dies in crash

FREDERICKSBURG, Texas (AP) — A Houston-based FBI agent was killed this weekend when his motorcycle was struck by a pickup near Fredericksburg. The Texas Department of Public Safety said a pickup driven by a Louisiana man lost control Saturday on a sharp curve on Ranch Road 965, crossed the center line and crashed into Ronald Clendening, 51.

The DPS said Clendening was not wearing a helmet. He died at Hill Country Memorial Hospital.

City briefs

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Field Force



The Field Force from the Jordan Unit recently sold tickets for a chance to winning a hog, donated by Rex McAnelly and processed by Circle B Processing from Groom. The proceeds benefited the Texas Special Olympics. The winner of the drawing was Randy Slaughter from the Jordan Unit. Pictured is (left) Albert Stevens, Randy Slaughter, Rex McAnelly, Lieutenant Ben Watson, Mark Edridge and Mack Marshall.

(Community Camera photo)

Women's groups urge pill equality from insurance

WASHINGTON (AP)

Insurance companies' willingness to pay for the male impotence pill Viagra has angry women's groups pressing Congress to require coverage of prescription female contraceptives as well.

They insist it's unfair that insurers help men have more and better sex, while many of the same companies won't help women avoid unwanted pregnancies that might result. Insurers respond that coverage is available for birth control, but it's unpopular with employers.

"Viagra, in all seriousness, means more sex. And more sex means more need for effective contraception," complained Gloria Feldt, president of the Planned Parenthood Federation.

A 1994 report by the Alan Guttmacher Institute, which studied reproductive health, found that 97 percent of large group health insurance plans pay for prescription drugs, but only a third covered birth control pills.

The Pill won government approval almost 40 years ago. The Food and Drug Administration approved Viagra in March. The private consulting group IMS says almost half the 300,000 men taking Viagra weekly already are reimbursed, at least in part, by their health insurers. Up to 73 percent of patients using rival impotence treatments also are reimbursed, said IMS, which tracks drug statistics.

"It's absurd that women must face this choice," Ms. Feldt said. Sen. Olympia Snowe, R-Maine, and Rep. Jim Greenwood, R-Pa., introduced a bill last year to require health insurers that pay for prescription drugs to cover prescription contraceptives, devices and services. Similar legislation takes effect in Maryland in October, and a few other states also require some insurance coverage of birth control.

Opponents of the Snowe-Greenwood bill contend artificial contraceptives are optional, but impotence is not.

And the bill's chances of passage appear slim. Women's groups exercise little power in the Republican-controlled Congress, while powerful business and religious interests oppose the legislation.

Business groups oppose on the ground that such a law would increase health care costs. "Anything that adds cost to health coverage we oppose, because it winds up, in its incremental effect, pricing people out of coverage," said Neil Trautwein, health care policy manager for the U.S. Chamber of Commerce.

Richard Coorsh, spokesman for the Health Insurance Association of America, said most insurers offer plans that cover contraception, but employers who pay for health care choose not to buy them. His industry also opposes Snowe's bill and mandated benefits in general because it fears higher costs for everyone.

"It's a mandate for contraceptive services, which are elective services," said Cathy Deeds, a public policy analyst for the National Conference of Catholic Bishops, which opposes the bill and the use of artificial contraceptives.

At the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, however, the position is that contraception is a must for women of child-bearing age. In pushing for congressional action, the organization cited a 1994 study by the Women's Research and Education Institute that found that women spend 68 percent more for health care than men, largely because of reproductive care.

As a result, women who can't afford \$30 for a month's supply of birth control pills often turn to cheaper, less reliable forms of contraception and risk unwanted pregnancies, women's advocates say. Almost half the estimated 3.6 million unplanned pregnancies in the United States each year end in abortion, the Guttmacher Institute said.

"To ignore the health benefits of contraception is to say that the alternative of 12 to 15 pregnancies during a woman's lifetime is medically acceptable," said Luella Klein, director of women's health issues for the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists.

Coverage also makes financial sense, the groups say. A year's supply of birth control pills costs much less than the tab for nine months of maternity care and eventually delivery.

"If we're going to tell a woman you can't get an abortion," Greenwood said, "then for God's sake let's help them prevent unwanted pregnancies."

Odds and ends...

VIDOR, Texas (AP) — Present!

All 16 students in Carol Welborn's fourth-grade class showed up for each of the 176 days of the school year at Pine Forest Elementary School.

Nobody was ever absent. Not once.

They came to school with sniffling noses. One came the day after being in a car wreck. When the chicken pox came around, nobody got it. Flu season passed them by.

"It just sort of snowballed," Ms. Welborn said. She said that in her 23 years of teaching, she'd never heard of a whole class with perfect attendance. The previous school record was 50 days.

"After we went a while without anybody missing a day, they kind of got into it and nobody wanted to be the first one to miss," she said Sunday.

There were a few close calls.

A doctor gave one student an excuse to stay home but she cried until he relented and let her go to school — at least long enough to get counted on the attendance roll.

There were even deaths in several students' families, but the funerals always fell on weekends or holidays.

Their reward? Lunch at a Mexican restaurant and pizza. Plus, the keys to the city.

BOSTON (AP) — Double cappuccino? Skinny vanilla latte? How about some nice Boston Harbor water?

The latest buzz among scientists at the American Geophysical Union is that the water in Boston Harbor is caffeinated. Their research shows that in 12 ounces of harbor water, there's .0025 milligrams of caffeine.

Admittedly, that's not much. There are 250 milligrams of caffeine in a regular cup of coffee or 45 milligrams in a can of Coke.

Researcher Ray Siegner said sewage is to blame for the caffeinated harbor. The 2 million people of Greater Boston drink about 855 pounds of caffeine every day.

Of that, 95 percent is absorbed into the human body. That leaves 43 pounds to be sent into the waste stream each day.

"Overall, this may be the highest level of caffeine in the waters of the harbor since the Boston Tea Party," quipped Robert F. Chen, another scientist.

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Mark Lenney now owns a little piece of Mars.

The engineer from Santa Clara, Calif., shelled out \$700 for a Mars rock at an auction on Sunday that included dinosaur bones, rare gems, minerals and several meteorites.

"It was reasonably priced," said Lenney, who added that the mystery of the universe propelled him to his first auction "to be in touch with the wonder of it all."

Lenney also picked up a \$450 slice of meteorite created at the dawn of our solar system and a \$325 rock from a 1969 meteor shower that contains dozens of amino acids, the building blocks of proteins.

The biggest seller at the auction was a 995-pound boulder that was part of a vast meteorite shower that fell on the edge of the Kalahari Desert thousands of years ago. It sold for a whopping \$101,500.

Not to be outdone by more experienced collectors, 9-year-old Caleb Kauffman of San Francisco won the bidding for a sample of Sikholite-Alin meteorite, an iron specimen that fell on Siberia in 1947.

"It's pretty cool," said Caleb, who raised his paddle vigorously during the bidding and won with his \$140 bid.

He said he would show the meteorite off to his friends.

SANTA ANA, Calif. (AP) — What's small, cute and can fetch a huge markup? Beanie Babies, of course.

No wonder Rita Goodwin was all smiles after she sold her Beanie Employee Bear for \$4,600 at the Beanie Fest Trade Show on Saturday. The critter originally went for a mere \$5.

"It was one of only 400 ever made," Goodwin explained. About 100 vendors swapped, hawked and showed off their beanie-filled toys at the Orange County Fairgrounds.

Kim Barlow, a fair organizer, said Ty Inc.'s decision to discontinue the beanbag creatures has sparked a never-ending collection frenzy.

"I kept thinking the madness would have to die down eventually, but it just keeps multiplying," she said.

Ramona Evans left her children with a baby-sitter to attend the fair. She stood mesmerized before a green bear perched on a pedestal behind glass.

"It's Jade Teddy," Evans said. "You see Magenta Teddy, Teal Teddy, even Violet Teddy. But Jade Teddy, now that is really something."

The cost? A mere \$2,800.

State employees don't pay off their charge card bills after reimbursement

AUSTIN (AP) — More than 47,000 state employees don't leave home without the American Express cards they use for business expenses. And many don't pay the bills.

The Austin American-Statesman reported Sunday that individual state employees owe the charge-card company \$1.9 million for business expenses charged to their cards.

Reimbursement checks issued by the state are supposed to be used to pay off the charges, officials said.

Since 1991, Texas has used American Express cards to eliminate time-consuming and costly paperwork for cash advances. Agencies allow employees, after a credit check by AMEX, to obtain the cards for business use.

In fiscal 1997, state employees charged \$99.6 million on the American Express cards, records show.

Now American Express is trying to collect nearly \$2 million in delinquent bills; an amount that grew 137 percent over the past six years, records show.

"This is not an insignificant problem," said Christine Levite, director of public affairs for American Express in New York.

The General Services Commission, which oversees the state contract with American

Express, wants state agencies to bring the delinquencies under control.

"It is the obligation of the (agency) to ensure that the reputation of the State of Texas is not damaged by uncontrolled delinquency and unethical use of the contract charge card," Tom Treadway, commission executive director, said in an April letter to state agencies.

"In order to better manage the state's spiraling delinquency rate it is imperative these charges be controlled."

One way to control the charges is to suspend the card after 60 days' delinquency.

Richard Trinci, who heads the Texas Department of Criminal Justice's prison hospital in Galveston, owes \$1,851 and has lost his charging privileges.

"I realize I am delinquent and I am behind," said Trinci, who oversees 310 employees and 270 inmates. "I plan on paying that in full. I realize it's my responsibility, and I'm going to take care of it."

John Keel, director of the Legislative Budget Board, said he will make recommendations to lawmakers before they convene next year.

"It is embarrassing to the state," Keel said. "Any employee who violates this (program) ought to have their card pulled immediate-

ly. While it's a personal debt, I don't think that's an adequate explanation when it's put in the hands of a state employee for state travel."

In the meantime, the GSA has imposed a \$200 spending limit on so-called retail items for employees with the state American Express cards.

Charges for transportation, lodging, meals and other travel-related expenses are not affected by the limit.

Legitimate retail purchases include items at a quick-copy shop or gasoline at a service station that codes all merchandise as "retail."

State documents show that employees of 15 state agencies and institutions charged nearly 80 percent of the delinquent \$1.9 million.

The newspaper reported that topping the list is the Texas

Department of Human Services, where workers charged \$260,133 that has been due for three months or longer.

DHS spokesman Mike Jones said 98 employees owed \$84,470 as of January 1998. Of 171 former DHS employees with delinquent accounts, he said, most transferred to other state agencies two to five years ago.

"We believe those delinquent charges were made while employed at other state agencies. Unfortunately, American Express still lists them as DHS employees. Our staff are contacting American Express to obtain an accurate listing," Jones said.

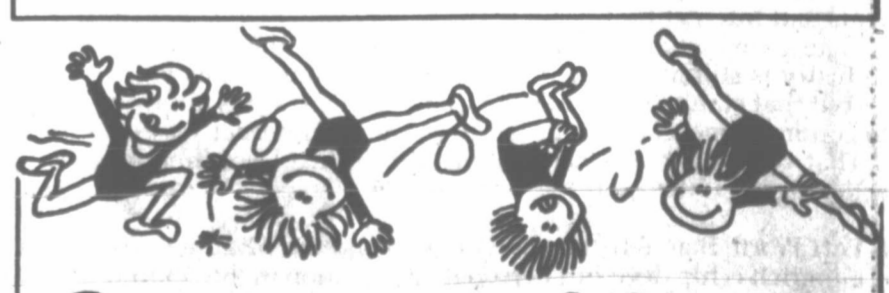
DHS had 1,063 employees with American Express corporate cards as of January, Jones said. He said the agency, like others, is taking steps to urge the 98 employees who owe money to pay their bills.

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Texas Editorials

By The Associated Press

A sampling of editorial opinion from Texas newspapers: The Dallas Morning News on Mexicans voting abroad: American law empowers U.S. citizens living abroad to vote in U.S. elections. Canadian and French expatriates have the same privilege in their respective countries. It's time Mexicans did too.

Mexican law already allows this. However, Mexico's government and its newly independent federal elections commission have not put the law into practice.

They should, and in time for Mexican expatriates to be able to vote in the next presidential election scheduled for July 2000.

The change would be especially meaningful for the approximately 7 million Mexican citizens in the United States. At long last, they would be able to influence political events at home.

The administration of Mexican President Ernesto Zedillo should support the change. If it welcomes the billions of dollars that Mexican expatriates remit annually to relatives in Mexico, if it subtly encourages them to work abroad to relieve population and labor pressures at home, it should allow them to vote.

Some Americans may be troubled by the thought of Mexican candidates soliciting votes and campaign funds on U.S. territory. But no U.S. law forbids this, and U.S. candidates would not like to have their freedoms similarly circumscribed. Furthermore, James Jones, the immediate past U.S. ambassador to Mexico, makes a good point that Mexican candidates might pay a high political price for campaigning too aggressively in another country.

In the eyes of many Americans, the question of whether Mexican expatriates should vote in Mexican elections is inextricably linked to Mexico's recent controversial decision to allow its citizens to hold dual citizenship. Indeed, wouldn't the change enable dual U.S. and Mexican citizens to vote in both countries? The answer is no. The practice is forbidden by Mexican law. Dual U.S.-Mexican citizens living in the United States would be forbidden to vote in Mexican elections.

Mexico's ruling Institutional Revolutionary Party is no doubt aware of polls indicating that most Mexican expatriates prefer the political opposition. But this is no good reason to discriminate unfairly against Mexican expatriates.

Mexico should do the right thing. It should give its expatriates the same privilege enjoyed by citizens of other normal countries.

The Baytown Sun on Microsoft:

When the Justice Department began initiating anti-trust action against Microsoft earlier this year, company founder Bill Gates defiantly warned that any attempt by the government to delay the release of his Windows 98 software could jeopardize the entire personal computer industry — the crown jewel of America's economic crown.

Gates is a brilliant businessman and a ferocious competitor, but the strengths that made him a billionaire many times over also make him ill-suited for public relations and the consensus-minded corridors of the nation's capital.

In his blustery defense of his beloved Microsoft, Gates unwittingly offers up all the justification that government lawyers need to pursue their anti-trust lawsuit.

If the high-tech industry is critical to America and to the world (and it is) and if the Internet is indeed the foundation of a brave new world of electronic commerce and trade (and it is), then it is clearly not in the best interests of this country to allow Microsoft and Gates to systematically quash and eliminate competition in those areas.

That's exactly what Justice Department lawyers say Microsoft has tried to do with its proprietary operating systems and Internet browsers.

Gates' prediction of economic disaster for the computer industry is still little more than wishful thinking at this point — but that status could change rapidly if Microsoft is allowed to continue unchecked in its bid to co-opt the Internet.

That prospect more than justifies the Justice Department's action against Microsoft.

Fort Worth Star-Telegram on Gingrich and the Middle East:

Gingrich is hip deep in a personal intervention in the Middle East similar to the one for which he so viciously rebuked Wright in Nicaragua more than a decade ago.

Wright was taking a path different from the one that President Reagan and his Republican supporters were following with the Nicaraguan contras. The Democratic lawmaker's meeting with Daniel Ortega, the leader of the leftist Sandinista regime, ran afoul of Gingrich, who along with other Republicans viewed Wright's personal involvement in negotiations as a way of trying to inappropriately influence U.S. foreign policy.

From a diplomatic standpoint, Gingrich was on target with his criticism of Wright's involvement with the Sandinistas. Foreign policy is a matter for the president and the State Department. But the Georgia Republican, in a show of political pandering apparently targeted to well-financed pro-Israel factions back home, has forgotten his own admonitions to another speaker in another time.

Gingrich has embraced the politics of Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu with such fervor that it makes Wright's meeting with Ortega look like a failed blind date. And calling Secretary of State Madeleine Albright "an agent for the Palestinians" isn't going to move anyone off the dime.

The last thing that the stalled Middle Eastern peace process needs is Gingrich lobbing verbal nastiness — or anything else he decides to throw — into the mix.

Sex offender registration

As of 1996, all 50 states require sex offenders who have been released from a community supervision to register with law enforcement. Texas enacted its sex offender registration law in 1991.

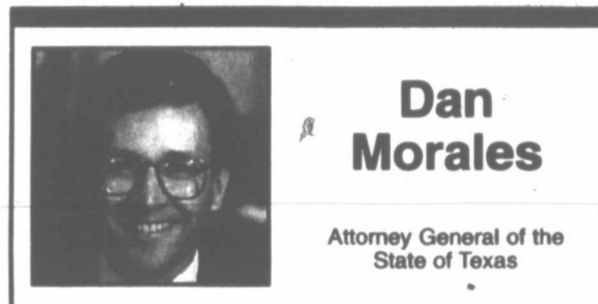
The purpose of the statute is to protect communities and children from sexual predators. As Attorney General, I want you to know how to use this law to protect your own child and community.

The law requires any sex offender (adult or juvenile) who has been released from a penal institution or a court to report to the local law enforcement agency in the city or county in which the offender intends to live for more than seven days. The person must report within seven days of arriving in the community.

The police or sheriff's department records approximately 32 pieces of information about the sex offender and sends the information to the Texas Department of Public Safety. DPS adds the data to a statewide sex offender registry that can be accessed by law enforcement and the general public.

A sex offender must register with every change of address and must verify his or her registration with local law enforcement annually or every 90 days, depending on the specific offense. The law applies to offenders who move out of state as well as offenders who move to Texas from other states with sex offender laws like ours.

In most cases, sex offenders must register for



Dan Morales
 Attorney General of the State of Texas

the rest of their lives, unless they are under 17 years of age, in which case they must register for 10 years from the date of disposition or completion of the disposition, whichever is later.

The law contains a public notice provision which applies to adult offenders whose victims were under 17 years of age and who were convicted on or after September 1, 1995. When these offenders register, the law enforcement agency must publish certain information in the newspaper.

The notice includes the age and gender of the sex offender, a brief description of the offense including the age and gender of the victim, street name where the offender lives and the offender's zip code. The notice must be in English and Spanish and it must be printed twice, one week apart, to allow for any corrections.

School districts receive information on all sex offenders, adult or juvenile, whose victims were younger than 17. Law enforcement agen-

cies provide information to both public and private schools.

Most of the information on convicted sex offenders is public. To obtain this information, ask your local law enforcement, police or sheriff's department. Your request must be specific. For example, you must ask for sex offenders in a particular zip code area. And your request must be in writing.

The law enforcement agency may charge a fee, but it must be a reasonable fee to cover administrative costs. The fee is usually not more than a few dollars, the same as an accident report or offense report.

Sex offender information can now be accessed through the DPS Web site at www.txdps.state.tx.us, under "Search Our Convictions." There is a charge for each name inquiry.

The sex offender registration law assists law enforcement in investigations, establishes legal grounds for holding offenders found in suspicious circumstances, deters sex offenders from committing new offenses and makes information available to citizens about known sex offenders living in their midst.

The unfortunate reality is that, despite everything, sexual assaults still occur. If you or someone you know, adult or child, is a victim of sexual violence, call your local sexual assault program or the Sexual Assault Prevention and Crisis Services Division of the Office of the Attorney General at (512) 936-1270 or visit our Web site at www.oag.state.tx.us.

Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Friday, May 29, the 149th day of 1998. There are 216 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

One hundred and fifty years ago, on May 29, 1848, Wisconsin became the 30th state of the union.

On this date:

In 1765, Patrick Henry denounced the Stamp Act before Virginia's House of Burgesses, saying, "If this

be treason, make the most of it!"

In 1790, Rhode Island became the 13th original colony to ratify the United States Constitution.

In 1917, the 35th president of the United States, John F. Kennedy, was born in Brookline, Mass.

In 1932, World War I veterans began arriving in Washington, D.C., to demand cash bonuses they weren't scheduled to receive for another 13 years.

In 1942, Bing Crosby, the Ken Darby Singers and the John Scott Trotter Orchestra recorded Irving Berlin's "White Christmas" in Los Angeles for Decca Records.

In 1953, Mount Everest was conquered as Edmund Hillary of New Zealand and Tensing Norkay of Nepal became the first climbers to reach the summit.

In 1973, Tom Bradley was elected

the first black mayor of Los Angeles, defeating incumbent Sam Yorty.

In 1985, 35 people were killed in rioting that erupted between British and Italian spectators at the European Cup soccer final in Brussels, Belgium.

In 1990, Boris N. Yeltsin was elected president of the Russian republic in the third round of balloting by the Russian parliament.

GOP to tax man fears surplus

Walter Mears
 AP Special Correspondent

Sounding an unlikely alarm, the Republicans' top tax man in the House says the federal budget surplus is surging out of control, and he fears the impact.

That used to be the GOP script on deficit spending, in the era when the budget ink was red. Now Rep. Bill Archer of Texas, chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, worries that too much black ink will write bigger government.

The last balanced budget was in 1969, and it was only for a year.

Now President Clinton is reporting a prospective surplus of \$39 billion for the budget year that ends Sept. 30. The administration budget five months ago anticipated a \$10 billion deficit, but economic growth produced revenues beyond his or congressional expectations.

Over the next five years, the Office of Management and Budget said, the surpluses are expected to amount to \$495 billion, more than double what was forecast early this year.

The Congressional Budget Office already forecast a 1998 surplus of at least \$43 billion, and potentially \$63 billion.

Now the debate is about what to do with all that unexpected money. Clinton wants it saved until he and Congress settle on the future financing of Social Security. Republicans want tax cuts this election year.

Actually, Clinton has proposed modest, targeted tax cuts of his own, with corporate tax increases and the proposed — but now shaky — tobacco litigation settlement to more than cover the cost.

But he says more tax cuts should wait until

next year because "first, we need to know how we're going to pay for the challenges of reforming Social Security."

Republicans want cuts this year, but they haven't agreed on what and how much. The Senate Budget Committee recommended \$30 billion over five years, but the surplus at hand has gone up sharply since. The House Budget Committee has proposed \$101 billion, relying largely on offsetting cuts in spending.

Sen. Trent Lott of Mississippi, the Senate majority leader, forecast a compromise at about \$60 billion. House Speaker Newt Gingrich of Georgia said at one point that he agreed with Clinton, that every penny of the surplus should be reserved for Social Security. Later, he decided it was a big enough pie to split, between that and tax cuts. Then he said spending cuts, not surpluses, should be used to lower taxes.

But Archer wants cuts to send the surplus back from Washington.

"Because of record-high taxation, the surplus is surging out of control," he said. "If we don't return the surplus to the people, I fear the politicians in Washington will use the surplus to create new government programs and increase government spending."

That is a surplus-era version of Ronald Reagan's strategy in 1981, when he won a 30 percent, three-year tax cut despite the deficits

he regularly denounced, saying it would stir economic growth and more than pay for itself. That didn't happen; deficits vaulted. Still, his cuts served another aim: With revenues cut there was less money for the federal programs he wanted to shrink.

The administration disputes Archer's contention that record taxation is behind the surplus. "Revenues are higher, and they're higher not because of tax increases," said Jack Lew, the budget director. "They're higher because the economy is performing very well."

But Ari Fleischer, spokesman for Archer's committee, cites Clinton's own budget and the update issued Tuesday to point out that federal revenues represent a higher percentage of the gross domestic product than at any time since the last days of World War II. Receipts are estimated at 20.4 percent of gross domestic product this year; the last time the ratio was that high was in 1945.

Lew said the tax burden on the median family is the lowest since 1976, evidence, he said, that the rising surplus is not a "tax-increase driven effect."

But Fleischer said that applies only to the 19 percent of American families with two children under 18 years of age, beneficiaries of the child tax credit, and in some instances, education tax breaks, too.

"America can now turn off the deficit clock and plug in the surplus clock," Clinton said Tuesday in announcing the revised budget estimates.

And start the clock running on a campaign-season debate about what to do with the money.

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Notorious drug getting second chance

By DEEPTI HAJELA
Associated Press Writer

WARREN, N.J. (AP) — It was almost an afterthought. David Stirling, head of research and development for Celgene Corp., was talking about the prospects of a new tuberculosis medicine when immunologist Gilla Kaplan mentioned another drug.

"You guys should be interested in thalidomide," the Rockefeller University scientist said.

The word staggered Stirling. Thalidomide. Like Frankenstein, it called up grotesque images, it was shorthand for scientific experimentation gone horribly awry.

Now, nearly a decade after their conversation, Celgene is on the verge of becoming the first company to sell the pill to the United States. "There's potential for thalidomide to redeem itself in part," Kaplan said.

How could this happen? Slowly, and only through many transformations.

The drug once considered an international pariah is now legal in Brazil and Mexico, a weapon against cancer, AIDS-related illnesses and leprosy.

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration, which earned its reputation as a regulatory watchdog by keeping thalidomide out, has allowed clinical tests and could soon approve mass distribution, though only under the strictest of safeguards.

And people like Randy Warren, director of an organization for thalidomide victims, have had to reopen a lifetime of emotional wounds.

Warren has taken a leading role in creating the drug's new packaging and warning labels. Even so, he said, "I can't tell you how devastated we are that it has come back to haunt us."

Thalidomide was created in the 1950s by a West German company and marketed as an alternative to barbiturate-based sedatives. It was considered so harmless it was given to pregnant women, who discovered it could stop morning sickness.

It found its way across Europe, and to Asia and Canada. An American company applied to the FDA in 1960 to distribute it in the United States. After tests, the agency said no, concerned about a side effect, tingling and numbness in the extremities.

Then the shocker: Doctors reported an epidemic of severe and normally rare birth defects. Newborns of women who took the drug had tiny, flipperlike arms and legs or no limbs at all, facial deformities and defective organs.

Some 10,000 to 12,000 children of thalidomide were born before the drug's commercial use was banned worldwide in 1962.

It have might have ended there. But in the mid-'60s, thalidomide's new life began.

A doctor in Israel treating leprosy patients gave some leftover thalidomide to men who couldn't sleep. Unexpectedly, it cleared up lesions and mouth ulcers.

Years of research followed. Nearly 6,000 people have used the drug in clinical trials, including more than 1,500 in an American leprosy study, said Bruce Williams, vice president of sales and marketing for Celgene.

In 1991, Kaplan made a breakthrough: she found thalidomide blocks production of a protein that stimulates the immune system.

In diseases like leprosy and some AIDS-related illnesses, an overstimulated immune system can lead to lesions and sores. Regulating the immune system can cure those problems.

Others are studying the drug's potential to stop the growth of cancer tumors and tuberculosis.

The FDA began allowing limited distribution of thalidomide about five to 10 years ago, said Debra Birnkrant, leader of the agency's Thalidomide Working Group.

As word spread about the drug's positive effects, underground buyers' clubs began purchasing it and distributing it

to AIDS patients, to the consternation of the FDA.

"We carried thalidomide quite openly to force the open trials," said Sally Cooper of P.W.A. Healthgroup in New York, an advocacy group and buyers' club. "Our goal was to publicize the drug."

They succeeded. The FDA convened expert panels and held public hearings on thalidomide, letting the industry know a new application to market the onetime nightmare drug would be taken seriously.

Enter Celgene, a spinoff of Celanese Corp., a maker of chemicals and fibers. Primarily a refiner of other companies' drugs, Celgene was looking for its own drug to develop, Williams said. Tuberculosis drugs were

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being considered when Kaplan mentioned thalidomide to Stirling.

"Coming from the UK, thalidomide registers big-time," the Scottish-born Stirling said, remembering his initial shock. But as he learned more about Kaplan's research, he became intrigued.

Williams said the company initially hoped to market a safer version of the drug, "completely new chemical entities that will be able to do what thalidomide does but without some of the baggage." Two classes of compounds that grew out of that plan are being developed, Williams said, but are years from the market.

Celgene's application to market thalidomide itself for use in treating leprosy went to the FDA in February 1997. An agency committee found the drug was approvable. FDA offers no timetable on its final decision.

From the minute Randy Warren saw a 1995 television report about thalidomide's success with AIDS-related diseases and the underground buyers' clubs, he sensed what was coming.

"All this time, we thought it was gone. There was a very big sense of betrayal, and guilt that maybe we should have kept a better watch," he said in a telephone interview from his London, Ontario, office.

Knowing people who were dying from AIDS and cancer, and realizing the drug would come to market with or without them, his group, the Thalidomide Victims Association of Canada, decided to be a part of the process.

He remembers the first contact from the company, a phone call at his home one night. "He said, 'This is Bruce Williams from Celgene.' The first thing I said was, 'I've been expecting your call.'"

A meeting was set up for the end of April 1997, at a hotel outside Toronto. Both sides were nervous.

Williams thought Warren might set Celgene up by inviting the news media, and he wondered how he would greet Warren and association president Giselle Cole, whether he should shake their hands or not. As for Warren, everything Williams and Celgene President Sol Barer said would be a test.

The meeting had "a powerful impact," Williams recalled. Cole discussed her life experiences, while Warren hit every point of concern he had.

"It was important for them to have us hear that," Williams said. "Intertwined with that was our discussion about how to move forward with the drug."

Still, neither side trusted the other. "I knew that Randy and thalidomiders really felt like this drug was inherently evil and that drug companies had no ethics and couldn't be

trusted," Williams said. "It was very obvious that it was not going to be easy to convince Randy we were not trying to pull a fast one."

Warren does not dispute that. "I didn't feel comfortable with them at all," he said. The turning point came when the Celgene officials said they hoped to take thalidomide off the market once they developed safe replacement drugs.

"That's what changed it all," Warren said. "I thought: I can see the end of the rainbow on this one."

Since the first meeting, no more than two weeks have separated phone conversations between Williams and Warren.

At the association's insistence, warning labels on the drug will say, "Do Not Get Pregnant" rather than the company's proposal of "Avoid Pregnancy."

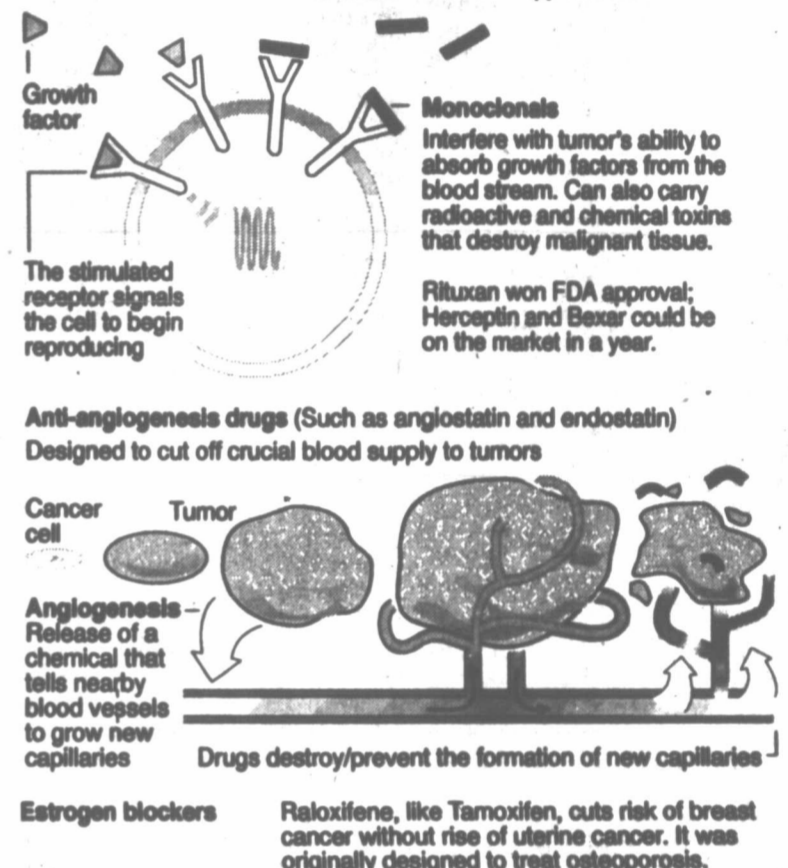
"It's an important change that would not have happened without them," Williams said. "I think we made it better because of their input."

These days, he said, "there is a fair amount of trust between us." Warren still worries that more thalidomide babies will be born, but says, "If the drug is going to be beneficial, it should be available."

If FDA approves thalidomide, it will be under the strictest regulations ever imposed. Doctors and pharmacists must be registered, and patients will undergo extensive education and be routinely surveyed to make sure they are trying to prevent pregnancies.

Cancer fighters

The difference between cancer cells and normal ones lies in the genes. Over time, genetic errors turn good ones into bad, so scientists are designing drugs to target the bad ones while leaving the good ones alone. A look at some approaches:



Source: AP Research, Time

Be wary of summer sun's harmful rays

HOUSTON — Cool compresses can ease the pain of summer's sunburns, but prevention is the first step to a painless summer.

"Parents can teach their children early on how to prevent sunburns," said Dr. Jim Nigro, a dermatologist at Baylor College of Medicine and Texas Children's Hospital in Houston. "It's hard to avoid the sun during the summer, but you can be sensible about your exposure."

Nigro suggests the following sunburn prevention techniques:

- Avoid prolonged sun exposure between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.
- Do not encourage sunbathing
- Use an SPF 15 sunscreen that blocks both UVA and UVB light.
- Reapply sunscreen, even waterproof types, every 45 to 60 minutes.
- Wear protective clothing such as hats, sunglasses, shirts and pants.

Nigro cautions that sunscreens are an imperfect protection.

"An SPF 15-level sunscreen applied sparingly actually gives a much lower level of protection,

more like 5 or 10. To get the true level-15 protection, apply it carefully and completely," Nigro said.

Clothing works better than sunscreen, but the protection levels vary greatly, with a typical t-shirt providing only about an SPF level of eight to 10.

"Remember that even on a cloudy day, ultraviolet light is getting through and putting your child at risk for sunburn, skin cancer and sun damage," he said.

Sunburn treatments focus on easing the pain and discomfort.

Nigro recommends cool, wet compresses, ice packs and cool baths. Adults can take aspirin for pain while children should be given ibuprofen products.

Avoid over-the-counter topical anesthetic creams because these products often cause allergic reactions. Severe sunburns should be treated by a doctor.

Studies have shown that patients with melanoma, the most serious form of skin cancer, have a history of severe blistering sunburns in childhood. The more common skin cancers — basal and squamous cell cancers — are associated with prolonged sun exposure over the years.



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Summertime Ice Cream Trucks Put Gardener in Frosty Humor

DEAR ABBY: I live in Seattle, which is famous for its beautiful environment, lovely gardens and quiet neighborhoods — until summertime, that is. Then out come all the ice cream trucks with their loudspeakers playing obnoxious music over and over at high volume. I used to look forward to the peaceful summer days when I could be outside and enjoy my garden, but now all I want to do is hide inside with a stack of pillows. Noise pollution is on the increase in our already overstimulated world. Is it any wonder that people's nerves are frayed? I also feel sorry for the drivers, who must listen to that awful noise eight hours a day. What do you think?

Abigail Van Buren
SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

I was married March 14, and everyone thought it was a beautiful wedding. My parents were thrilled when we told them we were engaged, but they were also financially limited. They told me they would be able to spend "x" amount of money only — and that's what they did. My husband's parents gave us a beautiful rehearsal dinner. My husband's brother and sister and their spouses helped foot the bill for the reception. No one was required to take out a loan from anyone.

Our wedding was a collective effort on the part of everyone who loves us — from those who stood up for us, to those who worked behind the scenes, to those who helped out financially. Our wedding was special and beautiful because those who are dear to us did what they could to make it so. "Needs Help" should talk with her daughter and her ex-husband and try to come up with a compromise that will make their daughter's wedding what it should be — a beautiful memory, not a painful

monthly payment. You may use my name.
JENNIFER L. INGRAM, ST. JOSEPH, MO.

DEAR JENNIFER: I agree. And may I add that from your description, your wedding was the ideal — a joining of two families, accomplished through an outpouring of love and generosity on both sides. Congratulations and continued good fortune.

DEAR ABBY: I read the letter from "Grieving in Orange, Texas," and I decided to write. I am an 11-year-old girl whose family goes to a local nursing home every week to visit the people there. We enjoy the visits tremendously — and I know for a fact that the patients enjoy our company.

DEAR TRYING TO HELP: Your letter about this wonderful family project made my day, just as I know that your visits to the nursing home make the residents' days.

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ICE CREAM TRUCK HATER

DEAR ICE CREAM TRUCK HATER: Don't fight an American institution, akin to Mom and apple pie. No doubt many adults find ice cream trucks annoying; however, they have a timeless appeal to children, and I have even heard some grown-ups admit that the music takes them back to their childhood. When you hear the truck approaching, cover your ears and observe the delighted expressions on the faces of the children gathered around it. The good humor may be contagious.

DEAR ABBY: This is in response to "Needs Help in New York."

Horoscope

TUESDAY, JUNE 2, 1998
BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult.

- ARIES** (March 21-April 19) ★★ Stay levelheaded, as push comes to shove with your temper and someone else's manipulation. Pull back, to get perspective and see why someone is reacting to you. Power plays burst into flames; be clear, direct and above it all. Tonight: Plan on working late.
- TAURUS** (April 20-May 20) ★★★★★ Pressure marks your decisions; let creativity flow. You might not always have the right answer, but you try. Be especially careful committing to any financial agreement. If possible, delay money matters until later in the week. Tonight: Be naughty and nice.
- GEMINI** (May 21-June 20) ★★ Sometimes, the right action is no action. Retreat, if need be, and gather information. Your imagination soars; use it to find answers. Someone might not be revealing all that is going on with him. Use your intellectual skills to avoid playing into a problem. Tonight: Make it low-key.
- CANCER** (June 21-July 22) ★★★★★ Be more playful with others. Someone at work has a case of sour grapes. Consider your goals. Discus-

- sions are animated yet focused, as long as you remain so. Clear your desk, return messages and get what you need done. Others are amazed by your efficiency. Tonight: Hang out with friends.
- LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★ News you hear leaves you uninspired. Regarding finances, step away from "knowledgeable sources," and do some hard thinking. Don't initiate anything that involves risks; you won't like the results. Take control of anything that affects your security. Tonight: Clear out bills.
- VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★★ More than any other sign, you are empowered. Don't do anything halfway. Intense pressure challenges you as you juggle work and personal life. Stay grounded and secure with others; they need your stability. You come out beaming and in control. Tonight: Do your thing.
- LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★ Take a deep breath and think, before you do or say anything. You might not be used to stopping, but that is the only thing to do. There is a conflict in communications. Confirm appointments. Your imagination leads you in new directions. Tonight: Take a night off.
- SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★★ Defer to a friend right now; you might not have a choice. Confusion surrounds a decision and objectives. Money proves to be a hassle, especially concerning what is yours and what is theirs! Be strong and creative. Tonight: Do something that makes you happy.

- SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★ You could be more at the root of a problem than you realize. Think; don't trigger reactions. Sometimes, you can get obstinate and difficult. Open up discussions, and listen to feedback. Let your creativity speak. Brainstorming with a partner works better than war. Tonight: Work late.
 - CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★★ Take the overview because few can today. You can understand the different mechanisms at work here. Lighten up about what could be happening. Communications need clarification. Someone could be acting out his anger. Stay centered and direct. Tonight: Off to the movies.
 - AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★ You can easily resolve personal matters, if you make time to discuss them with each person individually. Others are in some way jealous of your attention. Be direct and sincere about your feelings. Creativity mixes with flirtation. Tonight: Possible trouble.
 - PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★★ Others are nothing less than irritating. You can question and scan different ideas, but you aren't in touch with what these people feel. Be intuitive with a family member; you could be most content with the results. Talk about your hopes. Tonight: Let someone else choose!
- BORN TODAY**
Composer Marvin Hamlisch (1944), actress Sally Kellerman (1936), musician Charlie Watts (1941)

Crossword Puzzle

by **THOMAS JOSEPH**

ACROSS

- 1 Jokes
- 6 Wharves
- 11 Hilo hello
- 12 Heap of Dickens
- 13 Tonic, for one
- 14 Tennis star Agassi
- 15 Belfry residents
- 17 Sum up
- 18 Easily offended person
- 22 Sailing
- 23 Fit for planting
- 27 Toil
- 29 Fathered
- 30 Big hits
- 32 Warbled
- 33 Time of need
- 35 Three or four
- 38 Type of fish
- 39 Atmospheric-layer component
- 41 Swindled
- 45 Goof
- 46 Start of a Caesar quote
- 47 Smooths a board
- 48 Ohio city

DOWN

- 1 Toast spread
- 2 Yalie
- 3 Chicago's White —
- 4 June's son
- 5 Actress Bernhardt
- 6 Stellar radio sources
- 7 Fancy vase
- 8 Verdi opera
- 9 Mower's target
- 10 Tool
- 11 Sailing storage site
- 16 Brewed drink
- 18 Robe part
- 19 Norway
- 20 Paper buy
- 21 June's aunt
- 24 Small nail
- 25 Singer
- 26 Restless
- 28 Pencil ends
- 31 [Not my spelling]
- 32 Study
- 34 Gymnast
- 35 Enemies
- 36 Pound of poetry
- 37 Eroded
- 40 Tacit okay
- 42 Golf goal
- 43 Comic
- 44 Philips

Marmaduke

"Oh, no! There is now an all-dog channel?"

The Family Circus

"I can't find Big Bird in here."

For Better or For Worse

Zits

Garfield

Beetle Bailey

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SPORTS

Bulls advance to NBA finals against Jazz

CHICAGO (AP) — If this "Last Dance" ends with a sixth championship, the Chicago Bulls will have earned a title like never before.

The Bulls went to a seventh game in the conference finals for the first time since Jordan was ringless. Showing their considerable experience in the final five minutes, Chicago beat the Indiana Pacers 88-83 Sunday night to move on to the NBA Finals.

"The first order of business is to tell Indiana they gave us one heck of a series and congratulate them on their effort," coach Phil Jackson said. "It was a disappointment to them, I know, but it was a great series."

The Bulls relied on some of their

usual tricks — Michael Jordan and Scottie Pippen — and a big contribution from their streakiest player, Toni Kukoc.

They won this one with a mixture of poise and experience. They scored nine of the game's final 13 points, made fewer mistakes in the final five minutes and grabbed almost all the offensive rebounds all night long.

"It's about heart, and you saw a lot of heart out there on the basketball court," Jordan said. "No one's taken anything away from us. We still have what we have and an opportunity to maintain it."

The finals begin Wednesday night at the Delta Center in Salt Lake City. This will be the first time the Bulls have played the same opponent in

the finals in consecutive years. Their first four championships were won against the Los Angeles Lakers, Portland Trail Blazers, Phoenix Suns, Seattle SuperSonics before they won their fifth last year against the Jazz.

"We're going in with a lot of confidence," Jordan said. "Look at our records. We haven't lost in the Finals — and that's a great confidence to have. Sure, it was a battle to get there. No one said it would be easy, but we're there. Now let's just do the job."

They did the job Sunday after the Pacers tied the game at 79 heading into the final five minutes.

Pippen scored on a jumper after grabbing one of Chicago's 22 offensive rebounds, and Jordan drew a

double-team and fed Luc Longley for a corner jumper. The Pacers, meanwhile, were committing three turnovers and missing a shot.

A putback by Antonio Davis made it 85-83 with 2:12 left, but Pippen came right back with a running hook shot with 1:59 left — although he missed a chance to convert a three-point play.

Mark Jackson threw away a pass on Indiana's next possession — one of 13 miscues by the Pacers. The Bulls would miss their next two shots, but they managed to run time off the clock by grabbing offensive rebounds.

The Pacers got the ball back with about 30 seconds left still trailing by four. Derrick McKey took the first open shot that presented itself and

missed. Jordan rebounded, the Pacers fouled Ron Harper and his free throw with 8.9 seconds left completed the scoring.

"We're good enough to beat Chicago, and we knew that all along," Pacers coach Larry Bird said. "We had them where we wanted. We wanted to stay close. We just didn't make the plays down the stretch."

Jordan, who struggled with his shooting at times, still finished with 28 points, nine rebounds, eight assists and two steals. He shot 15 free throws, making 10.

"His jump shot didn't work but his free throws did," Bird said. "He put his head down, went into traffic and drew fouls."

Notebook

GOLF

Tree Bender Men's Partnership at Pampa Country Club Flight 1

First place: Scott White and Greg White, 64; Second place: David Fatheree and Phil Everson, 64; Third place: Ronnie Wood and Cody Allison, 65.

Flight 2
First place: Kelly Everson and Floyd Baxter Jr, 67; Second place: Gerald Rasco and Richard Mackie, 65; Third place: Bill Bridges and Alan Taylor, 66.

Flight 3
First place: Butch Thompson and Sam White, 65; Second place: Bob Swope and Rick Swope, 63; Third place: Gene Hall and Harry Faye, 64.

Flight 4
First place: Russell Brown and Dwayne Dunn, 63; Second place: Winslow Ellis and Dan Tucker, 64; Third place: Richard Stowers and Alan Leach, 63.

TENNIS

PARIS (AP) — The American men may have bombed out at this year's French Open, but the women are doing just fine, thank you.

With Venus Williams, Lindsay Davenport and Monica Seles all advancing Sunday, more U.S. women have reached the quarterfinals than in any French Open since 1986.

They were almost joined by the other Williams sister, Serena. She folded in the second set of a contentious match against Arantxa Sanchez Vicario after coming within two points of victory.

"I'm only 16, my first Roland Garros," Serena said after the match. "Everything is a learning experience for me."

That may be the one thing Sanchez Vicario agreed with. "I taught her a lesson," the fourth-seeded Spaniard said angrily after the match.

It was a lesson that featured glares across the net, an unusual dress change by the Spaniard, and a slam by Williams that nearly beheaded her opponent.

BASEBALL

BALTIMORE (AP) — With Will Clark missing from the Texas lineup this weekend, Juan Gonzalez and Ivan Rodriguez took it upon themselves to make up for his absence.

They delivered in memorable fashion.

Gonzalez had a grand slam and a solo shot in his second straight two-homer game, and Rodriguez had two hits and an RBI as the Rangers beat Baltimore 9-5 Sunday to gain a split of the four-game series.

Clark was missing because of "personal problems," according to Texas manager Johnny Oates. So, after getting three hits each Saturday, Gonzalez and Rodriguez came up with a suitable encore.

"They certainly came through, both of them," Oates said. "Both came through big-time the last two games."

It was the seventh career grand slam for Gonzalez, the second this season, and it moved him past Dean Palmer into sole possession of first place on Texas' career list.

The five RBIs gave Gonzalez nine in two games and an AL-best 71 in just 54 games.

"He left one today and I got it," said Rodriguez, who upped his batting average to a league-leading .381.

It was unclear whether Clark would rejoin the team tonight in Tampa Bay. Although the Rangers scored 19 runs in the two wins, they know that Clark is an important facet of the offense.

"We need Will Clark. It's not because we win the last two games without him. We need him," Rodriguez said. "He's part of this club. He's one of the important hitters in this lineup."

Glo-Valve takes lead back

PAMPA — A six-run, sixth-inning rally sent Glo-Valve Service past stubborn Cabot Corporation, 7-1, and into sole possession of first place last week with six games to go in the regular season.

There were many heroes for Glo-Valve on a night when both teams played well. There was the relay throw from Mitchell Crow to Eddie Palma to Christopher Moody, who blocked the plate and made the tag on the runner to keep Cabot off the scoreboard in the third inning as Glo-Valve clung to a one-run lead.

There was clutch relief pitching by Chris Driscoll, who relieved Derek Lewis in the fourth inning with two outs and runners on second and third in an inning which had seen Cabot tie the game at 1. He powered three straight strikes past the batter to choke off the threat. There was a fine throw from Eric Willingham to Lewis in the fifth inning to force a runner at second which turned what had appeared to be a base hit into a force out. There was a double play from Lewis to Palma to defuse another potential Cabot rally.

Mateo Campos won his third game of the year pitching the first, fifth and sixth innings. He did not allow a run and surrendered only two hits. He walked one and struck out four. Nick Story relieved in the second inning. He gave up two hits and two walks, but struck out two and allowed no runs. Lewis pitched two-thirds on an inning and gave up an unearned run while walking three. Driscoll struck out the only batter he faced.

Cabot matched the winners until the sixth inning. Zach Hucks pitched the first three innings for Cabot allowing one run and three hits. He struck out four batters and only walked one. Tyler Doughty finished up for Cabot. He struck out six and walked only one, but was the victim of Glo-Valve's last inning rally.

Glo-Valve wasted a single by Lewis and a double by Story in the first inning as Hucks kept the winners off the scoreboard. In the third, Palma walked and went to third on a wild pitch and a passed ball. He trotted home on a single by Lewis.

Cabot threatened in the first on a single by Adam Etchison. In the Cabot second a hit by Matt Woodruff, a walk and a base runner on a Glo-Valve error went for naught because of the Lewis-Palma double play. A walk, a single and another base runner on an error failed to produce a run when the relay from Crow to Palma to Moody cut down a runner at the plate.

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Basketball award winners



Basketball awards were presented to (l-r) Trevor Muniz (best offense); Matt Cook (best defense) and A.J. Taylor (Fighting Heart) at the Pampa Academy of Christian Education's Athletic Awards Banquet held earlier this month.

1st Bank claims win over IRI

PAMPA — In Pampa Optimist girls' 11-12 softball action, 1st Bank SW and IRI met head on, with first place in the standings up for grabs.

Chelsey Davis, 1st Bank's starting pitcher, shut down IRI's batters allowing only one hit, while striking out 10, issuing three walks and one hit batter in four innings of work.

With the pitcher in control, 1st Bank's batters had only four hits, but worked their way on

base with walks to take the victory by a score of 12-4.

IRI pitcher Stacey Johnson held her own, allowing only two hits while striking out seven and walking seven in three innings.

Leading hitters for 1st Bank SW were Teryn Garner, single and double; Jennie Rogers and Chelsey Davis, one single each.

Leading hitters for IRI were Jackie Gerber, one single and Amy Youree, one single.

Defensively, the outstanding play was made by Amber Asher at third base for 1st Bank when she fielded a ball deep at third and made the long throw to first to make the putout.

With the victory, Davis improves her record to 4-1.

Managers and coaches

would like to invite the public to come on out and watch Pampa's future softball players in action.

"There is sure to be exciting and fun things happen when these girls play," said Stephen Rogers, coach of 1st Bank.

Play resumes tonight at the Optimist Club field, 601 E. Craven.

Miller-Williams Insurance takes on IRI at 5:45 and McCarty-Hull plays Farm Bureau in the late game at 8.

1st Bank Southwest is idle. Girls' 11-12 standings as of May 31 are as follows:

Team	W	L	GB
1st Bank SW	5	2	1/2
Farm Bureau	4	2	1/2
IRI	4	2	1/2
Miller-Williams	3	4	2
McCarty-Hull	0	6	4 1/2

Last week's scores: Miller-Williams 15, McCarty-Hull 8; IRI 5, Farm Bureau 4; 1st Bank SW 6, Miller-Williams 6.

Murphrees are back in Borger

Jason Murphree is going back where it all started. Murphree, an assistant basketball coach under Robert Hale at Pampa this past season, was hired Thursday by the Borger Independent School District. Jason's dad, Ray, was hired earlier as the Bulldogs' head coach. Jason will be his assistant.

"I'm looking forward to it," Jason says. "We've worked camps together, but I've never coached with him."

Jason was born in Borger where his dad landed his first coaching job. The family moved when Jason was five years old.

The elder Murphree had been head coach at Cypress Creek.

What's the world coming to? Borger is becoming too much like Pampa to hate. There's a lot of good people living there now.

James Burch, McLean's new head football coach, has a glittering resume. Burch led Lake Arthur (New Mexico) to one state championship, one state runner-up, four district championships and two district runners-up. He compiled a 47-22 record at the six-man school.

Burch, who graduated from Eastern New Mexico University in 1988, is the current president of the 6-man Coaches Association of New Mexico. He was twice named to coach the 6-Man South All-Stars.

More news out of McLean: Tigrettes Lori Heffley and Shaley Stalls have been named to the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches Academic All-State Team. That's a bigger honor than making the all-state team as an athlete.

Who says there's no such thing as a free lunch? Pampa High School baseball players have to buy their own meals on out-of-town trips. Athletes in some other programs have their meals paid for by the PISD. Not all of the baseball parents are



L.D. Strate
Sports Editor

millionaires. This unfair situation should be corrected before the 1998-99 school year gets here.

Many thanks once again to John Warner for writing up the results of his Glo-Valve Optimist Club baseball team. John learned a long time ago that a youngster gets a thrill out of seeing his name in the newspaper.

There's an upcoming meeting of Texas Parks and Wildlife Department Biologists that might be of interest to area wildlife enthusiasts.

The biologists will hold an upland game bird management workshop from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, June 13, at the Gene Howe Wildlife Management Area.

The management area is located seven miles east of Canadian on FM 2266.

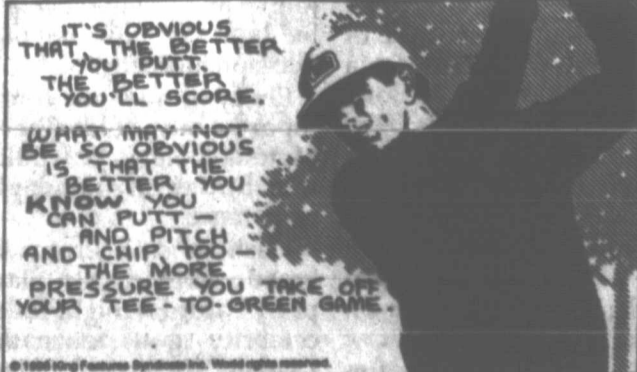
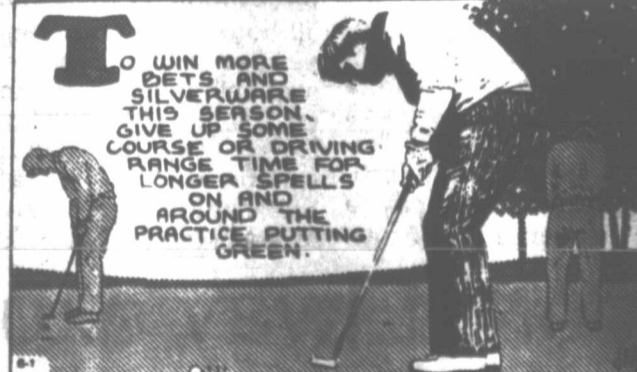
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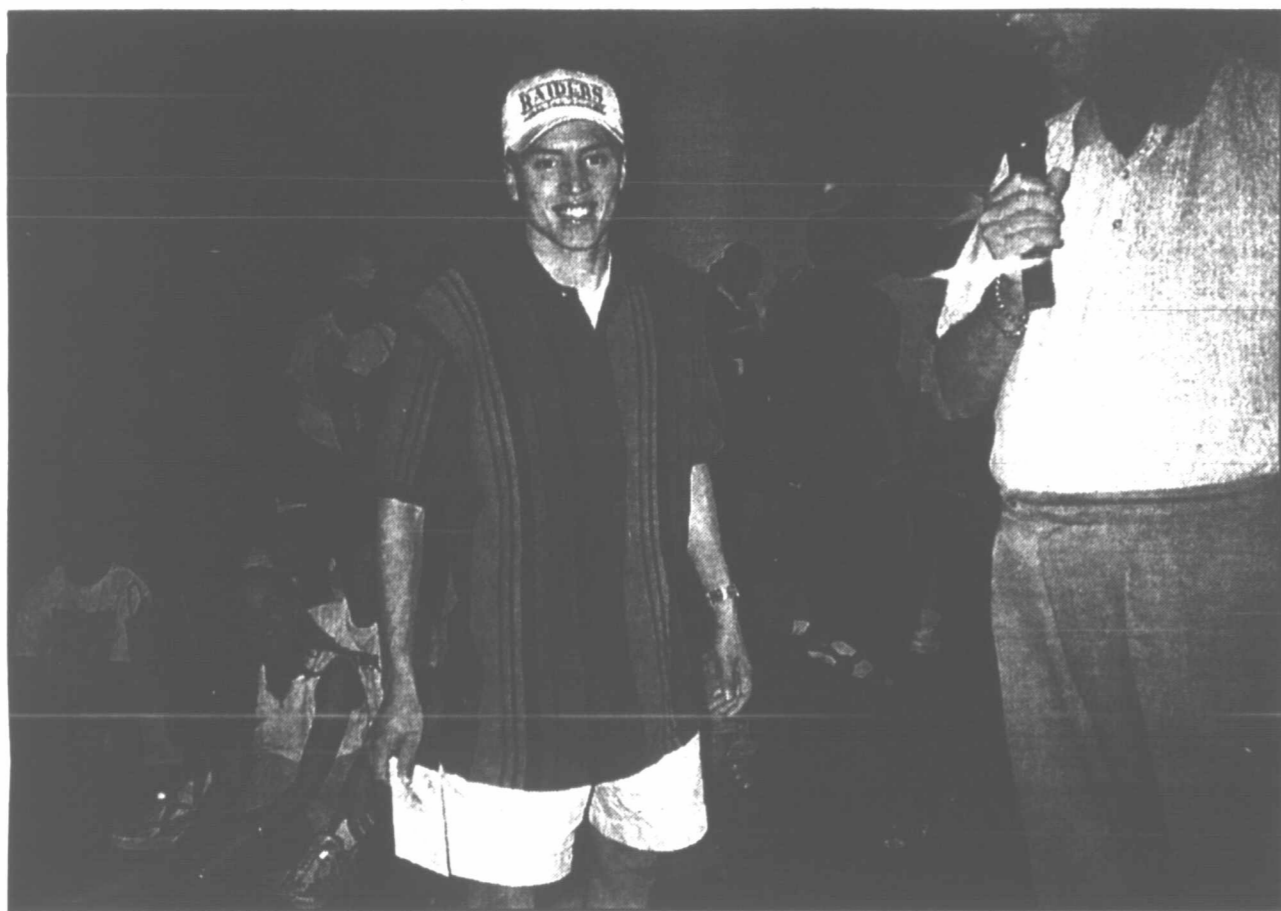
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Senior party



(Community Camera photos by Carol Fields)

Pam Reed (top), Kathy Cavalier and Dennis Cavalier help out by registering seniors for the All-Night Senior Party which provided a variety of entertainment, from bingo to raffle drawings. The final raffle drawing for \$500 went to John Resendiz (bottom), from Lynn Allison and Karen Hedirek.

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CARSON (WEST PANHANDLE) Pantera Energy Co., #4R Bednorz Estate, 330' from North & 1670 from west line, Sec. 21,7,1&GN, PD 2800'.

GRAY (WEST PANHANDLE) Eakin Brothers, #2 Anderson, 330' from North & West line, Sec.

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Replacement for #1 Anderson GRAY (WEST PANHANDLE) Gruy Petroleum Mgmt. Co., #3 Williams 'H', 927' from South & 1239' from West line, Sec. 68,23,H&GN, PD 3000'.

HEMPHILL (WILDCAT & ALLISON-PARKS Upper Morrow) Devon Energy Corp., #3 Kiker '15', 2541' from South & 628' from West line, Sec. 15,Z-1,J, Poitevent, PD 15900'. Rule 37

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ROBERTS (WILDCAT & HANSFORD Lower Morrow) Crescendo Resources, L.P., #3019 Ruth Wilson, 1250' from North & East line, Sec. 19,A,H&GN, PD 9000'.

Oil Well Completions

HUTCHINSON (HUTCH Penn 5650') Alpar Resources, Inc., #5 Price, Sec. 14,3,BS&F, elev. 3040 gr, spud 12-16-97, drlg. compl 1-3-98, tested 1-15-98, pumped 37 bbl. of 37.1 grav. oil + 12 bbls. water, GOR n/a, TD 6500', PBDT 5970' — Plug-Back HUTCHINSON (PANHANDLE) J.M. Huber Corp., #704 W.E. Herring, Sec. 7,X-02,H&OB, elev. 3014 kb, spud 3-26-98, drlg. compl 3-30-98, tested 5-15-98, pumped 5.9 bbl. of 39 grav. oil + 90 bbls. water, GOR 25932, TD 3239', PBDT 3189' —

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compl 3-7-98, tested 4-16-98, potential 500 MCF, TVD 2712', MD 4394' — Horizontal well

Plugged Wells

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Police to present Jon Benet Ramsey slaying case to prosecutors

BOULDER, Colo. (AP) — More than two dozen investigators, prosecutors and criminologists are getting together to find out if there is enough evidence to present the case of JonBenet Ramsey's killing to a grand jury.

The meeting, scheduled to begin today and take at least two days, involves four district attorneys, two nationally known criminologists and eight police investigators.

Police say Boulder County District Attorney Alex Hunter has been notified of all developments in the case, but he has not seen the whole package that might persuade a grand jury to return an indictment.

Among the 30,000 pieces of evidence expected to be included in a multimedia presentation at the University of Colorado Coors Events Center will be the rope used to strangle the little girl, handwriting samples from the girl's mother, the autopsy report, and the ransom note claiming the girl had been kidnapped.

Police hope the presentation persuades Hunter to convene the county grand jury to further the investigation into the 6-year-old's murder. Hunter has said he could make a decision about using the grand jury and its broad subpoena powers within 30 days of the presentation.

JonBenet's parents, John and Patsy Ramsey, remain under suspicion in her death. The body of the former Little Miss Colorado was found in the family's Boulder home on Dec. 26, 1996. Both parents have proclaimed their innocence.

Ramsey found his daughter's body about eight hours after his wife said she found a ransom note demanding \$118,000. JonBenet had been beaten and strangled, and medical authorities say she may have been sexually assaulted.

Police have been criticized for their handling of the case, particularly for failing to secure the crime scene and allowing John Ramsey to search the house and find JonBenet's body.

Hunter said he will rely on his own experts, including grand jury specialist Michael Kane, and national criminology experts Henry Lee and Barry Scheck, who earned reputations during the O.J. Simpson trials. He also will have on hand Bob Grant, Bill Ritter and Jim Peters, district attorneys from neighboring counties called in to offer advice.

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Volunteers sought for trail project

FRITCH — The National Park Service needs volunteers to help complete a trail at Plum Creek in Lake Meredith National Recreation Area. The work will begin Saturday, June 13. Volunteers will meet at 7 a.m. at Park Service headquarters, 419 E. Broadway next to the Pantex Credit Union in Fritch. All volunteers must sign-up as a Volunteer-In-Park before June 13.

The park will provide lunch, drinks, tools and gloves. Volunteers will need to bring sun protection, insect repellent, sturdy (ankle high) boots and are advised to wear jeans or sturdy work clothes. Also, be prepared for hot, dry weather and to put in a full day.

The trailhead is located on the north side of Lake Meredith in lower Plum Creek and extends into Devil's Canyon. Part of an old road, the trail totals four miles one way. Improving this trail will provide access to beautiful backcountry canyons. From the trail, established dirt roads lead into other parts of the park. Horseback riders, hikers and other users will be able to explore the diversity and beauty of this wonderful area.

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