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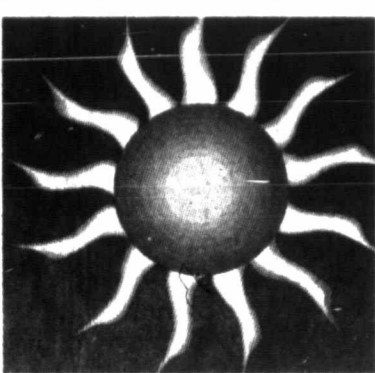
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LUBBOCK, (AP) — Looking out over his dried up, dusty fields, Henry Velasco says he might have been better off not planting any cotton this year.

"At least that way, I wouldn't have wasted my time or the money it took to plant it," said Velasco, who owns 400 acres in Kent County. "At this rate, I won't be seeing any of that money back."

Neither will most cotton farmers around the state, according to updated figures released Tuesday by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. Those figures suggest a \$1.8 billion loss for the state's economy because of the drought's effect on cotton.

The new estimate, based on USDA figures on how many acres were used to grow cotton statewide, indicates most of the crop will be lost this year without significant rainfall in the next few weeks.

Texas Agricultural Extension Service economist Carl Anderson headed the effort to estimate total losses for the state and also released projections for the losses by region.

- Lottie Medora Shoemaker Evans, 83, retired lab and X-ray technician.
- Rex Lee Jones, 76, retired employee of Phillips Petroleum.
- Raymond Creston McPherson, 83, services pending.
- Jess Moore, 89, farmer and rancher.
- Apolonia E. 'Pola' Ramirez, 88, homemaker.
- Nettie Henderson Walker, 85, homemaker.
- Anna Wiggains, 81, homemaker.

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Box seating awaits finder of Horseshoe

The Top O' Texas Rodeo Association is sponsoring the "Golden Horseshoe Treasure Hunt" again in conjunction with the Top O' Texas Rodeo, July 9, 10, and 11. A "Golden Horseshoe" has been hidden in the area and clues will be given each day that will help locate the horseshoe.



Today's clue was at Wayne's Western Wear and tomorrow's clue can be found at a sports store.

The lucky person who finds the horseshoe will receive a Box Seat to all three performances of the 52nd Annual Top O' Texas Rodeo. The Box Seat is valued at \$150. They will also be able to ride in the rodeo parade on Saturday, July 11.

This year the clues will be placed in selected stores in Pampa and you can only get the clues by going into that store. The kind of store will be listed each day in The Pampa News. The name of that store will be listed the next day along with the kind of store for the current day's clue.

If you have any questions, please call Jane Jacobs or Tori Street at the rodeo office at 669-0434.

Pampa rain gauge records 1.4 inches

Overall, moisture was spotty

By DAVID BOWSER
Staff Writer

Fewer smells are as sweet as the prairie grass after a summer rain, and some panhandle residents were smiling at the sweet smell of moisture this morning after weeks of hot, dry weather.

Pampa recorded 1.4 inches of rain early this morning as thunderstorms moved across the panhandle. Amarillo reported only 0.06 of an inch of moisture.

The storm activity centered near Perryton between 1:30 and 2:30 a.m. today then drifted on east into Oklahoma.

Ochiltree County officials reported as much as 11 inches of rain south of Perryton. Minor flooding was reported, authorities said, but the water quickly

"It all went to the north and east," said Jo Ann Green of Shamrock. **"My lawn is brown and crunchy."**

ly receded. Texas Highway 70 south of Perryton had water over it briefly but was clear this morning.

Lake Fryer was within two feet of going over the spill way, county officials said this morning. Rainfall amounts in Perryton varied from 4.03 inches to 4.80 inches.

Lipscomb reported 1.25 inches of rain. Higgins reported about 1.1 inches.

"That thunder sure sounded nice," said Vickie Nelson with the Lipscomb County Sheriff's office. Hemphill County officials reported about three-quarters of an inch of rain north of Canadian.

Wheeler County authorities said they had

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(Pampa News photo by Kate B. Dickson)
Constable Chris Lockridge gets help from his wife, Det. Connie Lockridge, (right) and Det. Beverly Chace, washing away pepper spray that got in his eyes when officers subdued David Lee Ellison, 31, 605 S. Plains, yesterday afternoon in the 800 block of South Dwight. Ellison was charged by arresting officer Anthony Wooley with evading arrest, resisting arrest, and no valid drivers license.

Cropduster crash kills pilot, sparks 500-acre grass fire

A Panhandle man was killed yesterday when his plane crashed seven miles north of Panhandle.

Andrew Detter Lewis, 33, was apparently crop dusting about noon in his 1980 Cessna "Ag Wagon" spray plane when he tried to fly underneath some power lines according to DPS spokesman L. B. Snider in Amarillo. His tail wing hit a lower power line sending his plane into the ground.

Officials were unsure if the crash of the plane or the downed power lines were the cause but a grass fire started that eventually burned 500 acres. Fire units from Panhandle, White Deer, Pantex, Canyon and two airplanes from the Texas Forest Service responded to the blaze.

Lewis was declared dead at the scene by Carson County Justice Phyllis Tyler and his body taken to Lubbock for an autopsy.

The crash severed two SPS power lines which caused a loss of power to a number of water wells owned by the City of Amarillo. They were back in service later that afternoon.

Kid Pony Show deadline

Time is running out for young cowpokes who want to take part in next week's Top O' Texas Kid Pony Show.

Interested participants are urged to go by and sign up at the Top O' Texas Rodeo office in the Chamber of Commerce building at 200 N. Ballard.

Events include everything from a Goat Ribbon Race for ages 5 and under to the pole bending event for those ages 8-15.

Entry fees are determined by the event the participant plans to enter. The show is set for July 6, 7 and 8 at the rodeo ground.

Free concert features South African sounds

By MIRANDA G. BAILEY
Staff Writer

The rich sounds of South African music can be heard Thursday night at 8 in the M.K. Brown Auditorium.

"In South Africa, we sing when happy and when sad. We believe in God and enjoy praising him," according to recording artists Lungile and Nkazi Sinandile of the South African Orion Duet.

"You can expect to hear South African gospel music with some in English," said Nkazi Sinandile. "We try to cater to everyone."

The couple seek to bless others with their music while sharing a story of Lungile's near death experience and how God brought him back.

"Lungile was injured and left for dead in 1993," according to his wife Nkazi.

Their concert revolves around how God was with them through the trying year,

she said. "Music appears to be part of a human mind, just as it is to birds and certain insects. As various species of birds sing their own particular songs, different human cultures have produced their own kinds of music," said Lungile.

The couple, born and educated in South Africa and Andrews University in Michigan, have traveled and performed in South Africa and the U.S.

The Sinadniles have used their concerts to raise funds for worthy causes including the Rwanda Relief Project and patient organ transplants.

Although the concert is free, an offering will be collected at the concert. The couple is raising money to help send their daughter to college, said Nkazi.

In the U.S. since 1981, Nkazi said she and Lungile intend to move back to South Africa after she finishes obtaining her medical degree.



Lungile and Nkazi Sinandile of the South African Orion Duet have traveled and performed throughout South Africa and the United States. They have raised funds for many worthy causes.

Drugs highlight Top Ten

Drugs play a big part in this week's Pampa/Gray County Crime Stoppers Top Ten this week.

The top four in the most wanted for this week are accused of possession or selling of a controlled substance.

Danny R. Botelho, a white male, 36, is wanted on charges of possession of a controlled substance and violation of probation.

John Cleveland Flute, a white male, 38, is wanted on charges of possession of a controlled substance and violation of probation.

Ashmad Rashad Sessions, a black male, 18, is wanted on charges of delivery of a controlled substance.

Stephen Darryl Buchanan, a white male, 43, is wanted on charges of possession of a controlled substance and violation of probation.

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Business highlights...

Bankers warned to maintain lending discipline
 WASHINGTON (AP) — With the economy apparently heading for a slowdown, the Federal Reserve warned bankers Tuesday to "maintain their lending discipline" so they don't wind up with a mountain of delinquent business loans.
 The directive came as economists expressed increasing worry about the buildup of speculative bubbles in the stock market and in commercial real estate.
 "Banks should resist any tendency to assume in evaluating credits that the unusually favorable economic environment of the last few years will continue indefinitely," wrote Richard Spillenkothen, director of the Fed's Division of Banking Supervision and Regulation.

Confidence in U.S. Economy at 29-year high
 NEW YORK (AP) — Unfazed by Asia's financial crisis and volatility in the stock market, Americans' confidence in the economy surged to a new 29-year high in June amid optimism that the job market and U.S. economic climate will hold strong in coming months.
 The Conference Board on Tuesday reported a bigger-than-expected gain in its index of consumer confidence, which rose from a revised 136.3 in May to 137.6 in June.
 June's gain pushed the index above the 29-year high of 137.4 set in February. The last time it was higher was the 137.9 reached in June 1969.

Hilton Hotels dividing hotel, casino companies
 BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP) — Hilton Hotels Corp. will divide itself into separate hotel and casino companies and boost the new gambling company by purchasing three Mississippi properties from Grand Casinos Inc. for \$650 million.
 The changes announced Tuesday will free Hilton's more lucrative lodging operations from its less successful gambling business. A separate gaming company will be in a better position to expand through acquisitions, said Stephen F. Bollenbach, president and chief executive of Hilton.
 The separation also will allow Hilton's shareholders "to realize the full value of our hotel business," said Bollenbach.

GM strike costs \$1.18 billion
 DETROIT (AP) — General Motors Corp. said Tuesday that the cost of two strikes at key parts plants totaled \$1.18 billion in the second quarter, exceeding the \$900 million price tag of a similar walkout in 1996.
 The strikes by 9,200 workers in Flint have crippled GM's North American operations and will also hurt profits of the automaker's suppliers. There weren't any indications of a breakthrough as negotiations continued.
 GM, which disclosed the strike costs in a filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission, also faces the possibility of a walkout by workers at two Ohio brake plants. They were taking a strike-authorization vote Tuesday.

New sweetener gets government OK
 WASHINGTON (AP) — The government approved a new artificial sweetener for the diet cola wars Tuesday, and Pepsi immediately announced it would use Sunett sweetener in a new one-calorie drink.
 Sunett, known chemically as acesulfame-K, is 200 times sweeter than sugar. The Food and Drug Administration already allows it in products from sugarless chewing gum to instant puddings. But Tuesday's action lets Sunett into the booming diet drink market, opening it to millions more Americans.

Salsa is a vegetable, USDA says

By MICHELLE MITTELSTADT
 Associated Press Writer

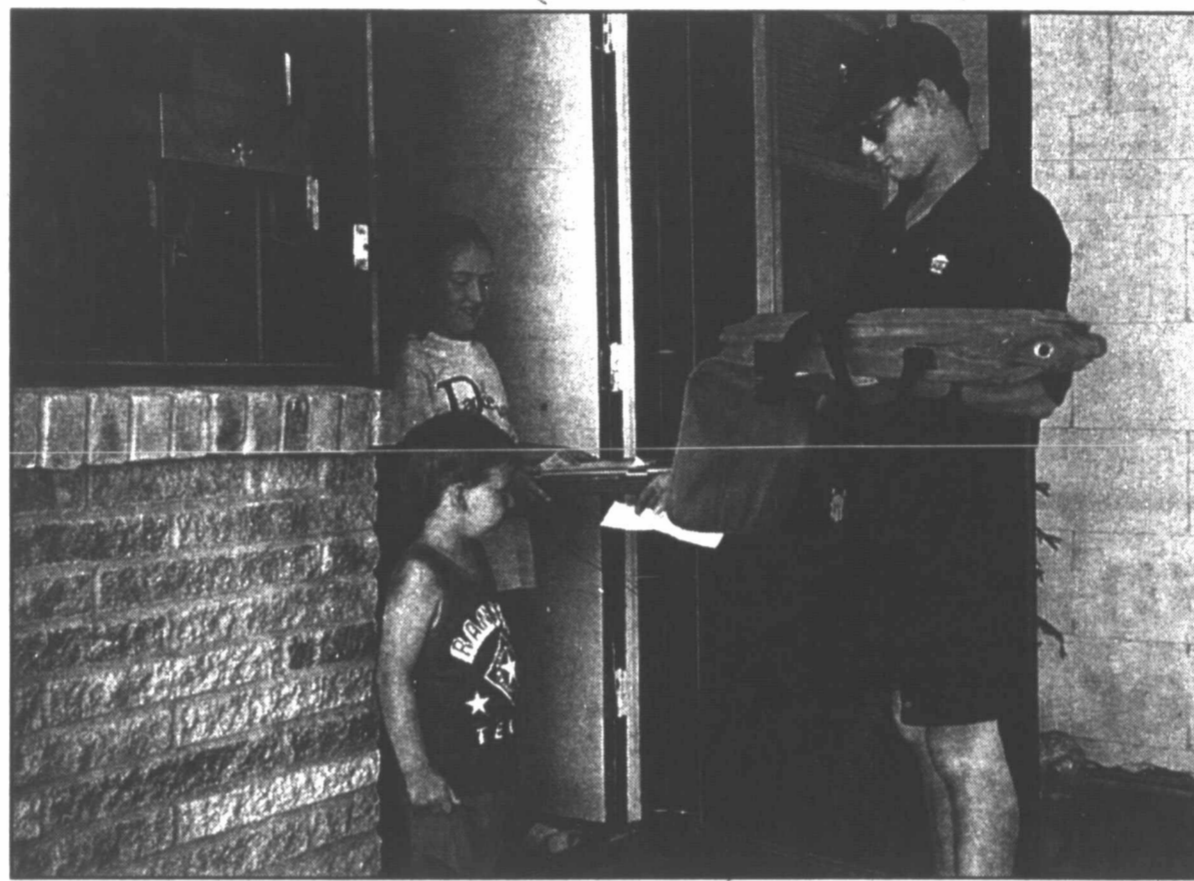
WASHINGTON (AP) — Ketchup didn't cut the mustard as a vegetable in school lunches, but its cousin, salsa, does.
 Overseers of the federal school lunch program, which serves 26 million children, have determined that school cafeterias can dish up salsa as part of a nutritionally balanced menu.
 The low-fat, low-cholesterol sauce, which typically consists of tomatoes, peppers, onions and spices, succeeded where ketchup failed. In 1981, the Reagan administration backed away from a widely ridiculed plan to grant vegetable status to ketchup, which includes vinegar and sweeteners.
 Agriculture Department officials responsible for the salsa

decision are clearly sensitive about the inevitable comparison to the ketchup flap.
 "There is no relationship," declared Ed Cooney, deputy administrator of special nutrition programs at Agriculture's Food and Nutrition Service.
 Salsa's designation as a vegetable comes as part of USDA's push to offer an array of low-fat, nutritious, appealing foods to students, Cooney said Tuesday.
 The ketchup-as-vegetable proposal, by contrast, was put forward as a cost-saving option at a time when the Reagan administration was trying to pare \$1.5 billion from the school lunch program, he said. The ketchup proposal was "a device to make believe that you could recommend \$1 billion in cuts and no one would be harmed," Cooney said.

The salsa decision is winning kudos, even with the nation's self-appointed food police.
 "It's tough enough to get kids to eat fruits and vegetables, so we're all in favor of looking for different ways to do that. And this certainly sounds like a sensible one," said David Schardt, an associate nutritionist with the Center for Science in the Public Interest, the Washington-based group known for its critiques of Chinese food and movie-theater popcorn.
 The Agriculture Department weighed the salsa question at the urging of schools in the Southwest and West.
 Last week, the department announced that school lunch programs can incorporate commercially made fruit and vegetable salsas into their menus. Before that ruling, schools had been

allowed to use salsas made in their own kitchens.
 "We think salsa is a great product and will help in the consumption of more nutritious meals," Cooney said. "It's part of our general trend toward enhancing the quality of nutrition education we provide."
 Schools have been dishing up salsa for a while, but it had not been considered reimbursable under the federal school lunch program, which paid out \$4.9 billion to 94,000 schools last year.
 In order to get government reimbursement, schools must offer nutritionally balanced meals that include fruits and vegetables, protein, bread and milk. Now, schools can get credit for a fruit or vegetable serving if they provide at least one-eighth of a cup of salsa.
 Last year, over the objections of the cattle industry, the Agriculture Department decided to allow yogurt as a meat substitute.

Coupon fund-raiser



(Photo by Jana Meyer)

Taylor and Colton Meyer use a coupon from St. Vincent School to buy a pizza from B.J. Winborne of Pizza Hut Delivery. The coupons are a fundraiser for the school. Students from the school designed the coupons and Pizza Hut is giving the school \$1 every time a coupon is used. The coupons are good for a large two topping or specialty pizza for \$10 and a second for \$8. If you would like to help the school, coupons are available at the school office and at the church office. Call Becky at Pizza Hut at 665-0887 or Jana at the school at 665-5665.

Rapper shot

NEW YORK (AP) — Rapper ODB, founder of the popular rap group the Wu-Tang Clan, ignored medical advice and walked out of a hospital today after being shot during a robbery in his apartment.
 The rapper, whose real name is Russell Jones, walked into a hospital emergency room Tuesday afternoon after being shot once in his Brooklyn apartment. Armed intruders came in through an unlocked door and took jewelry, then one fired a pistol, said Officer Gary Cillo, a police spokesman.

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Heat death in Dallas

DALLAS (AP) — A 68-year-old woman was found dead Monday night in her sweltering Dallas house.
 Evelyn Gordon died of hyperthermia complicated by high blood pressure, according to the Dallas County medical examiner's office.
 Authorities said it was the third heat-related death in Dallas County this summer.

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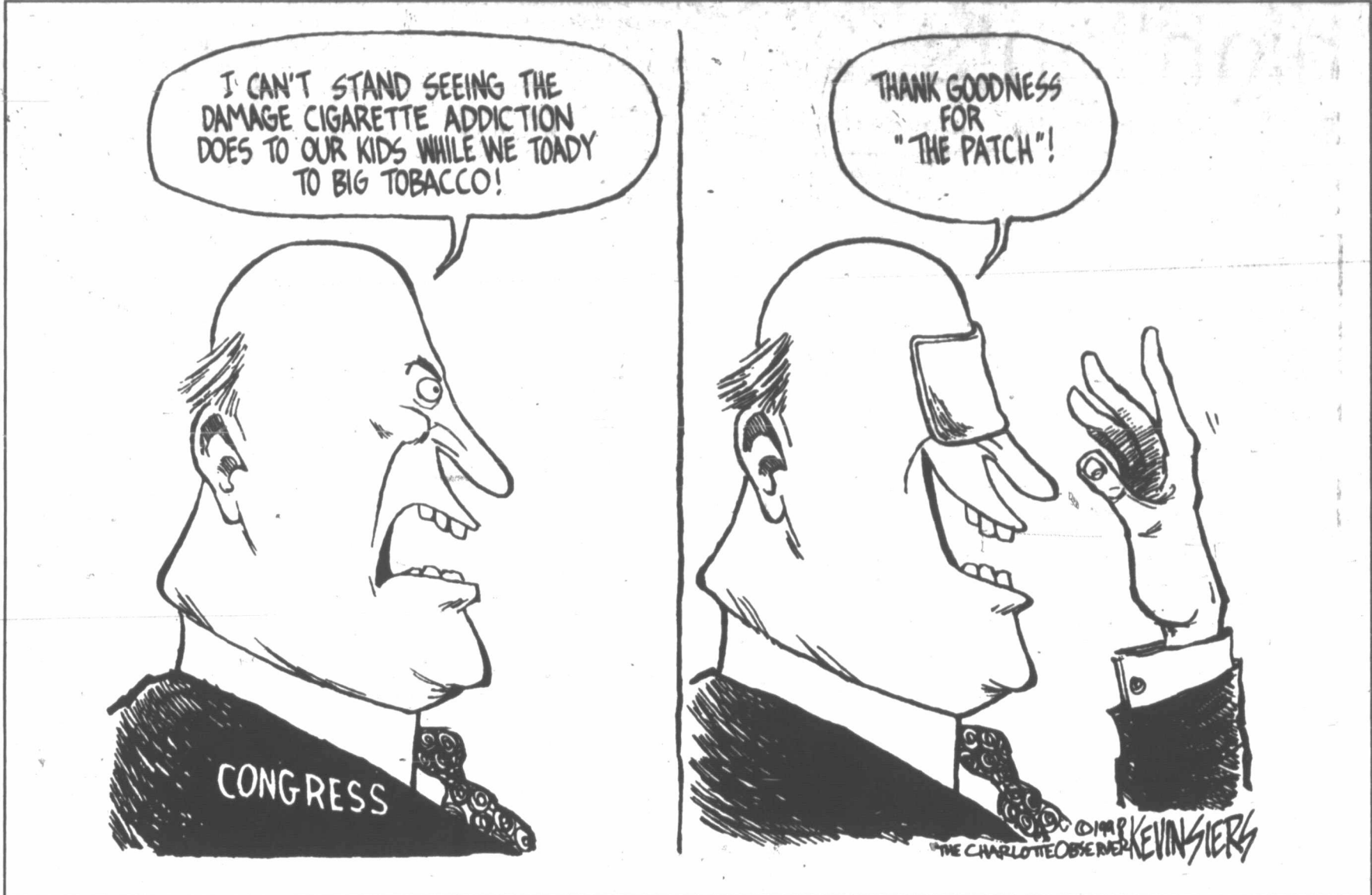
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Inside the Beltway
 with
 Rep. Mac Thornberry

FCC hasn't the power to levy taxes

If there's one thing worse than having to pay taxes, it's having to pay taxes you know nothing about.

Over the past few months, people across the country have been opening their phone bills and finding a surprise - an extra charge that wasn't there before.

The surcharge is for a new federal program called the Education Rate - or E-Rate - program. The program was created by the Federal Communications Commission and is intended to connect every school and library to the Internet to help students prepare for the 21st century.

The problem is, statistics show that around 80 percent of American schools are already connected to the Internet. Even more troubling, the E-Rate program has become a bureaucratic nightmare. For example, until recently, the head of the program was being paid \$200,000 a year - almost as much as the president. And, instead of simply paying to connect schools and libraries to the Internet, the E-Rate program also wants to pay for new painting, new carpeting and other things unrelated to the information superhighway. According to the Congressional Budget Office, the program will cost \$20 billion dollars over the next 10 years. And who will pick up the tab? We all will, of course - through the surcharge in our phone bills.

Well, this surcharge is nothing more than a hidden tax increase. And to make matters worse, it's a tax increase levied by the FCC. Giving an unelected and unaccountable federal agency power to take money out of our pockets is a dangerous precedent to set.

It's also one we should reject, which is why I believe Congress will have the last say on this issue, and put the brakes on a program that has gotten out of control.

Thought for today

"Wounded vanity knows when it is mortally hurt; and limps off the field, piteous, all disguises thrown away. But pride carries its banner to the last."

Helen Hunt Jackson

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Enforcing law now more difficult

Many consumers use caller ID to screen their telephone calls. This technology, available since the 1980s, displays the caller's phone number before the person called even picks up the phone.

Enhancements added in the 1990s also show the name and address of the caller. Other technological advances allow customers to block out unwanted calls or track down harassing callers.

As Attorney General, I applaud new communications services that can help protect the security and privacy of telephone customers. But these new services can also hinder the efforts of law enforcement to investigate crime.

Caller ID, scrambled data and cellular telephones all pose a threat to legal electronic stakeouts. It is important that we pursue measures that will preserve the effectiveness of legal wiretaps while still allowing citizens to protect their privacy through caller ID.

A 1994 FBI survey showed 183 instances in which new communications technology defeated court-ordered telephone interceptions needed to investigate criminal activity.

Why does it matter? Because court-ordered electronic surveillance is such an important tool for law enforcement. Prosecutors report a high ratio of convictions with evidence gathered by electronic surveillance. Twenty percent of the people arrested in 1996 based on electronic surveillance activity were convicted.

Law enforcement has been able to prevent serious and life-threatening acts through electronic surveillance. Terrorists in New York plot-

Dan Morales
 Attorney General of the State of Texas

ted to bomb the United Nations, Lincoln and Holland tunnels and the Federal Plaza.

The FBI, using electronic surveillance, disrupted the plot as the explosives were being mixed. The electronic evidence also convicted the conspirators and put them behind bars.

In Texas, telephone intercepts have helped law enforcement find and arrest a Mexican drug lord who allegedly moved millions of dollars in drug money into Texas through banks and currency exchange houses. Wiretap and other electronic evidence gathered in this state has also led to the seizure of cocaine shipments and the arrests of drug traffickers in several U.S. cities, including Houston and Midland.

Telephone and telecommunications have changed forever.

Lug nuts and copper wires have given way to computer software switches. Executing court-ordered surveillance to gather evidence is a lot more complicated than it used to be.

In 1994, Congress passed the Communications Assistance for Law Enforcement Act to put law enforcement on a

level playing field with criminals. The act requires telephone carriers to modify equipment, facilities and services to support lawful electronic surveillance.

The government is authorized to pay phone companies up to \$500 million to develop new computer codes and switches.

U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno recently advised Congress of an impasse between government and telephone companies over funding that will delay installation of technology to enable the FBI and other law enforcement agencies to wiretap into new digital phone lines.

The U.S. Justice Department plans to file a petition with the Federal Communications Commission stating the proposed industry technical solution is deficient and asking this regulatory agency to require phone companies to meet law enforcement needs. However, even if the FCC fully supports this request, Attorney General Reno estimates that there will be a two-year lag before police agencies' electronic investigatory capabilities are restored.

This situation presents a crisis for law enforcement that I am monitoring very closely. The new telephone technologies are a convenience for all of us. The development of new communications services is important. However, in many cases, there simply is no substitute for electronic surveillance for gathering evidence, preventing crimes, solving crimes and bringing the violent to justice. As criminals take advantage of emerging communications technology, law enforcement needs the tools to keep pace.

By The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, July 1, the 182nd day of 1998. There are 183 days left in the year. This is Canada Day.

Today's Highlight in History:
 One hundred years ago, on July 1, 1898, during the Spanish-American War, Theodore Roosevelt and his "Rough Riders" waged a victorious assault on San Juan Hill in Cuba.

On this date:
 In 1863, the Civil War Battle of Gettysburg began.
 In 1867, Canada became a self-governing dominion of Great Britain as the British North

America Act took effect.

In 1943, "pay-as-you-go" income tax withholding began.

In 1946, the United States exploded a 20-kiloton atomic bomb near Bikini Atoll in the Pacific.

In 1948, New York International Airport (now John F. Kennedy International Airport) at Idlewild was officially opened.

In 1948, the fare on New York City subways doubled from a nickel to ten cents.

In 1961, Diana, the princess of Wales, was born near Sandringham, England. She died last August in a car crash in Paris at age 36.

In 1963, the U.S. Post Office inaugurated its five-digit ZIP codes.

In 1968, the United States, Britain, the Soviet Union and 58 other nations signed the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty.

In 1980, "O Canada" was proclaimed the national anthem of Canada.

Ten years ago: A four-day national conference of Soviet Communist Party members ended in Moscow, with Mikhail S. Gorbachev winning approval for sweeping changes.

Five years ago: A gunman opened fire in a San Francisco law office, killing eight people and

wounding six before killing himself. The space shuttle Endeavour returned from a 10-day mission.

One year ago: Hong Kong reverted to Chinese rule after 156 years as a British colony. Actor Robert Mitchum died in Santa Barbara County, Calif., at age 79.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Olivia de Havilland is 82. Actor Farley Granger is 73. Actress-dancer Leslie Caron is 67. Actress Jean Marsh is 64. Movie director Sydney Pollack is 64. Movie producer-director Claude Berri is 64. Actor Jamie Farr is 64. Comedy writer Pat McCormick is 64. Bluesman James Cotton is 63.

The real meaning of the Constitution

Jefferson Davis, the last American president to preside over a constitutional republic (the Confederate States of America), had this to say about the Constitution and the union:

"I love the union and the Constitution," he said, "but I would rather leave the union with the Constitution than remain in the union without it."

I would guess many Americans have no idea what Davis meant because they have no idea what the original intent of the Constitution was. Many today, I suspect, think that the Constitution is what allows people to burn flags and dance naked in bars. Actually, the founding fathers had a rather more serious purpose in mind.

The first step in understanding the original intent is to recall that Colonial America existed for about 169 years prior to the American Revolution. These colonies existed separately and independent of each other. When they seceded from the British empire, they did so separately and independently.

The Declaration of Independence is clear on this point. It says, "We, therefore the representatives of the United States of America ... solemnly publish and declare, That these United Colonies are and of right ought to be free and independent states (note the plural) ... and that as free and independent states they have full power to levy war, conclude peace, contract alliances, establish commerce and to

Charley Reese
 Syndicated columnist

do all the other acts and things which independent states may of right do."

They called themselves the United States because of the Articles of Confederation. Article 2 of that document states, "Each state retains its sovereignty, freedom and independence, and every power, jurisdiction and right which is not by this confederation expressly delegated to the United States in Congress assembled."

Many people today seem to think that the federal government created the states, but it was the reverse. The states created the federal government as a stronger form of confederation by delegating certain of their powers to it. Thus, the purpose of the Constitution of 1787, like the Articles of Confederation, was to create a voluntary union to accomplish specific purposes, mainly to ensure a domestic free market, to provide for the common defense of the states and to deal with foreign countries with one voice.

In the original Constitution, people were not American citizens per se but were instead citizens of their respective states. The Constitution stipulated that each state would

grant to the citizens of other states the rights and privileges it granted to its own. It's difficult to understand the War Between the States without understanding the loyalty that Americans - North and South - felt for their respective states.

But what is relevant for us today is that the people, mostly Southern, in the American Republic (1787-1860) understand that the powers of the federal government were strictly limited to those spelled out in the Constitution and that the Constitution would be interpreted literally and narrowly. And most importantly that the states themselves would be the final judge of the federal government's actions.

In the North, however, there arose new feelings of nationalism and a belief that a strong central government should provide economic benefits - protective tariffs and infrastructure, for example. Southerners disagreed, and hence the split. The North prevailed and amended the Constitution to expand the powers of the federal government, so that's what we live under today.

But Davis also said that questions that are settled by force and violence remain forever unsettled and will arise again. And so, today, we are seeing more and more people object to an unlimited central government. It seems sometimes that human "progress" travels in a circle rather than a straight line.

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Tralee mock rape trial declared success

The victim coordinator of the Tralee Crisis Center today termed the recent mock rape trial a success. "I think it went really well," Ann Hamilton said today following the mock rape trial at the Wheeler County Court House.

The 66 member audience that made up the jury to the mock rape trial was split over the guilt or innocence of the defendant played by a Gray County

deputy sheriff. A Tralee Crisis Center counselor played the svelte, blonde victim.

Amarillo defense attorney Jeff Blackburn acted as prosecutor in the mock trial while 31st District Attorney John Mann took the defense. Senior District Judge Grainger McIlhany presided.

The audience consisted mostly of crisis center volunteers from Pampa, Dumas and Perryton along

with almost a dozen law enforcement officers from Gray, Wheeler and Hemphill Counties; Shamrock and the FBI.

The mock trial was based on an actual case, 31st District Attorney John Mann said.

The case revolved around a 28-year-old divorced mother of two who was offered a job checking pumpjacks in the oil fields. The man who reportedly hired her was accused of taking the woman to a caliche pit south of Pampa one morning and raping her.

After the man drove her home at noon, the woman called the company she thought she worked for and found they had no record of the man in their employee records. The woman called police, but only reported that the man had misrepresented himself. She did not report the rape until about 5 p.m. that afternoon when, at the urging of her mother, she went to the emergency room.

During the mock trial, the counselor playing the part of the victim took the stand to tell her story, while Mann questioned her motives and pointed to inconsistencies in the statement she gave police and her testimony on the witness stand.

Blackburn also called the nurse from the emergency room to testify along with the reporting officer.

Again, Mann, as defense attorney questioned inconsistencies in the investigation.

Hamilton said she thought Mann did an excellent

job of showing the volunteers watching the proceedings problems prosecutors encounter in such trials.

"He showed us the importance of documentation in the medical examination and with law enforcement," Hamilton said.

Following the abbreviated mock trial, Blackburn asked for a show of hands indicating guilt or innocence. While the audience for the mock trial was split, Mann said the man who had been accused in the case was indicted, but while he was out on bond, he tried to rape another woman and is now serving 20 years in state prison.

Mann noted that the 20 year sentence was a result of the offense while the defendant was out on bond. He said the initial rape case would have been difficult to prove in court because of the inconsistencies he pointed out during the mock trial.

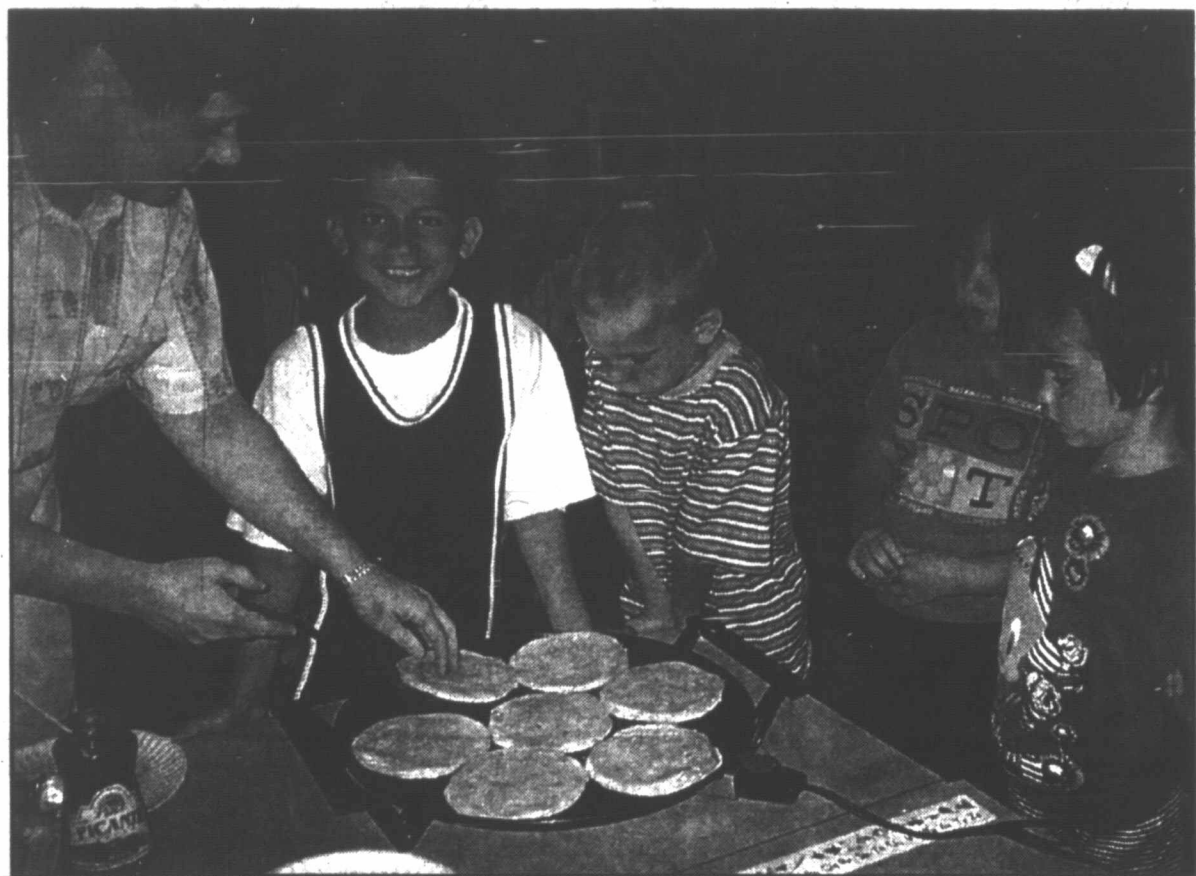
Tralee Crisis Center officials video taped the mock trial, and Hamilton said it would be used, like Tuesday night's demonstration, for training volunteers.

"It took a lot of cooperation from people at the district attorney's office and the crisis center to do this," Hamilton said. "It was a joint effort."

She said she has talked with Mann about staging a mock trial in Pampa during the center's next training session in September.

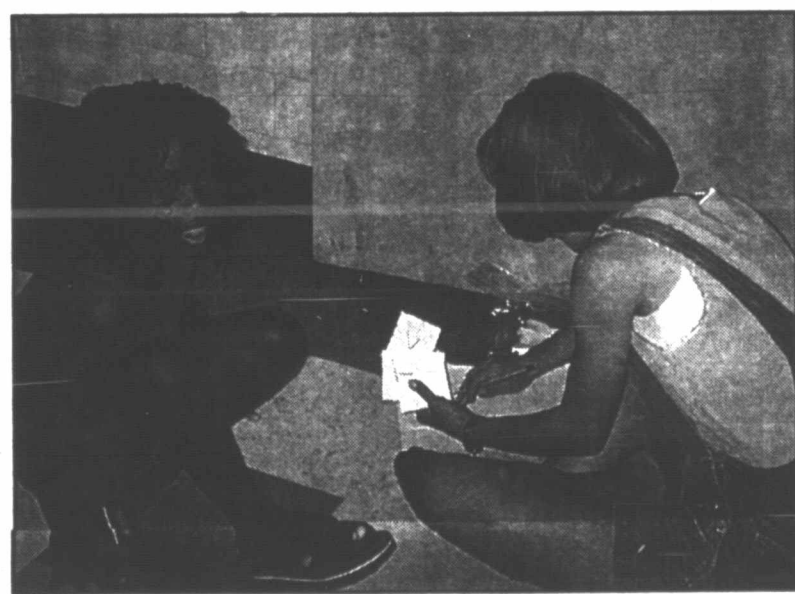
"He's real good about coming out and helping us," Hamilton said.

Lamar Reading Program



(Photos by Andrea Wyatt)

The Summer Reading Program at Lamar Elementary is in full swing with students hard at work: Alex Torres, Zachary Licklider, Desirae Solis and Kaylee Wills are learning about Mexico by making and eating quesadias; Efrain Silva and Korina Doiron are working on the computer; and LaQuanah Jernigan shows Stacie Carter the alphabet she is learning.



Author to visit Hastings, sign copies of novel

Hastings Entertainment Superstore in Pampa will host a book-signing by Francois Sigrist, author of "Glimmer of Hope," from 6:30-9 p.m. Friday, July 10, at Hastings Entertainment Superstore in Pampa.

Sigrist has been engaged in an extensive book-signing tour through 16 states with interviews on radio and television including "Voice of America." He is a native of Switzerland and has traveled to 20 countries and more than 40 states. During his career as a master chef, he served the queen of England and the Rolling Stones. He switched to writing about six years ago and has recorded in his first fictional novel his impressions of the power of positive thinking.

The novel, a dual-mystery, is a timely, positive story about youth on the street who find solutions and build self-confidence and pride. Woven into the plot of the story are clues which lead the reader into discovering where the hero calls his hometown. Not only do readers learn about this brave character and his tale of hope, love, friendship and survival, but they also have a chance to win \$250,000 and other prizes.

"Glimmer of Hope" is suitable for all audiences with its lack of obscenities and its stand against drug use. The reader is encour-

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Tripp testifies it's easy to tell truth

WASHINGTON (AP) - Declaring to her lawyer that it's easy to tell the truth, Linda Tripp is answering grand jury questions about how she secretly recorded conversations with Monica Lewinsky - and triggered the perjury-and-obstruction investigation that has shaken the presidency.

With an anxious White House following the event silently, an outwardly confident Mrs. Tripp came to the federal courthouse Tuesday accompanied by her son, daughter and three lawyers.

She stayed about six hours, and will return Thursday, as she explains how she captured on tape Ms. Lewinsky's sensational account of a sexual relationship with President Clinton. For the jurors, Tuesday was the first chance for face-to-face scrutiny of Mrs. Tripp, whose voice they had heard repeatedly on some of the 20 hours of tapes she made.

Mrs. Tripp's grand jury appearance wasn't the only thing the White House had to worry about Tuesday: In Little Rock, Ark., U.S. District Judge Susan Webber Wright ordered unsealed most of the court filings in the Paula Jones sexual harassment lawsuit against Clinton, lifting a gag order she had imposed last fall.

Wright kept her order from taking effect for 10 days to give the case's principals time to appeal. She said a transcript of Clinton's

sworn deposition would be among the documents made public.

It was the Jones case that produced the disclosure of Mrs. Tripp's tapings - as well as the allegations under investigation by Whitewater prosecutor Kenneth Starr that Ms. Lewinsky, a former White House intern, engaged in a sexual affair with the president and was later encouraged to lie about it by Clinton or friends, including Vernon Jordan, in exchange for help in getting a job. Clinton and Jordan deny wrongdoing.

Summarizing Mrs. Tripp's first day of testimony before the grand jury, one of her lawyers, Anthony Zaccagnini, told reporters that after she came out of the grand jury room, "She told me - and I quote - 'I find it very easy to truthfully answer the questions posed to me by the prosecutors and the grand jury.'"

Zaccagnini would not go into detail on the substance of her answers, and the Pentagon employee left the building holding hands with her daughter, Allison. She said, "It's great" to have her children at the courthouse to support her.

Mrs. Tripp's testimony was expected to range far beyond the recordings she made to include:

- Her contact with former White House volunteer Kathleen Willey on the day Mrs. Willey claims the president made an unwanted and

crude sexual advance against her. Clinton has denied under oath he made such an advance.

- Her discussion with presidential confidant Bruce Lindsey shortly after the Willey story came to light last fall.

- The so-called talking points that Ms. Lewinsky allegedly handed her in the last encounter between the former intern and her older confidant - a visit monitored by the FBI and Starr's prosecutors.

With Clinton refusing to volunteer testimony and Ms. Lewinsky unable so far to reach agreement with prosecutors for her cooperation, Mrs. Tripp's appearance could have a major influence on the future direction of the investigation.

Starr must decide whether criminal charges will be filed against anyone and whether to send the House a report stating that Clinton might have committed impeachable offenses.

At the White House the spokesman for the counsel's office, James Kennedy, said, "We'll let the American people draw their own conclusions about Linda Tripp."

By coincidence, one of Ms. Lewinsky's lawyers, Nathaniel Speights, appeared at the courthouse during the testimony to handle an unrelated case.

Asked about negotiations for an immunity deal in return for Ms. Lewinsky's cooperation, he commented, "Give us a month. We're working away. Everything is OK."

Mrs. Tripp, 48, an \$88,000-a-year federal employee, once worked in the Clinton White House and peddled an unsuccessful book idea about her experiences there. She first came to Whitewater prosecutor's attention early in their investigation of the 1993 suicide of White House deputy counsel Vincent Foster. She was one of the last in the White House to see him alive.

She later was transferred to the Pentagon where in 1996 she befriended Ms. Lewinsky, 24, and became so close that Ms. Lewinsky confided to her an alleged sexual relationship with the president.

Last October, at the advice of her former book agent, Mrs. Tripp began secretly recording 20 hours of conversations she had with Ms. Lewinsky. Her lawyer and agent say she did so simply to protect herself and leave an indisputable record of what she says was an effort by Ms. Lewinsky to get her to lie in the Jones lawsuit.

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Alabama governor wins runoff, promises more defiance

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (AP) — After easily winning a Republican primary runoff, Gov. Fob James mocked critics who view him as Alabama's latest gubernatorial embarrassment and promised more of the defiance that has made him a hero of the religious right.

James, known for insisting the Bill of Rights doesn't apply to states, his outspoken defense of school prayer and a Ten Commandments display in a courtroom, defeated businessman Winton Blount on Tuesday after a bitter campaign filled with name-calling.

With 94 percent of precincts reporting early today, James had 250,580 votes, or 56 percent, to Blount's 199,921 votes, or 44 percent.

In a rambling celebratory speech, James gave no

indication he will mute his rhetoric as he heads into November's general election against Democratic Lt. Gov. Don Siegelman.

James, 63, told cheering supporters that Alabama deserves a governor who is a "decision-maker, not a consensus-taker." He referred to President Franklin Roosevelt as a "socialist."

He also laughingly needled the news media — all of the state's major newspapers had endorsed Blount — and said The New York Times needs an "intellectual uplifting" and should read the Constitution.

The runoff was necessary because James fell short of a majority in the June 2 primary, when he got 48 percent to Blount's 41 percent. In the runoff campaign, James and Blount both had to court

Democrats, who were allowed to vote in the GOP runoff.

But that wasn't the only quirk in the race. Blount, 55, accused James of bringing ridicule on the state and said Alabama doesn't need a governor

University at Montgomery.

"I have no doubt that there is some racism mixed into it. They just like Fob. They like his confrontational approach. They see something of themselves and their feelings about politics, the way James sort of thumbs his nose at political and media elite," Moody said.

James, who was first elected as a Democrat in 1978 but didn't win again until he switched to the GOP in 1994, has vowed to disregard Supreme Court orders on issues such as school prayer.

He also has threatened to call out the National Guard to defend a Ten Commandments display in a judge's courtroom; argued that the Bill of Rights does not apply to the states in matters such as freedom of speech and religion; and became the only governor ever to withdraw from the National Governors Association.

Leaders of the religious right — including broadcaster James Dobson, Jerry Falwell and Donald Wildmon, head of the American Family Association — endorsed James, who hired former Christian Coalition director Ralph Reed as a campaign consultant. Reed told ministers that it was part of God's plan that "the eyes of America are going to be on Alabama" during the runoff.

Although he called James an embarrassment during the campaign, Blount said in conceding that he would support the Republican ticket on Nov. 3.

Siegelman, the Democratic gubernatorial candidate, advocates a lottery to fund preschool programs, school computers and college scholarships.

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"dancing around a stage like a monkey." That was a reference to a 1995 James performance before state school officials in which James poked fun at evolutionary theory in textbooks.

James responded to Blount's remark by saying, "If I dance like a monkey, then he must dance like a fat monkey." First lady Bobbie James called Blount a "big, fat sissy," though she apologized.

Polls indicated the race could be close. But James drew votes from many of the old strongholds of 1960s segregationist Gov. George C. Wallace. Even with many blacks casting the first GOP ballots of their lives to vote for Blount, crossover Democrats in rural areas gave James a big boost.

"It's clear that while two-thirds of our population lives in metropolitan areas, the rural or small town is still a very significant factor in Alabama politics," said Brad Moody, a political analyst at Auburn

Sagebrush Painters to hold annual art show

CANADIAN — Sagebrush Painters will hold its 21st Annual Art Show from 9 a.m.-5 p.m., July 3 and 4 at the W.T.C.U. Building in Canadian. Sagebrush Painters are seeking entrants from area artists. To enter the show, an artist must first become a member of the organization. The annual dues are \$5. High School students are welcome to enter the show and are not required to become members.

Only fine art (oil, watercolor, acrylic, pen and ink, sculpture, etc.) will be exhibited. No toile painting, crafts, photographs or leaded glass will be accepted. In addition, no controversial art may be submitted; Sagebrush Painters reserves the right to reject any piece of artwork.

Artwork may be sold; however, the sale must be handled by the artist, and artwork must remain on display for the duration of the show.

Sagebrush Painters was first established May 10, 1978, at the home of Polly Tubb. The group originally met twice a week on Wednesday and Friday. Several painters are still painting on Wednesday.

Sagebrush Painters hold two business meetings a year plus a meeting to plan the Art Show. Workshops are planned occasionally and artists are invited to teach. Membership is open to anyone. Members meet at the Fire Station on Wednesdays.

PFA program



Audrey Dunn, a student involved in Pampa Fine Arts Summer Arts Program, shapes a bowl on the potter's wheel in a pottery class instructed by Denise Downs.

(Community Camera photo by Emily Elliott)

Judge rules in favor in case against National Guard

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Saying the military's "don't ask, don't tell" policy is discriminatory, a state judge ruled in favor of a decorated officer who claims he was improperly discharged from the California National Guard because he is gay.

A lawyer for former 1st Lt. Andrew Holmes said the judgment on the class-action lawsuit brought against the National Guard will open a number of its jobs to gays.

Superior Court Judge David A. Garcia said in a ruling Monday that the military's "don't ask, don't tell" policy discriminates on the basis of sexual orientation and violates the state's constitution.

Holmes, who was discharged in 1995 after he told a superior officer in a memo that he is gay, declared it "a total victory for the gay, lesbian and bisexual community."

"I'm thrilled that the court has upheld the rights of gay men and lesbians. The Guard must now open state active duty jobs to everyone," Holmes said in a statement.

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Rumors About Veterans' Health Care Are Not Based On Facts

DEAR ABBY: I am writing because your column reaches thousands of people every day, and I'm hoping you'll send a message to all the veterans of all branches of the service.

An item I read in the Savannah, Mo., newspaper said that if a veteran has not registered at a Veterans Affairs Hospital since Oct. 1, 1996, on Oct. 1, 1998, he or she will lose all medical benefits for life. It went on to say that the VA cannot notify veterans about it — the information must be disseminated by word-of-mouth or by letter.

I called the VA and it is true. This law will affect thousands of veterans, and many will not learn of it before the cutoff date. It's wrong to deny veterans their rights. Abby, please print this information in your column.

SUE KITCHEN,
 UNION STAR, MO.

DEAR SUE: I'm pleased to print your letter, although the news article was in error, and the situation is not as bleak as portrayed.

After contacting the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), I learned that this is a wild rumor spread via the Internet. According to Kenneth W. Kizer, M.D., VA undersecretary for health, "There is good news for veterans who are distressed over incorrect information spread via the Internet that suggests they will automatically lose their VA medical ben-



Abigail Van Buren

SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

efits if they fail to apply for the VA's new health-care enrollment program by Oct. 1, 1998. It isn't so!

"The VA is required by law to begin an enrollment system for its health-care services by Oct. 1, 1998. However, this does not mean veterans who have not applied for enrollment by then necessarily lose their eligibility for VA medical care.

"Veterans can apply at the time they need VA care, before or after Oct. 1. In fact, we have been automatically processing enrollment applications for veterans treated by VA since Oct. 1, 1996.

"Not all veterans who apply may be able to get care, especially higher-income veterans. Enrollment will be based on priority groups specified by law — the highest priority being given to veterans with service-connected disabilities.

"After enrollment begins, some veterans can still be treated by VA without being

enrolled: Veterans with a VA disability rating of 50 percent or higher will receive care without enrolling; veterans with service-connected disabilities will receive care for those disabilities; and veterans discharged while on active duty will receive VA care for those disabilities within the first 12 months of discharge."

DEAR ABBY: The letter from Norm Totey about wearing a complete body armor is an excellent description of a man who is afraid to die. A philosopher of long ago stated that a man who is afraid to die does not know how to live.

Abby, keep up the good work. You are wonderful.
 GEORGE D. LUNDBERG, NACHES, WASH.

DEAR GEORGE: The philosopher may have been right, but you and many of my readers missed the tongue-in-cheek humor in Norm Totey's letter. Read it again with that in mind, and I think you'll agree that it's hilarious.

Everybody has a problem. What's yours? Get it off your chest by writing to Dear Abby, P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, Calif. 90069. For a personal reply, please enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

Horoscope

THURSDAY, JULY 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)

**** Listen to someone else, even if you don't want to. Financial questions give you a bellyache. Opportunities lie in the jumble, if you get past problems. Others have suggestions that are noteworthy; don't arbitrarily void them. Tonight: Forget the day's worries with friends.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

**** Stay mellow, despite what is being dropped at your feet. News could be disconcerting, and you don't feel grounded enough. Take a deep breath, then take action. You know what you want. Expand horizons, and make suggestions. Be generous with a partner who feels down. Tonight: R & R.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

**** You cause yourself problems. Stop and think about what you are doing here. Pressure is intense, as others question a decision. Confusion impedes action, and because of your frustration, you could lose your temper. Avoid being self-destructive. Tonight: Play.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

**** Honor a change. Be direct with a friend who is in a funk. You might not be able to guide him through the

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

**** You are in a strong position, with your effervescent personality adding spice to communications. Much activity surrounds work, travel and a new idea. You can make what you want happen, but you need to bypass a difficult person in your life. Tonight: Do your own thing.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

**** Pull as far back as possible. Obviously, others don't agree with you. They are challenging and negative. You feel like you can't win for losing. Do nothing. Options appear when someone decides to reveal more opinions and ideas. Tonight: Keep your own counsel.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

**** If you can be more cautious with funds, do so. An unexpected demand from a distance makes you uncomfortable. There are many ways of looking at this situation. Frustration at work increases, but don't take it out on someone else. Tonight: Do something you love.

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SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

**** Aim for what you want. Be clear, but don't be surprised if an obstacle or two crosses your path. Put one foot in front of the other, and move slowly. Confusion besets communications, travel and office gossip. Sort through your choices with care. Tonight: Meet friends.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

**** Others depend on you. But you feel overwhelmed by a partner's neediness. Your creativity suffers because of a lack of spontaneity. Let go of a vision about how a co-worker should behave. Sometimes making fewer judgments serves you, like now. Tonight: Be a star.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

**** Domestic matters prove demanding, and there could be a misunderstanding. You are exhausted, which could color your thinking. Options abound. You might decide an expenditure is out of whack, but it could be beneficial in the long run. Tonight: Take off ASAP.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

**** Discussions with a partner are OK. Mull over a decision. Make a point of not letting a misunderstanding and confusion pressure you. An easygoing pace reveals much more. Don't lose your temper with a family member. Tonight: Hang out with a favorite person.

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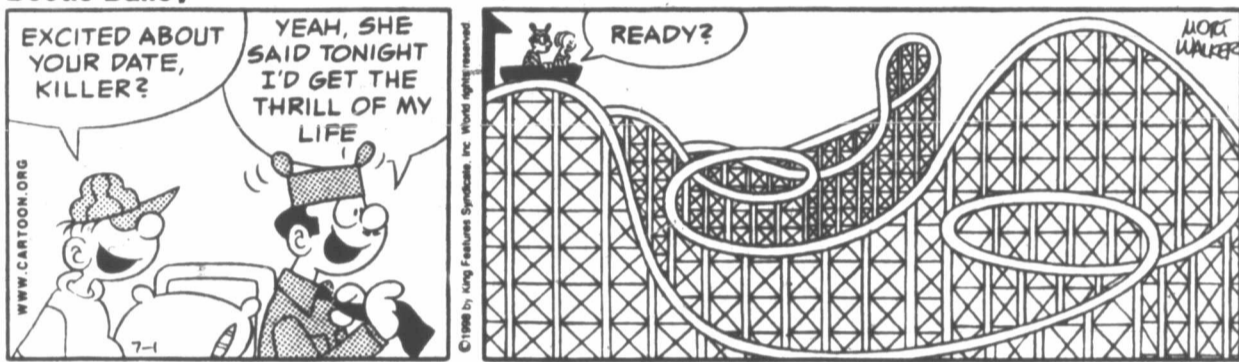
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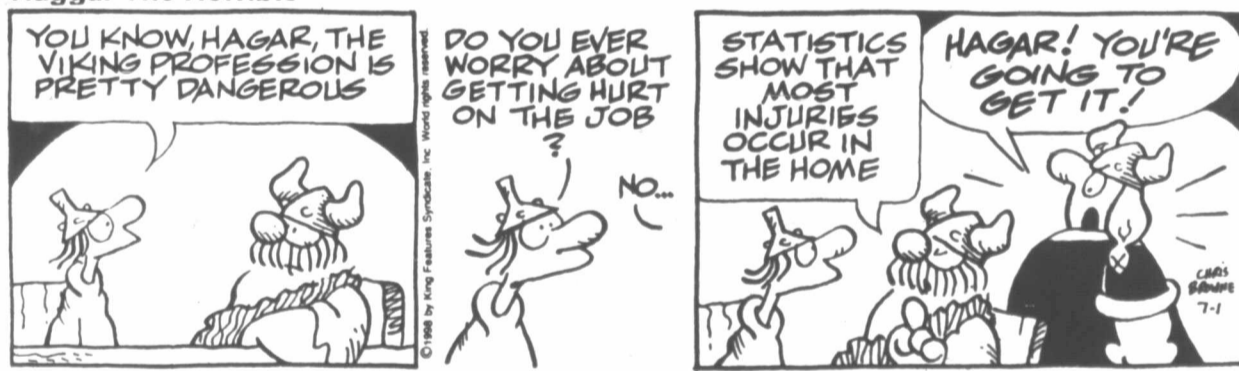
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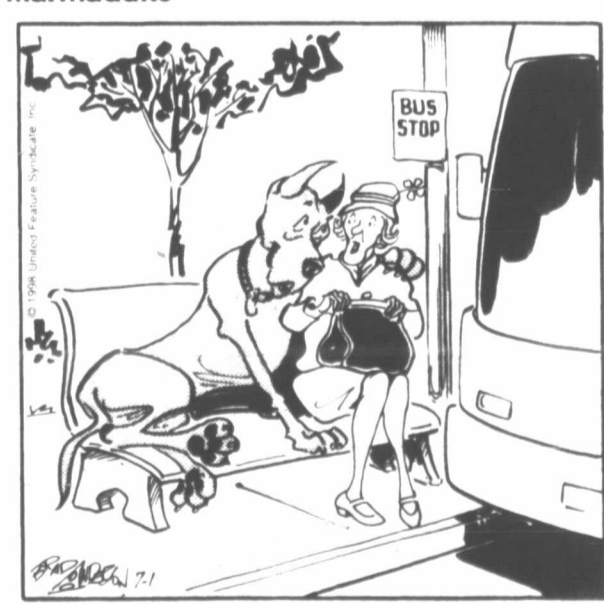
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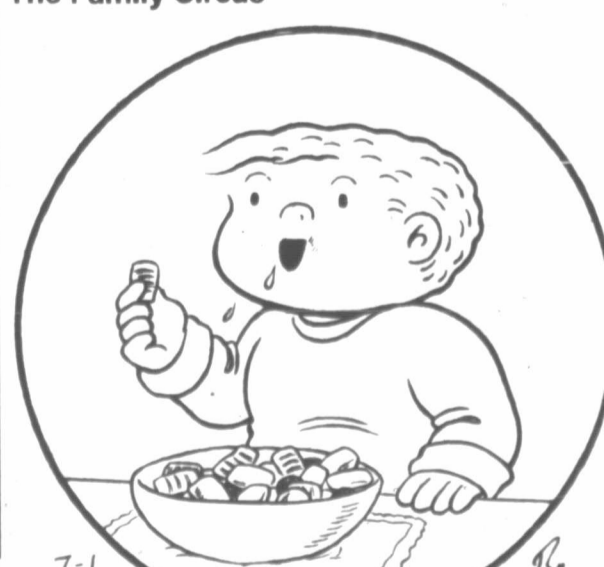
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Football

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — It's time to see how serious the so-called "hometown boy" is about buying a second major sports franchise.

Glen Taylor, who saved the NBA Timberwolves from leaving town four years ago, was considered to be the leading candidate among those who wanted to submit bids for the Minnesota Vikings today.

The nine owners selling the team — president Roger Headrick, the 10th owner, also is expected to make a bid — are being careful not to show favoritism.

Taylor, a self-made billionaire and former state senator who lives in the Mankato area, has said he won't pay any price to buy the Vikings. But he clearly has the appeal, the cash and the clout to make the deal happen, a combination that will be hard for other bidders to match.

Taylor, who bought the Wolves for \$88.5 million in 1994, is among three known bidders expected to submit offers, along with Headrick and San Antonio businessman Red McCombs. Those two were the losers to Tom Clancy's \$200 million bid in February, but they were expected to get back in after Clancy's deal fell apart last month.

The Vikings already have received at least one offer they have filed in the latter category. Shruti Misra of Las Vegas offered \$225 million with \$195 million in cash, but the Vikings quickly and repeatedly scoffed at her interest.

Softball

Pampa Optimist Club 11-12 year old girls softball all-stars were named last week to represent Pampa in Little League district action. The double elimination tournament begins Monday, July 6th in Dumas, Texas. Other area teams in the tournament include: Fritch, Borger, Stinnett, Canadian, Dumas, Gruver, and Spearman. The Pampa All-Stars first game is set to begin at 8:00 p.m. on opening night.

All-Star team members are: Haley Bowen, Abbi Covalt, Chelsey Davis, Teryn Garner, Stacey Johnson, Wendi Miller, Kellie Mullican, Erin Norris, Ashley Parker, Jennie Rogers, Jaclyn Spearman, and Jennie Waggoner. Coaches are Monte Covalt and Terry Garner. Players selected to the all-star team were nominated and voted on by league team managers. The players and coaches would like to invite everyone to take the short drive to Dumas to show support and have some fun at the ballpark.

Baseball

NEW YORK (AP) — While Ken Griffey is second in the chase for the home run record, he's still first in fans' hearts.

The Seattle Mariners outfielder became the leading All-Star vote-getter for the third straight year and fourth time overall, blowing away the competition in American League totals announced Tuesday.

The closest competition was at second base, where Alomar finished 184,000 ahead of the New York Yankees' Chuck Knoblauch (1,650,428). At first base, Thome beat New York's Tino Martinez (993,944) by nearly 200,000 votes.

Ripken had the largest victory margin, finishing with more than four times the total of Cleveland's Travis Fryman (843,642).

NL starters were announced Monday, with McGwire at first, Houston's Craig Biggio at second, Colorado's Walt Weiss at shortstop, Atlanta's Chipper Jones at third and the New York Mets' Mike Piazza at catcher.

Larry Walker of the Colorado Rockies, Tony Gwynn of the San Diego Padres and Barry Bonds of the San Francisco Giants were elected to start in the outfield.

Sampras says tennis is in need of rivalries

WIMBLEDON, England (AP) — Nathalie Tauziat upset second-seeded Lindsay Davenport in straight sets today to reach her first Grand Slam semifinal.

The 16th-seeded Frenchwoman, who had lost her last seven matches to the American, won 6-3, 6-3 and became the first to reach the Wimbledon final four.

"That was by far the best tennis she ever played against me," Davenport said. "She just outplayed me completely today."

Tauziat played an effective serve-and-volley game, while Davenport sprayed errors all over the court. The match ended with Davenport serving a double fault and Tauziat letting out a shriek of delight.

The defeat ended Davenport's bid to reach her fourth straight

Grand Slam semifinal. Tauziat had taken only one set off Davenport since beating her in their first meeting at Wimbledon in 1993.

Tauziat will face the winner of the quarterfinal between Monica Seles and Natasha Zvereva.

Defending champion Martina Hingis faced Arantxa Sanchez Vicario, and Venus Williams took on Jana Novotna.

The men's quarters featured a slugfest between defending champion Pete Sampras and big-serving Australian, Mark Philippoussis.

No. 3 Petr Korda was pitted against Tim Henman, bidding to become the first British man to reach the semifinals since 1973 and the first homegrown men's champion since 1936.

The 1996 champ, Richard

Krajicek, faced little-known Davide Sanguinetti, a 65th-ranked Italian. Krajicek aggravated an injury to his right knee in his fourth-round win over Wayne Ferreira and said he wasn't sure whether he would be fully fit.

In the other match, former two-time finalist Goran Ivanisevic was up against Jan Siemerink.

"I'm playing maybe the best tennis I've ever played here," said the 14th-seeded Croatian, who had won just one match in his five previous Grand Slam events. "Maybe this is the breakthrough, maybe this is the Grand Slam. After five poor ones, there has to be a good one."

Sampras, on course for his fifth Wimbledon title in six years, said Tuesday that men's tennis needs rivalries, personalities and NBA-

type marketing to boost its sagging popularity.

Referring to his short-lived rivalry with Andre Agassi a few years ago, he said, "You definitely need Americans playing well to have this game be successful in the States."

Sampras also reflected on the success of the 1970s and early '80s when Bjorn Borg, John McEnroe and Jimmy Connors played each other in numerous Grand Slam semifinals and finals.

"They were all different personalities and they all hated each other," he said. "It's great theater. And now, it's sad but true. That's what the game needs. It needs a little controversy. It needs a Dennis Rodman type of guy."

"You need a hatred, or whatever

you want to call it. You need a rivalry. You need something so that people not following the game might follow the game."

Sampras, who has been criticized for being "boring" and not doing enough to generate interest in the game, said it's not his job to make waves.

"I'm obviously worrying about my tennis," he said. "There's only so much I can do."

So don't expect Sampras to start imitating Rodman.

"I'm pretty normal," he said. "Because you play good tennis, everyone thinks there's got to be something a little bit quirky about you, and there really isn't about me. I'm kind of your normal guy that happens to play good tennis, and that's really it. There's not a lot to analyze with me."

NBA locks out players

By CHRIS SHERIDAN
AP Basketball Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — The NBA is closed today. Doors won't be reopening anytime soon.

For the third time in four years, a lockout is in effect. This latest one began at 12:01 a.m., looking like it will last throughout the summer.

"The league is locking us out. We want to play," players union president Patrick Ewing said. "There's still a lot of time before the season starts, so we'll see what happens."

Without any 11th-hour negotiations taking place, the lockout commenced without any discernible fanfare. A work stoppage was so much of a certainty that the league office announced it almost 36 hours in advance.

Team personnel are now barred from speaking to their own players or any of the 148 free agents, including Michael Jordan, Scottie Pippen and Dennis Rodman of the Chicago Bulls, who will now have to wait indefinitely to see where — and whether — they'll be playing next year.

"We're more unified this time," said Ewing, part of a massive overhaul of union leaders since the last time the league imposed a brief lockout in 1996. "We're strong. We believe in what we're doing. We're fighting for our rights."

Such strong words of unity could be put to the test if the lockout extends into the beginning of next season. Most players aren't due to receive their first paychecks until Nov. 15, and the league may want to see how players with \$2 million contracts and \$2 million lifestyles react to a significant loss of cash flow.

Many around the league predict the lockout will last at least

into mid-December, basing their feelings on factors like the owners negotiating a new \$2.6 billion television contract that obliges NBC and Turner Sports to make their first-year payment even if a lockout remains in force. That money would later be "returned" in the form of reduced payments over the final three years of the deal or, in TNT's case, the right to broadcast additional games.

The NBA said it had no choice but to stop operating until it could find a way to bring the salary growth in line with revenue growth.

The collective bargaining agreement that expired at midnight was supposed to run for six years. But owners had the right to reopen it if the amount of money being paid toward player salaries exceeded 51.8 percent of basketball-related income. That number has grown to 57 percent.

"David (Stern) said he wants that number to be between 48 and 50 percent. He asked me for a number and I turned around and asked him for one," said union director Billy Hunter, who has been present for all nine negotiating sessions since early April. "I won't give him a number, because that's a hard (salary) cap."

The last bargaining session a week and a half ago lasted only 30 minutes.

"They say they want cost-certainty. They have cost certainty. They are the ones with the checkbooks," Ewing said. "If they feel Patrick Ewing or Michael Jordan or whoever is not worth what they're paying, then they have the right to say 'No, this is all we can pay.' Then it's up to us to move on or go to another team and get what we feel is right."

"I'll keep doing the things I need to do, working on my game and my conditioning," Olowokandi said. "As much as I need offseason work, this will only motivate me because it stacks the odds against me even more."

Dr. Pepper Champion



Brittany Kindle recently took first place in the 14-year-old girls portion of the Denison-Dr. Pepper Tennis Tournament held recently in Dennison. The Pampa girl, who first picked up a tennis racquet at age 5, won the finals by a score of 6-2, 2-6, 6-1. About 130 youth participated in the tournament. Brittany is the daughter of Eddie and Starla Kindle and she will be a member of the PHS Tennis Team this fall.

Sporadic hitting plagues Rangers

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Rick Helling has been watching Darren Dreifort pitch since they were college rivals, and Helling says he's never seen Dreifort throw better.

Dreifort allowed three hits in eight innings against Texas' potent lineup, and Adrian Beltre hit his first major league homer as the Los Angeles Dodgers beat the Rangers 4-1 Tuesday night.

"He has great stuff, overwhelming stuff," Helling said. "Whenever he can locate like he did tonight, he's going to be tough to hit."

Dreifort (4-5) retired the first 13 batters before Will Clark's double in the fifth inning. He struck out seven and walked none against a team that started the night hitting .292, helping the Dodgers win for the third time in four games.

"He was outstanding, and that was no easy lineup he was facing out there," Dodgers manager Glenn Hoffman said. "We needed that lift. We got good defense, timely hitting and good pitching."

In his previous two starts, Dreifort left with a lead, only to watch the Dodgers bullpen give it back. But against the Rangers, Antonio Osuna pitched the ninth for his fifth save.

"Everything went right," Dreifort said. "C.J. (catcher Charles Johnson) called a great game, the defense was great, and getting a four-run lead made it easy."

Raul Mondesi went 2-for-3 with a double and a triple for the Dodgers.

Fernando Tatis' one-out homer in the sixth ended Dreifort's bid for his second career shutout and narrowed Los Angeles' lead to 4-1. The run ended Texas' scoreless streak of 21 innings.

Otherwise against Dreifort, the Rangers only got a seventh-inning double from Juan Gonzalez.

Helling (11-4) failed to become the first 12-game winner in the majors and hurt his bid for a spot on the American League All-Star team. All-Star pitchers and reserves are to be announced today.

"I think he's deserving, certainly, with 11 wins," Oates said.

Helling gave up four runs and eight hits, struck out seven and walked four as Texas lost its third straight.

The Dodgers took a 1-0 lead in the second when Paul Konerko walked, went to second on a wild pitch and scored on Matthew Luke's double. Los Angeles made it 2-0 in the fifth when Mondesi tripled with two outs and scored on Gary Sheffield's single.

In the sixth, Luke walked and Beltre hit a two-run homer to center in his sixth major league game.

ASU point shaver sentenced

PHOENIX (AP) — Calling sports part of the "fabric of this country," a federal judge gave the alleged mastermind of an Arizona State basketball point-shaving scandal a stiffer sentence than federal prosecutors sought.

Benny Silman, 27, was ordered to serve 46 months in prison for rigging and gambling on the outcome of basketball games during the 1994 season, when he was an Arizona State student. Government attorneys recommended 42 months.

U.S. District Court Judge Robert Broomfield justified the harsher punishment by saying sports were particularly important to America's youth. He said the scandal could discourage poor children from trying to better themselves by succeeding in sports.

"Young people who might have gone that way and improved their lives may be just a little more skeptical," Broomfield said.

Silman entered a plea agreement with prosecutors in April, admitting to five counts of sports bribery.

"Through this all, I think I've realized I was addicted to a lifestyle taken over by drug use, alcohol abuse and gambling," he told the judge Tuesday.

Silman admitted bribing Stevin "Hedake" Smith and

Isaac Burton to miss shots during the 1994 season so he and other gamblers could beat the projected point spread in four games.

Smith and Burton pleaded guilty in December to their role in the scheme. Joseph Gagliano, 29, a Phoenix investment adviser, also pleaded guilty, as did bookmakers Dominic Mangiamele, 61, of Mount Prospect, Ill., and his son, Joseph Mangiamele, 36, of Arlington Heights, Ill.

Silman is the first of the defendants to be sentenced. Assistant U.S. Attorney Joe Lodge said the others would likely receive reduced sentences because they cooperated with investigators.

"I think 46 months in prison sends a message to the next would-be campus 'bookkeeper,'" he said.

Lodge said Silman would likely serve almost all of his prison sentence. He refused to say whether prosecutors were investigating other possible suspects.

Neither Silman, of North Hollywood, Calif., nor his lawyer, David Chenoff, would comment after the sentencing.

At Chenoff's request, Broomfield agreed to recommend that Silman serve his sentence at a federal minimum-security prison camp in Southern California.

Broomfield also agreed to request that Silman be allowed to participate in a 500-hour drug program and ordered him to get counseling for his gambling addiction.

The Mangiameles, Smith and Burton are to be sentenced Sept. 28; Gagliano's sentencing is set for Sept. 14.

The alleged conspirators placed more than 61 bets totaling \$506,000 on the basketball games in what the FBI said was a major sports gambling scandal.

A federal grand jury returned a 72-count indictment in December against the Mangiameles, Silman and Gagliano, accusing them of sports bribery, money laundering and racketeering.

Smith, the Sun Devils' No. 2 all-time leading scorer, agreed to fix the four games for \$20,000 a game, in part to erase a reported \$10,000 gambling debt to Silman, according to Smith and Silman's plea agreements. Smith also admitted to recruiting Burton to take part in the scheme. Burton was paid \$4,300 for helping fix two games.

The 1994 games in question were those with Oregon State on Jan. 27, Oregon on Jan. 29, Southern California on Feb. 19 and Washington on March 5.

England's World Cup loss dubbed a "bitter pill to take"

PARIS (AP) — England hates the penalty shootout. English fans really hate the penalty shootout.

For the third time in eight years at a major tournament, soccer's founding nation fell victim to a newfangled quirk of the game. The seemingly random arrow of five-kicks-a-side, used to bring an end to endless ties, pointed the other way once again.

To make it worse, the opponent was longtime rival and political foe Argentina, which beat England in the Diego Maradona "Hand of God" game 12 years ago.

"We are almost distraught," England coach Glenn Hoddle said after Tuesday's loss that sent the Argentines to a quarterfinal against the Netherlands. "It's a bitter, bitter pill to take.... It's a very difficult way to go out of the tournament."

Back home, the losers were lionized.

"Heroes," the tabloid Express declared on its front page.

British Prime Minister Tony Blair, who watched the match with his children at 10 Downing Street, said the team "showed the English spirit at its very best."

"I think people do feel a sense of frustration because the team had really come into its own," Blair said.

An estimated 28 million people in Britain watched the match, and the national power service said electricity usage surged to levels registered when the "Who Shot J.R.?" episode of "Dallas" was shown in Britain in 1985. British Airways said it was sending a supersonic Concorde to bring the team home.

Street violence was reported in Argentina and England in the hours after the game.

As England's notorious fans with tickets filed out of Saint-Etienne's Stade Geoffrey Guichard and those without shuffled out of the city's bars, there was some violence, although not on the scale of the

very hard to watch it from the sidelines. ... It's very sweet to send the English back home. Very sweet."

The victory kept Argentina's record in World Cup shootouts perfect — 3-0, making 11 of 14 shots.

Argentina's victory completed the quarterfinal pairings. The Argentines will play the Dutch at Marseille on Saturday. Croatia, which defeated Yugoslavia 1-0 in Tuesday's other game, will face Germany in Lyon, also Saturday.

Friday's games are Italy-France at Saint-Denis and Brazil-Denmark at Nantes. Wednesday and Thursday are the first off days since the tournament began June 10.

At Saint-Etienne, Argentina goalkeeper Carlos Roa made the stop on David Batty's penalty kick to win the shootout 4-3 after 120 minutes of gripping action left the score 2-2.

There were three goals, including two penalties, in the first 16 minutes. England

became entangled with those of Aljosa Asanovic as they chased the ball in the penalty area.

"The penalty was imaginary," Romanian defender Dan Petrescu said. "Or if the referee wanted to give a penalty on that play, we should have gotten at least one, if not two."

In a tournament in which sport and politics are intertwined, Croatia's match with Germany will be a friendly non-friendly. Germany was one of the first countries to recognize the Balkan nation's independence in 1991.

The two teams have already met once in the quarterfinals of a major tournament — the Germans won 2-1 en route to capturing the 1996 European Championship.

"We will do everything to get revenge," Blazevic said. "Let us not forget that Germany is a friend of Croatia, but as everyone knows, there is nothing sweeter than beating your friends."

McGwire ties record for most homers before break

If Mark McGwire keeps it up, he'll break Roger Maris' home run record. He might have company, though.

McGwire tied Reggie Jackson's record for most homers before the All-Star break, hitting No. 37 in St. Louis' 6-1 loss to Kansas City on Tuesday night. But Seattle's Ken Griffey Jr. and Sammy Sosa of the Chicago Cubs each hit No. 33 to keep pace in their pursuit of Maris' mark of 61 homers in 1961.

McGwire, who also singled and doubled, hit a 472-foot shot off Glendon Rusch in the seventh inning in St. Louis.

"It was impressive," Rusch said. "I turned around and watched just like everybody else did."

Jackson had 37 homers in 92 games for Oakland before the 1969 All-Star break, but hit only 10 more the rest of the season. McGwire has 37 homers in 81 games, with five remaining before next Tuesday's All-Star game in Denver.

"McGwire is so focused and locked in right now, it's unbelievable," Royals manager Tony Muser said.

Sosa extended his major league record for homers in a month by hitting his 20th in June, but the Cubs lost to the Arizona Diamondbacks 5-4.

"Twenty homers and 40 RBIs in one month. I'm sure Sammy hates to see the calendar turn," teammate Mark Grace said.

Griffey hit a solo shot in Colorado's 6-4 win over Seattle, but he flied out with a man on third to end the game as the Mariners completed their worst June in franchise history at 8-20.

Ruschi (6-9), who was shelled in his previous start, held St. Louis to six hits in eight innings.

Jeff Conine drove in two runs and stole home for the Royals, who played in St. Louis for the first time since the 1985 World Series. Kansas City has won seven of nine, while St. Louis has lost six of seven.

Mike Blowers had a two-run single as Oakland scored four in the eighth to complete its first winning month in two seasons.

Jason Giambi drove in three runs and Ben Grieve hit his 12th homer for the A's, who went 15-13 in June. Wally Joyner had a three-run homer and five RBIs for the visiting Padres.

Tigers 3, Pirates 0
Brian Moehler pitched a five-hit shutout for his first road victory this season, and Detroit won in Pittsburgh for the first time since the 1909 World Series.

Pittsburgh shortstop Lou Collier booted an apparent inning-ending grounder in the seventh that led to two Detroit runs.

Blue Jays 6, Mets 3
Roger Clemens struck out a season-high 11, and Jose Canseco and Carlos Delgado hit consecutive homers at Toronto.

Clemens (9-6) pitched a six-hitter and walked one in his second complete game of the season and 11th of his 15-year career. Darrin Fletcher and Alex Gonzalez hit two-run homers for the Blue Jays.

Reds 6, Twins 3
Willie Greene hit a three-run homer as the host Reds won their fifth straight game — their longest winning streak in nearly a year.

Brett Tomko (7-6) got his second consecutive win in interleague play after losing five straight to NL opponents. He gave up three runs and six hits in 6 2-3 innings, and Jeff Shaw pitched the ninth for his 22nd save.

Braves 7, Devil Rays 2
Andres Galarraga homered in his first two at-bats at Tropicana Field after missing five games with a sore back.

The homers were the 26th and 27th of the year for Galarraga, who has five two-homer games this season and 24 in his career. Denny Neagle (9-6) allowed five hits in six innings to win for just the second time in his last seven decisions.

Astros 17, White Sox 2

Jeff Bagwell and Moises Alou each hit two homers at the Astrodome for Houston, which matched a season-high with 18 hits and scored its most runs since 1995.

The Astros improved to 9-3 against AL teams. They have outscored their AL opponents 57-13 in their last five wins in inter-league play.

Marlins 7, Orioles 5
Cliff Floyd drove in four runs as visiting Florida rallied from a five-run deficit to hand the Orioles their seventh straight loss.

Rafael Palmeiro homered from Baltimore, which tried a new lineup to shake up the offense, but fell a season-high nine games under .500.

Yankees 9, Phillies 2
David Cone (11-2) struck out 11 and pitched a five-hitter to become the AL's third 11-game winner.

New York, swept in a three-game interleague series last season in Philadelphia, beat the Phillies for the first time since the fourth and final game of the 1950 World Series. Darryl Strawberry hit a solo home run and an RBI single for the host Yankees.

Brewers 5, Indians 4
At Milwaukee, Cal Eldred defeated Cleveland for the first time since 1992 and singled for the first two RBIs of his career.

The Brewers won for the seventh time in eight games and improved to 8-4 in interleague play. Eldred (4-5), who had lost seven straight decisions to Cleveland, allowed seven hits in six innings.

Angels 4, Giants 3
Garret Anderson's three-run homer highlighted a four-run sixth inning that lifted Anaheim over visiting San Francisco.

The Angels went 22-6 in June, a franchise high for wins in any month.

Chuck Finley (8-4) gave up three runs and seven hits in 6 1-3 innings, and Troy Percival pitched the ninth for his major league-leading 25th save.

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Diamondbacks 5, Cubs 4
Despite Sosa's solo shot in the eighth at Wrigley Field, the Cubs lost for the eighth time in nine games.

Two fans from the standing room-only crowd of 39,307 ran onto the field, reaching Sosa as he rounded second base, but security guards quickly tackled them and escorted them off.

Rockies 6, Mariners 4
Colorado broke a 4-4 tie in the seventh at Seattle with an unearned run, then added a run in the eighth on Randy Johnson's wild pitch.

Pedro Astacio (6-8) got the victory, giving up four runs and seven hits in 7 1-3 innings. Johnson (8-6) allowed six runs and 10 hits in eight innings. He struck out 12, walked one and threw two wild pitches.

Red Sox 7, Expos 4
At Boston, Nomar Garciaparra singled to extend his hitting streak to 21 games — the longest in the majors this season — and Damon Buford went 3-for-3 with three RBIs for the Red Sox.

Steve Avery (5-2) allowed two runs and four hits over six innings to rebound from his worst outing of the year. Tom Gordon pitched the ninth for his 24th save.

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Johnathon Carr and Logan Howard are seen here watercoloring. The children are participating in the Pampa Fine Arts Summer Arts Program at Travis Elementary this week.

New low recorded for out-of-wedlock, black births in annual report

WASHINGTON (AP) — After a steady drop through the 1990s, the birth rate for unmarried black women reached a record low in 1996, as more women used more reliable forms of birth control.

Still, a larger percentage of black single women had a child out of wedlock than whites, though an even greater percentage of unmarried Hispanics gave birth, according to an annual report released Tuesday that reviewed all 3.9 million birth certificates from 1996.

The report said the birth rate for single black women was the lowest level since the government began recording the statistic in 1969.

"This is an important trend worth tracking," said Kristen Moore, senior research associate at Child Trends, a research firm in Washington. "At the same time, the rates remain fairly high."

The report by the National Center for Health Statistics, part of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, also found:

—A record 6,000 babies were born in sets of three, four or more in 1996, a one-year leap of 19 percent and a huge jump from the days before fertility drugs.

—A continued drop in the number of women smoking while pregnant, although there was an increase in the number of pregnant teen-agers who smoke. Overall, 13.6 percent of pregnant women smoked, down steadily from 20 percent in 1989.

—An increase, for the seventh year running, in the number of women receiving early prenatal care. Improvements were tallied for women in all racial and ethnic groups, with more than eight in 10 women seeing a doctor during the first trimester. Teen-agers were least likely to get this important early care.

Overall, the birth rate for unmarried women

remained virtually unchanged after steady increases through the 1980s.

In 1996, it fell 1 percent, to 44.8 births per 1,000 unmarried women from 45.1 per 1,000 unmarried women of childbearing age giving birth. For white women, the rate edged up slightly, to 2.8 percent; for Hispanics, it was down a bit, to 9.3 percent.

But for non-Hispanic blacks, the birth rate fell to 74.4 per 1,000 after peaking in 1989 at 90.7 per 1,000. That was an 18 percent drop. The previous low was 75.2 births per 1,000 in 1984.

The decline is due in part to a sharp decrease in the birth rate among black teen-agers, although older, unmarried black women are also giving birth less often, said Stephanie J. Ventura, lead author of the government's annual report.

There are many programs to serve unmarried teens, Moore noted, but few for older black women. "These are women stepping forward themselves," she said. "As a researcher, we don't know why yet."

Ventura pointed to the government's 1995 national survey of families that found increased use of condoms.

Among black women ages 20 to 24, condom use tripled between 1988 and 1995. In addition, women were more likely to use long-lasting methods such as Norplant, a contraceptive implanted in the arm, and Depo Provera, a birth control injection.

Other explanations are harder to come by, said Moore. Citing the 1995 government survey, she said nearly three in four pregnancies of black women are unintended — including married and single women. Overall, 60.4 percent of unintended pregnancies ended in abortion.

For white women, 43 percent of pregnancies were unintended, she said.

Economists: Feds won't raise interest rates in view of slowing economy

WASHINGTON (AP) — With signs emerging that the U.S. economy finally is slowing down, the Federal Reserve is unlikely to raise interest rates, analysts say.

Fed policy-makers scheduled to conclude a two-day meeting today were expected to leave the benchmark rate on overnight loans between banks unchanged at 5.5 percent.

It's been at that level since the last change in rates, a quarter of a percentage point increase, in March 1997.

Raising U.S. rates would risk destabilizing already rocky Asian financial markets by giving investors another reason to transfer their money to the United States.

Plus, the American economy appears to be slowing on its own from growth rates that could generate inflation pressures if they persisted. And consumer price inflation, running at a 1.5 percent annual rate during the first five months of the year, appears well-contained.

"The need to tighten (interest rates) isn't that pronounced," said economist Bob Dederick of Northern Trust Co. in Chicago. "There is some evidence that inflation has passed its best, but no evidence it's become anything remotely fearsome. ... Meanwhile, you have a public and a stock market that would be saying, 'Why are you doing this to me?'"

Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan, in his last congressional testimony on the economy, on June 10, voiced concern that a shortage of labor would produce

wage pressures that would in turn produce faster price increases.

Unemployment in April and May sank to a 29-year-low of 4.3 percent and as a consequence consumer confidence, as measured by the New York-based Conference Board, hit a 29-year high in June.

Greenspan warned that higher

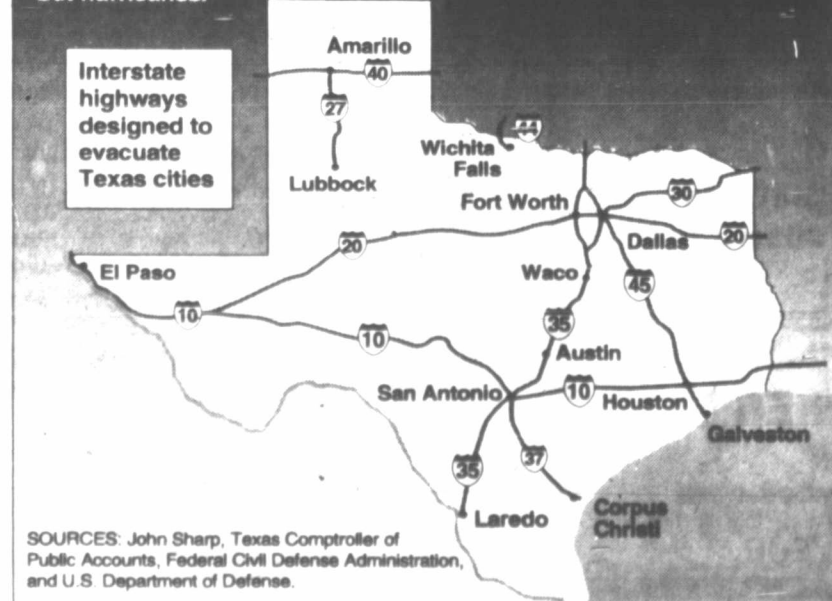
interest rates may be necessary to guard against a buildup of pressures, but gave no hint that the increase was imminent.

Economists said he and other Fed officials undoubtedly are nervous that raising U.S. rates will touch off renewed financial turbulence in Asia.

Keeping an eye on Texas

Interstates provide '50s evacuation plan

Texas interstate highways were designed in the 1950s in part for evacuation in case of nuclear war. The Department of Defense identified 185 areas in the U.S. as primary targets in a nuclear war, including sites in Texas, and thought of the interstate highways as the most efficient way of evacuating the inhabitants of these areas. Fortunately, in the history of Texas interstate highways, only coastal routes have been used for evacuation, not because of nuclear war, but hurricanes.



Medicare adds new benefits

WASHINGTON (AP) — Elderly and disabled Americans covered by Medicare can get help paying for osteoporosis screenings and diabetes management starting today.

Congress and President Clinton agreed to the new Medicare benefits in last year's balanced budget deal. Beneficiaries using them will be responsible for the program's usual deductibles and co-payments.

About half of American women over age 50 suffer from osteoporosis — a disease that robs bones of calcium, making them brittle — or the low bone mass that precedes it. Men also can be afflicted, and Medicare spends 3 percent of its \$200 billion budget treating broken bones related to the disease.

Now, Medicare beneficiaries at risk will be able to get bone density screenings once every two years, with the full range of measurement devices approved by the Food and Drug Administration covered across the country.

"These simple, painless tests are better predictors of the risk of fracture than ... blood pressure is for stroke, yet they are currently used even less

frequently," said Dr. Robert Lindsay, president of the National Osteoporosis Foundation.

In the past, bone density tests have been covered only in some places under Medicare's policy of gradually instituting most new benefits as medical advances are accepted by local doctors.

Medicare also will offer new help for the 12 percent of beneficiaries who have diabetes reimbursement for blood-sugar monitors, testing strips and lancets.

Diabetes impairs the body's ability to produce or respond properly to insulin, a hormone that helps convert sugar in the bloodstream into energy.

Until now, Medicare has covered monitoring supplies only for diabetics requiring insulin injections. Now, other diabetics who manage their disease using diet and exercise or oral medication will also be covered when a doctor prescribes self-testing.

Medicare will also cover self-care training sessions for diabetics in doctors offices or clinics. In the past, only hospital-based training programs were covered.

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