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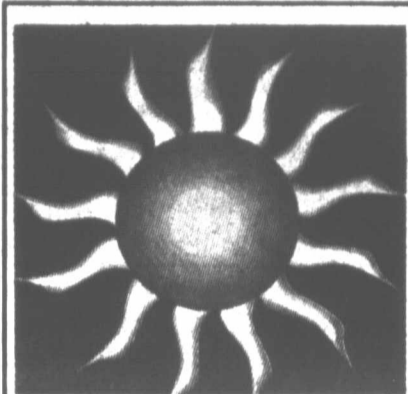
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**PAMPA** — U.S. Rep. Mac Thornberry will be in Pampa Wednesday to greet the public and tour The Harvest House at 736 S. Cuyler. Everyone is invited.

**PAMPA** — The City of Pampa's Landfill will be closed on Friday, July 3rd in observance of Independence Day. The landfill will resume normal operation on Saturday, July 4th, 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Trash pickup routes will not be run on Friday, July 3rd, but will resume normal operations Monday, July 6.

The Recycling Center will be open their normal working hours on Thursday, 12 p.m.-6 p.m., Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

**FORT WORTH, (AP)** — An American Airlines flight almost landed by mistake at an Air Force base near Omaha, Neb., instead of at the Omaha airport, the Federal Aviation Administration said.

American flight 1308 from Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport to Omaha's Eppley Airfield came within seconds of landing at Offutt Air Force Base about 2 p.m. June 6, FAA spokesman Roland Herwig told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram for a story in Tuesday's editions.

An air traffic controller in Omaha spotted the mistake on radar and told the pilot, who aborted the landing, Herwig said.

• **Sherry Dian Hyatt Henderson**, 58, clerk for Gray County Justice of the Peace Margie Prestidge.

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## More drought-driven fires break out



Some 19 agencies, including volunteer fire departments from Skellytown, Hoover and Carson County, were involved in fighting a range fire near Fritch Monday as temperatures soared to over 100 degrees for the eighth day in a row and thick smoke obscured the sun, above. Weather officials were predicting a ninth day of 100 plus degree temperatures as firefighters continued today to battle the blaze.

### Fire engulfs 5,000 acres; still isn't out

By DAVID BOWSER  
Staff Writer

FRITCH — National Park Service officials said today the range fire that burned an estimated 5,000 acres, while not out, was contained.

By mid-morning today, the fire had burned to within a mile and a half of Fritch, according to Dale Thompson with the National Park Service. The cause of the blaze is not known.

"It's still alive," Thompson said of the blaze.

Firefighters from Skellytown and Hoover joined fire fighting units from the National Park Service, Carson County, Potter County, Pantex, Amarillo, Gruver, Fritch, Stinnett and other area towns Monday to battle a range fire that spread across Palo Duro Ranch and Alibates National Monument near Lake Meredith.

A thin orange line of flickering flame extending for miles separated green mesquite and dry, yellow buffalo grass from the charred, blackened breaks south

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## Another holdup Armed robber hits store

A manhunt was launched early today for the robber of a Pampa convenience store.

Pampa police officers said a lone gunman walked into the Allsup's Convenience Store at 309 N. Hobart about 3 a.m. today and took an undetermined amount of cash at gunpoint.

This is the second robbery in the last four days. A man matching the same description robbed the Allsup's store at 140 S. Starkweather last Friday.

Authorities described the robber as a Hispanic man about 5-foot 9 inches tall and weighing about 130 pounds. Officers said he was wearing a tee

shirt, jeans and a ski mask.

Officers said the robber pulled a black revolver and threatened the store clerk, demanding money.

Police officials said no vehicle was seen. The robber fled on foot.

There were no customers in the store at the time of the robbery, officers said.

Police are investigating to see if there is a connection. Anyone with information can call the Pampa Police Department or Crime Stoppers at 669-2222. Callers can remain anonymous.

## Quarrel outcome may result in attempted murder charge

A domestic quarrel could result in attempted murder charges against a Pampa man.

Authorities said a 39-year-old Pampa man was being questioned today in connection with injuries suffered by his wife.

Pampa police officers said they were called to the scene of a domestic quarrel in the 1300 block of Coffee overnight.

The quarrel apparently started about 11 p.m.

Monday and lasted until about 1 a.m. today.

Officers said a 27-year-old woman suffered bruises to her face and head. Officers said it appeared that the man being questioned had hit and kicked her.

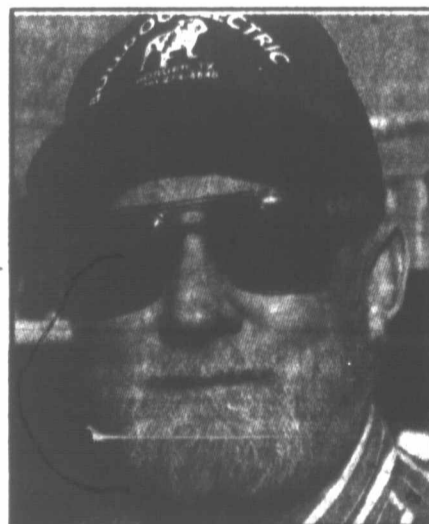
Police took the man to Gray County jail about 1:30 a.m. today for questioning after he reportedly pulled a utility knife on the woman.



(Pampa News photos by David Bowser)  
Jim Ruth of the Skellytown Fire Department packs up a hose on his tank truck to go get more water to battle the blaze Monday that burned an estimated 5,000 acres of range land near Lake Meredith. National Park Service personnel today said the blaze threatened the resort community of Fritch.

## Quite frankly... Because it is so dry should fireworks sales be banned?

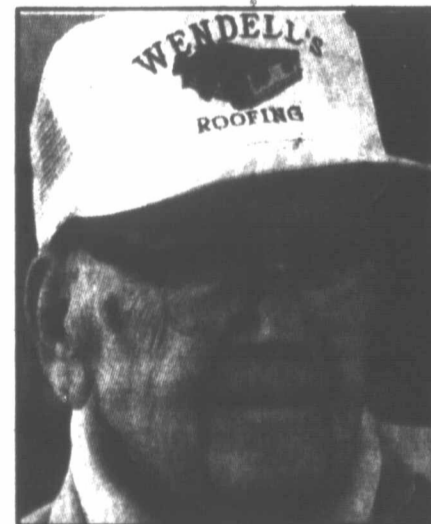
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-- Travis Taylor



"I think they should be banned."  
-- E. W. Baker



"Probably so."  
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"I've got kids. They look forward to fireworks on the Fourth of July. It's like having Christmas without the presents."  
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## Animals on Assignment



Children from the Zion Lutheran Church's vacation Bible school participated in the "Animals on Assignment" recently. Using examples of different Biblical animals the 30 or so children were taught that just as we love and take care of God's creatures, that God takes care of their needs also, especially their spiritual need of salvation. The children used their VBS offering money to purchase approximately 150 pounds of food for the dogs and cats at the Pampa animal shelter. Several children also made feeding dishes that were given to the shelter. The slogan for VBS was P.A.W.S. (Please Ask Whose my Savior). The children all made PAWS bead bracelets so they could witness to the community. Back row (left), Kori Dunn, Collin Lewis and Frankie Hildenbrand. Third row (left), Sandra Schuneman, Jessica Howe, Christopher Hasskari, Meagan Clark, Haylee Carlyle, Julie Shuneman, Heath Skinner, Kristen Dunn, Kasey Tindol, Britnee Ledbetter, Halei Skinner and Jade Skinner. Second row (left), Monty Montgomery, Caanan Rhoads, Shanda Roberts, Rachel Pfennig, Nicholas Riley, Stephanie Hasskari, Lindsey Riley, A.J. Ledbetter, Callie Hampton, K'Lyn Homes, Karissa Noack, Alex Shuneman, Ashley Shipman, Courtney Honeycutt and Hayden Skinner. Front row (left), Corbin Rhoads, Ronnie Frith, Scotty Frith and Cora Pfennig.

# Business highlights...

### Home sales hit record level

WASHINGTON (AP) — New home sales rose to a record level in May and, with mortgage rates hovering under 7 percent, analysts expected strong sales through the summer.

"I foresee a very solid third quarter," said economist Paul Taylor of America's Community Bankers, a trade organization for savings institutions.

Sales last month edged up 0.3 percent to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 890,000 last month, the highest since the government began tracking them in 1963, the Commerce Department said Monday.

### Stakes in Fox, Dodgers to be sold to public

NEW YORK (AP) — Stakes in the Fox network, Los Angeles Dodgers and other parts of News Corp.'s vast entertainment and sports empire will be sold in a public stock offering by Rupert Murdoch's media conglomerate.

News Corp. announced Monday that the Fox Group, which also includes the 20th Century Fox movie studio and several cable channels, will become a separate publicly traded company. News Corp. will offer the public up to 20 percent of the new stock.

The company hopes the move will benefit News Corp.'s overall stock price by allowing investors to judge Fox's entertainment and sports business on its own. The strategy paid immediate dividends, as News Corp. shares jumped \$3.56 1/4, or 12 percent, to close at \$33.06 1/4 on the New York Stock Exchange after the announcement.

### Efforts to end two strikes intensify

DETROIT (AP) — Efforts to end two crippling strikes against General Motors Corp. intensified Monday after the chief negotiators for the automaker and the United Auto Workers met for the first time in more than two weeks.

GM labor chief Gerald A. Knechtel and UAW Vice President Richard Shoemaker met for about 90 minutes while separate talks by local negotiators continued at each plant. Company and union officials declined to comment on details of the high-level talks.

At the Delphi Flint East parts plant, the president of UAW Local 651, Danny Thetford, said the meeting between Knechtel and Shoemaker was an encouraging sign and may have led to more serious discussions in his local plant negotiations.

### Rockwell to spin off semiconductor business

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Rockwell International Corp. will spin off its semiconductor business to shareholders and cut 3,800 jobs in a major restructuring of the automation and avionics businesses that will remain after the split.

The reorganization announced Monday will include a \$625 million charge, including about \$200 million in cash to cover severance pay, and other costs related to job elimination.

"We must slim down to stay competitive in a very competitive world," said chairman Don H. Davis.

### Pan Am begins its third reincarnation

MIAMI (AP) — Fabled Pan Am Airlines is beginning its third reincarnation after a judge Monday approved a plan to sell the remnants of Pan Am to New England railroad operator Guilford Transportation Industries Inc.

Guilford plans to continue flying charter operations, which were launched after regular flights were canceled Feb. 27. Scheduled passenger service may resume in about a year. Guilford bought the airline's name, jets, parts and flight certificates for \$28.5 million in a plan that also settled or erased Pan Am Corp.'s \$94 million debt.

NationsBank, the largest secured creditor, settled for \$20.5 million, the biggest chunk of money coming out of the bankruptcy case.

## Coastal, S. Texas rains don't dent drought

By JAY JORDEN  
Associated Press Writer

DALLAS (AP) — Hopes for drought-ending summer rain are drying up across most of Texas, except for along the coast and far south where dying remnants of a tropical disturbance pounded residents.

An upper-level low in Mexico could also bring scattered showers and thunderstorms to the Rio Grande Valley and Permian Basin. And isolated storms could dampen North Texas through Wednesday.

But, although a temporary help for lawns, it's not enough for parched farmland and dried-out stock ponds to recover from the drought that has settled over much of the state.

"Most of Texas is supposed to be above-normal on temperature and below-normal on precipitation through July, August and September," said Joe Harris with the National Weather Service in Fort Worth.

"There's just not much relief out there," he said Monday. "In North Texas, we'd have to get a system like what hit the Houston area to feel better."

As much as 8.3 inches of rain fell in the 24 hours ending Monday morning in Matagorda County, with 6 inches around Clute and up to 5 inches in eastern Chambers County as remnants of a tropical disturbance swept through.

As the disturbance associated with an upper-level low pressure system moved into northern Mexico, it dumped 2-3 inches of rain in Medina and Frio counties near San Antonio.

But away from the coast and South Central Texas, the picture is bleaker.

The Pacific's El Nino weather phenomenon that brought record rain to California, with tornadoes and flooding in the Southeast, is slowly yielding to sibling La Nina. It brings dry conditions to the South and cold, wet conditions to the North.

Now about three months old, this year's Texas drought has already dried up \$517 million in crops, costing \$1.7 billion to the overall state economy, agricultural economists have said.

More than one million acres of cotton, the state's largest field crop, have now been abandoned, according to unofficial estimates.

Carl Anderson, Texas A&M University cotton economist, told the Houston Chronicle yields are expected to be one-half or less of normal on dryland fields stretching from the Lower Rio Grande Valley through the Blacklands of Central Texas.

"It would be awfully hard to find any dryland better than half a crop through the Blacklands," he said, adding that unirrigated cotton in the Lubbock area is in "sad, sick shape."

Cotton farmers are abandoning as much as 35 percent of their acreage in the Lubbock area.

Scant showers in the South Plains on June 10 were "just enough to ruin the seed," said

Shawn Wade, director of communications for the Plains Cotton Growers association in Lubbock.

In North Texas, El Nino-driven storms dried up in April, Harris said. At Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport, where 3.5 inches of rain is normal in April, only 1.25 inches fell.

Only 2.38 inches of rain was recorded in May instead of the normal 4.88 and June has been a similar story, with 1.75 inches instead of the usual 2.98.

"And that's during the time when the sun is heating up, evaporation increases and vegetation is sucking moisture out of the ground," Harris said.

## Asian region most costly for foreign workers to live

GENEVA (AP) — Despite Asia's financial crisis, the region still has seven of the world's 10 most expensive cities for foreign workers, according to a survey released Monday.

Hong Kong replaced longtime leader Tokyo, which slipped to second place, at the top of the rankings of 172 cities worldwide.

Another Japanese city, Osaka, and the Chinese metropolises of Beijing, Shanghai, Guangzhou and Dalian also featured in the top 10 of the list compiled by Corporate Resources Group, a consulting firm based in Geneva.

In comparison, New York City was ranked in 21st place. Houston, the only Texas city on the list, was No. 68, less expensive than New York, Miami, Los Angeles, Chicago, Honolulu and San Francisco, but more expensive than Washington, D.C., Boston, Detroit, Atlanta and others.

The financial crisis, which hit

Southeast Asia hardest, knocked some of that region's cities from their previous pricey ratings.

Seoul, South Korea, fell this year to 48th place from 7th a year earlier. Bangkok, Thailand; Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia; Manila, Philippines, and Jakarta, Indonesia, all of which were comparable to New York City in last year's rankings, are now among the world's least expensive cities.

The study, conducted in March, measures the relative cost of goods and services. New York is used as the benchmark with 100 index points.

The study said Chinese cities are becoming more pricey despite low inflation rates. Japanese cities are becoming cheaper because of the falling value of the nation's currency, the yen.

Moscow, which dropped to 4th place in the rankings from 3rd place last year, remains Europe's

most expensive city. Another Russian city, St. Petersburg, went up to 8th from 10th place, and London jumped to 10th position from 14th last year.

The report said London became costlier because of its strong currency, the pound.

Four of the world's 10 least expensive cities are in Africa: Johannesburg, South Africa; Kinshasa, Congo; Blantyre, Malawi, and Harare, Zimbabwe, which ranked at the bottom.

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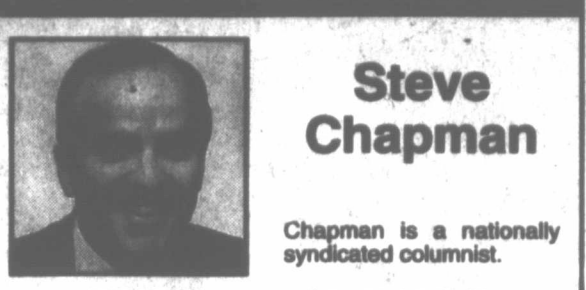
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# A communist in a hurry

A communist was once defined as a liberal in a hurry, and though communism is dead, there are still some liberals impatient with the sluggish processes of democracy. Strict gun-control measures often fail to appeal to elected legislators who must answer to the voters at regular intervals. So, inspired by anti-tobacco forces, proponents are turning to the courts in the hope that juries will be more accommodating.



**Steve Chapman**  
 Chapman is a nationally syndicated columnist.

Most of us would not consent to being governed by a one-man dictatorship or a three-person junta, but increasingly, we are allowing ourselves to be ruled by a dozen people elected by no one. Americans decided long ago to let people to make and smoke cigarettes — and to buy and use guns — but what Americans want may no longer be relevant.

Faced with the possibility of ruinous jury verdicts, the tobacco companies have entered into a settlement that would give them some protection against liability in exchange for new restrictions on sales and advertising.

Now, lawyers are trying the same strategy against guns. Recently attorneys for the MacArthur Justice Center at the University of Chicago filed a lawsuit against several firearms manufacturers, asking that the companies be held financially responsible for murders committed with handguns they made. Chicago Mayor Richard M. Daley promptly announced that the city might file its own suit in an attempt to force manufacturers and retailers to change the way they do business.

Of course, the city could take that issue up with the General Assembly or the U.S. Congress, which have passed numerous laws regulating the firearms trade. The MacArthur Center lawyers could likewise lobby represen-

tatives to restrict handguns further or ban them outright. But the melancholy fact is that in democratic bodies, the majority generally gets its way. And most Americans have not been convinced that guns are the intolerable threat that anti-gun activists believe. Guns are found in 42 percent of American households, after all, and the vast majority are used responsibly.

Holding manufacturers liable for deaths or injuries inflicted by guns would open them up to endless litigation and virtually unlimited financial obligations. It offers the prospect that firearms, while remaining theoretically legal, could be driven from the market.

The sticking point in the past, however, has been the reluctance of courts to stretch the law to serve this political agenda. Product liability has customarily been limited to goods that are either defective or dangerous in ways not obvious to the consumer — say, if the gas tank explodes when your car is rear-ended. But there was nothing defective in the handguns targeted in the lawsuit: They worked precisely as intended. The problem is that these well-made, legal products were put to illegitimate uses by criminals. But there's no fun and little money in

suing criminals for committing crimes.

The suit says the manufacturers were irresponsible in exercising few controls on the dealers to whom they sold their products. Oh? They sold only to federally licensed retailers, who are subject to an array of regulations enforced by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms. "You don't hold liable the manufacturer of a perfectly functioning, legitimate product, sold to a legitimate purchaser who is entitled to buy it, for what's done by someone else entirely," says Anne Kimball, a Chicago lawyer who represents Smith & Wesson.

The suit also accuses the companies of marketing features prized by criminals, such as firepower, small size, low prices and "fingerprint resistance." But corporations are normally praised when they keep prices down. Firepower is of concern not just to criminals but to people trying to protect themselves against criminals.

A small gun that can be easily concealed may appeal to upstanding folks because 30 states allow ordinary people to carry concealed firearms. And as San Francisco lawyer and gun-control critic Don Kates points out, fingerprint resistance refers to a surface that impedes corrosion from skin oils — but doesn't prevent police from getting prints off of a murder weapon.

The real sin of the manufacturers is making a product that some people dislike and want to eradicate by any means available. As shown by the tobacco experience, that's a hazardous thing to do. We live in a democracy, but if the courts can be persuaded to usurp the policies on guns established by elected officials, democracy may not be worth much.

Opinion

## Time seems right to look at tax cut

■ If a budget surplus materializes, it should be returned to the people.

Samuel Gompers, the founder of the American Federation of Labor, was once asked: What does labor really want? He replied with a simple one-word answer. More.

That sounds a little like the answer President Clinton would give if asked what government under his administration wants. In light of the news that the federal government is expected to run a \$39 billion surplus this year, that the number-crunchers at the Office of Management and Budget expect a total of \$495 billion in surpluses between 1999 and 2003 — and that the administration views those figures as conservative — that is not a satisfactory answer.

In announcing the surplus, President Clinton reverted to school-marmish mode. The surplus is good news, he said, but don't go thinking about a tax cut — at least not this year. Although some selfish types "now want to raid the surplus," he said, we have to fix Social Security first. "That does not mean that in the future there could never be a tax cut," he reassured us. We can open a debate next year. But not yet.

Sorry, Mr. President, but debate about a tax cut has already begun, and well it should have. The federal government takes a larger percentage of the Gross Domestic Product than at any time since World War II, although the share has remained steady in recent years. Taxpayers deserve a break, and sooner rather than later.

For starters, it will take longer than a year, and quite possibly more drastic reforms than have yet been contemplated seriously in Congress, to "fix Social Security." The panel chaired by Sen. Bob Kerrey in a report issued recently talked about allowing taxpayers to put some portion of what is deducted from their paychecks into private investments, but the dialogue on such reform has just begun.

Should we move toward something like the Chilean system, in which people have a choice of a private investment vehicle or the old-style government retirement program? The British have changed their retirement plan recently in ways that deserve study. It will take a long time to sort all this out. Tax relief is imperative now. And far from reducing total revenues, intelligent tax cuts could increase them.

In a paper for the Cato Institute, economists Lawrence Kudlow and Stephen Moore, who estimate there will be a \$1 trillion "tax revenue windfall" (almost double the official estimates) over the next five years, attribute much of the windfall to lower capital gains rates. An across-the-board reduction in income tax rates for all taxpayers rather than for a few targeted groups — likely would have a similar stimulative effect on economic activity.

Not everyone will support a tax cut of \$1 trillion over the next five years, as former GOP vice presidential candidate Jack Kemp has proposed to House Speaker Newt Gingrich. But it ought to be on the table.

The economy is growing unemployment and inflation are low, and a tax cut might not seem like an imperative to some people. But not all Americans are participating fully in the economic boom and, believe it or not, things could be better. A tax cut would help substantially.

—Odessa American

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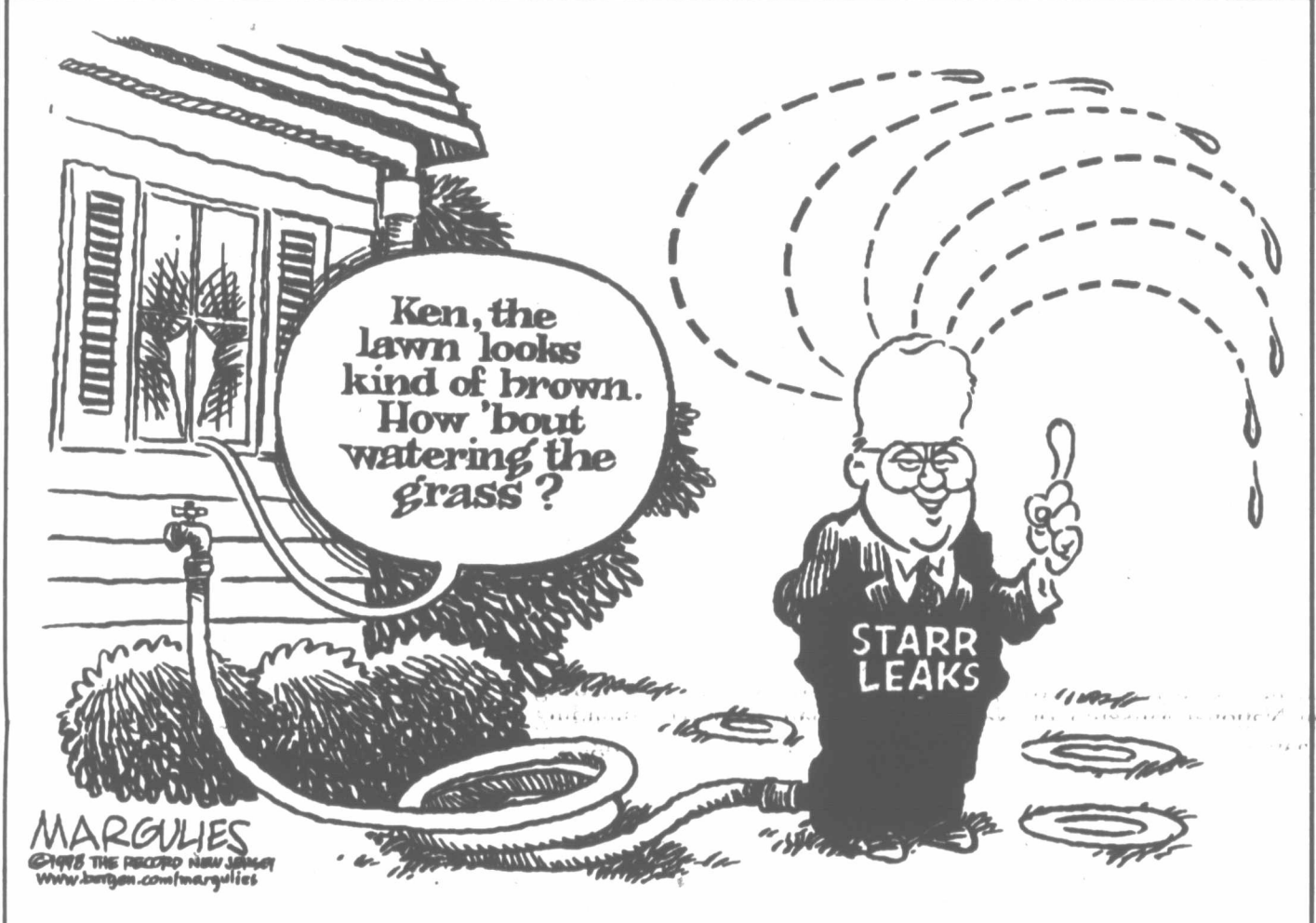
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## Our armed services are in trouble

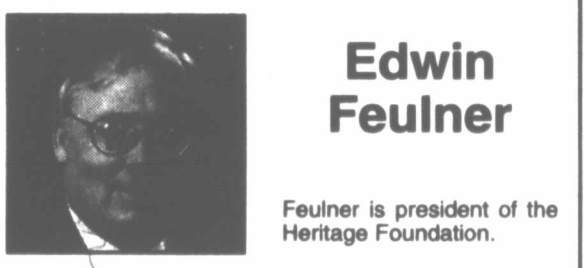
Our boys are in trouble. And girls too for that matter. I'm referring to those serving in our armed services — and the threat appears to be domestic, not foreign.

Last year President Clinton took the advice of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and declined to sign an agreement — the so-called Ottawa Convention — that called for a global ban on land mines. Now the administration is waffling.

In a May 15 letter to Sen. Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., National Security Adviser Sandy Berger wrote: "The United States will sign the Ottawa Convention by 2006 if we succeed in identifying and fielding suitable alternatives to our anti-personnel land mines and mixed anti-tank systems by then."

The problem: There are no suitable alternatives, and Sen. Leahy is trying to codify this mumbo jumbo into law. The kinds of weapons we're talking about are used to protect our troops. Try to envision a Marine or GI — your son or nephew, perhaps — sleeping in a foxhole. Ask yourself whether he would be safer or more at risk with his perimeter protected by mines in case his buddy on sentry duty is wounded or killed.

Commanders, and especially the commander-in-chief, should be able to look the parents of a dead American soldier in the eyes and say, "We did everything we could to protect your son."



**Edwin Feulner**  
 Feulner is president of the Heritage Foundation.

These words would ring hollow if the United States were to de-mine places where U.S. troops are daily at risk, such as South Korea.

Signing the Ottawa Convention would amount to unilateral disarmament by the United States — and lead to unilateral dismemberment of our troops in the field. China, North Korea, India, Iraq and Iran have all rejected invitations to sign this "global" mine ban. Even if they did sign it, only the gullible would trust them to obey it. As The Stars and Stripes newspaper put it, this treaty would be as effective as "a starter pistol at the Battle of the Bulge."

Not that I'm insensitive to the heart-tugging footage of the late Princess Di meeting with one-legged Cambodian children victimized by these crude weapons. But those were mines left behind from wars that ended years earlier. Today, the

United States manufactures only "smart" mines, the kind that self-destruct after a limited time and pose no threat after hostilities cease.

The United States also has been giving millions of dollars annually to international de-mining efforts and conducting research into technologies that will enhance our abilities to find and disable mines that are no longer needed. We should call on other countries to do the same.

Buying into the Ottawa agreement would be another blow against U.S. defenses. On a grander scale, America remains vulnerable to ballistic missile attack thanks to the abandonment of President Reagan's vision of an anti-missile system.

And what about conventional forces? The Pentagon's goal is to be able "to fight two major regional conflicts nearly simultaneously." With the forces we have now, we couldn't fight one Gulf War, much less two.

Consider: President Reagan once had a goal of a 600-ship Navy. The Gipper came close with 569, but President Clinton has reduced the armada to 347. Ditto the Air Force, which has gone from 26 active tactical wings to 13. The Marine Corps, once a force of 199,000, has been downsized to 174,000 active-duty personnel. And the Army has been slashed from 18 active divisions to 10.

From land mines to missile defenses to conventional forces, the sad truth is that our commander-in-chief appears AWOL.

## Sandra Bullock movie gives me hope



**Charley Reese**  
 Syndicated columnist

This is an unabashed, unapologetic plug for Sandra Bullock's new movie, "Hope Floats." Go see it.

First, let me dispose of a conflict of interest. I, as I assume every healthy man in America is, am in love with Sandra Bullock. I now know how Judge Roy Bean felt about Miss Lillie Langtry. If I owned a saloon west of the Pecos River, I'd name it after Miss Bullock.

Of course, I've never met the lady, and it wouldn't do a whit of good if I did because she is young enough to be my daughter and because ill-tempered, ink-stained wretches who look like Vinnie the Enforcer are lucky if waterfront barmaids will let them buy them a drink.

But that aside, "Hope Floats" is an excellent movie, and there is a reason why folks ought to go see it. It is a good story of decent people dealing with the crises that every family faces. It is beautifully photographed, intelligently written, extremely well-acted and well-directed. There's no violence, no profanity, no explosions, no sacrilege, no cynicism and no exploitative sex. There is humor and wit and compassion instead.

So why aren't you folks going to see it? It is not enough to complain about sex and violence and Hollywood decadence. Movie-making is a business, and for that reason, people have leverage. It's called a ticket. If you don't buy tickets to bad movies and you do buy tick-

ets to good movies, you will get fewer bad movies and more good movies. Or vice versa. Trust me. That's the Austrian School of Economics.

Hollywood moguls won't read any letters you write to them, they will brush off the political rhetoric with a campaign donation and they have contempt for the critics. But they read box-office receipts. Bullock apparently put up some of her own money (she's listed as one of the executive producers) to make the very kind of movie so many Americans have been saying they want to see.

Well, it's in the theaters. Go see it. We know there is an audience for bad movies. The question is, is there an audience for good ones? A culture is like a yard. If you curse the weeds but neglect to water and fertilize the flowers, you will end-up with one heck of an ugly yard. It's never enough to condemn evil; we have to praise and support good.

The death knell for any culture is this message: The bad people care, but the good ones don't. It doesn't matter whether the subject is

art, movies, politics or neighborhoods. If we want a good society, then we have to support good people, good art, good movies, good public officials.

Nothing makes a young politician more cynical than to take the heat and do the right thing only to be met with a wall of silence from the very people who had urged him to do what he did. I've seen it happen. I've seen a young public official do the right thing and not get so much as a simple thank you, a postcard or a phone call.

Some folks, of course, just love to gripe. Others have developed a defeatist attitude and perhaps enjoy seeing themselves as martyrs. I prefer action. If you don't like something, do something about it; if you do like something, do something about that too.

I despise a defeatist attitude. To struggle and fight the right thing for the right reason is just as important as winning. Too many people decide ahead of time that they can't win, so they don't fight. The fight itself is a thing of value. Let God worry about the outcome.

Maybe that's why the new Bullock movie appealed to me. It's about fighting despair and retaining hope.

That's a much more inspiring story than some cardboard hero shooting 50 cardboard villains. And besides, Bullock is so beautiful.

# Starr investigation trying to prove obstruction

WASHINGTON (AP) — Linda Tripp, the other woman on the Monica Lewinsky tapes, finally gets her chance to tell a grand jury what she knows about an alleged presidential affair and cover-up.

With prosecutors unable to secure Ms. Lewinsky's cooperation, Mrs. Tripp's appearance today at the U.S. Court House becomes a critical piece in the investigation, as prosecutor Kenneth Starr tries to press beyond proving a sexual relationship between Ms. Lewinsky and President Clinton to possible obstruction of justice and witness tampering.

Mrs. Tripp in 1993 became executive assistant to Clinton's White House counsel, Bernard Nussbaum, and now works for the Pentagon. She precipitated a criminal probe of Clinton in January when she took 20 hours of secretly recorded telephone conversations with Ms. Lewinsky to prosecutors.

But in addition to her discussions with Ms. Lewinsky, Mrs. Tripp had contact last year with presidential confidant Bruce Lindsey and presidential accuser Kathleen Willey at a time when the White House was scrambling to contain potential damage from the Paula Jones sexual harassment lawsuit against the president.

In an interview reported in today's editions of The Washington Post, Mrs. Tripp said she had been vilified unfairly. "I am so anxious to go before the grand jury and tell

the truth," she told the newspaper.

Mrs. Tripp, 48, dismissed allegations that she had betrayed Ms. Lewinsky and had cynically tried to use their friendship as Pentagon co-workers against Clinton. "I did not cultivate Monica — she cultivated me," Mrs. Tripp told the Post. "Monica is a very worldly person. She educated me."

During the 20-minute telephone interview Sunday, Mrs. Tripp refused to discuss Starr's investigation, her taping of Ms. Lewinsky or what she will tell the grand jury, the Post said.

She was expected to spend several days before the grand jury.

"Linda Tripp ... believes the public will have a better understanding of the events that led to this investigation when all of the facts are revealed," said her lawyers, Anthony Zaccagnini and Joe Murtha.

Mrs. Tripp "welcomes the opportunity to testify truthfully," Zaccagnini and Murtha added.

Meanwhile, another legal battle was brewing in secret that threatened to delay Starr's investigation — this one over materials prosecutors subpoenaed from a private investigator used by Clinton's lawyers to help in the president's defense.

Prosecutors reportedly subpoenaed the materials to see whether there was any information dug up by private investigator Terry Lenzner on Ms. Lewinsky or prosecutors in Starr's office. Lenzner

already has appeared before the grand jury.

Legal sources familiar with the dispute, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said Monday that Starr was seeking to have a judge compel Lenzner's company, Investigative Group Inc., to turn over information it has withheld to date.

The company declined to turn over information because Clinton's lawyers have invoked attorney-client and work product privileges — two legal doctrines that give lawyers the right to keep confidential their work and conversations with clients, said the sources, who are outside Starr's office.

Starr's spokesman, Charles Bakaly, declined comment, as did Clinton's attorney, David Kendall. Howard Shapiro, the lawyer for Lenzner's company, also declined comment.

John Douglas, a former Iran-Contra prosecutor, said the concept of attorney work product privilege "typically extends to consultant or other third parties like investiga-

tors who aid an attorney in his or her job."

Douglas said that while the privileges protecting conversations between a client and lawyer are mostly absolute, the work product privilege "is a more qualified privilege and can be overcome by a showing of necessity."

Starr is investigating whether Clinton lied about his relationship with Ms. Lewinsky and urged her to do so. Starr could turn over his findings to the House, the body with the power to begin impeachment proceedings against a president.

Mrs. Tripp was appearing at the same courthouse where Starr and the White House on Monday argued over compelling the testimony of Lindsey, a longtime Clinton friend who is White House deputy counsel.

In a federal appeals court battle, the White House is resisting having Lindsey testify about his conversations with the president, citing the attorney-client privilege.

## Nineteen-year-old wanted in slaying of Marine fighter ace, American hero

ROSEBURG, Ore. (AP) — Marion Carl spent much of his life outracing death in a fighter plane.

He led World War II air battles at Midway and Guadalcanal, where he survived being shot down. Then he became a test pilot and flew higher and faster than anyone before him. In his 50s, the fighter ace returned to combat in Vietnam.

This is how retired Maj. Gen. Carl died: He was shot in the head Sunday night by a robber who kicked in the door of his home and demanded cash from his wife.

"It's a hell of a way to lose a great American hero," said retired Marine Col. Denis J. Keily, spokesman for the Naval Aviation Museum Foundation in Pensacola, Fla. "I guess it's a statement of our times."

Authorities on Monday issued a warrant for the arrest of Jesse Stuart Fanus, a 19-year-old from the area who has a record of arrests on charges including drunken driving, burglary and criminal trespass.

Sheriff's deputies said Carl, 82, was in bed and his wife, Edna, was up reading when a young man wearing wraparound sunglasses, holding a shotgun and accompanied by a German shepherd burst through the side door

and demanded car keys and money.

Carl was shot when he walked into the room, and Mrs. Carl was grazed in the head but not seriously hurt.

The man took \$200 to \$400 in cash and drove off in their car, but abandoned it 10 miles away. A patrolman found the dog walking nearby.

"It appears to be totally random — random and irrational and not thought out," sheriff's Detective Joe Perkins said.

Sheriff's deputies staked out known haunts of Fanus after a tip he may have been involved.

Carl's flying exploits spanned from World War II to Vietnam, in a career that included 18.5 aerial victories.

In 1942, the Oregon native became the first Marine fighter ace, downing three Japanese bombers and a fighter plane over Guadalcanal. He ended his stint at Guadalcanal with 11.5 combat aircraft destroyed, according to the National Museum of Naval Aviation.

In one dogfight, his shot-up Wildcat fighter went down off the coast of Guadalcanal. His official Marine biography says he was "losing his battle to swim ashore against the tide, when he was picked up by friendly natives in a

canoe. After five days with the natives, he finally made his way back to his base."

After the war, Carl became a Navy test pilot, setting a world speed record of 651 mph on Aug. 25, 1947, at Muroc Field, now Edwards Air Force Base, in California. But his fame was fleeting and soon forgotten.

Chuck Yeager, the Air Force's top test pilot, wrested away the title of world's fastest human by breaking the sound barrier two months later, also at Muroc. He flew a Bell X-1 rocket plane at Mach 1.07 — 700 mph — on Oct. 14.

In 1953, Carl set a world altitude record of 83,235 feet and two years later flew U-2 photo reconnaissance missions over China.

"One time I'd flown higher than anybody and another time I'd flown faster than anybody. I think I was one of the very few who had accomplished that," he told The Associated Press in an interview last year.

He returned to combat during the Vietnam War, commanding the 2nd Marine Air Wing. He retired in 1973 with 13,000 flying hours, a Navy Cross with two Gold Stars, the Legion of Merit with three Gold Stars, the Distinguished Flying Cross with four Gold Stars and the Air Medal with 13 Gold Stars.

## Jury rejects claims of misconduct in sex ring case

SEATTLE (AP) — A jury rejected claims of police misconduct brought by three church leaders and a parishioner who said they had been wrongly accused of child rape and molestation.

After five days of deliberations, the jury on Monday decided that the central Washington town of Wenatchee, the town's police officials and three members of the Douglas County sheriff's department did not violate the civil rights of the four, who said

they were falsely accused in 1994-95.

Pastor Robert "Roby" Roberson, his wife, Connie, and his daughter sat silently as the verdict was announced.

"It's a verdict," he said later. "It doesn't mean it's the end. It doesn't mean they're right."

His wife was in tears. "We lived the injustice. We know the truth," she said.

Besides Roberson and his wife, the other plaintiffs were Honnah Sims, a Sunday-school teacher at Roberson's Pentecostal church, and parishioner Donna Rodriguez.

They claimed that overzealous investigators encouraged children to falsely accuse them of child rape and molestation. They and their families sought up to \$60 million in damages.

Douglas County Sheriff Dan LaRoche said the verdict allows police to keep investigating sex

abuse and molestation cases without fear of lawsuits.

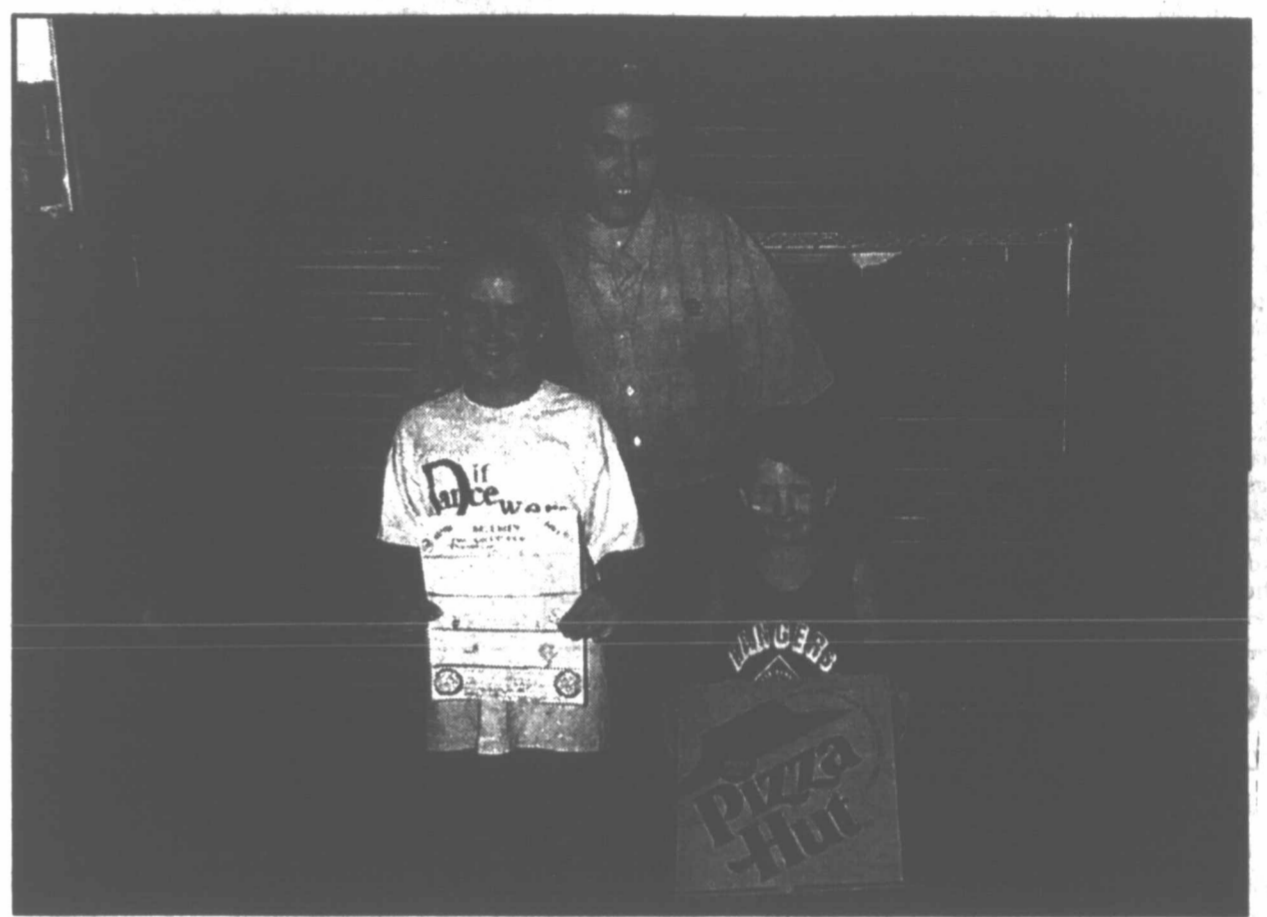
"When your livelihood is threatened for doing your job, and your family's jeopardized, that's pretty hard to take," LaRoche said.

Robert Van Siclen, the plaintiffs' principal attorney, said he would analyze the jury's findings before deciding whether to appeal.

The Robersons and Sims were acquitted of child-rape and molestation charges in 1995. Charges against Rodriguez were dismissed in 1996 when four of her five accusers recanted.

During the Wenatchee sex rings investigation, a total of 28 people were charged with child rape or molestation. Of those, 14 pleaded guilty, five were convicted and three were acquitted. Charges against six others were dismissed or reduced.

## Coupon fund-raiser



(Photo by Jana Meyer)

Taylor and Colton Meyer pick up their pizza from Becky Hilton of Pizza Hut Delivery. They are using a coupon from St. Vincent School. 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 any 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.

## CC to offer MIP classes

CLARENDON — Clarendon College will offer July classes for youth that have been charged with alcohol possession, according to CC Dean of Students Thad Anglin.

July Minor In Possession classes will be offered in Clarendon and Pampa. Youth will be required to attend both three-hour sessions before receiving credit for the course.

The July MIP class for Clarendon is scheduled 8-9 p.m., Monday, July 13 and Tuesday, July 14 in room 103 of the CC Administration Building.

MIP Classes for Pampa are slated from 8-9 p.m., Monday, July 20 and Tuesday, July 21, at the CC Pampa Center at 900 N. Main.

To enroll in the Clarendon College classes, individuals must be 17 years of age or older. Clarendon Counseling Center at 874-3571 one-week prior to the desired class date and complete a class application. Cost of the class is \$40 and is payable at the first class meeting.

For more information, contact Thad Anglin, CC Dean of Students, from 8-9 p.m., Monday-Thursday, 874-3571.

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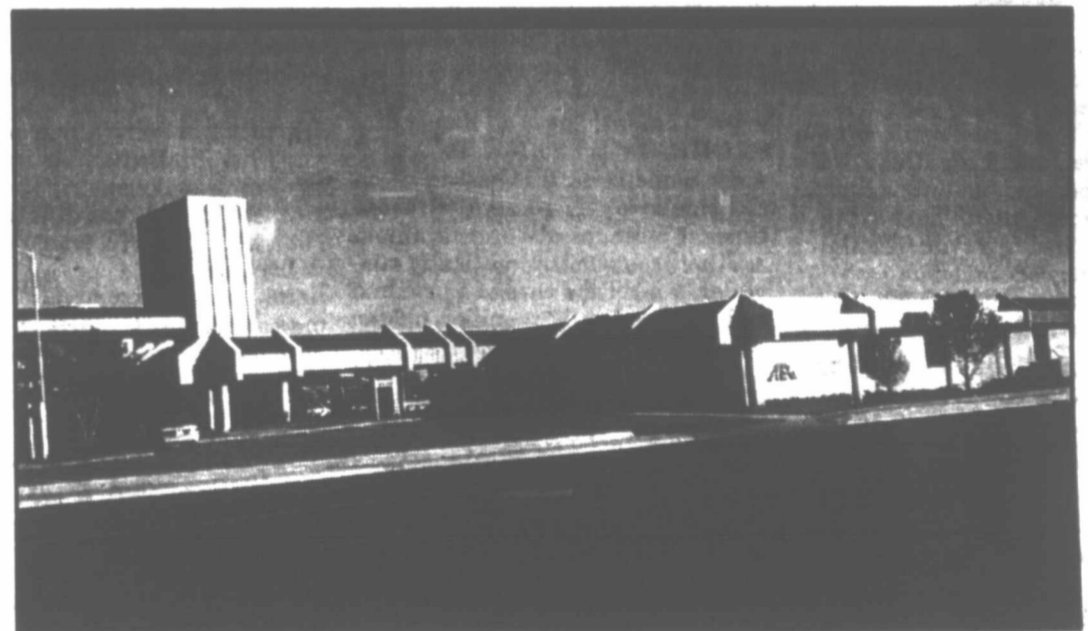
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# If You Can't Beat 'Em, Join 'Em Is Hunting Wife's Motto

**DEAR ABBY:** I never laughed so hard as I did when I read about "Gwen" in the letter from "Turkeyless in Arkansas." I like that girl! I'm sure there are a lot of "hunting widows" out there who would love to have done the same thing (yell, "Run, turkey, run!")

My response to Gwen: You can do one of two things if your man decides to confront you about your "insensitivity" to his hunting:

1. **"RUN, GWEN, RUN!"** You will always be second to his hunting. It may be the turkey season now, but next on the list will be deer, bear, elk, moose, rabbit, squirrel, pheasant, duck, etc. If you should marry this guy, expect to wake up alone from late October to early April.

So, if snuggling in the morning is what you like to do, get a teddy bear. Don't make any plans without asking his schedule because morning isn't the only time they go hunting; late afternoons are popular, too. If dinners and movies are what you enjoy on Saturday evenings, take a girlfriend instead. And be sure to keep his "If I Go Hunting One More Time My Wife Is Going to Leave Me... God, I'm Gonna Miss Her" T-shirt handy at all times. Or, you could:

2. **JOIN HIM AND HAVE FUN!** That is what I finally did after four years of griping and nagging. When I did, I got the opening-day prize — a 10-inch bearded gobbler! My husband and I have fun hunting together, although I don't go all the time. It taught me to respect his

**Abigail Van Buren**

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birds of a feather doesn't mean they can't enjoy a beautiful nest together. There is nothing written that says you must enjoy the other's hobby. In fact, I personally recommend that each have his or her own personal interests — it makes for more interesting individuals, who in turn enhance each other as a couple.

I'll bet "Turkeyless" would not want to take a special cooking class, but would like his turkey cooked to perfection. According to him, Gwen can cook and she looks good. She can pander herself while he hunts, and then they can have a wonderful meal together while he feasts his eyes on her.

My husband loves tinkering with his old sprint and midget race cars. I sit in a rocking chair in my special corner of his workshop and do needlework, and we can still share time and conversation. Once in a while I will hand him a tool; occasionally he gives me an opinion on combining colors. Sometimes I accompany him to a vintage auto swap meet, and once in a while he will walk through a quilt display at a fair with me.

Relationships are give-and-take. Both must give and both must take. **MARRIED TO VROOM-VROOM, SANTA ANA, CALIF.**

**DEAR MARRIED:** Yours sounds like a model marriage. Happy companions make the best mates.

favorite sport, his hunting buddies and him more!

My suggestion to "Turkeyless in Arkansas" is: If you care enough about Gwen, don't try to force her to love what you do. Has she considered ditching you because you break out in hives whenever she asks you to accompany her to the mall? If you dump her, watch out! Your friend, who has a much better sense of humor than you, may snatch her up, and next year you'll be hunting alone.

TALKING TURKEY IN FLORIDA

**DEAR TALKING TURKEY:** I'm printing your letter in the hope that Gwen will spot it. As a hunter's wife, you have laid out on the line what she should expect if she marries her boyfriend.

The comments about "Turkeyless in Arkansas" continue unabated. Read on:

**DEAR ABBY:** This is in response to "Turkeyless in Arkansas." Abby, just because this couple are not

Don't let war break out on the home front. How it ends could have a lot to do with how stubborn you become. A partner is confused about finances; help him out. Tonight: Accept an unexpected gesture.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22)

\*\*\* You like to be clear, but somehow there seems to be a haze between your words and how someone receives them. It probably isn't you. Keep at it, and don't lose interest. Likewise, don't judge what someone says. A partner surprises you. Tonight: Visit a favorite store.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

\*\*\* You fall into the world of high financing. Don't take someone's good will for granted. He means well yet could suddenly veer in a different direction. Verify appointments, news and information. There could be a last-minute problem. Tonight: Surprises happen.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

\*\*\* Pressure from a boss or someone in charge makes you most uncomfortable. Pull back, and think through a decision. Someone you care about messes up your plans for a get-together with friends. A flirtation could develop into something more. Tonight: Let it all hang out.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

\*\*\* Sometimes, it is best to sit on the sidelines. This is one of those times. Communications run amok, as others seem to automatically misunderstand. Take care of a problem at home. A family member means well. Go with the spontaneity. Tonight: Do your own thing.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

\*\*\* Aim for what you want. A partner isn't working with you, in your opinion. Why is he threatened? Get to the core of the issue, and work it through. Others appreciate your consideration. Confusion surrounds plans, bringing a change. Follow your intuition. Tonight: With friends.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

\*\*\* Accept the limelight. It feels like all responsibility falls on your shoulders. But you handle it well. Someone feels undermined by your actions. Talk can be helpful, even though you think this person doesn't hear you. Be more discriminating with money. Tonight: Could be a late night.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

\*\*\* You are personality-plus. Lighten up about what is going on at work. Be a visionary: Look to trends and future plans. Though someone could react to your quest for deeper insight, in the long run, he appreciates your perspective. Tonight: Go where there is fun music.

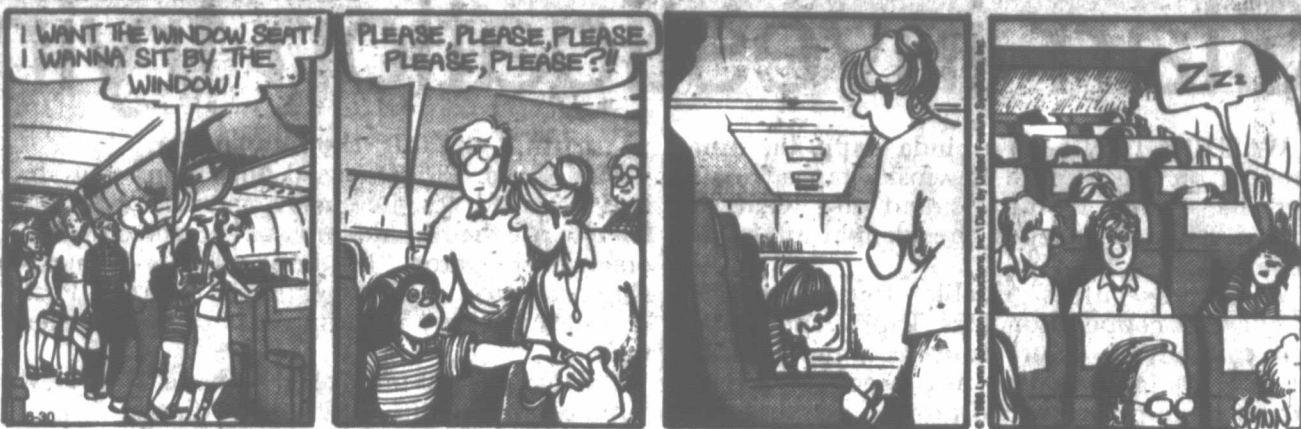
**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20)

\*\*\* Discussions need to be on an intimate level. Someone doesn't understand. Taking a risk, starting up a flirtation or doing anything offbeat won't help. Intuition is high, allowing you to make the right decision. You see someone in a different light. Tonight: Off with a friend.

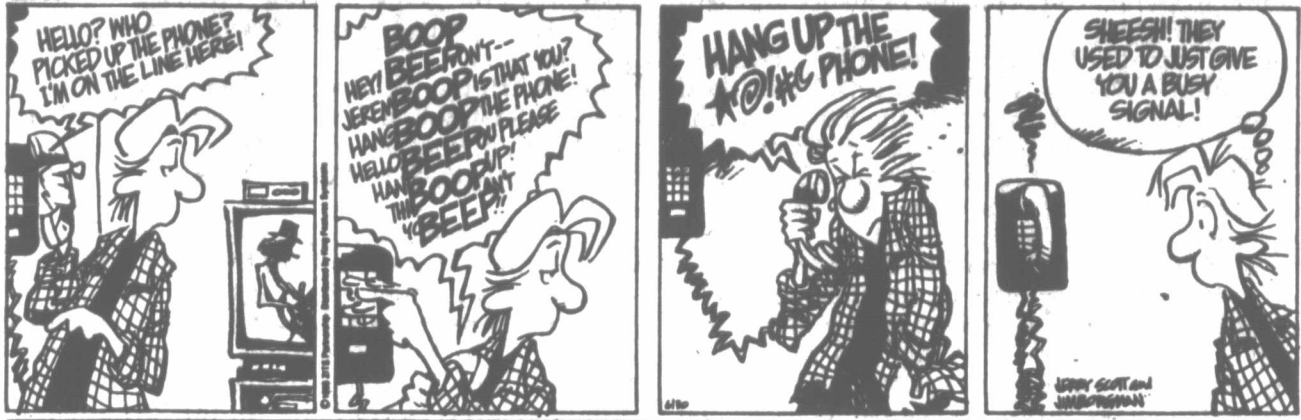
**BORN TODAY**

Actor Dan Aykroyd (1952), filmmaker Sydney Pollack (1934), dancer-choreographer Twyla Tharp (1941)

**For Better or For Worse**



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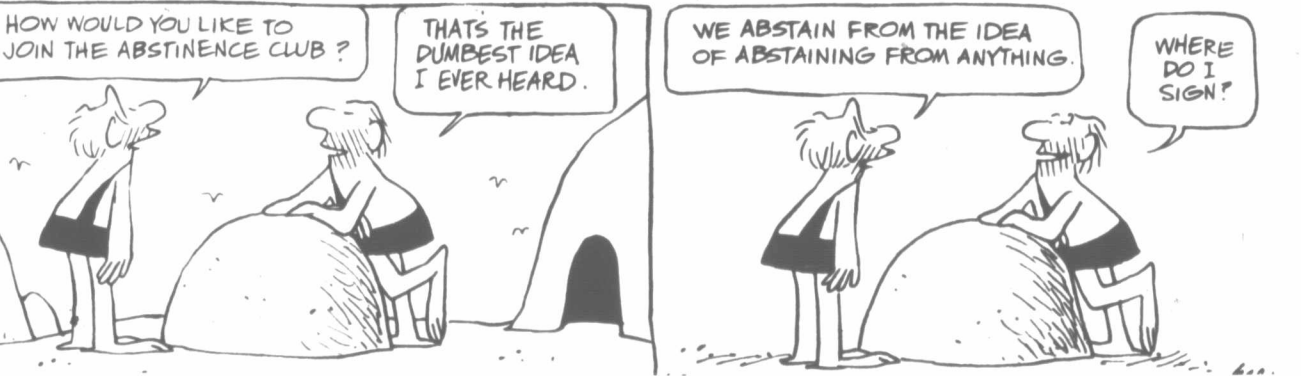
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**Marvin**



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**Haggar The Horrible**



**Peanuts**



**Blondie**



**Mallard Filmore**



## Horoscope

WEDNESDAY, JULY 1, 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)

\*\*\* Pressure to get things done intensifies. You hear a lot from partners, family and friends. Stay even and accommodating, and it will all work out. What a friend is saying could confuse you. Keep asking questions, get verification and ask for feedback. Tonight: Say yes.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20)

\*\*\* Get into work and keep that even, gentle manner despite misunderstanding someone's growing frustration. Your sincerity saves the day, despite confusion. Stay nurturing and considerate. Work with unexpected job-related news. Tonight: Put in the hours needed.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20)

\*\*\* Visit with others; be friendly and clear with them. Someone's caring is key to your well-being. Don't get into a tiff with a child or loved one. Empathize, walk in their shoes and get past a limitation. Someone might be having a hard time hearing you. Tonight: Laughter is good medicine.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22)

\*\*\* You have a solid point of view. Someone simply doesn't agree.

## Crossword Puzzle

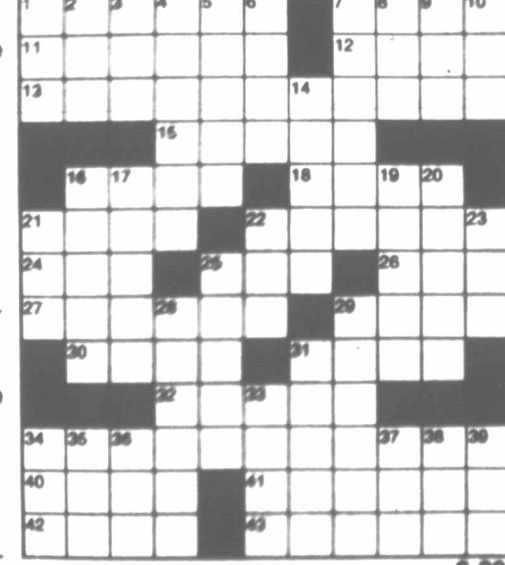
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- 18 Metal boxes
- 21 Wyoming city
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- 24 Mimic
- 25 Food fish
- 26 Through
- 27 Tutor's offering
- 29 Lady's date
- 30 Rough guess
- 31 Warbled
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- 42 Chess or checkers
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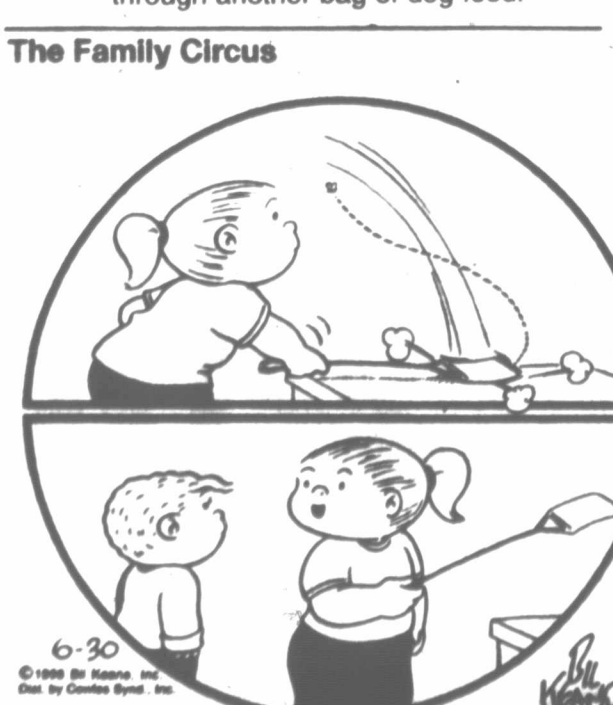
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- 25 Hooded snake
- 26 Ewe's mate
- 19 Best Actor of 1958
- 28 Rider's need
- 20 Wasp weapon
- 29 Nuisance milieu
- 21 "East of"
- 31 Car choice
- 39 Essay



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## SPORTS

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## Basketball

Entries are now being accepted for the 1998 Streetball Challenge. The region's largest 3-on-3 basketball event is scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, July 25-26, in the streets of downtown Amarillo. All teams are guaranteed a minimum of three games.

This is the seventh consecutive year that Kids, Incorporated has brought the event to Amarillo. The 1997 event witnessed 322 teams competing in forty-two divisions. The event is open to individuals ages eight and older. Teams will be placed in divisions with players of similar age and ability.

The fee for entries received or postmarked by Friday, July 17, is \$80. A \$90 fee will be imposed on all entries received or postmarked after Friday, July 17. The deadline for all team entries is Tuesday, July 21. Entry forms are available at any Toot'n Totum location in Amarillo, Buck's Sporting Goods, the offices of Kids, Incorporated at 820 W. 8th, or via the internet at [www.kidsinc.org](http://www.kidsinc.org).

## Rodeo

Registration deadline for all entrants in the Top O' Texas Kid Pony Show is 5 p.m. Thursday. Interested participants are urged to go by and sign up at the Top O' Texas Rodeo office located 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 kids ages 8-15. Entry fees are determined by the event the participant plans to take part in. The Kid Pony Show is scheduled to be held July 6, 7, and 8th.

## Softball

There will be a men's softball tournament July 10 through the 11th at the Wheeler City Park. Entry fees for the tournament are \$100 per team or \$10 per person. Deadline for entries will be July 8th. For more information please contact Kristen Marion at (800) 826-5878 or Whitney Simmons at (800) 826-3719 or (800) 826-5679.

## Baseball

Big leaguers should be well rested today.

Baseball took a rare break Monday, without a single game scheduled.

It marked the first time since April 30, 1973 — aside from All-Star periods and labor problems — there was a day during a season without any games played.

"I was stunned when I realized it hadn't happened in 25 years," said Seymour Siwoff of the Elias Sports Bureau, which compiles the big league statistics. "I think it's just a matter of pure coincidence."

If there had been a rainout during interleague play, games could have been made up Monday. There were no washouts, though.

"It was a wonderful rain protection date, but it wasn't scheduled that way," NL vice president Katy Feeny said. "With interleague play, it just happened."

Every team in the majors was scheduled to play each day last week, and Monday became a break for all of them.

All 30 teams were scheduled to play today or tonight, with 14 interleague games plus an NL game between Arizona and the Chicago Cubs.

## Venus victorious; advances to quarterfinals

By STEPHEN WILSON  
AP Sports Writer

WIMBLEDON, England (AP) — Venus Williams powered into the Wimbledon quarterfinals today by trouncing the player who bounced her sister out of the tournament a day earlier.

Volleying with authority for the first time and showing an all-court game which could make her a real title threat, Williams needed just 62 minutes to beat Virginia Ruano-Pascual 6-3, 6-1.

Also advancing to the quarterfinals were defending champion Martina Hingis, last year's runner-up Jana Novotna and French Open champion Arantxa Sanchez Vicario.

The top-seeded Hingis beat Thailand's Tamarine Tanasugarn 6-3, 6-2, No. 3 Novotna downed No. 10 Irina Spirlea 6-2, 6-3 and No. 5 Sanchez Vicario rallied for a 3-6, 6-3, 6-2 win over Dominique Van Roost.

Williams will face Novotna in the quarters, while Hingis will play Sanchez Vicario.

On Monday, the prospect of a fourth-round meeting between Venus and her sister was dashed when 16-year-old Serena Williams failed to get past Ruano-Pascual. Citing a calf injury, Serena quit the third-

round match while trailing 7-5, 4-1.

Venus avenged that result by overwhelming the 47th-ranked Spaniard with her best performance so far, mixing big serves and groundstrokes with lobs, drop shots and winning volleys.

In previous matches, Williams had been reluctant to go to net, a tactic that many believe she needs to master in order to win on grass.

Today she was an imposing force at the net, taking full advantage of her height — 6-foot-1 1/2 height — and long arms. She attacked on every short ball and won more than 20 points at the net.

The match ended, fittingly, with Williams coming in behind a serve return and punching a forehand volley which Ruano-Pascual could barely reach.

While Serena had neglected to shake hands with the Spaniard after quitting Monday's match, Venus stood at the net and exchanged handshakes.

Hingis got off to a slow start, losing serve in the first game and struggling to find her rhythm. But she won the next four games and breezed to victory over her 42nd-ranked opponent.

"I had a little bit of a problem at the beginning to get into it," Hingis said. "The second set was much better. I was always more aggressive and controlling the games and the points."

Hingis said she may have been affected by the 11 a.m. start.

"Everything was kind of very fast in the morning," she said. "I was still sleeping in practice."

Tournament officials scheduled early matches in order to clear up a backlog caused by so many rain delays. The sun was out today and there was only a small chance of showers.

Defending champion Pete Sampras was scheduled to face French qualifier Sebastian Grosjean in a fourth-round match. Richard Krajicek, the 1996 champion and No. 9 seed, was due to face Wayne Ferreira for a place in the quarters.

For the third straight year, Tim Henman has reached the quarterfinals, raising Britain's hopes of having its first male champion since 1936.

Feeding off the frenzied support of the Centre Court crowd, the 12th-seeded Henman downed U.S. Open champion Patrick Rafter of Australia 6-3, 6-7 (7-3), 6-3, 6-2.

"To walk out on a court when it was full as that, it gives you a buzz," Henman said. "I think I've shown in the past and I've shown again that I do respond to that."

Henman described Monday's win as "one of the best, if not the best" victory of his career. With so much focus on the England soccer team's progress at the World Cup, he said he felt less pressure than ever before.

"I do feel very, very relaxed about the whole situation," Henman said. "I surprised myself a little bit, how relaxed I was today."

Henman next faces No. 3 Petr Korda, the Australian Open champion who downed John van Lottum in straight sets. Korda strained his left Achilles tendon in the third set but said he plans to play Wednesday.

"If it's going to be nice weather, I'll be there," he said.

Based on the weather so far, that's no certainty. Monday was the fifth day affected by rain delays.

Henman, who beat Korda in their last meeting in Key Biscayne this spring, said the left-handed Czech is "probably one of the most dangerous players" in the draw.

"He can hit winners from all over the court," Henman said.

The same goes for Goran Ivanisevic, who served 44 aces in his third-round win over Daniel Vacek.

Ivanisevic, a two-time Wimbledon finalist, came into this year's tournament as a forgotten man after a terrible slump that saw him win only one match in his last five Grand Slams.

The 14th-seed Croatian, scheduled to face Todd Martin in the fourth round, believes he may be on the verge of a breakthrough victory in a major.

"It was not easy for me, all this talking, 'He's gone, and he's never going to be back again,'" Ivanisevic said. "But every time when I am on that court, I know I can beat anybody. My matches are like horror thrillers. You cannot expect anything. I made the movie, but I don't know the end."

The quarterfinalists in the bottom half of the draw were set Monday when No. 2 Lindsay Davenport, No. 6 Monica Seles, No. 16 Nathalie Tauziat and Natasha Zvereva all advanced in straight sets.

Seles will face Zvereva, while Davenport will play Tauziat.

## Pampa runners do well in Lubbock

Pampa track runners endured blistering temperatures the last two Saturday's to post some hot times in track meets at Lubbock. Two weeks ago sprinter Kristen Stowers, a freshman, ran a 12.73 100 meter and 27.43 200 meter to finish first place in both events. Last Saturday, running into a slight headwind, Kristen ran a 13.50 100 meters good for first place and a 28.02 200 meter for a close second place.

Ryan Hansen, a 4th grader, ran the 800 meter for first place and the 1600 for first place two weeks ago. Last Saturday, Hansen was second in the 800 with a time of 2:48 and second in the 1600 with a 5:48.

Tandra Holmes, an 8th grader, ran the 800 for second two weeks ago and the 1600 for second. Tandra ran her 800 in 2:48 for fourth and a 5:48 in the 1600, good for another 4th place finish.

Kelby McClellan, a senior, ran a 10:44 2-mile, winning with a great sprint in the last 100 meters in the mile. In the 1600 Keith Pearce, a state champion in the 800 from Childress, led four runners through a pedestrian first three laps and then blasted a 65-second final 400 with everyone hanging on. McClellan was fourth, but learned some important tactical lessons. Last Saturday, McClellan ran an amazing triple. At 9:00 a.m. he ran the grueling 5000 meters basically solo and won in 17:48. At 2:00 with temperatures in the stratosphere, he ran the 800 in 2:05 for first place. Then at 4:30 he ran the 1500, blitzing the last curve and finishing strong with a 4:43 finish.

The meet in Lubbock two weeks ago was the regional T.A.A.F. Qualifier for the state meet to be held in Lubbock on July 24 and 25. All Pampa runner advanced and will be headed for this meet. Last Saturday's meet, the USA Track and Field Qualifier, advances everyone for the Region 12 National Qualifiers Meet in Houston, Texas on July 9, 10, and 11. Pampa runner have been working hard this summer in scorching temperatures not only in preparation for these meets, but also for the upcoming cross country season.

All Pampa runners have shown improvement over the course of the summer meets, and each runner will continue to get better as other summer meets continue to be held throughout the duration of the summer.

## Major Bambino Champions



Duncan, Fraser, and Bridges won the 11-12 year old Major Bambino title and placed second in the city tournament. Pictured left to right front row are: Kolby Gilleland, Jared Winegeart, Dusty Lenderman, Eric McClure, Dak Fallon, and Colin Howard. On the back row are Cody Jenkins, Garrett Johnston, Coach Larry Lenderman, Clayton Young, Clay Davis, Ryan Barnes, and Shane Willett.

## NBA lockout to begin at midnight

By CHRIS SHERIDAN  
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NEW YORK (AP) — The NBA's summer of labor discord tips off tonight at midnight Eastern time.

That's when the lockout begins and all business will come to a halt: No trades, no free agent signings, no practices, no resolving the Michael Jordan question.

After going more than a week since the last talks on a new collective bargaining agreement, the league announced Monday what everyone knew was coming — a lockout that could wipe out games for the first time in NBA history.

"We need a way to slow down salary growth to bring it in line with our revenue growth," commissioner David Stern said. "The current system does not work."

"We can't afford to play next season under the current system. That's just the reality. That's why owners elected to lockout," Stern said.

The move came as no surprise. Players were told throughout last season to expect a long work stoppage, and talks were going nowhere before breaking off.

The biggest question now is when it will end.

"We spent all of this year urging players to save their money so they would be able to survive a lockout," union director Billy Hunter said. "We've taken continuous polls among the players, and they are prepared to go the distance."

Stern even acknowledged that the impasse could last into November, when the season opens, or even into 1999.

"Yes, that is fair and accurate. There are a number of clubs that will do better not operating than operating. That's something the players don't seem to understand," Stern said.

This will be the third lockout in league history. A lockout in the summer of 1995 lasted three months; in 1996 it lasted only a few hours.

The old agreement was to run for six years, but the owners had the right to reopen it if the amount of designated revenue being paid toward player salaries exceeded a certain level — 51.8 percent of basketball-related income.

The owners say they are now devoting 57 percent of those revenues to player salaries, a total of almost \$1 billion.

The impending lockout already caused 12 NBA players to be removed from the team scheduled to compete next month at the world championships in Greece. USA Basketball, the governing body for the national team, will replace them with a team of Americans currently playing overseas, minor leaguers and possibly some collegians.

Despite meeting nine times since April, the owners and players have made only minimal progress on a new agreement to replace the

one expiring at midnight tonight.

"We've made four different proposals, all involving player salaries going up every year," deputy commissioner Russ Granik said. "The players made one set of proposals, and have never moved off those proposals in any way on economic issues."

Stern and Granik said the league's profit margins have been shrinking for the last five years, and almost half of the 29 teams stood to lose money in the just-completed season.

"The final numbers aren't in, but for first time, as a whole, we believe the league was actually unprofitable last season," Stern said.

He also said the NBA would accept an agreement similar to the NFL's, in which a salary cap could not be exceeded for any reason.

The players have vowed to resist any form of a "hard" salary cap and want to keep the current "soft" cap, especially the rule known as the "Larry Bird exception," which allows teams to exceed the salary cap to retain their own free agents.

Such an exception allowed the Chicago Bulls to pay Michael Jordan more than \$33 million last season despite the salary cap being set at \$26.9 million.

"At the last bargaining meeting, the union said that unless the owners were prepared to agree to maintain the 'Larry Bird exception' as is, they had nothing further to talk about," Granik said, referring to the June 22 session, which broke off after only 30 minutes. "We need an agreement that is not totally open-ended, and if there's a way to do so that keeps the exception — or some elements of it — we're prepared to do that."

Hunter pointed out that only 10 percent of players signed their current contracts under the Bird exception.

"For the other 90 percent, it's a fixed cap. Without the exception, teams wouldn't have room to accommodate most of the players," he said.

The lockout means teams cannot conduct practices, summer camps, workouts, coaching sessions or team meetings. A handful of players who were to be paid part of their salaries this summer will not receive those paychecks until the lockout ends.

Unlike the last lockout, teams will not be barred from working with players rehabilitating from injuries as long as those sessions take place outside of NBA facilities.

Also, some previously scheduled charity games will be allowed to proceed.

Hunter said he expects to meet again with Stern in mid-July.

"If there's a softening in our position, we'll let them know," Hunter said. "But the league is profitable, the commissioner and the deputy commissioner are the highest paid in professional sports, the number of league employees is growing and the average salary of coaches is higher than that of the players. So why are things so bad?"







# Serb forces to retake coal mine held by Kosovo rebels

BELACEVAC, Yugoslavia (AP) — Serb forces blockaded a mining village in Kosovo again today, trying to dislodge ethnic Albanian separatists. Amid the fighting, a human rights group accused the Serbs of rape and other war crimes.

Serb police blocked access to the besieged area around Belacevac, six miles west of the Kosovo capital of Pristina, an indication that their assault was continuing.

On Monday, a three-pronged Serb attack sent more than 8,000 people fleeing their homes in Belacevac and the neighboring village of Hade. By evening, police and paramilitary Serb forces had advanced to within 200 yards of Belacevac.

The Serbs are trying to retake the Belacevac open-pit mine, which fell last week to the ethnic Albanians' Kosovo Liberation Army. The mine is strategically important because it supplies coal to the nearby Obilic power plant, which provides electricity for most of Kosovo.

In New York, Human Rights Watch blamed both sides — although it primarily targeted the Serbs — of violating human rights in the area.

In a statement, the private watchdog group said it had "powerful evidence" that Serb police "summarily executed an unspecified number of ethnic Albanians between February and May."

It also said eyewitnesses reported the rape of three women in the village of Ljubenic and said helicopters with Red Cross markings fired on fleeing refugees on at least two occasions in early June. The report did not explain why the helicopters had Red Cross markings.

The Kosovo Liberation Army was faulted for "detentions and attacks" on Serb civilians. Human Rights Watch also said the KLA siege of the town of Kijevo "affects civilians and other noncombatants" there.

Secretary of State Madeleine Albright today called the Kosovo violence "unacceptable" and again demanded that Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic withdraw Serb special forces and the Serb-dominated Yugoslav army.

"Milosevic is digging himself into a hole deeper and deeper in terms of increasing the level of violence, and the violence has to stop," she said today in Shanghai during President Clinton's China visit.

The fighting came as international envoys urged the two sides to seek a diplomatic solution.

Last week, U.S. envoy Richard Holbrooke met with Milosevic and moderate Kosovo Albanian leaders to try to find a solution to the conflict, while another U.S. diplomat met with KLA representatives.

The European Union agreed Monday that the Kosovo militants must be included in any peace negotiations.

Since Serb security forces launched an offensive Feb. 28 to try to halt an independence movement, more than 300 people — mostly ethnic Albanians — have died in Kosovo, which is part of Serbia, Yugoslavia's larger republic.

The KLA rebels claim to control up to 40 percent of Kosovo. It increasingly is supported by Kosovo's ethnic Albanian majority.

Rebels were bracing for a new attack after Yugoslav helicopters strafed them over the weekend at Kijevo, Kosovo's other main hot spot.

# Girl drops attempt to divorce mother

DOVER, Del. (AP) — Samantha Frazer was 6 when her mom left her behind. As the girl went from one foster home to another, she heard from her mother once in a while, usually to break a promise.

So Samantha went to court to divorce her mom. Her legal fight redefined children's rights in Delaware.

After a two-week visit with the mother she once said "has not cared for me or loved me," Samantha, now 10, has changed her mind.

Samantha, through her lawyer, said she will move back with her mother, who claims to have cleaned up her drug addictions and wants her daughter back. They will likely be reunited Aug. 1.

No reason for Samantha's change of mind was given. Her lawyer, Matt Denu, said her decision came soon after returning last Thursday from a visit with Victoria Frazer in Georgetown, S.C.

"This is a story of perseverance and redemption," said Robert Taylor, a lawyer for Victoria Frazer. "That's her daughter. She loves her daughter." The visit in Ms. Frazer's home gave the two time to "bond," he said. "There is no doubt this child has been through a terrible process, but if anyone is going to heal that, it's her mother," he said.

According to court documents, Ms. Frazer was diagnosed with crack cocaine and marijuana addictions in 1992. She left Delaware two years later, moving to Texas with a boyfriend and leaving her two daughters behind.

The other girl had lived with her stepfather until last March, when she went to live with her mother in South Carolina.

Samantha, an energetic girl with glasses and a dazzling smile, has lived in four foster homes over four years. She will leave behind a former therapist who had offered to adopt her.

In her filing before the state Supreme Court on June 2, Samantha said her mother "never tried to come back and take care of me" after leaving in 1994.

"She did not even call me regularly, visit me regularly or celebrate holidays like my birthday with me. When she did speak to me, she made promises that she broke," the filing said. "Since she left me she has failed to act like a parent to me. She has not cared for me or loved me."

A Family Court judge ordered this spring that Samantha and her birth mother be reunited Aug. 1, denying the state Division of Family Services request that Ms. Frazer's parental rights be terminated. The judge ruled the state agency had not done enough to attempt to reunify the family.

# Green party members announce write-in candidate Susan Solar

AUSTIN (AP) — Green Party organizer Susan Lee Solar, who divides her time between Sierra Blanca and Austin, announced her write-in campaign for governor Monday.

Green Party member Alfredo Reza of El Paso announced as a write-in candidate for lieutenant governor.

Areas of concern for Solar include low-level radioactive waste dumps, including one proposed near Sierra Blanca that is envisioned as taking waste from Texas, Maine and Vermont; toxic emissions from "grandfathered" facilities; and a sewage sludge repository near Sierra Blanca that receives waste from New York City.

Reza's platform is "protecting the people of Texas from the polluting practices of industry, while creating programs that will ensure a healthy future for all Texans, human and non-human."

To qualify as a write-in candidate, hopefuls must file a declaration between Aug. 5 and Sept. 4, accompanied by either a \$3,000 filing fee or petition signed by 5,000 registered voters.

The secretary of state then would certify his name to each county clerk, who prepares a list for each voting booth. There is ballot space for write-in candidates.

# Victim of eye-gouging attack describes ordeal

DALLAS (AP) — A 16-year-old gang member says the teen-ager who nearly blinded him during a fight ignored his pleas to stop.

"He said, 'Remember my name. I'm the one who made it so you'll never be able to see again,'" Jason Prickett testified Monday during the trial of a 17-year-old varsity

wrestler at Richardson Pearce High School.

Initially, the two were among about two dozen teen-agers from two rival groups who gathered in a field in the north Dallas suburb of Richardson to watch a fight between two boys over a girl, Prickett said.

Prickett, identified by police as a known gang

member, said he hit a boy who tried to help one of the youths in the fight, and the defendant then attacked him and put him in a wrestling hold.

Prickett, who is now blind in his left eye and has only limited vision in his right eye, wore a patch over his blind eye during his testimony. He said he swung at the defendant, but missed.

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