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More drought-driven fires break out

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High today 104 Low tonight 74 For weather details see Page 2.

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

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 Aviation Federal Administration said.

American flight 1308 from Worth Dallas-Fort 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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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 shirt, jeans and a ski mask. 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 an Hispanic man about 5-foot 9 inches tall and weighing about 130 pounds. Officers said he was wearing a tee

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

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 con-

nection. Anyone with information can call the Pampa Police Department or Crime Stoppers at 669-2222. Callers can remain anonymous.

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.

Quarrel outcome may result in attempted murder charge

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.

A domestic quarrel could result in attempted 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.

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

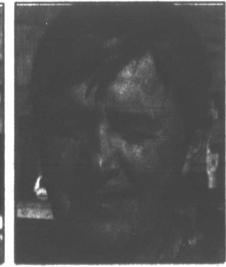






"No, I really don't think "Most definitely."

-- Don Slaybaugh



-- Travis Taylor



"I think they should be "Probably so." banned."

-- E. W. Baker



-- Dennis Godwin



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

- Santiago Uresti

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Daily Record

Services tomorrow

HENDERSON, Sherry Dian Hyatt — 10 a.m., Trinity Fellowship Church, Pampa.

Obituaries

SHERRY DIAN HYATT HENDERSON WHITE DEER - Sherry Dian Hyatt Henderson,

58, died Saturday, June 27, 1998. Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday in Trinity Fellowship Church of Pampa with Lonny Robbins, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery at

Pampa under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Sherry was born Oct. 6, 1939, at Pampa and attended schools in Pampa. She married Robert Henderson on Feb. 25, 1961, at Pampa. The couple had been Pampa residents prior to moving to White Deer

in 1990. She was the clerk for Gray County Justice of the Peace Margie Prestidge. She was a member of Trinity Fellowship Church of Pampa, where she was involved in the outreach program The Harvest House and was a missionette leader. She received an Eagle Scout award, the highest award in Girl Scouts.

She was preceded in death by her father, Walter Hyatt, in 1980.

Survivors include husband, Robert, of the home; son and daughter-in-law, Keenan and Susan Henderson of Pampa; her mother, Marguerite Hyatt of Pampa; a sister, LaDaina Hyatt of Amarillo; two grandchildren, Krishna Henderson and Koltan Henderson, both of Pampa; and a god-granddaughter, Nicole Smyth of Woodward, Okla.

The family request that memorials be made to the American Diabetes Foundation; Scottish Rite Hospital for Children; or The Harvest House at Trinity Fellowship Church, P.O. Box 2929, Pampa

Calendar of events

PAMPA CHESS CLUB

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

TOASTMASTERS

The Toastmasters will meet every Wednesday night from 5:45 to 6:45 p.m. at the Furrs Cafeteria. TRALEE CRISIS CENTER FOR WOMEN

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

Emergency numbers

Ambulance	911
Crime Stoppers	669-2222
Energas	
Fire	911
Police (emergency)	911
Police (non-emergency)	
SPS	
Water	669-5830

Police report

The Pampa Police Department reported the following arrests and reports during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Monday, June 29 Deborah Dee Chandler, 38, 604 N. Wells, was arrested on charges of possession of drug para-

Shelia Trammel Rose, 38, Fritch, was arrested on charges of theft. Manuel Salazar Moreno, 44, 321 Brown, was

arrested on charges of public intoxication. Jackson Barker Jr., 39, 1323 Coffee, was arrested on charges of aggravated assault with a deadly

Domestic violence was reported in the 1300 block of Coffee.

Tuesday, June 30 Aggravated robbery was reported at 309 N.

Sheriff's Office

The Gray County Sheriff's Department reported the following arrests during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Monday, June 29 Alma Jean Burge, 34, White Deer, was arrested on charges of unauthorized use of a motor vehi-

Ambulance

The Rural/Metro reported the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today. Monday, June 29

9:26 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Columbia Medical Center and transported one to Baptist St. Anthony's in Amarillo.

6:05 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to a local nursing facility and transported one to Columbia Medical Center.

6:51 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 600 block of Roberta and transported one to Columbia Medical Center. Tuesday, June 30

12:39 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1300 block of Coffee and transported one to Columbia Medical Center.

1:35 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the Wilks and Banks. No one was transported. 2:05 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 500

block of Short. No one was transported. 3:27 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to a local nursing facility and transported one to Columbia Medical Center.

Stocks

The following grain quotations are	Chevron83 5/8	up 1 1/8
provided by Attebury Grain of Pampa. Coca-Cola85 9/16		dn 7/16
	Columbia/HCA 29 5/16	dn 5/16
Wheat 2.62	Enron52 3/8	up 3/16
Milo	Halliburton44 7/16	up 7/16
Corn	IRI11 5/8	up 1/8
Soybeans 5.53	KNE53 3/4	dn 1/8
,	Kerr McGee58 1/8	up 3/8
The following show the prices for	Limited33 11/16	dn 1/8
which these securities could have	McDonald's68 7/8	dn 5/16
traded at the time of compilation:	Mobil77 13/16	up 9/16
	New Atmos 30 5/16	up 3/16
Occidental27 1/16 up 3/16	NCE45 3/8	dn 1/8
The following show the prices for	Penney's73 7/8	up 9/16
which these mutual funds were bid at	Phillips48 3/4	up 3/8
the time of compilation:	Pioneer Nat. Res. 23 3/16	up 3/16
Magellan	SLB68 3/4	up 13/16
Puritan 21.18	Tenneco38 1/8	up 1/4
7 UTTUIT	Texaco60 1/2	up 3/8
The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. Stock	Ultramar31 3/8	dn 1/2
Market quotations are furnished by	Wal-Mart62 7/16	up 3/8
Edward Jones & Co. of Pampa.	Williams 33 5/8	up 15/16
Amoco42 1/8 NC	New York Gold	296.70
Arco79 up 3/8	Silver	5.30
Cabot32 1/8 dn 1/4	West Texas Crude	14.18
Cabot O&G 19 3/4 up 1/16		
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Woman claims she was wrongly fired for wearing dress at auto plant

GALLATIN, Tenn. (AP) — A Pentecostal woman Hendersonville. who says wearing pants is against her religion is where she says she was fired for wearing a dress to and that might get caught in the machinery.

federal Civil Rights Act of 1964. She also wants back pay and unspecified damages.

"We believe you have to dress holy and look holy and walk daily with God. We believe (wearing pants is) a sin, and the Bible says it's an abomination," said McCormick, a member of the Pentecostal Holiness denomination.

al court in Nashville, McCormick was working for Services, was not returned to The Tennesseean. TAD Staffing Services employment agency in April 1996 when she was sent to work as a machine oper- Broadview, Ill.-based Robert Bosch Corp., said the

A few days into the assignment, her supervisor suing to get her job back at an automotive plant sent her home, saying her dress was a safety haz-

McCormick was assigned to another task in a Charlene McCormick said her firing violated the different department of the plant, but the personnel director saw her wearing a dress and instructed the temporary agency to fire her, the lawsuit

Representatives of TAD Staffing Services' Gallatin office could not be reached for comment Monday. A call to the Redwood, Calif., corporate headquarters of Adecco Employment Services, the According to her lawsuit filed last week in feder- company that has since bought TAD Staffing

Becky MacDonald, spokeswoman for the ator at the Robert Bosch Corp. plant in company doesn't comment on pending lawsuits.

FDA approves melt-in-mouth drug for migraine headaches

WASHINGTON (AP) — The government approved a new type of migraine relief today: a mint-flavored tablet that literally melts on the tongue in seconds.

Patients don't swallow Merck & Co.'s Maxalt-MLT like a typical pill. Made with a new technology that freeze-dries the medicine, Maxalt-MLT dissolves upon contact with the tongue.

There are numerous other migraine medicines. Merck noted that swallowing pills can be difficult for some patients who also experience nausea. Migraine drugs also come in injection and nasal-

The Food and Drug Administration approved the drug, known chemically as rizatriptan, for adults based on studies that found it relieved pain for about 66 percent of patients within two hours.

The prescription-only drug will be available within a few weeks, Merck said. It is expected to

cost about \$14 a pill. Most side effects in tests were mild, including

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dizziness and fatigue, Merck said. The drug should not be used by patients with heart disease or uncontrolled high blood pressure, the company

Merck also will sell a conventional-pill version of

Some 20 million Americans have migraines, powerful headaches that can last 24 hours and often are accompanied by extreme sensitivity to light and



(Pampa News photo by Matt Hutchison)

Youngster Kevin Parks signs up to participate in some of the events for the Top O'Texas Kid Pony Show to be held at at the Rodeo Grounds July 6, 7, and 8. Tori Street helps Kevin fill out the form as his brother, Matthew, and sisters, Janell and Heather, wait patiently for their turn to sign up. Anyone interested in signing up for the show is encouraged to go by the Top O'Texas Rodeo offices at 200 N. Ballard and enter some of the many events. The deadline to enter is 5 p.m. Thursday.

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FIRES

of Lake Meredith Monday night. The line of fire appeared to flare as it moved up the canyons and hit the summer breeze on ridge lines.

Four fire units from Skellytown were dispatched to fight the blaze. At least 13 Skellytown firefighters were on the line by 5 p.m. Monday. While their grass rigs rolled down the fire line trying to prevent the spread of the blaze, a Skellytown tank truck supplied water to the mobile pumping units and Skellytown Fire Chief Guy McKissick ferried crews back and forth to the hot smoky battlefield with his wife, Cindy, as radio operator.

Skellytown officials reported their firefighters got home about 7:30 a.m. today.

Joe Millican, battalion fire chief from Hoover, said the Gray County community sent two units and nine men to fight the fire at Alibates. He said they were called out at 2 p.m. Monday and were on the scene before 3 p.m. By 10 p.m., they were released to return home, clean up and check out out by tonight.

reported fires near Canadian.

Most of the fire units at Alibates were members of a mutual aid agreement, Millican said late Monday evening.

In addition to area fire fighting units, small spray planes were called into service Monday to douse the blaze from the air with water and foam. By late afternoon, a four-engined fire fighting plane had been brought in from the Texas Forestry

Thompson reported that 19 agencies were fighting the fire Monday. A forest service 'hot shot' crew from Idaho spent all night Monday in the canyons at Alibates battling the flames.

"They're just now going to breakfast," Thompson said shortly before 9 a.m. today. "They'll sleep all day and go back on the fire line tonight."

Another hot shot crew from Conchos, Okla., was scheduled to arrive about 10 a.m. today to take up the battle.

Thompson said they expect to have the blaze

107 sickened from eating oysters

GALVESTON, Texas (AP) — State officials say 107 McBride said. eople have reported being sickened by bad Galveston Bay oysters, with even more cases

Doug McBride, a spokesman for the Texas Department of Health, said Monday that 89 of the within the state.

Galveston Bay oysters in Florida restaurants,

The total number was more than double that recorded on Friday, after health officials issued bulletins that the oysters were tainted by a bacterium called Vibrio parahaemolyticus.

Wholesalers are tracking shipments to restaucases involved people who had eaten the oysters rants around Texas and in Louisiana, Florida, Colorado, New Mexico and California and warn-Eighteen involved people who had eaten the raw ing them not to serve the shellfish.

Weather focus

LOCAL FORECAST

Sunny, breezy and hot today with a high of 104 and southwest winds at 10-20 mph. Tonight, fair with a low of 74. Tomorrow, more triple digits. Yesterday's high was 103; the overnight low,

REGIONAL FORECAST

WEST TEXAS — Panhandle — Record high temperature possible today. Tonight, partly cloudy. Low around 70. Southeast wind 10-15 mph. Wednesday, partly cloudy with a high in the middle 90s. South wind 10 to 20 mph and gusty. Low Rolling Plains — Tonight, mostly clear. Low from near 65 northwest South Plains to near 75 Low Rolling Plains. Wednesday, partly cloudy. Highs 95-100. Permian Basin/Upper Trans Pecos — Tonight, a chance of evening thunderstorms, then mostly clear. Low 70-75. Wednesday, partly cloudy with a chance of thunderstorms. High 95-100. Concho Valley/Edwards Plateau — Tonight, a chance of evening thunderstorms, then

mostly clear. Low around 75.

Wednesday, partly cloudy with a

chance of thunderstorms. High

95-100. Wednesday night, partly

mid 70s. Wednesday, widely scattered thunderstorms hud-Guadalupe Mountains/Big Bend Area — Tonight, a chance of evening thunderstorms, then partly cloudy. Lows in the 60s mountains to around 80 Rio Grande. Wednesday, partly storms. Highs in the 80s mountains to near 103 Rio Grande.

mostly clear. Lows 71 to 79. Wednesday, partly cloudy and

hot. Highs 95 to 102. SOUTH TEXAS Country and South Central Texas — Tonight, partly cloudy. Lows in the 70s. Wednesday, partly cloudy and hot with a slight chance of afternoon showers and thunderstorms west. Highs in the upper 90s. Southeast Texas and Upper Texas Coast — Tonight, partly and hot. Isolated morning show- 70s

cloudy. Lows in the 70s. Far West ers at the coast. Highs in the Texas — Tonight, a slight chance upper 90s inland to near 90 of evening thunderstorms coast. Coastal Bend and the Rio Hudspeth county, otherwise Grande Plains — Tonight, partly mostly clear. Lows in the low to cloudy with isolated evening showers or thunderstorms. Lows near 80. Wednesday, mostly speth county, mostly sunny else-sunny and breezy. Very hot with where. High around 100. highs near 90 coast to near 100

BORDER STATES NEW MEXICO — Tonight,

partly cloudy with a slight chance of evening thunderstorms northeast and southeast, cloudy with a chance of thunder- otherwise fair skies. Lows in the 40s and 50s mountains with 60s to near 70 east and south. NORTH TEXAS — Tonight, Wednesday, a slight chance for afternoon and evening thunderstorms eastern plains and southcentral mountains. Otherwise fair to partly cloudy. Not quite as hot statewide. Highs around 80 to the mid 90s mountains and north with 90s to near 105 southern lowlands. Lows 40s and 50s mountains and northwest with 60s to around 70 east and south.

OKLAHOMA — Tonight, partly cloudy with a chance of thunderstorms northern and cloudy with isolated evening central Oklahoma. Lows in the showers or thunderstorms. Lows 70s. Wednesday, partly cloudy in the mid 70s inland to near 80 with a chance of thunderstorms. coast. Wednesday, partly cloudy Highs in the 90s. Lows in the

City briefs

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EMERGENCY JAIL Release. 24 hrs. Jack Ward, 669-9911. Adv. RED HOT Sale at Watson's, you can't afford to pass up. All 4 pack bedding plants on sale for 50¢ each & all 4 in. pots on sale for \$1. Watson's Garden Center, 665-4189. Adv.

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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 Hasskarl, 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 Hasskarl, 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.

Coastal, S. Texas rains don't dent drought

By JAY JORDEN Associated Press Writer

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drought-ending summer rain are drying up across most of Texas, except for along the coast and far fell in the 24 hours ending south where dying remnants of a Monday morning in Matagorda tropical disturbance pounded residents.

ers and thunderstorms to the Rio swept through.

Wednesday. But, although a temporary help rain in Medina and Frio counties Central Texas. for lawns, it's not enough for near San Antonio. parched farmland and dried-out stock ponds to recover from the South Central Texas, the picture a crop through the Blacklands," drought that has settled over is bleaker.

much of the state. be above-normal on temperature rain to California, with tornadoes and below-normal on precipita-tion through July, August and slowly yielding to sibling La acreage in the Lubbock area. September," said Joe Harris with Nina. It brings dry conditions to the National Weather Service in the South and cold, wet condi- Plains on June 10 were "just ?

"There's just not much relief out there," he said Monday. "In this year's Texas drought has nications for the Plains Cotton North Texas, we'd have to get a already dried up \$517 million in Growers association in Lubbock. DALLAS (AP) — Hopes for system like what hit the Houston crops, costing \$1.7 billion to the area to feel better."

As much as 8.3 inches of rain al economists have said. County, with 6 inches around Clute and up to 5 inches in east-An upper-level low in Mexico ern Chambers County as remcould also bring scattered show- nants of a tropical disturbance

Grande Valley and Permian As the disturbance associated expected to be one-half or less of instead of the usual 2.98. Basin. And isolated storms could with an upper-level low pressure normal on dryland fields stretchdampen North Texas through system moved into northern ing from the Lower Rio Grande when the sun is heating up. evap-

"Most of Texas is supposed to phenomenon that brought record tions to the North.

Now about three months old, Shawn Wade, director of commuoverall state economy, agricultur-

cotton, the state's largest field crop, have now been abandoned, according to unofficial estimates.

Carl Anderson, Texas A&M

"It would be awfully hard to But away from the coast and find any dryland better than half he said, adding that unirrigated The Pacific's El Nino weather cotton in the Lubbock area is in

"sad, sick shape." Cotton farmers are abandoning

Scant showers in the South

In North Texas, El Nino-driven storms dried up in April, Harris said. At Dallas-Fort Worth More than one million acres of 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 University cotton economist, told normal 4.88 and June has been a the Houston Chronicle yields are similar story, with 1.75 inches

'And that's during the time Mexico, it dumped 2-3 inches of Valley through the Blacklands of oration increases and vegetation is sucking moisture out of the ground," Harris said.

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

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

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 air! line'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,

enough to ruin the seed," said Asian region most costly for foreign workers to live

still has seven of the world's 10 their previous pricey ratings. released Monday.

Hong Kong replaced longtime rankings of 172 cities worldwide.

Another Japanese city, Osaka, Beijing, Shanghai, Guangzhou sive cities. and Dalian also featured in the top 10 of the list compiled by March, measures the relative 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 Japanese cities are becoming Angeles, Chicago, Honolulu and cheaper because of the falling San Francisco, but more expensive than Washington, D.C., the ven. Boston, Detroit, Atlanta and oth-

GENEVA (AP) — Despite Southeast Asia hardest, knocked most expensive city. Another Asia's financial crisis, the region some of that region's cities from

most expensive cities for foreign Seoul, South Korea, fell this workers, according to a survey year to 48th place from 7th a year from 14th last year. earlier. Bangkok, Thailand; leader Tokyo, which slipped to Manila, Philippines, and Jakarta, strong currency, the pound. second place, at the top of the Indonesia, all of which were comparable to New York City in last year's rankings, are now and the Chinese metropolises of among the world's least expen-

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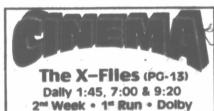
The study said Chinese cities are becoming more pricey despite low inflation rates. value of the nation's currency,

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

Russian city, St. Petersburg, went up to 8th from 10th place, and London jumped to 10th position

The report said London Lumpur, Malaysia; became costlier because of its

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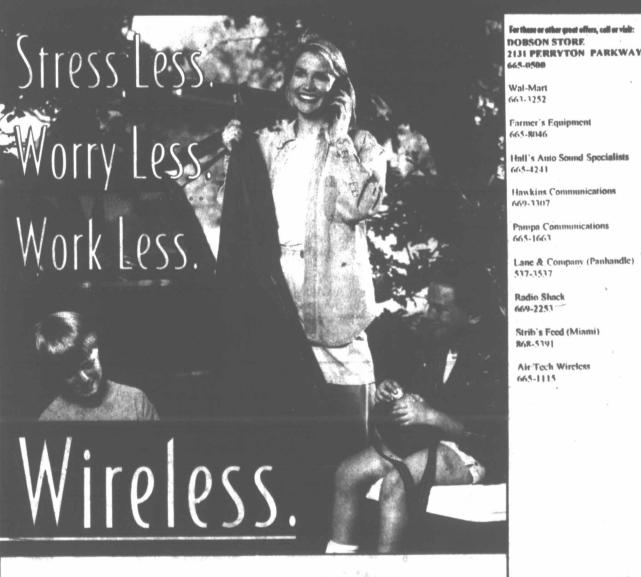
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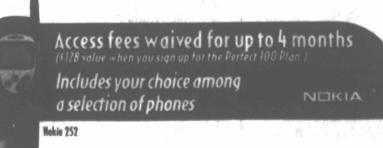






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Opinion

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

In announcing the surplus, President Clinton reverted to schoolmarmish 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

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

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 taxpavers 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

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

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A communist in a h

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.

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 Center lawyers could likewise lobby represen- criminals. But there's no fun and little money in racy may not be worth much.

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Steve Chapman

Chapman is a nationally syndicated columnist.

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, regulating the firearms trade. The MacArthur legal products were put to illegitimate uses by on guns established by elected officials, democ-

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 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 mar-keting 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

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 guncontrol 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

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

Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, June 30, the 181st day of 1998. There are 184 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On June 30, 1971, the 26th Amendment to the Constitution, lowering the minimum voting age to 18, was ratified as Ohio became the 38th state to approve it.

On this date:

In 1859, French acrobat Blondin (born Jean Francois Gravelet) crossed Niagara Falls on a tightrope as 5,000 spectators watched.

In 1870, Ada H. Kepley of Effingham, Ill., became America's first female law school graduate.

In 1921, President Harding appointed former President Taft chief justice of the United States. In 1934, Adolf Hitler began his

"blood purge" of political and military leaders in Germany. Among those killed was one-time Hitler ally Ernst Roehm, leader of the Nazi stormtroopers.

In 1936, the novel "Gone with the Wind" by Margaret Mitchell was published in New York.

In 1952, "The Guiding Light," a popular radio program, made its debut as a television soap opera on

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

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

Commanders, and especially the commanderin-chief, should be able to look the parents of a legged Cambodian children victimized by these dead American soldier in the eyes and say, "We did everything we could to protect your son." from wars that ended years earlier. Today, the der-in-chief appears AWOL.



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 onecrude weapons. But those were mines left behind

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 comman-

Sandra Bullock movie gives me hope

Charley Reese

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

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. Moviemaking 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- don't. It doesn't matter whether the subject is

Syndicated columnist ets to good movies, you will get fewer bad

movies and more good movies. Or vice versa.

Trust me. That's 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 boxoffice 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 mes-

sage: The bad people care, but the good ones

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 cyni-

cal 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

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.

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WASHINGTON (AP) - Linda Tripp, the other woman on the Monica Lewinsky tapes, finally gets her chance to tell a grand jury what she had betrayed Ms. Lewinsky and had cynically

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 wit-

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Mrs. Tripp in 1993 became executive assistant anuary 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 als to see whether there was any information dug said she had been vilified unfairly. "I am so up by private investigator Terry Lenzner on Ms. anxious to go before the grand jury and tell Lewinsky or prosecutors in Starr's office. Lenzner

woman on the Monica Lewinsky tapes, many 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.

"Monica is a very worldly person. She educated "Monica is a very worldly person."

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.

to Clinton's White House counsel, Bernard "Linda Tripp ... believes the public will have a Nussbaum, and now works for the Pentagon. She better understanding of the events that led to this precipitated a criminal probe of Clinton in investigation when all of the facts are revealed," said her lawyers, Anthony Zaccagnini and Joe

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

Prosecutors reportedly subpoenaed the materi-

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 attorneyclient and work product privileges - two legal doctrines that give lawyers the right to keep conclients, said the sources, who are outside Starr's dent.

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 prosesultant or other third parties like investiga- attorney-client privilege.

tors who aid an attorney in his or her job." Douglas said that while the privileges protect-ing conversations between a client and lawyer are mostly absolute, the work product privilege "is a more qualified privilege and can be overcome by

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 fidential their work and conversations with begin impeachment proceedings against a presi-

Mrs. Tripp was appearing at the same court-Starr's spokesman, Charles Bakaly, declined house 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 cutor, said the concept of attorney work House is resisting having Lindsey testify about product privilege "typically extends to con- his conversations with the president, citing the

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

Marion Carl spent much of his life money.

outracing death in a fighter plane. He led World War II air battles where he survived being shot ously hurt. down. Then he became a test pilot and flew higher and faster than cash and drove off in their car, but Edwards Air Force Base, in anyone before him. In his 50s, the abandoned it 10 miles away. A California. But his fame was fleetfighter 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 thought out," sheriff's Detective breaking the sound barrier two who kicked in the door of his home and demanded cash from his wife.

"It's a hell of a way to lose a he may have been involved. great American hero," said retired Marine Col. Denis J. Keily, Aviation Museum Foundation in victories. Pensacola, Fla. "I guess it's a statement of our times.

drunken driving, burglary and criminal trespass.

Sheriff's deputies said Carl, 82, was up reading when a young man wearing wraparound sun-

ROSEBURG, Ore. (AP) - and demanded car keys and canoe. After five days with the

Carl was shot when he walked back to his base. into the room, and Mrs. Carl was at Midway and Guadalcanal, grazed in the head but not seri- Navy test pilot, setting a world

The man took \$200 to \$400 in patrolman found the dog walking ing and soon forgotten.

Joe Perkins said.

known haunts of Fanus after a tip

from World War II to Vietnam, in years later flew U-2 photo reconspokesman for the Naval a career that included 18.5 aerial naissance missions over China.

became the first Marine fighter I'd flown faster than anybody. I Authorities on Monday issued ace, downing three Japanese think I was one of the very few a warrant for the arrest of Jesse bombers and a fighter plane over who had accomplished that," he Stuart Fanus, a 19-year-old from Guadalcanal. He ended his stint told The Associated Press in an the area who has a record of at Guadalcanal with 11.5 combat interview last year. arrests on charges including aircraft destroyed, according to the National Museum of Naval the Vietnam War, commanding Aviation.

natives, he finally made his way

After the war, Carl became a speed record of 651 mph on Aug. 25, 1947, at Muroc Field, now

Chuck Yeager, the Air Force's "It appears to be totally random top test pilot, wrested away the - random and irrational and not title of world's fastest human by months later, also at Muroc. He Sheriff's deputies staked out flew a Bell X-1 rocket plane at Mach 1.07 – 700 mph – on Oct. 14.

In 1953, Carl set a world alti-Carl's flying exploits spanned tude record of 83,235 feet and two

"One time I'd flown higher In 1942, the Oregon native than anybody and another time

He returned to combat during the 2nd Marine Air Wing. He In one dogfight, his shot-up retired in 1973 with 13,000 flying was in bed and his wife, Edna, Wildcat fighter went down off the hours, a Navy Cross with two coast of Guadalcanal. His official Gold Stars, the Legion of Merit Marine biography says he was with three Gold Stars, the glasses, holding a shotgun and "losing his battle to swim ashore Distinguished Flying Cross with accompanied by a German shepherd burst through the side door picked up by friendly natives in a with 13 Gold Stars and the Air Medal with 13 Gold Stars.

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Jury rejects claims of misconduct in sex ring case

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 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

Robert Pastor Roberson, his wife, Connie, and 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; parishioner and 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

police to keep investigating sex dismissed or reduced.

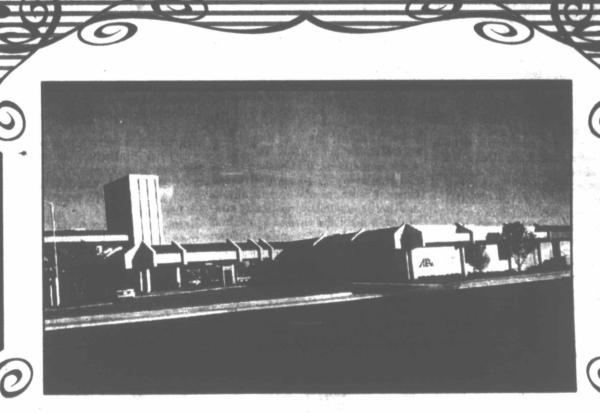
SEATTLE (AP) - A jury rejected they were falsely accused in 1994-95. abuse and molestation cases without fear of lawsuits.

> "When your livelihood is his daughter sat silently as the 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 \$60 million in damages. pleaded guilty, five were convict-Douglas County Sheriff Dan ed and three were acquitted. LaRoche said the verdict allows Charges against six others were



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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" Tshirt handy at all times. Or, you

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

Horoscope

BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

feedback. Tonight: Say yes.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

in the hours needed.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

Laughter is good medicine.

by THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Pole

2 Sailor

3 "Roses

worke

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

WEDNESDAY, JULY 1, 1998

The Stars Show the Kind of Day

You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive;

*** Pressure to get things done

intensifies. You hear a lot from part-

ners, family and friends. Stay even

and accommodating, and it will all

work out. What a friend is saying

could confuse you. Keep asking ques-

tions, get verification and ask for

★★★ Get into work and keep that

even, gentle manner despite misun-

derstanding someone's growing frus-

tration. Your sincerity saves the day,

despite confusion. Stay nurturing

and considerate. Work with unex-

pected job-related news. Tonight: Put

**** 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 limita-

tion. Someone might be having a

hard time hearing you. Tonight:



favorite sport, his hunting buddies and him more!

SYNDICATED

COLUMNIST

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

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 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

*** You like to be clear, but

somehow there seems to be a haze

between your words and how some-

one receives them. It probably isn't

you. Keep at it, and don't lose inter-

est. Likewise, don't judge what some-

one says. A partner surprises you.

*** 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 differ-

ent direction. Verify appointments,

news and information. There could

be a last-minute problem. Tonight:

*** Pressure from a boss or some-

one in charge makes you most un-

comfortable. Pull back, and think

through a decision. Someone you

care about messes up your plans for

a get-together with friends. A flirta-

tion could develop into something

more. Tonight: Let it all hang out.

** Sometimes, it is best to sit on

the sidelines. This is one of those

times. Communications run amok,

as others seem to automatically mis-

understand. Take care of a problem

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

ARENA

EREC OMARTEE

Tonight: Visit a favorite store.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Surprises happen.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

unexpected gesture.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

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 cou-

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 pamper herself while he hunts, and then they can have a wonderful meal together while he feasts his eyes on her.

a fair with me.

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

best mates.

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.

★★★ 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

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

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

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

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

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

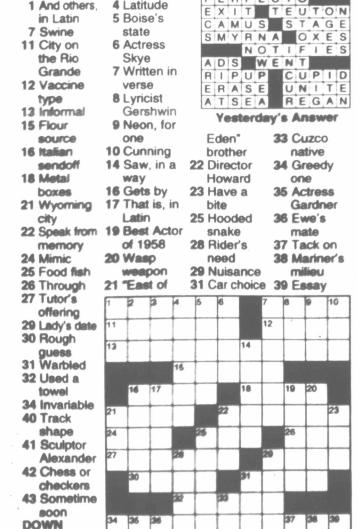
night.

**** 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.

*** Discussions need to be on an

at home. A family member means *** You have a solid point of well. Go with the spontaneity. Toview. Someone simply doesn't agree. night: Do your own thing. Crossword Puzzle

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Marmaduke



"I can't believe you've already eaten your way through another bag of dog food."

The Family Circus



"Flies are big teases. They dare you to swat them, then they take off just in time.'

For Better or For Wors











Beetle Bailey YOU KNOW HOW YEAH I SAID I'D **ALWAYS** BE THERE FOR YOU?





Marvin



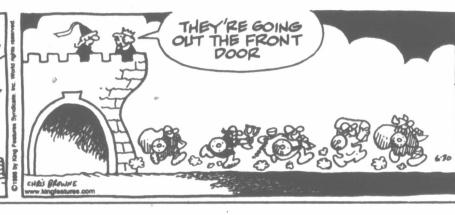






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Peanuts









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Mallard Filmore



Notebook

Basketball

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ILY IAMS AT!

Entries are now being accepted for the Streetball Challenge. 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

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.

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

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 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

25:1-20

were no washouts, though. "It was a wonderful rain protection date, but it wasn't scheduled that way," NL vice president Katy Feeney 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

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 mance so far, mixing big serves the games and the points." who bounced her sister out the and groundstrokes with lobs, Hingis said she may 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 runnerup 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 Pascual could barely reach. 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 injury, Serena quit the third- nent.

Pampa

runners

do well in

Lubbock

track endured blistering tempera-

tures 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

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

Tandra Holmes, an 8th grad-

er, ran the 800 for second two

weeks ago and the 1600 for sec-

ond. Tandra ran her 800 in 2:48

for fourth and a 5:48 in the

1600, good for another 4th

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

Childress, led four runners

through a pedestrian first three

laps and then blasted a 65-sec-

ond 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 tempera-

tures in the stratosphere, he

ran the 800 in 2:05 for first

place. Then at 4:30 he ran the

and finishing strong with a

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 run-

ner advanced and will be head-

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 sum-

mer in scorching temperatures

not only in preparation for

these meets, but also for the

upcoming cross country sea-

All Pampa runners have

course of the summer meets,

and each runner will continue

meets continue to be held

throughout the duration of the

Last

ed for this meet.

4:43 finish.

Kelby McClellan, a senior,

a close second place.

in the 1600 with a 5:48.

place finish.

round match while trailing 7-5,

Venus avenged that result by overwhelming the 47th-ranked Spaniard with her best perfor-

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 — 6foot-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-

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 Williams failed to get past four games and breezed to victo-

"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

Hingis said she may have drop shots and winning volleys. been affected by the 11 a.m. In previous matches, Williams 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 about the whole situation," many rain delays. The sun was Henman said. "I surprised out today and there was only a myself a little bit, how relaxed I small chance of showers.

Defending champino Pete Sampras was scheduled to face Korda, the Australian Open French qualifier Sebastian champion who downed John 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 champion since 1936.

Feeding off the frenzied support of the Centre Court crowd, 12th-seeded Henman downed U.S. Open champion Ruano-Pascual. Citing a calf ry over her 42nd-ranked oppo- 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 was today."

Henman next faces No. 3 Petr 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 hopes of having its first male the fifth day affected by rain

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.

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

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

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.

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

champion in the 800 from By CHRIS SHERIDAN **AP Basketball Writer**

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 1500, blitzing the last curve

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 shown improvement over the 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 to get better as other summer currently playing overseas, minor leaguers and possibly some colle-

> Despite meeting nine times since April, the owners and players have made only minimal progress on a new agreement to replace the higher than that of the players. So why are things so bad?"

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 cur-

rent 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

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

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

Germany, Netherlands come through City tense after to win clutch games in World Cup

PARIS (AP) — Both favorites match between Argentina and games and scored just one goal. to shoot high and under the bar. won. Both by 2-1. That doesn't England there was more fan viocome close to telling the story.

The story was in the face of Edgar Davids, running toward a sea of orange in the stands, his left index finger thrust in the air as he celebrated his first goal for his country. It was a second-half game-winner during injury time Monday that lifted the Netherlands into the World Cup quarterfinals.

"I put all of myself into the final shot, and I scored," said the 25-year-old midfielder, breaking a two-year media silence to discuss the 25-yard blast that eliminated Yugoslavia in the 92nd

The story also was the sight of Germany's veterans, sprawled on the grass, gasping for air, their aging legs cramping in 91degree heat. They didn't just win, they survived a heart-stopping scare, needing two goals 11 minutes apart deep in the second half to beat Mexico.

"I wouldn't want to go through such a game every day," German coach Berti Vogts said. "My team went through 90 min- dent) Alan Rothenberg the freeutes of torture. We won with our dom to select someone else that fighting spirit. They found the strength to win a game that was nearly lost."

and wild baton charges early today in the center of Saint-Etienne, where the game will be played tonight. Police arrested several English fans and local toughs. There were some minor injuries, mostly caused during crowd stampedes.

China, meanwhile, President Clinton told a radio call-in show that he liked Brazil's chances to win an unprecedented fifth World Cup. Clinton also said the U.S. team's 2-1 loss to Iran in the first round was "heartbreaking for Americans."

That loss underscored a lastplace finish for the United States that led to coach Steve Sampson resigning on Monday, just a few days after he vowed not to step

"This was my decision, my decision only," Sampson said. "I felt it was best I reacquaint myself with my family and allow (U.S. Soccer Federation presifresh start."

Sampson was severely criti-

inexperienced coach would see teammates." A sudden show of force by riot the value of experienced playtroops triggered insults, scuffles ers," forward Eric Wynalda said Argentina-England winner in of the first American coach to the quarterfinals Saturday, the lead a U.S. team at a World Cup. same day Germany faces either "We should never let this happen Romania or Croatia.

> round thrillers left the quarterfinals bracket with two empty places, with Romania playing Croatia at Bordeaux and England seeking to avenge the 12-year-old "Hand of God" defeat against Argentina.

those games have hard acts to ers follow. On the heels of the World Cup's first "golden goal" — France's sudden-death overtime victory over Paraguay on Sunday — came not only Germany's comeback, but also the Dutch survival and the first

ing long after Yugoslav striker tory in Mexico. The referee Predrag Mijatovic nailed it with a penalty kick that could have could give this national team a the tournament were 14-for-14 Hoddle, who played in that from the spot.

The quarterfinal field will be cized by his players after the my career," Mijatovic said. "The turning that result round and filled today, and on the eve of the United States lost all three of its Dutch goalie is tall, so I decided getting it out of our system."

"We were naive to think an It didn't work. I'm sad for my

The Netherlands will play the

gain." European champion and The back-to-back second- three-time World Cup titlist Germany trailed Mexico 1-0 when Juergen Klinsmann tied it in the 75th minute. Oliver Bierhoff then outleaped defender Raul Lara to put home a 12yard header in the 86th to clinch the victory. It was the third goal In terms of cliffhanger value, of the tournament for both strik-

"The way we fought in this hot weather makes us incredibly optimistic for the next games," said Klinsmann. "We have tremendous fighting spirit."

England has been waiting since 1986 to redress Diego missed penalty kick of France Maradona's dubious goal, the one he punched into the net in The crossbar was still vibrat- Argentina's 2-1 quarterfinal vicnever saw it.

That feeling of injustice has given Yugoslavia a 2-1 lead in the stayed with us a long time," 51st minute. His predecessors at said England coach Glenn match. "We have got a chance of "This is the worst moment in readdressing that balance and

clashes between police and youths

By MORT ROSENBLUM AP Special Correspondent

SAINT-ETIENNE, France (AP) - A sudden show of force by riot roops seeking to avoid violence before a World Cup playoff between England and Argentina triggered insults, scuffles and wild baton charges early today in the center of this industrial city.

Police arrested several English football fans and local toughs. There were some minor injuries, mostly caused during crowd stam-

In a separate incident by the stadium, local French-Tunisian youths insulted and attacked English fans, apparently in retaliation for skirmishes in Marseille two weeks ago, and English fans fought back. Police intervened, arresting about nine locals and an Englishman. Local youths burned several cars.

Trouble downtown began shortly after 11 p.m. Monday night, when a huge outdoor screen that showed the Netherlands-Yugoslavia game went blank. Its last image was a message saying it would not show the England-Argentina match Tonight.

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Also at 11 p.m., bars and restaurants shut their doors. Hundreds of police with riot helmets and shields moved in to clear the area. Until then, hundreds of Englishmen, scores of Argentines, and a number of French youths had been drinking peacefully together in the balmy open air. A band played on a makeshift stage, and stands served up beer and hotdogs.

But the mood was already tense. Only 2,000 tickets had been made available in England for perhaps 30,000 people who are comng for the game. Scalper prices approach \$800 each.

Some English fans yelled at the police and began singing what has become their World Cup trademark in the face of police and local opposition: "No surrender, no surrender to the IRA" — a reference to troubles in Northern Ireland. Within minutes, there were scuffles in the streets.

Police officials had no immediate comment, but all sides including British police hooligan spotters — faulted the French

"Why did they do that?" asked Ben Murphy, 22, an English engineering student from Lincoln, as he watched columns of nervous police in riot gear, backed by burly plainclothes officers, tighten cordons around the brightly lit City Hall square.

"This was ridiculous, just looking for trouble," said Mariano Recalde, 26, a lawyer who flew from Buenos Aires to watch Argentina play. "We're just trying to get to our hotel, but we're blocked in on all sides. The cops panic easily here, don't they?"

Farid Belaid, 22, a French-Algerian printer from a working-class suburb of Saint-Etienne, blamed the police for overreacting against young Arabs and English fans who, he said, they assumed were all

As police charged, some of the English threatened television camramen, photographers and reporters, blaming them for the trouble. An Englishman with shaved head and earrings threw beer on one French photographer. Among obscenities, he shouted: "It's because of you they call us hooligans.

Shortly after, another English fan told the same photographer: 'Take your cameras and leave. You're not welcome here." Two British policemen in football-fan dress, who spoke only on

the condition of anonymity, said that French police might have avoided trouble by quietly isolating potential troublemakers ahead of time, while keeping their main force out of sight.

He confirmed that Scotland Yard had lent experts to spot fans ikely to incite trouble. But, he added with a laugh, "Who's to say the French will listen?" The British agreed that a match between England and Argentina,

with their 32-year-old football grudge and the Falklands War of 1982, had serious potential for violence. Local authorities are allowing beer and alcohol to be sold up until

11 p.m. tonight, which is just as the match ends. Then bars close, and police hope for the best. Nigel Bobroff, a young company director from London, is taking

no chances. He left his wife and 4-month-old daughter in Lyon, 36 miles away, while he sees the game.

With a laugh, he explained why: "England has the best football fans in the world, but the trouble is that it also has the worst."

Indy driver headed for fame and fortune

PLANO, Texas — Greg Ray Wireless Services of Dallas. says his most recent race-day successes have marked him as one of the "go-to guys" of the Pep Boys Indy Racing League. But for the immediate future, Ray will be going to IRL races as a spectator.

"I'm riding a pretty big wave in everybody's mind right now," said Ray, who qualified second for the Indianapolis 500 in May and finished second in the True Value 500K at Texas Motor Speedway earlier this month.

Ray, a 31-year-old resident of body's trigger." "That's shown itself IRL teams for me to sign, that if I decided to drive for them, I could probably be racing at New Hampshire."

Instead of making left-hand turns at New Hampshire International Speedway last weekend, Ray was watching Race No. 5 of the IRL schedule from the sidelines. After failing to attract a along. full-time primary sponsor and having spent approximately a while as long as we put our-\$500,000 this season, the 1998 Motorsports is running on office at Plano Marine, his familymethanol fumes.

Ray and team owner Knapp, a tists, opted to skip the race in of talking about 'the money.' On Loudon, N.H., and the following race day, I don't want to hear any event at Dover, Del., on July 19 while they court long-term financial backing.

Ray seemingly is a perfect fit for all the tools. what IRL founder Tony George is selling with his fledgling, 3-yearold series -- an affordable, all-oval program that theoretically will feature talented, young American

Ray exhibited an aggressive, run-up-front driving style during the Indianapolis 500 and the True Value 500-kilometer race in Fort Worth. And his offtrack presence exceeded the expectations of his

So what is the hangup? "It's the Golden Rule," said Fort Worth's Johnny Rutherford, a three-time Indy 500 winner. "Them that has the gold, rules."

Rutherford, who also is the IRL's racing always has been run that

"That's one of the big puzzles of this business," Rutherford said. "Finding sponsorship is the hardest job in the world, and it all boils "Everybody thinks I'm one of down to being in the right place at

Ideally, Ray is hunting for the \$3 because I have five contracts from million to \$4 million deal that will allow him and Knapp to retain the nucleus of their small team and expand the supplies of personnel and parts over three years. But if a major sponsor can't be secured in the next 60 to 90 days, Ray is willing to join an established IRL outfit -- Team Menard would do nicelv. for instance -- and bring Knapp

selves in a position to have no owned boat and vacht business. "I don't want to blame our perforcouple of card-carrying pragma- mance on money. I'm just so tired bull about how this broke or we didn't get to test or we missed the

> 'You've got yours. I've got mine. Let's race.

theless continues to struggle with package an infinitely confounding identity

Somebody' for them to want to bandwagon. participate in a big program. This is how I'm perceiving it: There's the prospect but went into the you did before."

The closest Ray has come to the big 'oooomph' of an IRL victory Dallara chassis and Tom Knapp to was his runner-up finish to Billy engineer my race car," Ray said. Boat by .928-seconds at TMS in Fort Worth on June 6. Ray's black three requests, and the seat went No. 97 Dallara/Aurora carried to veteran Scott Goodyear. Barnes the 'go-to guys' right now," said the right time. And tripping some- backing from AT&T Wireless said Ray's "demands" did not Services for the night race. Ray make much difference in who got answered the call around the 1.5mile trioval, at speeds exceeding 227 mph.

"AT&T signed on only for the Fort Worth race, and we weren't pushing to go to the next race and the next race. We're very soft that way," Ray said of a deal struck with Gary Fleming, the vice president of AT&T's Business Markets

"I'm comfortable sitting out for manager of AT&T Wireless fence around themselves, and that Services, confirmed that Ray made seems to be the case with Greg." a huge impression with Fleming budget at Thomas Knapp excuses," said Ray, seated in an and his corporate cohorts begin-person to work with. I'm real honning with the Indy 500, where his est in what I say," Ray said. "I underfinanced team led 18 laps.

> screen," Gary said. "He's a homedeal. To date, I've made nothing. town boy, and we have a major setup. I want everybody to have just trying to get through the doing the job. week, and he did more broadcast

'If you went out and asked Joe LLC, of Indianapolis. The team's to win. I want to win. In racing, if Blow on the street corner about owners include Baltimore Ravens you don't believe you can win and Greg Ray, they'd say, 'Greg quarterback Jim Harbaugh, TV " said Ray, who won the executive Terry Lingner and veter- win, then guess what -- you're Sports Car Club of America's an Indy-car crew chief John probably not. Because people like most recent sponsor, AT&T Formula Ford 2000 champi- Barnes. The job at Panther Racing me are going to kick your butt."

onship in 1992 and the SCCA's came gift-wrapped with primary Formula Atlantic title in 1993. "To sponsorship from Pennzoil, sell a big sponsor, you can't be among the highest-profile corpo-'Greg Who?' You have to be 'Greg rations to climb aboard the IRL Ray said he truly was excited by

director of special projects, said just no big 'oooomph' on what negotiations with three specific "I said I wanted Firestone tires,

Methodically, Barnes nixed all

"Typical driver," Barnes said

with a laugh. "We really like Greg a lot. It just didn't work out with our sponsor." Barnes added that Ray was as aggressive in his business dealings as he is in dealing with race traffic. "He's got an attitude. And that's

not all bad," Barnes said. "It's his way of dealing with motor racing Cherie Gary, public relations and life. A lot of people build that

"But I've never been a difficult could have made the better part of "That's how he got on our radar \$1 million this year taking that "But it's hard for me . . . if I think

presence in Texas. We're very Firestone tires are a better tire and happy with his performance in the Dallara has a better chassis, and I race. Second is terrific. We were know Tom and I are capable of

'Some people have already "I want to be able to say, media than I ever thought he taken me to be a little bit cocky and have a big ego. I just think Ray said negotiations are contin- they're taking it the wrong way. Infinitely confident, Ray never- uing with AT&T for a long-term That's my way of expressing that I have a lot of self-confidence. I Last fall, he was the leading dri-don't beat around the bush with ver candidate at Panther Racing, what I want. I want to win. I want you don't believe you should

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Deans Pharmacy will meet ment, but Dean's, a team that Tuesday at 5:45 in the lost to Dunlap 16-12 in the Championship game of the 9 opening round, has come back and 10 year old boys Post Season tournament.

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against The Operating Co. 5-3. If Dean's wins the first ballgame against First Bank Southwest their will be another contest shortly after to Dean's Pharmacy will have determine the post-season

Bird, Haynes thrilled fans, reach basketball's shrine

AP Sports Writer

Larry Bird era, Boston Garden the winningest women's coach in Mass was sold out for every game as he history. "You can't love the game treated fans to clutch shots and of basketball and not love the way eye-opening passes.

Marques Haynes of the Harlem Globetrotters and Harlem Magicians dazzled crowds in 106 countries with his dribbling and showmanship.

Entertainers of different eras, Bird and Haynes were named to basketball's Hall of Fame on Monday, along with one player, Hannum, Jody Conradt and Aleksandar Nikolic.

Bird was elected in his first year of eligibility, having beer retired for five years. Haynes, who graduated from college 33 years before Bird, was named in the first year he was nominated.

Both had a knack for thrilling

fans and winning games.

did," said Conradt, who will number of Celtics elected to bas-For 12 seasons during the begin her 23rd season at Texas as ketball's shrine in Springfield, he played the game with passion In more than 12,000 games, and intensity and success.

1979 NCAA finals, then led the NBA into an era of unprecedented popularity and the Boston Celtics to three NBA titles in a 13year career filled with awards, but cut short by back problems.

He was rookie of the year in 1980, a two-time finals MVP, Arnie Risen, and coaches Alex three-time regular-season MVP and 12-time All-Star.

Need a steal? He had more than any Celtics player since the statistic was first kept in 1973-74. A game-winning shot? Bird had plenty of those, too. And with the the year last season.

stride, just as he reacted calmly to

who didn't admire what he (Bird) He and Risen bring to 25 the beat all comers."

The Pacers released a statement in which Bird called his election "a great honor." He said he hoped his teammates and coaches from He took Indiana State to the high school, college and the pros all share in it.

"This is as much a team accomplishment as an individual accomplishment," his statement said. He planned a news conference for today in Indianapolis.

Haynes joined Globetrotters in 1947 before blacks played in the NBA. He likened such teams to basketball's version of baseball's Negro Leagues, which had outstanding players who weren't fully appreciated in their playing days.

"We had not only great ballhan-Indiana Pacers, he was coach of dlers, showmen, comedians, but have been great just going in with we had some great basketball He seemed to take it all in players," said Haynes, who runs a business in Dallas. "You had to "I don't think there's anybody his widely anticipated election. have great basketball players to

The Globetrotters beat the NBA's Minneapolis Lakers in against a group of college all-stars in a series of games in 1950. Like the Magicians formed by Haynes in 1953 after a contract dispute, the Globetrotters were known primarily for on-court hijinks that had fans laughing and the oppo- about." nent invariably losing.

Magic Johnson, lost his chance to be elected this year when he ended 4 1/2 years of retirement by returning to the Los Angeles Lakers on Jan. 29, 1996. He won't be eligible until 2002.

Bird will be the focus of the induction ceremony Oct. 2 in Springfield.

'Going in with Bird is special but, at the same time, it would any of the players who were considered the great ones," Haynes

He's also going in with

some consider the greatest ever the 1948 and 1949 and held their own Philadelphia 76ers led by Wilt Chamberlain.

"The fact that I had the honor to coach that team is the reason I'm in the Hall of Fame," Hannum said. "It's a tremendous honor. It's something you can only dream

He also coached the St. Louis Another crowd-pleasing star, Hawks to the 1958 NBA title and the Oakland Oaks to the 1969 ABA championship in a 16-year pro coaching career.

> Conradt has spent 29 years as a head coach, starting at Sam Houston State in 1969 when a coach. women's basketball was a minor

"If I had dreamed every dream imaginable, I could not think this could be a reality," she said of her election. "It's just amazing to me the whole process by which women's basketball has claimed

credibility.' Risen, 6-foot-9 and about 200 Maciel of Brazil.

in a 13-year career starting with 1967 NBA champion Indianapolis of the National Basketball League in 1945-46. He moved to Rochester of the NBA in 1947-48 and spent his last three seasons in Boston.

Nikolic began coaching the Yugoslavian national team in 1953 and led it to two silver medals and a bronze in European Championships in the 1960s. He also was a successful coach in

Last week, Lenny Wilkens joined John Wooden as the only two-time inductees. Already in as a player, Wilkens was honored as

Nominees not selected were: Larry Costello, Adrian Dantley, Artis Gilmore, Gus Johnson, Sidney Moncrief, Chet Walker, coaches John Thompson and Tex Winter, former Wayland Baptist women's coach Harley Redin, shoe company executive Grady Lewis and Ubiratan Pereira

Prosecutors to push for new compentency exam for killer college stude

BRIDGEPORT, Conn. (AP) - Months of appeals ask a Superior Court judge to order a test immedi-have delayed a competency exam for a man who ately for Kenneth Curtis. was deemed too brain-damaged for trial in the then earned high marks in college.

Curtis, 32, is accused of shooting Donna Kalson, 1987 shooting death of his estranged girlfriend but 21, in the head outside a Stratford restaurant on Oct. 30, 1987. After killing her and wounding her Prosecutor John Smriga on Monday said he will date, Curtis shot himself in the head, police said.

Curtis, who suffered brain damage and partial hearing, a judge ordered him discharged from cusparalysis, was declared incompetent to stand trial would be unable to communicate with his lawyers.

In 1989, after a fourth and final competency chiatric monitoring.

tody. As part of that ruling, he was supposed to after psychiatrists who examined him said he undergo annual psychiatric evaluations, but the state Appellate Court overturned that order in 1990, allowing Curtis to go free without any psy-

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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 cape 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 num-

ber 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 no 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 noncombat-

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

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 rede-

fined 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 Denn. 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

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 ther-

apist 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

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 ordea

DALLAS (AP) – A 16-year-old gang member wrestler at Richardson Pearce High School, says the teen-ager who nearly blinded him dur- Initially, the two were among about two dozen

see again," Jason Prickett testified Monday over a girl, Prickett said. during the trial of a 17-year-old varsity

ing a fight ignored his pleas to stop. teen-agers from two rival groups who gathered "He said, 'Remember my name. I'm the in a field in the north Dallas suburb of one who made it so you'll never be able to Richardson to watch a fight between two boys

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 Prickett, identified by police as a known gang said he swung at the defendant, but missed.



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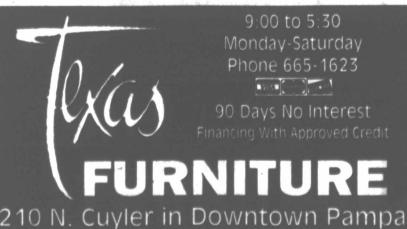
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