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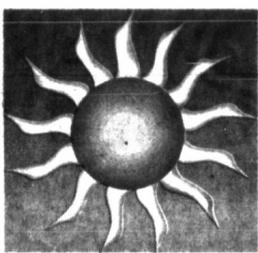
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PAMPA — Calvary Baptist Church Vacation Bible School runs July 28-Aug. 1 from 6:30 p.m. until 9 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and on Saturday from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. To make reservations call the church at 665-0842. The theme is Passport to the Holy Land.

PAMPA — The Red Cross is holding a car wash Saturday in front of NBC Bank from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. Firefighters will be helping to man the wash which will accept donations for payment. All proceeds will go to the Red Cross.

FORT WORTH, (AP) — A 10-year-old boy from Randlett, Okla., has died in a Fort Worth, Texas, children's hospital from meningitis.

The child's name has not been released.

A hospital spokeswoman said the boy contracted a form of amoeba-related meningitis while swimming last week at Lake Arrowhead, just south of Wichita Falls, Texas.

The amoeba thrives in hot, dry conditions and experts are warning swimmers to stay out of stagnant water.

- James "Dewey" Bye, 45, oil field worker, Skellytown volunteer.
- Virginia May Eason, 54, Pratt and Whitney employee.
- Monnie Wayne Edwards, 46, retired district conservationist.
- Ada Lee Hadley, 95, retired Kerr Paper Company billing clerk.
- Dorothy C. Stephens, 74, retired dental assistant for Dr. Joe Pieratt.

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Adopt-A-Park program in spotlight

National magazine, video to feature Pampa's plan

By MIRANDA G. BAILEY
Staff Writer

An article about Pampa's Adopt-A-Park program by Reed Kirkpatrick, Superintendent of the City of Pampa Parks Department, is being published nationally this month in the National Recreation and Park Association magazine.

The NRPA was "so impressed with Pampa's Adopt-A-Park program," says Kirkpatrick, "that they will make a contact with one of Amarillo's TV stations to film a video on it and use it as a nationwide training/information video."

The development of the park program in 1988 has led to a 40 percent reduction in vandalism, according to Kirkpatrick.

"Citizens are very supportive because by getting them involved, they become our eyes and ears for our park system," Kirkpatrick was quoted saying

in the article.

"I thought this spoke highly of Pampa," he said about the article being published.

In other news, Kirkpatrick and Parks and Recreation Advisory Board members joined together to receive a \$14,000 check by Cabot Corporation representatives to complete the construction of Dr. V.E. von Brunow Park.

The check was presented this morning to City Manager Bob Eskridge at the von Brunow park.

The donation will be used to complete the final stages of the park's construction downtown at the corner of Cuyler and Foster.

Four park benches will now be able to be purchased and put in place with the planting of 10 trees in the winter, said Kirkpatrick. "Grandfather's Vision," a statue by Pampa artist Gerald Sanders, will also be

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(Pampa News photo by Miranda Bailey)

Cabot Corporation representatives Chris Perez, Tim Conner, Ed Carter, Jeanene Seaton, Liza Harrison, and Judy Maze, center with City Manager Bob Eskridge, present a \$14,000 donation for the completion of the Dr. V.E. von Brunow Park. Accepting the check on behalf of the city are parks board members Rusty Neef, Charles King, Judy Elliott, Eileen Kludt and parks director Reed Kirkpatrick.

Officer assault nets arrest

A Pampa man is under arrest after assaulting a woman and a police officer last night.

Officers responded to a call involving a dispute between a man and a woman two blocks east of Tignor and King. When they arrived they found the woman appeared to have been assaulted.

Officers placed Jeremy L. Evans, 24, 312 Miami, under arrest for domestic assault when he allegedly became violent and kicked Officer Ron Provence

and spat on him.

Evans was booked into Gray County Jail on charges of aggravated assault on a police officer, public intoxication, domestic assault causing bodily injury and resisting transportation.

Police Chief Charlie Morris said the situation is being watched closely because there is always a risk of infection for an officer when bodily fluids are involved.

Texas heat wave kills more

Death toll in state reaches 28

While it has cooled off a bit in Gray County, the death count continues to rise elsewhere in Texas from the blistering heat wave.

Officials say five more deaths are weather-related — two in Dallas County, two in Denton County and one in Houston.

In Pampa, the high reached 91 yesterday and is expected to go up to 96 today. Triple digits, however, may return tomorrow.

At least 28 people have died statewide from heat-related illnesses since June 1, including 18 people in Dallas County alone.

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Dallas County officials reported Thursday that 80-year-old Fay Motley of Dallas and 90-year-old Annie Mae Worley of Lancaster are the latest victims of the fatal temperatures.

Denton County officials on Thursday reported two heat-related deaths.

Autopsy results confirmed Jack Edward Roper, a 76-year-old Roanoke man found dead Tuesday in his travel trailer, and 34-year-old construction worker Jose Francisco Deleon, who collapsed on the job July 3, were heat victims.

In Houston, 36-year-old Promise James, a homeless man, died Wednesday from the heat in a metal shed he used as shelter, the Harris County Medical Examiner's office reported Friday.

Tarrant County officials have
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Two more picked up in drug sweep

More arrests were made on drug trafficking charges stemming from the undercover operation announced earlier this week.

Twenty two warrants involving eleven people were issued and four more warrants are expected soon according to County officials. As of this morning nineteen of those warrants have been served and the suspects arrested.

Two women were arrested yesterday.

Valerie Constance Cole, 38, 701 N. Frost, was arrested on charges of delivery of methamphetamine under one gram and delivery of marijuana over a quarter-ounce and under five pounds.

Andrea Ann Rodriguez, 20, 422 Yeager, was arrested on charges of four counts of delivery of cocaine of various amounts and one charge of delivery of marijuana over a quarter-ounce and under five pounds.

INS worker accused of smuggling aliens

SARITA, Texas (AP) — An immigration officer accused of attempting to smuggle immigrants into the United States remained free Friday pending a grand jury investigation.

Jose Luis Espericueta, 47, is accused of trying to transport 14 undocumented immigrants. He was arrested Tuesday night at the checkpoint near Sarita.

Espericueta, who has been stationed for 10 years at the Border Patrol Station in Brownsville, is well known to agents at in Sarita, said Border Patrol spokeswoman Letty Garza. As a detention officer, his job is to escort undocumented immigrants out of the country.

"It is very disturbing when something like this happens," Ms. Garza said. "Alien smuggling is part of life down here, but when it is on your own, it is very upsetting."

Espericueta has been charged with bringing in illegal immigrants, transporting them and harboring them. All three are felony counts, punishable by up to five years in federal prison and a fine.

Espericueta was released Wednesday after posting a \$50,000 bond.

City gives hand in limb removal

City workers have been busy clearing the curbsides of the broken limbs that came tumbling down during last week's storm and have now finished the job, said Kimberly Lincycomb, street superintendent.

But they'll help citizens get rid of more limbs in two ways — through alley pickup and with the Loan-A-Truck program.

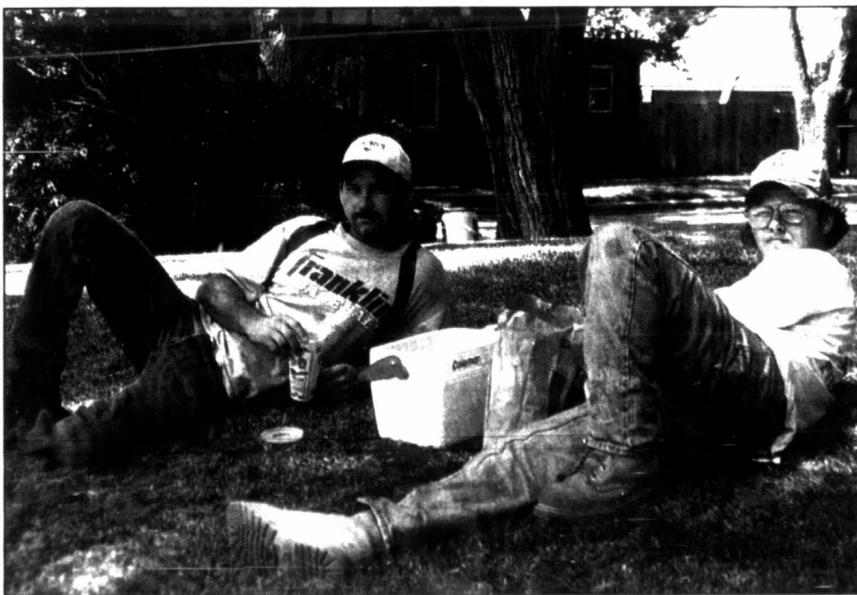
It took two rounds to get the job done and some residents still have limbs in their yards that need to be hauled off privately. To help, the city has a Loan-A-Truck program.

To sign up for a truck, go by the city warehouse behind Hobart Street Park just north of Highway 60 at Highway 70 and ask for Kenny Stover, Lincycomb said.

As a courtesy, the city sanitation department is removing limbs from the alley but no other debris will be hauled off by them.

In order for the limbs to be removed they must be stacked behind property and away from dumpsters and water meters. All limbs must be cut in three-foot or shorter lengths and must not be over three inches around.

To be placed on the limb removal list, call the Action Center at 669-5888.



(Pampa News photo by Jeff West)

Raul Vega and Gary Harbin, of King Weed and Tree, relax for lunch in the shade of some trees they were trimming earlier this week.

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Daily Record

Services tomorrow

CHRIESTENSON, Ray — 2 p.m., Briarwood Church, Pampa.
HADLEY, Ada Lee — Graveside services, 2 p.m., Llano Cemetery, Amarillo.
KINSLOW, William "Pete" — 10 a.m., Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel, Pampa.
STEPHENS, Dorothy C. — 2 p.m., First Baptist Church, Pampa.

Obituaries

JAMES 'DEWEY' BYE
SKELLYTOWN — James "Dewey" Bye, 45, died Thursday, July 16, 1998. Services are pending under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.
 Mr. Bye was born Oct. 24, 1952, at Park Rapids, Minn. He married Glenda Helms in 1973 at Pampa. He had been a Skellytown resident since 1984, moving from Oklahoma. He worked in the oil field in Oklahoma and Texas panhandles. He had been in the employment of V.E. Wagner Well Service for the past 14 years.
 He was a volunteer with Skellytown Fire Department. He was a member of Skellytown City Council for three years and Skellytown Lions Club. He played Santa Claus every year for the local children and was a member of Zion Lutheran Church of Pampa.

Survivors include his wife, Glenda, of the home; two sons, Chad Bye of Pampa and Justin Bye, of the home; two daughters, Tina Bye, of the home, and Melissa Bye of Pampa; his parents, Jim and Marlene Bye of Canyon; two brothers, Ronald Bye of Canyon and Terry Bye of Meridian, Miss.; and a grandchild.
 The family requests memorials be to Sugar Plums at Skel-Tex Credit Union.

VIRGINIA MAY EASON
WAXAHACHIE — Virginia May Eason, 54, a former Pampa resident, died Wednesday, July 15, 1998, at Dallas. Services were to be at 11 a.m. today in Evangel Temple with the Rev. Ken Rogers and the Rev. Curtis Davis officiating. Burial will be Saturday in Bovina under the direction of Waxahachie Funeral Home.

Mrs. Eason was born at Mobeetie. She attended Pampa High School at Pampa and Northlake Community College at Irving. She was working for Pratt and Whitney at the time of her death. She was a member of Assembly of God Church.

Survivors include her husband, Bill B. Eason Jr.; a daughter, Kristin Eason Reese of Lewisville; three sons, Dan Murray of McAllen and Navy Ensign Damon Eason and Jarrod Eason, both of Waxahachie; and a brother, David Willard of Bakersfield, Calif.

The family requests memorials be to Virginia Eason Memorial in care of Evangel Temple, 1264 N. Interstate 35, Waxahachie, TX 75165.

MONNIE WAYNE EDWARDS
CANYON — Monnie Wayne Edwards, 46, son of Wheeler residents, died Tuesday, July 14, 1998. Services were to be at 10 a.m. today in First Baptist Church of Canyon with Dr. Charles Price, pastor of First Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be at 3 p.m. in Wheeler Cemetery at Wheeler under the direction of Holley Funeral Home Inc.

Mr. Edwards was born at Pampa. He graduated from West Texas State University. He married Marilyn Kay McDonald in 1973 at Levelland; she also died Tuesday, July 14. The couple lived in Littlefield, Stanton, Dimmitt and Temple prior to moving to Spearman in 1980. He was a district conservationist for the U.S. Department of Agriculture for 26 years. He was a member of First Baptist Church of Canyon.

Survivors include three sons, Micah Wayne Edwards, Mason James Edwards and Mendell Brady Edwards, all of the home; his parents, Wayne and Joyce Edwards of Wheeler; and a brother, Marty, of Burkburnett.

ADA LEE HADLEY
AMARILLO — Ada Lee Hadley, 95, died Wednesday, July 15, 1998. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday in Llano Cemetery with the Rev. Royce Womack, of San Jacinto United Methodist Church, officiating. Burial will be under the direction of Blackburn-Shaw Funeral Directors of Amarillo.

Mrs. Hadley was born at Mobeetie. She moved to Miami in 1913 where she finished school and served as assistant post mistress for several years. She had been an Amarillo resident since 1930. She was a billing clerk at Kerr Paper Company, retiring in 1967. She was a member of San Jacinto United Methodist Church for more than 50 years.

She was preceded in death by a son, Robert D. "Bob" Hadley.

Survivors include a son, Donald R. Hadley of Amarillo; nine grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

The family will be at 124 N. Avondale and 4700 Virginia, No. 107.

DOROTHY C. STEPHENS
 Dorothy C. Stephens, 74, of Pampa, died Thursday, July 16, 1998. Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday in First Baptist Church with the Rev. John Glover, associate pastor, officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Stephens was born June 1, 1924, at Memphis, Texas. She married Don R. Stephens on March 28, 1942, at Memphis. She has been a Pampa resident since 1957, moving from Plainview. She was a dental assistant for Dr. Joe Pieratt, retiring in 1984 after 22 years of service. She was a member of First Baptist Church.

Survivors include her husband, Don, of the home; a daughter, Judy Riley of Pampa; two sons, Roy Don Stephens of Pampa and Larry V. Stephens of Plano; two sisters, Jerri Sears of Austin and Irene Vehon of Dallas; four brothers, C.B. Francis of Austin, Jim Francis of Birmingham, Ala., Doug Francis of Garland and Joe L. Francis of Las Vegas, Nev.; nine grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.
 The family requests memorials be to Pampa Sheltered Workshop.

Police report

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

Thursday, July 17
 Jeremy Evans, 24, 312 Miami, was arrested on charges of aggravated assault on a peace officer, public intoxication, resisting transportation, and domestic assault with bodily injury.
 Guadalupe G. Carrillo, 43, 942 S. Banks, was arrested on DPS warrants.

Sheriff's Office

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

Thursday, July 17
 Valerie Constance Cole, 38, 701 N. Frost, was arrested on charges of delivery of marijuana and delivery of a controlled substance.
 Andrea Ann Rodriguez, 20, 422 Yeager, was arrested on charges of delivery of controlled substances and delivery of marijuana.
 Eric Edward Masias, 26, 2709 Rosewood, was arrested on charges of endangerment of a child, assault and warrants.
 Carlos Silva, Rt 2 Box 394, was arrested on charges of endangerment to a child.

Accidents

The Pampa Police Department turned in the following accident report in the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Thursday, July 16
 No charges were filed in connection with an accident at the intersection of North Cuyler and West Francis. No injuries were reported in the collision involving a 1990 copper Oldsmobile driven by Cheryl Diane Lilley, 50, 1032 Mary Ellen, that struck a 1993 red Eagle Talon driven by Jennifer Elizabeth Muns, 16, HCR 3 Box 20, Pampa.

Ambulance

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

Thursday, July 17
 7:32 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the hike and bike trail. No one was transported.
 12:47 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Columbia Medical Center and transported one to University Medical Center in Lubbock.
 2:26 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 800 block of Brown and transported one to Columbia Medical Center.
 3:01 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Columbia Medical Center and transported one to Baptist St. Anthony's in Amarillo.
 8:19 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 800 block of W. 25th and transported one to Columbia Medical Center.
 8:30 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Gray E. and transported one to Columbia Medical Center.

Friday, July 28
 3:48 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the Jordan Unit and transported one to Columbia Medical Center.

Fires

The Pampa Fire Department reported the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Thursday, July 17
 12:02 p.m. — Three units and seven personnel responded to a false alarm in the 600 block of W. Browning.

Calendar of events

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

THEE PLACE
 Thee Place for Singles is open 7-10:30 p.m. Saturdays at 520 W. Kingsmill.

ADHD/ADD SUPPORT GROUP
 Efforts are under way to form a support group for parents of children with attention deficit/hyperactivity disorder or attention deficit disorder. Those interested are asked to call Connie after 6 p.m. and weekends, 669-9364.

ST. MARK CME CHURCH
 St. Mark will host a monthly breakfast the first Saturday of every month from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. Donations will be accepted.

THE FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN COWBOYS
 The Fellowship of Christian Cowboys potluck will meet on the fourth Saturday of each month at 6 p.m. in the Clyde Carruth Pavilion. For more information, contact Keven Romines at 665-8547 or Jim Greene at 665-8067.

SOUTHSIDE SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER
 Will be closed for the holidays July 4.

Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by Atebury Grain of Pampa			
Wheat	2.57		
Milo	3.50		
Com	3.92		
Soybeans	5.72		
The following show the prices for which these securities could have traded at the time of compilation			
Occidental	25 3/8	dn 5/16	
The following show the prices for which these mutual funds were bid at the time of compilation			
Magellan	115.52		
Puritan	21.75		
The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. Stock Market quotations are furnished by Edward Jones & Co. of Pampa			
Amoco	41 1/8	up 1/4	
Arco	72 3/8	dn 1 7/16	
Cabot	32 5/16	up 3/16	
Cabot O&G	18 7/8	NC	
Chevron	83 1/16	dn 1/16	
Coca-Cola	86 11/16	dn 1/16	
Columbia/HCA	29 7/16	dn 1/16	
Enron	57 3/8	dn 3/8	
Halliburton	42 1/4	dn 5/16	
IRI	11 7/8	dn 1/8	
KNE	52 7/16	dn 7/16	
Kerr McGee	57 5/8	dn 1/8	
Limited	30 7/8	dn 1/8	
McDonald's	71 13/16	dn 1/16	
Mobil	75 5/16	dn 1/4	
NC	29 9/16	NC	
New Atmos	29 9/16	dn 1/16	
NCE	45 5/8	up 3/16	
Penney's	68 1/16	up 1/16	
Phillips	47 13/16	up 1/16	
Pioneer Nat Res	22 5/8	NC	
SLB	68 5/8	dn 1/16	
Tenneco	34 9/16	dn 5/16	
Texaco	58 1/4	dn 3/8	
Ultrasam	29 7/16	up 3/16	
Wal-Mart	68 15/16	up 1/8	
Williams	36 11/16	dn 1/8	
New York Gold	293.40		
Silver	5.27		
West Texas Crude	14.54		

PARKS

placed in the west end of the park as soon as Sanders finishes the pieces, he added.
 A newly revised park map, originally designed by former board member William McCarley, shows a covered shelter to be placed at the east end of the park. Whether the city's parks department will build the shelter in-house, said

Kirkpatrick, or order a pre-fabricated one is still uncertain.
 Kirkpatrick and Parks Department employees also began finishing the concrete overlay on the city's hike and bike trail earlier this week, he said.
 "We're taking up where we left off in Highland Park last summer," he said.
 A \$50,000 grant from Texas Wildlife helped fund the trail project.

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HEAT

reported no confirmed heat-related deaths.
 Dr. Alan Stockard, head of primary care sports medicine at the University of North Texas Health Science Center at Fort Worth, told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram the earliest signs of heat exhaustion include muscle cramping and dizziness.
 He said in severe cases people can stop sweating and lose consciousness. He said this could cause the body's cardiovascular system to shut down, which can be fatal.
 Dallas County's heat hotline has received about 700 calls since it was established Tuesday after

county health officials declared a state of emergency.
 The hotline was started to help people in the Dallas-Fort Worth deal with the heat.
 "If they need a box fan, we'll get a box fan to them," said Zach Thompson, Dallas County Health and Human Services spokesman. "If they're elderly and have a chronic disease, we'll see if we can get an air-conditioning unit for them."
 The National Weather Service said the high temperatures in North Texas will continue into the weekend with scattered thunderstorms providing little relief.

Government's security code successfully cracked

NEW YORK (AP) — Researchers using a home-made supercomputer have won a contest aimed at cracking the government's standard data scrambling code, beating competitors using some of the world's most powerful equipment, The New York Times reported today.

The result has computer experts calling for changes in encryption technology, which they say is needed to protect financial institutions and government agencies from intrusions by terrorists or other criminals.

The government has long contended that it would not be possible for a terrorist or others to design and make a computer capable of cracking its code. Federal regulations currently limit the export of the most sophisticated encryption technology, requiring most software to include so-called third-party "keys" that allow law enforcers to crack their secrecy code.

"This is more evidence that the government's crypto policy has been overtaken by technology," said Marc Rotenberg, director of the Electronic Privacy Information Center, a privacy-rights group in Washington. "It's about time to end the limits on strong encryption technology."

The code that was broken, called the Data

Encryption Standard, uses a 56-bit key, far more secure than the 40-bit key the government allows to be freely exported, the Times said. The longer the key, the more difficult it becomes to break the encryption. Some businesses already have started using Triple DES, an encryption code that is three times larger.

The codes are used by banks and other financial institutions for protecting the transmission of funds and other transactions requiring high security, the Times said.

The code was broken as part of a contest sponsored by RSA Data Security Inc., a Silicon Valley software company. The winners of the \$10,000 prize were John Gilmore, a computer privacy and civil liberties activist, and Paul Kocher, who has gained notoriety for attacks on security systems.

It took them 56 hours to unscramble a block of scrambled data created especially for the contest. Their computer, assembled for \$250,000, beat competitors using equipment costing millions more.

"The real news here is how long the government has been denying that these machines were possible," Bruce Schneier, a cryptography consultant, told the Times.

Weather focus

LOCAL FORECAST
 Sunny and hot today with a high of 96 and winds from the southeast at 5-15 mph. Tonight, fair and 72 with south winds at 5-10 mph. Tomorrow, sunny and hot with a high near 100 and south winds at 10-20 mph. Yesterday's high was 91; the overnight low 70.

REGIONAL FORECAST
WEST TEXAS — Panhandle — Tonight, a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms, otherwise mostly clear. Low in the mid 60s. Light south wind. Saturday, mostly sunny with a high in the mid 90s. South to southwest wind 5-15 mph. Low Rolling Plains — Tonight, partly cloudy with a chance of evening thunderstorms south plains and southwestern panhandle. Lows 65-75. Saturday, mostly sunny. A slight chance of thunderstorms south plains and southwestern panhandle. Highs 95-100. Permian Basin/Upper Trans Pecos — Tonight, a chance of evening thunderstorms. Otherwise fair. Lows 65-70. Saturday, partly cloudy. A slight chance of thunderstorms. Highs near 100.

SOUTH TEXAS — Hill Country and South Central Texas — Tonight, partly cloudy with a slight chance of evening showers or thunderstorms. Lows in the mid 70s. Saturday, partly cloudy and very hot with isolated afternoon showers or thunderstorms. Highs near 100. Southeast Texas and Upper

chance of thunderstorms. Highs near 100. Far West Texas — Tonight, partly cloudy with scattered showers and thunderstorms. Lows 65-70. Saturday, partly cloudy with widely scattered mainly afternoon thunderstorms. Highs in the mid to upper 90s. Guadalupe Mountains/Big Bend Area — Tonight, a slight chance of evening thunderstorms, otherwise fair. Lows from the 60s mountains to near 80 along the river. Saturday, partly cloudy. A slight chance of thunderstorms. Highs from the upper 80s mountains to near 110 along the Rio Grande.

NORTH TEXAS — Heat advisory for central part of north Texas through Saturday. Afternoon heat index values 105 to 115 degrees. Tonight and Saturday, a slight chance of afternoon and evening thunderstorms mainly south, otherwise mostly clear at night and partly cloudy and hot during the day. Lows around 80 central, 70s elsewhere. Highs 98 to 106.

SOUTH TEXAS — Hill Country and South Central Texas — Tonight, partly cloudy with a slight chance of evening showers or thunderstorms. Lows in the mid 70s. Saturday, partly cloudy and very hot with isolated afternoon showers or thunderstorms. Highs near 100. Southeast Texas and Upper

BORDER STATES
NEW MEXICO — Tonight, partly cloudy with widely scattered evening thunderstorms east and scattered nighttime showers and thunderstorms west. Locally heavy rains possible southwest this evening. Lows in the 40s and 50s mountains with upper 50s to near 70 elsewhere. Saturday, fair skies east in the morning. Otherwise partly cloudy with widely scattered afternoon and evening thunderstorms, mainly over the mountains and west. Highs in the mid 70s to near 90 mountains with 90s at lower elevations. Lows in the 40s and 50s mountains with upper 50s to near 70 elsewhere.

OKLAHOMA — Tonight, clear with lows upper 60s to mid 70s. Saturday, mostly sunny and continued hot. Highs 98 to 108.

Judge to determine if report to be public

FREERPORT, Texas (AP) — A federal judge next month will decide whether terms of a racial discrimination settlement between the city of Freeport and a former police chief should be made public.

Attorneys for both the city and former Chief Pete Flores have asked U.S. District Judge Sam Kent to seal the terms of the 1-year-old lawsuit. However, recent case history indicates the settlement should be opened, The Facts, a daily newspaper in Brazoria County, reported Friday. Kent set a hearing for Aug. 3 in his Galveston courtroom.

In the lawsuit, Flores alleged he was forced out in December 1995 because he is Hispanic.

City briefs

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BAIT SHOP at GT Mini Mart 17th & Duncan. Giant Night Crawlers \$1.99 doz. Frozen bait & tackle, boat supplies. 304 E. 17th. Adv.

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Witness describes deadly wounds

NEW BRAUNFELS, Texas (AP) — Either of two gunshots to Adrienne Jones' head may have killed the 16-year-old, who also suffered a powerful blow to her skull likely inflicted by a large person, a medical examiner says.

Dr. Marc Krouse's testimony Thursday helped bolster the prosecution's contention that former Air Force Academy cadet David Graham, who is 6-foot-

1, hit and shot Miss Jones in December 1995 at the urging of his jealous fiance Diane Zamora.

"That's a heavy blow by a large person," Krouse said, testifying he didn't believe the head injury was caused by 5-foot-1 Miss Zamora. "It is my opinion that it would take a larger and more muscular person to inflict that type of injury with that small an object."

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Cabot Corporation paid \$50 to the local branch of the American Cancer Society for each Cabot employee, spouse, retired employee or family member who took part in the Relay for Life. The total raised was \$2,500. Some of those participating were Gerry Caylor (left front), Pam Dalton, Betty and Tom Graham, Lucille Merilatt, Madison Gantz and Brooklyn Gantz. Clint Caylor (second row left), Evelyn Johnson, H.J. Johnson, Jean and Wayne Jones, Emily and Bill Washington, Nadine Arney, C. Grider. David Gantz (third row left), Eleanor and Earl New and Spike Carter.

Business in brief...

Lockheed Martin, Grumman deal off

BALTIMORE (AP) — Defense giant Lockheed Martin called off its \$8.3 billion deal to buy Northrop Grumman Corp. because of government opposition. It was the biggest merger proposal ever challenged by the federal government.

The announcement Thursday came just hours after the Pentagon said that it was unable to work out an agreement with Lockheed Martin to modify the deal and that it would press on with a lawsuit it filed in March to block the merger.

The Pentagon and Justice Department had argued that the combination of the two aerospace giants would reduce competition in areas such as electronics and missile warning systems. The case had been scheduled to go to trial Sept. 8.

Microsoft profits up 28 percent

SEATTLE (AP) — Microsoft Corp.'s quarterly profits jumped 28 percent, slightly beating Wall Street expectations, on a 26-percent rise in revenue across its broad line of computer software.

The world's largest maker of desktop operating software said in the quarter ended June 30 it earned \$1.36 billion, or 50 cents per share on a diluted basis. That was up from \$1.06 billion, or 40 cents a diluted share, a year ago.

Revenue rose to \$4 billion from \$3.18 billion.

GM strike affecting economy

WASHINGTON (AP) — Production slumped last month at factories across the economy, chilled by the General Motors strike and continuing shock waves from Asia. Manufacturers already have trimmed payrolls, and economists warn the impact could spread to more Americans in just a few months.

Industrial output — at factories, mines and utilities — dropped 0.6 percent in June after increasing 0.3 percent in May, the Federal Reserve said Thursday. Output at factories alone declined 0.6 percent after no change in May. Neither June decrease has been exceeded since March 1991, the final month of the last recession.

The magnitude of the slump reflected an 11 percent plunge in the production of autos, light trucks and automotive products because of the GM strike. With only a few exceptions, the performance of the rest of industrial America also was lackluster at best.

Farmers struggle with natural calamities

WASHINGTON (AP) — From wheat disease in the northern Plains to searing drought in Texas, thousands of farmers are struggling with natural calamities just as exports are drying up and crop prices are taking a dive.

Congress was moving \$500 million in emergency aid Thursday for those hit hardest by ancient plagues of flooding, pests and scant rainfall.

Sens. Kent Conrad and Byron Dorgan, both North Dakota Democrats, got Senate voice vote approval to an amendment to the annual agriculture spending bill that would create the program, which was strongly endorsed by President Clinton. The measure still must pass the House.

Russia oks national sales tax

MOSCOW (AP) — The Russian parliament agreed to a national sales tax Thursday, giving the government a surprise victory in its effort to pass an economic austerity plan demanded by international lending agencies.

Parliament's lower house, the State Duma, adopted the tax law on a third reading late in the evening after Finance Minister Mikhail Zadornov chastised the legislators for risking the loss of international loans.

Hours earlier, the Duma had rejected the sales tax and a land tax measure, casting doubt on whether the government could win passage of its economic program.

Battle forming over patient's bill of rights

WASHINGTON (AP) — With an election-year battle forming, President Clinton and House Speaker Newt Gingrich both called for cooperation on a patients' bill of rights, then pressed the case for sharply different approaches.

Despite the twin salutes to bipartisanship, numerous differences remain between a plan backed by the White House and most Democrats, and two rival proposals backed by the House and Senate Republicans. Democrats, for example, offer a more generous guarantee for coverage by specialists.

Both houses of Congress are expected to debate legislation this month to curtail abuses by managed care companies. The issue has emerged as a key concern of voters in the run-up to the November elections, and both parties, armed with sophisticated polling, have maneuvered in recent days to gain the upper hand politically.

Congress taking steps to aid farmers hit by natural disasters

By CURT ANDERSON
AP Farm Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — While farmers from the northern Plains to North Carolina struggle with natural disasters as agricultural exports and crop prices plummet, Congress is taking steps for those growers trying to stay afloat.

The Senate approved \$500 million in emergency aid Thursday as part of the \$57.3 billion agriculture spending bill for fiscal 1999, which passed on a 97-2 vote. Strongly backed by President Clinton, it now heads into negotiations with the House.

"I think farmers can take some hope that help is on the way," said Minority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D. "The real question mark is the House of Representatives."

The House did not include such a disaster fund in its version of the spending bill. Speaker Newt Gingrich, R-Ga., planned an announcement later today of a new proposal that would accelerate \$5.5 billion in payments already scheduled for farmers in the next fiscal year.

The legislation, drafted by House Agriculture Committee Chairman Bob Smith, R-Ore., would permit farmers to receive any "transition payments" they are already due in fiscal 1999 by this October. The payments, which are being used to gradually withdraw Depression-era subsidies by 2002, are normally paid first in December or January and again in September each year.

"Many American farmers are facing financial ruin," Smith said. "While we prepare for the future by opening global markets to our producers, we can't ignore the present difficulties in the agricultural community."

Net farm income in 32 states is projected by the Agriculture Department to fall \$5.2 billion this year from 1996. That year, Republicans won approval of their "Freedom to Farm" law, which gradually phases out subsidy payments that once smoothed out price valleys, permits farmers to plant the crops offering the best profits and substitutes crop insurance for federal disaster relief.

Income is dropping because of low prices for most crops and livestock, driven down by enormous worldwide supplies and an Asian financial crisis that is throttling America's most important agricultural export market.

Meantime, in states hit by drought, wildfires, hurricanes and recurrent wet weather that triggers disease, farmers have trouble getting crop insurance and financing to continue in business.

Farm debt in 1998 could reach \$172 billion, the highest since the height of the farm crisis in 1985.

Things are particularly acute in the Dakotas, where wet weather has hampered planting and caused a wheat fungus known as scab that cuts deeply into yields. In North Dakota, some estimates project 2,000

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out of 30,000 farmers will give up this year.

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Although many Democrats want to return to price supports that were scrapped two years ago, after losing a key subsidy vote this week they turned to the \$500 million emergency aid package for farmers who have suffered significant income loss.

In a letter Thursday, Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman said the program would pay supplemental crop insurance for farmers who received insurance payouts in at least three of the last five years. The payment would equal about 25 percent of those payouts and would help roughly 48,000 farmers nationwide.

In addition, payments would be made of about \$40 an acre for each year productive land was under water and would aid livestock producers with feed supplies and reimbursement for animals lost due to severe weather.

Not every farmer is suffering. With yields increasing for most crops about 1.5 percent a year because of better hybrids and technology, even at lower prices many producers are doing well. In fact, while prices are down from 1996, they are about equal to the average from 1990 to 1994.

"The facts simply do not represent a crisis all across American agriculture," said Sen. Pat Roberts, R-Kan.

On the final Senate spending bill vote, only Republican Sens. Jon Kyl of Arizona and Rick Santorum of Pennsylvania voted no. Sen. John Glenn, D-Ohio, did not vote.

In other action on the spending measure, the Senate:

— Approved on voice vote an amendment that would waive the statute of limitations for black farmers for discrimination claims against the Agriculture Department from 1981 to 1997. The House has included a similar measure in its spending bill.

— Rejected, by a vote of 50-49, an amendment increasing funding from \$34 million to \$100 million for the Food and Drug Administration's campaign to reduce teen-age smoking.

— Approved on voice vote an increase in money for in the president's food safety initiative from \$2.6 million to \$68 million. The House measure includes \$16.8 million of the president's \$101 million request.

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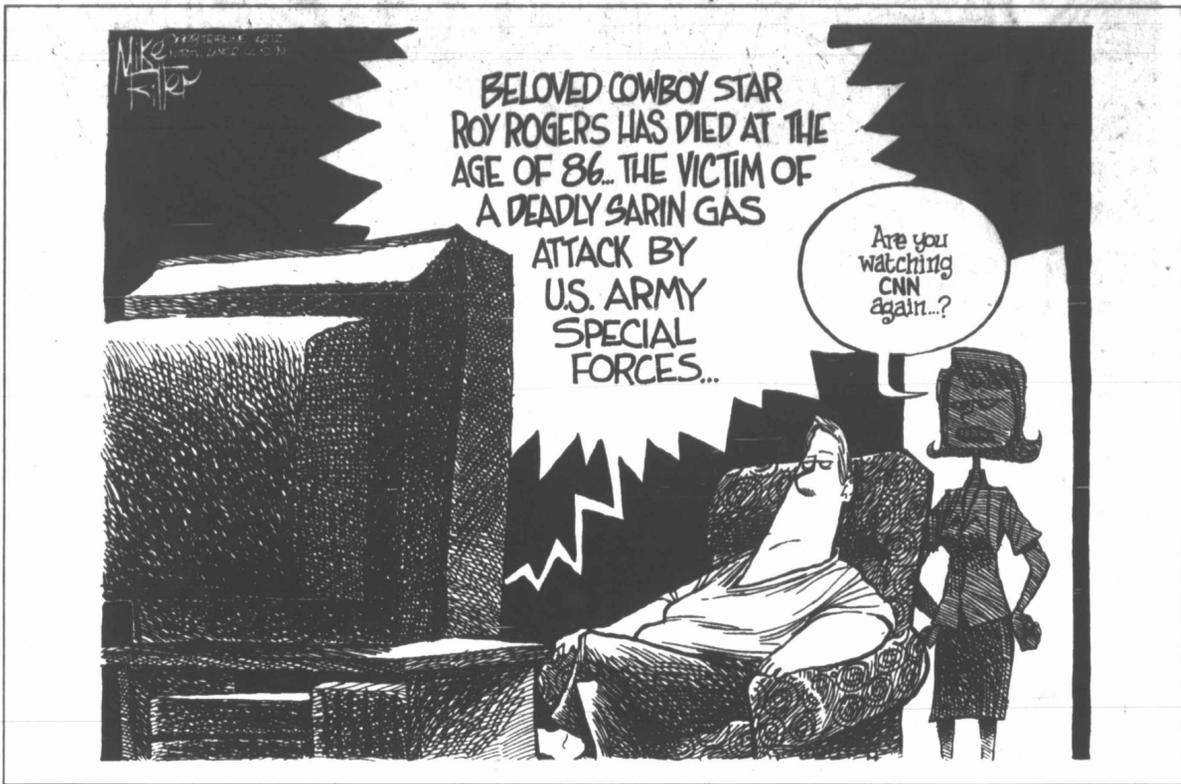
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Texas Editorials

By The Associated Press

A sampling of editorial opinion from Texas newspapers: The Dallas Morning News on Jesse Helms and test ban treaty:

Senator No is up to his old tricks. Jesse Helms, the North Carolina Republican who chairs the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, refuses to hold a public hearing on a treaty to ban all nuclear weapons tests. By so doing, he prevents the Senate from holding a ratification vote. The ultimate effect of his obstructionism could be to reverse the recent trend to nuclear nonproliferation. This is the same Mr. Helms who similarly blocked President Clinton's nomination of former Massachusetts Gov. William Weld to be ambassador to Mexico. Mr. Weld eventually withdrew his candidacy.

It is the same Mr. Helms who two years ago blocked the treaty to ban all chemical weapons. He eventually relented under pressure from then-Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole.

Senator No has a right to oppose the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty. However, he has no right, morally or otherwise, to block Senate action on it. He has no right to continually keep the body from considering important foreign policy matters.

Senator No's tactics are an affront to democracy. It is wrong for one politician to, in effect, tell the people's representatives that they may not conduct normal business.

The treaty requires its 149 signatories to renounce nuclear testing. Thirteen countries have ratified, including two declared nuclear powers, Britain and France. India and Pakistan, which recently became the first to test since 1996, have not signed. But pressure is building for them to do so. Ratification by the United States, which has the world's largest nuclear arsenal, would greatly increase that pressure. If the United States fails to ratify, the treaty could not enter into force for any country.

It behooves the United States to ratify before a September 1999 conference on speeding the treaty's entry into force. Countries that have not ratified by then will be uninvited and thus unable to sway the conferees.

The great irony is that the United States does not need to test and does not intend to do so. Expensive computer simulators enable it to assess the reliability of its nuclear arsenal without testing.

So why not have a treaty that restrains other nations? Such logic has not escaped U.S. military commanders, who overwhelmingly support ratification. It is lost on Senator No.

Mr. Helms appears to have sincere doubts about whether any treaty could adequately detect countries' efforts to acquire nuclear weapons. But the United States must do its best to detect those efforts anyway. Better to do it with a treaty that limits countries' acquisition opportunities and enhances detection than without a treaty. Sens. Phil Gramm and Kay Bailey Hutchison of Texas should support a resolution by Sens. Joseph Biden, D-Del., and Arlen Specter, R-Pa., that calls for hearings and a ratification vote this year.

Mr. Helms is plotting a risky course. He should relent before the seeds of nuclear proliferation sown by India and Pakistan take strong root and multiply.

Fort Worth Star-Telegram on reporting child abuse:

Justice, although bold in concept, can be a fragile thing. Therefore, it must be handled with care. Laws, though generally precise, can sometimes be vague and open to interpretation. Therefore, we must continue to examine, and occasionally fine-tune, our statutes.

Last week, in a Tarrant County courtroom, we got a valuable lesson on law and justice that must not go unheeded. During the trial of Hilaria Ruiz, assistant principal at Fort Worth's Sagamore Hill Elementary School, a Child Protective Services employee lied under oath while testifying for the state. As a result, the trial was stopped, and all charges of failing to report suspected child abuse were dropped against Ruiz and Principal Sherry Breed.

Prosecutors in this case did the right thing, and the two highly respected educators rightfully will return to the school system this fall to continue their exceptional careers. The humiliating ordeal is over for Breed and Ruiz, but the potential for abuse under the law still exists.

The 1995 addition to the Family Code says that anyone "having cause to believe" that a child has been abused or neglected shall report it "immediately." The statute puts added responsibility on professionals who come in contact with children by requiring them to report if they "suspect" that a child has been abused or neglected or "may" be abused. The wording of the law seems problematic.

Child abuse should be reported, and those who have special responsibility to our children should be required to contact the proper authorities when they feel that a child has been violated or may be harmed.

This law ought to be revisited by the Legislature next year. Just as we must stop the abuse of children, we must also stop the abuse by a system using a law that is too ambiguous.

Taiwan: Fantasy vs. reality

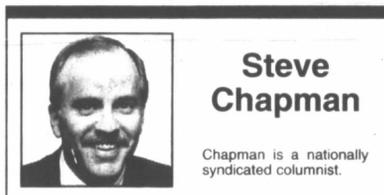
By the time President Clinton left China, his opponents were accusing him of raising the white flag over Taiwan. Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott called for a Senate resolution to "repair the damage that has been done." The Wall Street Journal said Clinton's statements about Taiwan had not only "turned his visit into a fiasco" but suggested that the United States may "stand aside while China invades."

Parris Chang, a pro-independence member of Taiwan's parliament, said the administration "seems intent on bringing Taiwan to China's sacrificial altar." Former Reagan administration official Frank Gaffney said Clinton had committed an act of gross appeasement.

What did the president do that was so terrible? He had the nerve to reiterate the long-standing U.S. policy of disavowing any steps by Taiwan to achieve formal separation from the mainland. As he put it, "We don't support independence for Taiwan; or two Chinas; or one Taiwan, one China. And we don't believe that Taiwan should be a member of any organization for which statehood is a requirement."

This does amount to a denial of Taiwan's unfettered fight to self-determination. But in that respect, Clinton is only following in the tradition of presidents going back to Richard Nixon. The United States has never endorsed formal independence for the island. Why not? Partly because it was a province of China before the communists took power in 1949 and partly because the government in Beijing has made blindingly clear that a declaration of independence would mean war.

But accepting that reality is not appeasement. Ever since we renewed relations with China, we have insisted quite forcefully that reunification should come about only through negotiations between the two governments — not through military force. Our position is that nei-



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 Chapman is a nationally syndicated columnist.

ther side should attempt to unilaterally alter the status quo, in which Taiwan has a perfectly free hand in governing itself but lacks the full trappings of nationhood.

The core of the policy goes back at least to the Taiwan Relations Act of 1979. Critics say that Clinton broke new ground, but when Secretary of State Madeleine Albright went to Beijing in April, she said exactly the same thing in public. Where were the alarm bells then?

The idea that Clinton is throwing Taiwan to the wolves is preposterous. This is the same president who, when Beijing conducted missile tests in 1996 in an effort to intimidate Taiwan, sent two aircraft-carrier battle groups into the area to let China know it was playing with fire. That was the biggest display of American naval might in the Pacific since the Vietnam War.

The administration has also continued the practice of selling large quantities of weapons to Taiwan to assure its ability to fend off any attack. Just before the president went to China, the administration proposed the sale to Taiwan of various armaments, including six anti-submarine warships, which the House approved June 24.

This is only the latest U.S. effort to bolster Taiwan's defenses. The Bush administration agreed in 1992, over Chinese objections, to sell Taiwan 150 F-16 fighter jets. Those are still

being delivered, along with attack helicopters, anti-aircraft missiles, battle tanks and Patriot air defense systems. "The United States is making every effort to see that Taiwan has the capability to defend itself," says Paul Godwin, a professor at the National War College in Washington, D.C. "There's been no slackening."

So much for appeasement. If the critics were looking at things from the point of view of Chinese nationalists, they might complain that Clinton had done a great job of fleecing President Jiang Zemin — giving Beijing empty words while giving Taiwan weapons. But if Beijing needs those words to swallow the realities of Taiwan, why not provide them?

Clinton's policy is to pursue what is vital, not what is merely desirable. What is vital for Taiwan is that it remain free, democratic and independent in practice. What is vital for China is that Taiwan not achieve formal separation from the mainland. What is vital for the United States is that the status quo prevail undisturbed until such time as the two governments peacefully negotiate a change. No one is entirely happy with this deal, but everyone can live with it.

It would be nice if the United States could wave a magic wand and assure Taiwan's independence. But most Americans are not prepared to go to war right now to attain that legal status. And critics who pretend that it can be achieved any other way are guilty of fraud.

By preserving the existing arrangement, however imperfect, Clinton makes time our ally. Eventually, China may come to accept the loss of Taiwan — or Taiwan may choose to rejoin a free and democratic China. Until then, we should be willing to settle for the second-best solution, which is far better than the alternative.

Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Friday, July 17, the 198th day of 1998. There are 167 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

One hundred years ago, on July 17, 1898, during the Spanish-American War, Spanish troops in Santiago, Cuba, surrendered to U.S. forces. Nine days

later, Spain sought peace terms.

On this date:
 In 1821, Spain ceded Florida to the United States.

In 1917, the British royal family adopted the name "Windsor."

In 1938, aviator Douglas Corrigan took off from New York, saying he was headed for California; he ended up in Ireland,

earning the nickname "Wrong Way Corrigan."

In 1944, 322 people were killed when a pair of ammunition ships exploded in Port Chicago, Calif.

In 1948, southern Democrats opposed to the nomination of President Truman met in Birmingham, Ala., to endorse South

Carolina Gov. Strom Thurmond.

In 1955, Disneyland debuted in Anaheim, Calif.

In 1975, an Apollo spaceship docked with a Soyuz spacecraft in orbit in the first superpower link-up of its kind.

In 1979, Nicaraguan President Anastasio Somoza resigned and fled into exile in Miami.

Pols clash as elections near

Walter Mears
 AP Special Correspondent

Predictably, if not productively, the campaign argument is on — Democrats calling this a do-nothing Congress, Republicans complaining that there's a purposeful White House slowdown against what they want done.

It is a dispute to be continued, all the way to the off-year election polls. And it has more to do with political posturing, on both sides, than with substance.

The do-nothing complaint had its best run 50 years ago, and ever since Harry S. Truman made it work against a Republican Congress, it's been tried with variations by the party out of House and Senate power.

In this case, the Democrats, with President Clinton leading the chorus. After he scolded Congress for its light work schedule, and for refusing to pass the bills atop his priority list, Sen. Trent Lott, the GOP leader, counterattacked, saying they'd get more done but for a detached, absentee president.

Actually, work days for Congress or travel time for the president aren't the determining factors in what happens during the 37 days left in House and Senate sessions before their planned adjournment to campaign full-time for the Nov. 3 elections.

They don't agree on what should be done, and while the Republicans hold majorities, that's not enough to force their way on the Democrats, since it takes 60 votes to break parliamentary knots in the Senate.

This is a clash of rival agendas. When one

side sees the other producing legislation that seems likely to sway votes in November, things happen. The Internal Revenue Service overhaul is a case in point; it was a Republican measure, resisted at first by the administration, which still objects to GOP tax provisions tied to the final bill. But Clinton will celebrate it as a bipartisan trophy when he signs it into law. In a choice between the voters and the tax collector, it is no contest.

Now there is Clinton's "patients' bill of rights," to protect people with grievances against their managed care health insurance systems. The Republicans are at work on a version of their own, not wanting to yield an issue that could register in the fall. They will argue about terms, to a bill or to an impasse.

Clinton conferred with the Democratic leaders of Congress on Monday; they blamed the Republicans for inaction, especially on appropriations that have to be passed to add up to the federal budget, all due by Sept. 30.

Lott complained that the Democrats are snarling the works with talk and procedural ploys, "all the while crying crocodile tears about a do-nothing Congress."

Sen. Thomas A. Daschle, the Democratic

leader, said all they're doing is what used to be done to them, when they held the majority. "Republicans, for years and years, would offer amendments to appropriations bills and everything else, and we completed our work anyway," he said. "We're simply doing the same thing because we feel very strongly about patients' bill of rights, we feel strongly about tobacco."

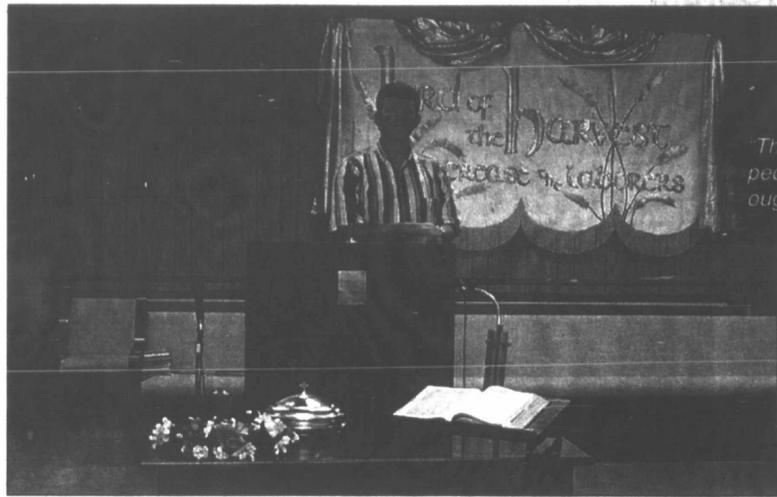
Lott said Clinton is a detached bystander, out of town so much that he is not available to work with the Republicans. Rep. Richard A. Gephardt, the minority leader, said they're the problem, not the president.

Clinton's spokesman, Mike McCurry, said the Republicans should stop whining and get on with business. He said they are trying to pin blame on Clinton for their own failures.

"... In an election year, sometimes politics on both sides steps in to play a mischievous role in the legislative process," McCurry said.

For all the argument about getting on with business and bills, in this election year, do-nothing — or not much — may fit the mood of the voters. A Pew Research Center poll conducted six weeks ago found people more mellow and less engaged by politics than in 1994, when the voters turned out the Democrats and put Republicans in control of Congress.

Times are good, which is to Clinton's own advantage, but which may also lead people to let things be, an extra edge for incumbents, when a majority of them are Republicans.



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An invaluable education...

My husband and I shifted weight from foot to foot, craned our necks and squinted our eyes everytime the double doors marked "Secure Area - Do Not Open" disgorged their next airline passenger.

We were waiting for our daughter. Her flight had arrived nearly an hour earlier at John F. Kennedy Airport in New York City. Other passengers, including the American Field Service students with whom she traveled from London, were trickling through by twos and threes loaded down with suitcases and souvenirs. By the time she appeared, my husband and I had concluded the airplane held 500 people and Laurie was number 499 to go through customs. Our wait seemed interminable.

Finally the heavy steel doors fanned open and she strolled out tanned from her days on the Mediterranean and exhausted from 13 hours in the air.

She could not have looked more beautiful. Laurie left 10 months ago to live in Palermo, Sicily. (Yes, she visited Corleone. No, she didn't see Michael.)

Living abroad was the first step in what she calls the life plan -

From the Back Pew...

By Cheryl Berzanskis



education, career preparation and family. While her formal education will continue, what she learned from another culture is unquantifiably valuable.

Her first host family, apparently thinking all American Protestants are alike, were appalled to discover she was not a fervent adherent to their particular brand of Christianity. Intercultura (the Italian version of AFS) rescued Laurie from that home after her host mother and the Intercultura volunteer got into a shouting match over who was going to hell.

Her second family, plain ol' Italian Catholics who matter of factly worshipped in a several hundred year old church named Don Bosco, were a close knit, laughing, eating group of people who called her their cousin.

She lived with them in an unairconditioned two bedroom ninth floor apartment and slept on an armchair which nightly converted to a sleeper. Her closet space was one foot wide and she crammed clothing into a single drawer. Hot showers lasted two minutes.

She learned Italians pay for individual phone calls and that a prepaid telephone card is cheaper than reaching out to touch someone from the Princess phone by your bed.

Laurie describes Sicilians as generous but impoverished people due to the Mafia's stranglehold on the economy.

How could she ever have learned such things except through immersion in another language and culture?

My husband and I missed Laurie for 10 long months. We spent several thousand dollars, but you know what? We'd let her do this again. It is a cheap education at twice the price.

Religion briefs...

VBS starts Monday at Lefors

BLAST off with us to...Space Mission Bible Camp, a mission of God's Love, Vacation Bible School is Monday through Wednesday, July 20-22. Lift off will start daily at 9:30-11:30 a.m. at Lefors Church of Christ, Third and Gray, Lefors. There will be singing, Bible exploration lessons, Have-a-blast games, mission theatre, refreshments, space crafts & much more! For a bus ride call 835-2213.

Ventriloquist sets return to Hi-Land

Ventriloquist, Ginger Ingram Brown and the "Littlefolks" will be returning to Hi-Land Church, 18 & Banks, 9-3:30 on July 18, according to, Janie Hopson and Katy Hupp.

Ginger's travels have brought her to our area many times. She travels nation wide, as well as in many foreign countries, conducting kids revivals, teaching at kid camps, and presenting workshops. She has made various guest appearances on television.

Founder of Littlefolks Gospel Production, Inc. Ginger is write and producer of children's productions. She is also a song writer and recording artist. Her many voices may be heard on several audio and video cassettes produced by "Littlefolks Productions," as well as other ministries. Leaving her classroom in a public school, Ginger developed a children's ministry that will cause children and adults alike to laugh and cry with her delightful characters as they sing and tell stories. Come and join us for the ministry of the "Littlefolks".



Where comics, Christianity meet: Using pop culture to save souls

By TED ANTHONY
AP National Writer

RANCHO CUCAMONGA, Calif. (AP) — Across the land, they turn up in the oddest places, tucked away at highway rest stops, atop pay phones, on buses and at motel front desks — tiny comic booklets the size and shape of baseball cards, pointing the way toward salvation.

The titles are the first attraction. "Where's Rabbi Waxman?" "Gomez Is Coming." "The Death Cookie." "Somebody Goofed." Inside, black-and-white drawings that seem a stylistic cross between "Mary Worth" and Mad magazine chronicle people battling to beat back evil, repent and accept Jesus Christ.

This is the life's work of Jack T. Chick.

For nearly 40 years, from a small office-warehouse in this foothill community of the San Gabriel Mountains, he has blended pop culture and populist religion into a blunt, sometimes downright intimidating evangelical Christian message — that only by receiving Jesus in the exact way the Scripture dictates can humans avoid being cast into the lake of fire.

The 13-cent tracts, with dozens of titles, have been translated into 43 languages, from Estonian to Tagalog, and distributed free throughout the world, often by missionaries. But it is in the United States where they seem omnipresent, part of the background noise of the culture; anyone who's taken a cross-country trip has probably seen them lying around, left by local church members to be picked up by passers-by.

Chick keeps a low profile. He gives no interviews; his staff responded to a list of e-mail questions.

But it is clear that Chick

Publications Inc., which also publishes conventional religious books, believes comic art — a longtime bugaboo of conservative Christians — can reach out to more people than plain old text.

"There are constantly new generations coming along that need to hear about Jesus," the company responded this month. "Thanks to television worldwide, minds are more open to illustrated stories than ever before. People can tuck these little tracts into their pocket and read them at their leisure."

The messages are memorable, whether by persuasiveness, fear or both. They usually focus on a person at a spiritual crossroads who can accept or reject Christ. They use linguistic vernacular. And they typically end with the person, newly dead, sitting before God and being welcomed into heaven or dispatched to a graphic hell.

The drawings make the biggest impression. Demons and evil or ne'er-do-well humans are rendered in near-caricature, either as jowly and corpulent or gaunt and hollow-eyed. They laugh like this: "HAW HAW HAW!" Christians, by contrast, are generally well-groomed, well-dressed and, more often than not, white.

Depictions of other groups can veer into the stereotypical. "Make some chicken soup," a Jewish mother says in "Where's Rabbi Waxman?" In the Chinese-language version of "Hi There!", about a construction worker killed without accepting Christ, the drawings mirror the English version — except the characters' eyes in the Chinese rendition are narrow and slanted.

Many tracts suggest that other points of view lead to damnation. Gays are condemned as Sodomites; rock music is Satan's "masterpiece." "Big Daddy?"

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sweating fanatics. "The Tycoon" dismisses Buddhism, "The Crisis" denounces Jehovah's Witnesses as a fake faith, and "The Curse of Baphomet" and "Dark Dungeons" equate Masonry and role-playing games with witchcraft.

The attitude of some tracts toward the Roman Catholic church, particularly, has raised hackles over the years. "Last Rites" brands Roman Catholicism a "false religion." "The Death Cookie" — the Roman Catholic communion wafer — paints the church as a vast unholy conspiracy.

Mike Gallagher, a Roman Catholic, first encountered Chick tracts when a teacher at his daughters' Christian school distributed them. One, Gallagher said, misrepresented Catholic last rites, so he launched a counter-Chick Web page in response. "Their belief is that only they are saved. And if you don't believe what they believe, then you're not saved," says Gallagher, a pension actuary in Fairport, N.Y. (Chick) condemns Catholicism for worshipping idols, yet he uses images much more than we use them to sway readers to his point of view.

Faiths have distributed text tracts for generations. But the rise of media-fueled mass culture has led religious organizations to television, popular music, the Internet — and the comic book.

"The American entrepreneurial spirit really influences how evan-

gelical-minded Christians will use technology and popular culture to spread the gospel," says Tim Morgan, associate editor at Christianity Today. "They'll use everything."

Chick Publications suggests leaving tracts everywhere — atop vending machines, in airplane seat pockets, under windshield wipers, even inside rented bowling shoes and in clear plastic bags near schools. And "if you get pulled over," says the catalog, "cheerfully hand one to the officer."

Chick left a science job to draw tracts after he heard how communist revolutionaries won over Chinese peasants with mass distribution of cartoon booklets. The road wasn't smooth at first.

"A lot of the bookstores were really outraged at some guy using these cartoons to present the gospel," Chick said in a 1984 in-house magazine interview. "They thought it was sacrilegious."

An understandable conclusion, given the medium. M. Thomas Inge, author of "Comics as Culture," suggests the appeal lies in the tracts' seeming paradox: the idea that comics are subversive contrasted with the message of good contained within.

"You could say the Chick publications are trying to be counter-revolutionary," he says. "They're trying to counter the subversiveness by co-opting the material for their own use."

Historic black cemetery restored

NEW YORK (AP) — A cemetery considered the nation's most significant black burial ground is being restored a year after it was destroyed by vandals.

The cemetery at Rossville A.M.E. Zion Church is in a community called Sandy Ground on Staten Island. Free black oystermen from Maryland established it in the early 1800s.

A stop on the Underground Railroad, the community is a symbol of strength for many blacks today. Visitors include poet Maya Angelou, author Alex Haley and civil rights activist Julian Bond, who heads the NAACP.

Two teen-age boys were charged in the vandalism. A \$4,000 grant from the Sacred Sites fund of the New York Landmarks Conservancy covered most of the restoration costs. The church is raising the remainder.

Sandy Ground became a haven for oystermen in the 1830s when they fled Maryland, where free slaves were barred from congregating and all oyster boats had to have a white navigator. Only a handful of the original families remain in the area now dominated by townhouses.

Inmate gets \$9,000 for prison's disregard of Islamic fast

DENVER (AP) — A prisoner who was not allowed a proper fast during the Islamic holy month of Ramadan five years ago is to receive \$9,000 in compensation.

U.S. District Judge Wiley Daniel ruled that, in February 1993, Colorado prison officials deprived Akeem Abdul Makin of his constitutional right to practice his religion.

Other Islamic inmates at the Canon City prison were served breakfast at 4 a.m. and supper at 6:30

p.m., which allowed them to fast as required from dawn to sunset.

But Makin, who was held in segregation, didn't get those meals. So he didn't eat breakfast and lunch and saved his evening meal until after sundown, Daniel said in his ruling.

The compensation is to come from the retired warden and a former deputy director of operations.

Employee seeks redress for wearing a dress

GALLATIN, Tenn. (AP) — Claiming a violation of religious beliefs, a woman who refused to wear pants has sued to get her job back.

Charlene McCormick of Gallatin claims she was fired in violation of the federal Civil Rights Act of 1964 and seeks back pay and unspecified damages.

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

According to federal court papers, McCormick was working temporarily as a machine operator at the Robert Bosch Corp. plant in Gallatin. A few days into the assignment, her supervisor sent her home, cautioning that her dress could get caught in the machinery.

McCormick was assigned to another department, but an executive instructed the employment agency to fire her, the lawsuit said.

"We, of course, feel they didn't accommodate her, because she wasn't working where there was machinery," said McCormick's attorney, Glenn McColpin of Chattanooga.

Neither the agency nor the automotive plant where she worked would comment.

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Venal Caregiver of Elderly Man Took Far More Than She Gave

DEAR ABBY: Please remind your readers that elderly people who live alone can be vulnerable to "caregivers" who take over their lives — and bank accounts.

I attended the funeral of a neighbor I'll call "John" who was starved and neglected while his live-in "caregiver" took seven to 10 vacations a year. She was gone all day and many nights. She left him sandwiches and liquid nutritional supplements in place of meals, and phone numbers to call if he got sick.

Well, he did get sick, several times, but was too proud to call for help. During the last two months of his life, he was often confused. He died of congestive heart failure from a cold left untreated. The caregiver blamed his death on "fumes" from urine-soaked carpet because John's two elderly dogs weren't housebroken. The truth is, John was too sick to open the patio door, and the caregiver was never there to let the dog out or clean the carpets.

John changed his will to make the caregiver the trustee and bought her a new car. She is allowed to live in his house until it is sold, and she is selling off the contents of the house. I know for a fact that John and his late wife wanted their sizable estate to go to their elderly brothers and sisters and the county humane society. Their estate is being plundered.

Regrettably, no one intervened on John's behalf. Too late, I learned that every state has an agency on aging and an ombudsman program that will investigate reports of



Abigail Van Buren

SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

neglect and mistreatment of the elderly.

Friends and neighbors of the elderly living alone must be proactive and contact family or the state if something "doesn't look right."

NEIGHBOR IN SARASOTA, FLA.

DEAR NEIGHBOR: Yours is a chilling letter. I hope it will spare similar heartbreak to other elderly who are living without benefit of family nearby.

Readers, if you suspect neglect or mistreatment of an elderly neighbor or friend, contact the adult protective services agency in your area. Anyone entrusted with the care of the aging should be carefully screened. The same agency should be able to assist you in locating properly trained and reliable caregivers.

DEAR ABBY: An old friend of ours mentioned that she was coming to town and needed a place to stay. We invited her to spend the

night at our home. She and her husband own a buffalo ranch. She asked us if we would like to taste some buffalo sausage and we said, "Sure."

When she arrived, she was carrying a small package of frozen buffalo sausage and her recent wedding video. After a nice dinner and viewing the video, we gave her a wedding gift that we had recently purchased in Greece.

Now, here is the odd part: My wife and I had to leave the next morning for work. We left our guest a key to lock the door when she left. When we returned from work that evening, we noticed a note on our kitchen counter. We thought it would be a "thank you" for the previous evening. Instead, it was a bill for the buffalo sausage! There was no mention of our hospitality or the wedding gift.

Of course we will pay the bill, but enclosed with our check will be a bill for her night's lodging and dinner. Abby, what do you think?

BUFFALOED IN ST. PAUL
DEAR BUFFALOED: I think your friend left her manners back at the ranch. Forget sending her a bill. When you sign the check for the buffalo sausage, write this woman off as well.

For everything you need to know about wedding planning, order "How to Have a Lovely Wedding." Send a business-sized, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for \$3.95 (\$4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, Wedding Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

Horoscope

SUNDAY, JULY 19, 1998
BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

***** Pressure intensifies, as you juggle plans. You'll want to squeeze every ounce out of your day. Your gift of gab emerges. Discuss home, recent news and surprising life events. Accept a spontaneous invitation. You'll love seeing friends. Tonight: The fun goes on and on.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

***** Curb a tendency to let loose and go wild. Relating involves an expenditure of some sort. You are torn between two different possibilities. Trust your ability to ask excellent questions as you make a decision. Share strong feelings with others. Tonight: It's your treat.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

***** Let your personality speak. Be more direct about daily matters. Your softer side emerges. Indulge loved ones and yourself. The unexpected occurs; plans swiftly change. Someone who is at a distance cares about you. Listen to his news. Tonight: Whatever makes you smile.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

*** Slow down, take a deep breath and rethink a decision. You don't have all the answers, but you are willing to find them. Venus moves

into your sign, adding to your allure. You are surprised at how little you need to do to get someone's attention. Tonight: Vanish.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

***** You get caught in a power play. Several others all want time with you. As you attempt to juggle everyone's concerns, don't forget yourself. You are important. A new acquaintance might not be what he appears. Be alert to this possibility. Tonight: Enjoy the unexpected.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

***** A friend is unusually seductive. How can you refuse this person? Don't. Let go of preconceived ideas, and open up to expanding your circle of friends. Pressure is inordinately high to do for others. Let yourself be freer and more spontaneous. Tonight: You are a force on the scene.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

***** Reach out for someone who is at a distance. You feel better now than you have lately. Examine ideas about the future, with an eye to what you want. An associate cares about you. Loosen up, and be spontaneous. A loved one jolts you. Tonight: Be your breezy self.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

***** Dance along with someone's plans. You have been hoping for this type of connection for a long time. Someone doesn't see eye-to-eye with you but will agree with your financial decision. Surprises happen with a family member. Tonight: Be in the moment!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

***** You are pushing someone away from you. Look at this possibility. Power plays and a relationship don't mix well together. A partner has a lot to offer. Allow this tie to grow, and let go of your need for control. Caring flows. Tonight: As you like it!

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

***** Pace yourself, and don't let fatigue get to you. Perhaps you should get extra rest. A partner is more than happy to please you. If single, an encounter flows and could become a lot more. Buy a card or gift for a friend. Tonight: Early to bed; you need the sleep.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

***** Let your imagination spin. Others love your ideas and respond to your energy. Romance flourishes in this atmosphere. Share a leisurely pastime, such as a picnic or a boat trip. Enjoy the celebratory mood. Tonight: Bask in the summer heat.

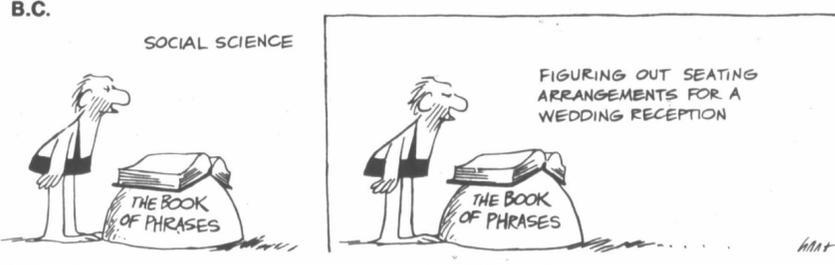
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

***** A boss or parent pressures you. How you handle this person is important. This situation is a replay of an old story. A loved one encourages you to express your true feelings. No one but you can stand up for you. Diplomacy goes a long way. Tonight: Entertain at home.

BORN TODAY

Singer Vikki Carr (1941), actor Anthony Edwards (1963), actor Pat Hingle (1924)

For Better or For Worse



Crossword Puzzle

by THOMAS JOSEPH

- ACROSS**
- 1 Traffic-light color
 - 6 "American Graffiti" director
 - 11 "Loma" —
 - 12 Bikini, for one
 - 13 Beginning
 - 14 Dance for two
 - 15 Smidgen
 - 16 Scoundrel
 - 18 Gear part
 - 19 "The Name of the Rose" author
 - 20 — de France
 - 21 Mouths, in Latin
 - 22 Open shoe
 - 24 St. Paul's designer
 - 25 Frog's place
 - 27 "Fargo" director
 - 29 Burns
 - 32 Skill
 - 33 In favor of
 - 34 Genetic messenger
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 - 38 Dodge
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"Don't scarecrows ever get to wear good clothes?"

The Family Circus



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- 3) BLAMING SOMEONE OR SOMETHING.

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SPORTS

Notebook

GENERAL

TEMPLE — Scott & White Senior Games are scheduled Sept. 21-27 in Temple.

The Games, sanctioned by the National Senior Games, is the state championship athletic event for persons over 50. The Games are expected to attract over 2,000 senior athletes.

Local qualifying events will be held throughout the state during 1998. The Temple event will be the state championship.

There are 30 events, ranging from track and field to checkers.

Call 1-800-478-0308 for more information.

BASEBALL

AMARILLO — Amarillo defeated Greenville, 12-1, Tuesday night in a Texas-Louisiana game at Memorial Stadium.

Al Kermode (8-2) was the winning pitcher.

The Dillas got a two-run homer by Jack Johnson.

The Dillas have a 35-11 record while Greenville is 14-31.

BASKETBALL

LONG GROVE, III. (AP)

— If Michael Jordan said it once, he's said it a hundred times: He won't play for any coach but Phil Jackson.

Think he's bluffing? Go ahead, try him.

With Jackson gone, Jordan is talking like a man who's already got one foot out the door. He left himself an out Thursday — and His Airness has changed his mind before — but it's a very small one.

"I feel very strong to my decision that I wouldn't play for anybody other than Phil Jackson," Jordan said after playing in a pro-am golf tournament.

"I feel that way right now," he said. "If you ask me that in two or three months, that may change. But I don't think it will. I'm pretty sure that's my decision."

Though he won't make an official announcement about his future until the NBA lockout ends, Jordan's remarks were his strongest yet. But the labor impasse is likely to drag on for several months, leaving the Bulls plenty of time to find some way to make Jordan happy.

That's not what this is about, Jordan insisted. He doesn't want to pick the new coach. He knows chairman Jerry Reinsdorf can choose whomever he wants.

That doesn't mean Jordan has to play for the guy.

"It is his team," Jordan said. "Whatever choice he makes doesn't force me to play for his choice. I have choices at the same time."

"He made a stance on Phil Jackson, and that pretty much makes my stance," he said. "Some people may interpret it as Jerry Reinsdorf is forcing me out of the game. I can either choose to play for that guy he hires or choose not to play."

Reinsdorf said Wednesday he discussed the coaching candidates with Jordan before July 1, adding that Jordan doesn't have veto power. Make no mistake, though, Reinsdorf knows all too well just how important this decision is to Jordan's future.

Reinsdorf did not return a call from The Associated Press on Thursday.

"I think I understand Michael," Reinsdorf said Wednesday. "I would be foolish to hire somebody without feeling confident that this is somebody that Michael could play for."

Could and would are two different things, however. Jordan said he won't play for a college coach or a young coach. That leaves out Iowa State's Tim Floyd, a buddy of general manager Jerry Krause and the apparent front-runner to replace Jackson.

Price takes lead away from Woods

SOUTHPORT, England (AP) — Now, this is more like the British Open.

Cold rain, then high winds returned to the coast of the Irish Sea today, making life difficult for the players in the second round at Royal Birkdale.

Tiger Woods had the sole lead when he teed off but quickly gave it back, hitting into a bunker to bogey the first hole and three-putting the second hole for another bogey. That made playing partner Nick Price, who parred the first two holes, the leader at 4 under.

Woods wasn't the only one having problems. John Daly took a 10 on the 18th hole for a 78, while Tom Lehman did even worse, shooting a 79.

It was that kind of a day at Birkdale, which was tame a day earlier when 41 players equaled or broke par in a first round played in light winds and warm sun.

British Open

Fred Couples, after starting the round a stroke behind Woods and Huston, faltered and needed a birdie on the 18th to finish 4 over for the day and even for the tournament. Loren Roberts began the day tied with Couples and finished with a 76, while Davis Love III shot 73.

The leaderboard did contain one surprise. Brian Watts, who plays on the Japanese PGA Tour and has missed the cut in three of his previous five Opens, was one stroke off the lead after a 1-under 69 to go with the 68 he shot Thursday.

Among the early finishers today were Masters champion Mark O'Meara, who shot a 68 to get to even par, and David Duval, who had a 71 and was 1 over.

"All day it was hard," Duval said. "I made some good saves,

like everybody is doing. You have to right now."

Woods, who grabbed a share of the opening-round lead with Huston at 65, teed off with Price as the wind swirled.

Woods hit his second shot into the right bunker, then blasted out, about 20 feet past the hole. Woods missed the putt, then on the second hole took three putts, starting from about 25 feet.

The weather forced players and fans to bundle up — Spaniard Jose Maria Olazabal wore a wool hat pulled down low over his ears.

The wind cleared away the rain clouds and picked up strength as the day went on, sending wayward shots into the deep meadow rye lining the fairways and greens.

The conditions were in stark contrast to the opening round, when light breezes and warm weather greeted golfers expecting the normal wind and rain on the

northwest coast of England.

One player who won't have to deal with the tough conditions is 1995 PGA champion Steve Elkington. The Australian withdrew from the Open today because of a pinched nerve in his neck. He shot a 5-over 75 on Thursday.

With Woods and Huston leading the way, Americans dominated the leaderboard in the opening round.

Players who make their living on the friendly courses of the PGA Tour were right at home on the smooth fairways and soft greens, and the scores showed it. Eight tour regulars were among the top 10 leaders, and the top five players all live in the United States.

In all, 27 golfers broke par and another 14 matched it on a course that only days earlier generated predictions of U.S. Open-type scores.

Those predictions came when the wind was blowing, however,

and only a breeze blew through the bushes and tall meadow rye Thursday as Woods took his first lead in a major since winning the 1997 Masters.

The sun even came out by mid-morning, about the same time that Woods was making his run.

Woods, using a putter given to him by buddy O'Meara, broke out of the putting slump that has bedeviled him in the majors since his Masters win. He made four birdie putts on the front nine, and then ran in a curling 35-footer on the 13th hole.

Woods would have had the lead all to himself but couldn't get up-and-down from just off the 18th green, missing a 5-footer for a bogey 5.

"Hopefully, if he continues to putt well I'll get a commission on some of his rewards," said O'Meara, the Masters champion who opened with a 72.

Cowboys counting on Ellis

WICHITA FALLS, Texas (AP) — Greg Ellis doesn't have financial pressure anymore. Nobody just handed a \$5.4 million check does.

But Ellis, the Dallas Cowboys' top draft pick, has perhaps more pressure to perform than any rookie picked in the first round since Bob Lilly and Tony Dorsett.

The Cowboys are counting on the 6-foot-6, 280-pound Ellis to be a force a defensive end. Immediately.

The former star for the North Carolina Tarheels steps into a talent-deprived position.

Veteran Tony Tolbert was cut because of his bad knees. Shante Carver was cut because he couldn't play.

That leaves Kavika Pittman, another high draft choice who has yet to dominate, and Ellis, to man the ends for the Cowboys this year.

Ellis understands.

He knows his big boss, owner Jerry Jones, is watching.

"He wants me to get to the quarterback, no matter how I do it," said Ellis, who is extremely quick for a big man.

Don't even try to tell Ellis he could be the next Charles Haley.

"I'm not trying to fill anybody's shoes," said the level-headed Ellis. "I'm kicking them out of the way and wearing my own shoes."

Coach Chan Gailey said it doesn't bother him that Ellis is a raw, undeveloped talent.

"We're going to put him into the position to contend and play and if he doesn't play good it's not going to be good for the team," Gailey said. "But if he plays well it will be real good for this team."

Defensive coordinator Dave Campo said Ellis could be a good one.

"He has all the tools," Campo said. "Now, we have to see how bad he wants it. He has a great attitude. Now, it's down to work."

As for as the work part goes, Ellis has already been very well compensated with his six-year, \$11.5 million contract.

Ellis got a heavy indoctrination in his first camp workout going against All-Pro Larry Allen.

"That's how you improve," Ellis said. "You know where you stand when you go against the very best."

Phillies down NY Mets, 4-2

NEW YORK (AP) — Two defensive lapses by new outfielder Todd Hundley led to all of Philadelphia's runs Thursday night and helped the Phillies to a 4-2 win over the New York Mets.

Hundley, a two-time All-Star catcher playing his fourth game in left field after returning from reconstructive elbow surgery, misjudged a fly ball in the first inning, allowing two runs to score.

Hundley dropped a routine fly in the eighth as Philadelphia made it 4-1, and he had a throwing error in the ninth.

The Mets' offense was nearly as bad, stranding 11 runners.

Doubles win



(Pampa News photo)

Mandy Wells (above) and playing partner Michelle Lee teamed up to win the Girls 18 doubles in a round-robin format at the Pampa Harvester Tennis Open. Wells, who will be a PHS senior, was District 1-4A's Most Valuable Player last fall. Wells claimed her 100th high school varsity win last year and shares the school record with 63 victories in a season.

Orioles win over Rangers

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Despite their longest winning streak of the season, the Baltimore Orioles have a long way to go to get back in the AL wild-card race.

Roberto Alomar went 4-for-6 with two doubles as the Orioles won their eighth straight with a 9-3 victory over the Texas Rangers on Thursday night.

The Orioles have virtually no chance of catching the New York Yankees, who lead Baltimore by 24 1/2 games in the AL East. They still have an outside shot at the wild card, although they trail current front-runner Boston by 10 1/2 games.

"This has been a nice streak and I hope we carry on, but we're still a long way out," said Scott Erickson, who pitched seven effective innings for the Orioles.

Alomar said Rangers pitchers were worn down by the 96 degree heat, and the Orioles capitalized. "In this heat, the pitchers get tired and we took advantage of that," said Alomar, who matched his career-high for hits for the third time this season. "They were leaving the ball up in the zone and if you do that against this offense, you're going to get hurt."

Alomar is 20-for-38 against the Rangers this season and is batting .338 for his career against Texas.

"Robby put on a show tonight,"

Orioles manager Ray Miller said.

"He's one of two or three players who, when they're focused and playing, can do almost anything they want to do. He's one of those guys. He's quite a player."

The Orioles had 18 hits, one off their season high set Wednesday night in a 14-3 victory over the Rangers.

Personal watercraft draws negative press

HOUSTON — Personal watercraft may be the most popular, fastest-selling, most fun-to-operate motorized vessels in the nation, but you couldn't tell it from all the bad press and ugly vibes aimed at them.

Or maybe you could; popularity tends to raise profiles, creating easy targets.

But it doesn't help when that target is a fast, noisy bullet of a boat often driven by young, inexperienced riders who have little idea about the craft's unique operating characteristics.

Lots of people take shots at PWCs — law enforcement officers who police the fast-increasing herds of PWCs on public waters; anglers and other recreational boaters who feel they've been harassed or endangered by arrogant and obnoxious PWC operators who buzz nearby; waterside landowners driven to distraction by the constant high-pitched whine of PWCs' engines; and safety officials who look at boating accident figures and see where PWCs fit into the mix.

Some of the most recent shots at PWCs, those jet-powered, sit-on, one- or two-person aquatic equivalents of motorcycles, come from a county government in Florida and two federal agencies, the National Parks Service and the National Transportation Safety Board.

This past month, Florida's Monroe County Commission became the latest local government entity to crack down on PWCs when it approved an ordinance prohibiting operation of PWCs at any speed faster than idle within 1,200 feet of 14 beaches and resorts along the length of the Florida Keys. The commission took the action, it said, to protect human life and quality of life.

The Monroe County move is the latest in a string of local government actions attempting to restrict the use of PWCs. Some of those actions have drawn legal fire from opponents of the bans, and the Personal Watercraft Industry Association, which represents PWC manufacturers, said it plans to challenge this latest rule.

The proposal also would allow superintendents at 13 Park Service-run sites (mostly national seashores and national recreation areas) discretionary authority to ban PWC use in their areas. Included in those 13 Park Service units are Padre Island National Seashore near Corpus Christi, Lake Amistad National Recreation Area near Del Rio and Lake Meredith National Recreation Area near Amarillo.

The proposed ban, which should be officially announced sometime later this summer and will be subject to changes before a final rule is offered, stems from complaints about PWC noise and unsafe operation and the Park Service's contention that the craft "have a significant potential to conflict with other users' enjoyment of park values and purposes."

The National Transportation Safety Board's interest in PWCs has nothing to do with noise or general operation. It's concerned about the safety of the people operating the boats.

PWCs have become incredibly popular over the past few years, now accounting for about a third of the new boats sold each year in this country. Today, there are about 1.2 million out there, with about 200,000 being bought each year. That's pretty amazing considering there were very few PWCs on the water a decade ago.

And with that burgeoning number of PWCs have come concerns about their safe operation. Despite accounting for only about 11 percent of the registered boats in the nation, PWCs are involved in about 35 percent of the boating accidents.



IN THE ROUGH

by rick clark

Everson, Rasco win PCC titles

EVERSON WINS AGAIN!

Congratulations to Phil Everson and Joyce Rasco, winners of the Pampa Country Club Championship. Everson won the men's division with a 134 total while Rasco won the ladies division with a 168 total. The senior champion was Eddie Duenkel.

GOLFING FEATS...PAMPA COUNTRY CLUB

Harry Frye shot 78, 3 under his age.

Glen Lentz shot 39 on back nine, his best ever. He finished with an 83, his best ever.

Bob Swope holed from 100 yards for an eagle 3 on No. 18. Jeff Pike shot 75, his best ever.

Peggy David shot 40 on the back nine, her best ever.

Mike Vinson made a hole-in-one on No. 16 during the Club Championship last weekend.

GOLFING FEATS...HIDDEN HILLS
Pat Darling shot 79, his best ever. Way to go, Betty. You'll have to give D.T. strokes now!

Until next time...see ya IN THE ROUGH.

Scoreboard

BASEBALL

American League

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East Division

W	L	Pct.	GB	
New York	67	22	.753	—
Boston	56	36	.591	14
Toronto	48	49	.495	23
Baltimore	46	50	.479	24 1/2
Tampa Bay	36	58	.383	33 1/2

Central Division

W	L	Pct.	GB	
Cleveland	53	40	.570	—
Kansas City	42	52	.447	11 1/2
Minnesota	42	52	.447	11 1/2
Chicago	41	54	.432	13
Detroit	39	53	.424	13 1/2

West Division

W	L	Pct.	GB	
Anaheim	52	42	.553	—
Texas	51	44	.537	1 1/2
Oakland	45	49	.479	7
Seattle	43	53	.448	10

Wednesday's Games

Chicago White Sox 9, Toronto 3, 1st game
Chicago White Sox 5, Toronto 2, 2nd game
Boston 1, Cleveland 0
N.Y. Yankees 11, Detroit 0
Baltimore 14, Texas 3
Seattle 4, Minnesota 1
Kansas City 5, Oakland 1
Anaheim 4, Tampa Bay 2

Thursday's Games

Toronto 5, Chicago White Sox 2
Oakland 5, Kansas City 3
Detroit 3, N.Y. Yankees 1
Boston 15, Cleveland 5
Baltimore 9, Texas 3
Seattle 3, Minnesota 0
Tampa Bay 8, Anaheim 1

Friday's Games

Boston (Cho 0-2) at Detroit (Powell 0-1), 7:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Wells 11-2) at Toronto (Clemens 10-6), 7:05 p.m.
Cleveland (Nagy 7-6) at Chicago White Sox (Parque 2-2), 8:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Saunders 1-9) at Texas (Oliver 4-7), 8:35 p.m.
Kansas City (Rusch 6-10) at Seattle (Swift 8-5), 10:05 p.m.

Saturday's Games

Oakland 5, Kansas City 3
Minnesota (Milton 5-7) at Oakland (Haynes 7-3), 10:35 p.m.
Cleveland (Wright 9-5) at Chicago White Sox (Snyder 2-0), 1:15 p.m.
Minnesota (Morgan 4-2) at Oakland (Oquist 6-5), 4:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Hernandez 3-2) at Toronto (Guzman 4-1), 4:05 p.m.
Boston (Avery 6-2) at Detroit (Castillo 2-5), 7:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Santana 2-2) at Texas (Van Poppel 1-2), 8:35 p.m.
Kansas City (Pichardo 4-7) at Seattle (Cloude 5-7), 9:05 p.m.
Baltimore (Rodriguez 1-2) at Anaheim (Washburn 4-2), 10:05 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Boston at Detroit, 1:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees at Toronto, 1:05 p.m.
Cleveland at Chicago White Sox, 2:05 p.m.
Minnesota at Oakland, 4:05 p.m.
Kansas City at Seattle, 4:35 p.m.
Baltimore at Anaheim, 8:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Texas, 8:05 p.m.

National League

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East Division

W	L	Pct.	GB	
Atlanta	63	32	.663	—
Philadelphia	48	44	.522	13 1/2
New York	46	44	.511	14 1/2
Montreal	39	55	.415	23 1/2
Cincinnati	36	58	.383	26 1/2

Central Division

W	L	Pct.	GB	
Houston	51	39	.565	—
Chicago	51	43	.543	4
Milwaukee	47	46	.505	7 1/2
Cincinnati	45	50	.474	10 1/2
St. Louis	43	51	.457	12
Pittsburgh	42	53	.442	13 1/2

West Division

W	L	Pct.	GB	
San Diego	61	34	.642	—
San Francisco	53	42	.558	8
Los Angeles	48	47	.505	13
Colorado	41	54	.432	20
Arizona	32	62	.340	28 1/2

Wednesday's Games

Atlanta 12, N.Y. Mets 1
Milwaukee 3, Philadelphia 2
Montreal 9, Florida 5
Pittsburgh 3, Chicago Cubs 0
San Francisco 5, Los Angeles 3
Cincinnati 4, St. Louis 2, 11 innings
San Diego 6, Colorado 2
Arizona 9, Houston 8, 11 innings

Thursday's Games

Montreal 10, Pittsburgh 5
Philadelphia 4, N.Y. Mets 2
Atlanta 4, Milwaukee 3
Los Angeles 8, St. Louis 2
Only games scheduled

Friday's Games

Pittsburgh (Loaiza 6-5) at Montreal (Vazquez 3-7), 7:05 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Traschel 8-6) at Florida (Dempster 1-3), 7:05 p.m.
San Diego (Ashby 12-5) at Cincinnati (Reminger 6-9), 7:05 p.m.
Philadelphia (Lower 4-1) at N.Y. Mets (Nomo 2-8), 7:40 p.m.
Milwaukee (Woodall 4-4) at Atlanta (Glavine 12-4), 7:40 p.m.
San Francisco (Rueter 10-4) at Houston (Lima 7-5), 8:05 p.m.
Los Angeles (Bohanon 2-5) at St. Louis (Acevedo 4-2), 8:10 p.m.
Colorado (Astacio 7-9) at Arizona (Blair 3-12), 10:05 p.m.

Saturday's Games

Philadelphia (Green 6-5) at N.Y. Mets (Leiter 9-4), 1:15 p.m.
Los Angeles (Micki 5-4) at St. Louis (Bottenfield 2-5), 1:15 p.m.

San Francisco (Bergman 8-5) at Houston (Darwin 6-6), 4:05 p.m.

Pittsburgh (Lieber 6-10) at Montreal (Boskie 1-2), 7:05 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Clark 5-8) at Florida (Meadows 8-9), 7:05 p.m.
San Diego (Hamilton 7-9) at Cincinnati (Harnisch 7-3), 7:05 p.m.
Milwaukee (Woodard 6-5) at Atlanta (Milwood 10-4), 7:10 p.m.
Colorado (Jones 3-3) at Arizona (Anderson 6-8), 10:05 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Milwaukee at Atlanta, 1:10 p.m.
San Diego at Cincinnati, 1:15 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Montreal, 1:35 p.m.
Philadelphia at N.Y. Mets, 1:40 p.m.
San Francisco at Houston, 2:35 p.m.
Chicago Cubs at Florida, 4:35 p.m.
Los Angeles at St. Louis, 8:05 p.m.
Colorado at Arizona, 9:05 p.m.

Thursday's Major League Linescores

By The Associated Press
AMERICAN LEAGUE
Toronto 01, 110 110 — 5 11 0
Chicago 200 000 000 — 2 4 2

Carpenter, Ra. Myers (9) and Fletcher; Baldwin, B. Ward (7), Foulke (8), Eyre (9) and O'Brien, W.—Carpenter, 6-4, L.—Baldwin, 4-4, Sv.—Ra. Myers (24).

Kansas City 002000001 — 3 6 0
Oakland 100 004 00x — 5 7 0

Rapp, Bones (6) and Fasano; Stein, Mohler (8), Taylor (9) and Macfarlane, W.—Stein, 4-5, L.—Rapp, 8-9, Sv.—Taylor (21), HR.—Kansas City, J. King (18).

New York 100 000 000 — 1 7 1
Detroit 000 010 02x — 3 7 0

Cone and Girard; Moehler, Runyan (9), To. Jones (9) and Casanova, W.—Moehler, 10-6, L.—Cone, 13-3, Sv.—To. Jones (18), HR.—New York, Knoblauch (8), Detroit, Casanova (1).

Cleveland 030010 010 — 5 8 1
Boston 100 043 07x — 15 17 0

Gooden, Ogea (6), Morman (8), Mesa (8) and S. Gomez, W.—Wakelief, Mahay (8), Lowe (8) and Hattberg, W.—Wakelief, 11-4, L.—Gooden, 3-4, Sv.—Lowe (1), HR.—Cleveland, Justice (13), Fryman (18), O. Bell (8), Boston, Garcia (14), D'Leary (15).

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Pittsburgh 100001201 — 5 11 2
Montreal 000 060 22x — 10 12 2

Schmidt, Dessens (5), Ja. Martinez (7), Tabaka (8) and Oso, P. Pavano, Telford (8), M. Batista (7), Kline (7), M. Maddux (8) and Widger—Pavano, 3-3, L.—Schmidt, 8-6, Sv.—M. Maddux (1), HR.—Pittsburgh, K. Young (19), Montreal, Grudzielanek (6).

Philadelphia 30000010 — 4 11 1

New York 000 001 001 — 2 9 2

Portugal, Bottaolo (7), Y. Perez (7), Gomes (8), M. Leiter (9) and Lieberthal, R.—Perez, 7-9, L.—Portugal, 10-6, Sv.—M. Leiter (20), HR.—New York, Olerud (10).

Milwaukee 000002001 — 3 5 2
Atlanta 020 001 01x — 4 7 4

Eldred, M. Myers (7), C. Fox (8) and Matheny, Hughes (7); G. Maddux, R. Springer (7), Lichtenberg (9), Rucker (9), Seanez (9) and Edd, Perez, W.—G. Maddux, 13-3, L.—Eldred, 4-8, Sv.—Seanez (1).

Los Angeles 021400010 — 8 15 0
St. Louis 000 002 000 — 2 6 2

I. Valdes, Hall (8), Shaw (9) and Prince; Mercker, Witt (4), Brantley (9) and Pagnozzi, W.—I. Valdes, 7-9, L.—Mercker, 5-7, HR.—Los Angeles, Mondesi (21), Sheffield (16).

Texas Louisiana League

At A Glance
By The Associated Press

W	L	Pct.	GB	
Amarillo	36	11	.766	—
Abilene	34	13	.723	2
Bayou	21	26	.447	15
Rio Grande	21	26	.447	15
Abilene	19	25	.432	15 1/2
Lubbock	18	28	.364	18 1/2
Greenville	14	32	.304	21 1/2

Thursday's Games

Bayou 8, Alexandria 3
Amarillo 12, Greenville 1, 1st game
Amarillo 4, Greenville 2, 2nd game
Rio Grande 13, Abilene 3

Friday's Games

Bayou at Alexandria
Greenville at Amarillo
Abilene at Rio Grande

Saturday's Games

Greenville at Abilene
Bayou at Lubbock
Alexandria at Rio Grande

TRANSACTIONS

Thursday's Sports Transactions
By The Associated Press
BASEBALL
American League
CHICAGO WHITE SOX—Released RHP Jason Bere
TORONTO BLUE JAYS—Sold the contract of 2B Pat Kelly to the St. Louis Cardinals.

National League
ATLANTA BRAVES—Recalled RHP Mark Wohlers from Richmond of the International League, Optioned RHP Mike Cather to Richmond.
MONTREAL EXPOS—Placed OF F.P. Santangelo on the 15-day disabled list.

FOOTBALL

National Football League

DETROIT LIONS—Signed SS Jamaal Alexander.
NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS—Signed DE Greg Spina and RB Harold Shaw.

NEW ORLEANS SAINTS—Released WR Tony Maranto. Relinquished the rights to DT Luke Fickell.
PITTSBURGH STEELERS—Signed S Eddie Cade.

SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS—Named Dwight Clark, executive vice president-director of football operations. Signed OT Chris Ruhman, OG Phil Oostrowski and FB Fred Beasley.

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE
ANAHEIM MIGHTY DUCKS—Named Pierre Gauthier president.
COLORADO AVALANCHE—Signed RW Milan Hejduk.

LOS ANGELES KINGS—Agreed to terms with D Sean Blanchard on a three-year contract.

NASHVILLE PREDATORS—Signed F Brad Smyth, C Peter Sykora and D Jeff Staples.
NEW JERSEY DEVILS—Signed G Mike Buzak to a multiyear contract.

NEW YORK RANGERS—Signed G Jean-Francois Labbe.
PHILADELPHIA FLYERS—Signed D Dimitri Tertyshny to a two-year contract.

TAMPA BAY LIGHTNING—Signed LW Wendell Clark to a one-year contract.
TORONTO MAPLE LEAFS—Agreed to terms with C Nikolai Antropov.

BASKETBALL

Women's National Basketball Association

At A Glance
By The Associated Press
All Times EDT
EASTERN CONFERENCE

W	L	Pct.	GB	
Charlotte	12	3	.800	—
Cleveland	8	7	.533	4
New York	8	9	.471	5
Detroit	7	9	.438	5 1/2
Washington	2	12	.143	9 1/2

WESTERN CONFERENCE

W	L	Pct.	GB	
Houston	14	1	.933	—
Phoenix	11	3	.786	2 1/2
Los Angeles	5	9	.357	8 1/2
Sacramento	4	11	.267	10
Utah	4	11	.267	10

Thursday's Game

Cleveland 60, New York 51
Friday's Games
Washington at Charlotte, 7:30 p.m.
Utah at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Houston at Los Angeles, 9 p.m.

Saturday's Games

New York at Phoenix, 4 p.m.
Cleveland at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Houston at Sacramento, 10 p.m.
Sunday's Games
Utah at Washington, 4 p.m.
Charlotte at Cleveland, 7 p.m.

SOCCER

Major League Soccer

At A Glance
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Eastern Conference

W	L	SOW	Pts	GF	GA
D.C.	16	5	53	49	32
Columbus	9	8	27	33	24
NY-NJ	9	9	25	32	32
Tampa Bay	5	15	0	23	38
Miami	7	11	4	13	38
New England	5	14	1	13	42

Western Conference

W	L	SOW	Pts	GF	GA
Los Angeles	16	3	46	58	28
Chicago	13	6	37	40	21
Colorado	9	9	23	36	36
Kansas City	8	10	2	20	25
Dallas	9	10	4	19	26
San Jose	6	12	1	16	29

NOTE: Three points for victory, one point for shootout win and zero points for loss. Shootout (SOW) is a subset of wins.

Thursday's Games

No games scheduled
Friday's Games
No games scheduled
Saturday's Games
Chicago at Washington D.C., 3 p.m.
New England at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Miami at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.
Tampa Bay at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Colorado at Kansas City, 3 p.m.
Columbus at New York-New Jersey, 7 p.m.

GOLF

British Open Graded Scores

SOUTHPORT, England (AP) — Scores Thursday after the first round of the British Open on the 7,018-yard, par-70 Royal Birkdale course (8-amateur):

John Huston	34-31	-65
Tiger Woods	30-35	-65
Loren Roberts	33-33	-66
Nick Price	32-34	-66
Fred Couples	33-33	-66
Robert Allenby	32-35	-67
Brad Faxon	32-35	-67
Fredrik Jacobson	35-32	-67
Davis Lovell	34-33	-67
Vijay Singh	32-35	-67
Bog Tway	34-34	-68
Greg Turner	33-35	-68
Stephen Ames	33-35	-68
Thomas Bjorn	33-35	-68
Philips Walton	32-36	-68
Dave Howell	35-33	-68
Jesper Parnevik	32-36	-68
Raymond Russell	35-33	-68
Brian Watts	33-35	-68
Andrew Coltart	34-34	-68
Frankie Minozza	36-33	-69
Steen Tinning	35-34	-69
Mark Calcavecchia	33-36	-69
Ernie Baker	33-36	-69
Gary Evans	35-34	-69
Sam Torrance	31-38	-69
a-Sergio Garcia	33-36	-69

North Texas grad looks for brighter future with Dallas

DENTON, Texas — Toby Gowin is back at camp for his second season with the Dallas Cowboys.

One of the University of North Texas' most dominant punters ever, Gowin has pushed aside a torturous 1997 preseason when he was fighting for the job and then a mediocre season that he finished ranked 27th out of 30 punters in the National Football League.

To top it off, the season was the Cowboys' worst since Jimmy Johnson's first season when Dallas finished 1-15. Turbulence bucked the Cowboys throughout the season rocking between critical injuries and a firestorm of criticism directed at former coach Barry Switzer.

"It was definitely a long season," said Gowin from his Valley Ranch apartment. "I already sense that the (team's) attitude has improved over last year (under new head coach Chan Gailey). A lot of guys have been working hard and we've had a good turnout (at minicamps) throughout the offseason. Everyone seems excited and ready to turn the year around."

13 Bus. Opportunities

MECHANICS Garage for Sale or Lease. Work for yourself. 1600 Duncan. 669-6582

14d Carpentry

CUSTOM homes, additions, remodeling, residential / commercial Deaver Construction, 665-0447.

OVERHEAD Door Repair. Kidwell Construction. 669-6347.

ADDITIONS, remodeling, roofing, cabinets, painting, all types repairs. No job too small. Mike Albus, 665-4774.

14e Carpet Service

NU-WAY Cleaning service, carpets, upholstery, walls, ceilings. Quality doesn't cost...it pays! No steam used. Bob Mars owner-operator. 665-3541, or from out of town, 800-536-5341. Free estimates.

RON'S Floor Service. Carpet, Tile, Vinyl, Wood. Installations & Repairs. 669-0817

14h General Services

COX Fence Company. Repair old fence or build new. Free estimates. 669-7769.

WILLOUGHBY'S Backhoe-Storm shelters, commercial/resi. 669-7251, 665-1131, 669-7320.

FOUNDATION Settling? Cracks in walls, ceilings, or brick? Doors won't close? Childers Brothers. Free estimates 1-800-299-9563.

NAVARRO Masonry. Brick work, block, stucco, stone, and concrete. Fences-all types. Call collect 878-3000.

CONCRETE work, driveways, sidewalks, storm cellars, etc. also concrete removal & dirt work. No job too small. Ron 669-2624.

14n Painting

PAINTING reasonable, interior, exterior. Minor repairs. Free estimates. Bob Gorson 665-0033.

CALDER Painting-interior/exterior, mud tape, and blow accounts. 665-4840. 35 yrs. in Pampa.

14r Plowing, Yard Work

ALL types of yard work, retotiling gardens, yards & flower beds, mowing, edging, weeding, etc. Also hauling. Call for estimate. 665-5568

WILL, mow, edge & weedcut. Call Trevor, 665-3516.

14s Plumbing & Heating

JACK'S Plumbing/Heating. New construction, repair, remodeling, sewer & drain cleaning. Septic systems installed. 665-7115.

Larry Baker Plumbing Heating Air Conditioning Berger Highway 665-4392

14t Radio and Television

RENT TO RENT RENT TO OWN

We have TV, VCR, Camcorders to suit your needs. Rent by hour-day-week. Call for estimate. Johnson Home Furnishings 801 W. Francis

Johnson Home Entertainment

We do service on most Major Brands of TV's and VCR's. 2211 Perryton Pkwy. Call 665-0504.

21 Help Wanted

NOTICE Readers are urged to fully investigate advertisements which require payment in advance for information, services or goods.

MACHINIST needed for power cylinder reline oper. Other machinist pos. available for industrial engine block reman. oper. 45 yr. service co. with benefits. Call Coastal Casting Service 713-223-4439, or mail response to P.O. Box 16105 Houston, TX. 77222.

NEW to Pampa - Teachers need childcare in our home, ages 3 & 1 1/2. Salary negotiable 512-786-3134, after July 18 665-4864.

EARN \$900 weekly as an Independent Contractor. No exp. necessary. More info. send self addressed stamped envelope-1512 W. Tyler, Lovington, NM 88260.

DOMINO'S Pizza hiring drivers must be 18 w/good driving record. Apply in person. 1332 N. Hobart.

NOW HIRING - Full time & part. sports surface installation. No experience needed. Earn up to \$26,000 first year. Apply 94 Main, Panhandle. 537-3526.

FIRST LANDMARK REALTY 665-0717 2545 Perryton Pkwy. in the Pampa Mall. NEW LISTING

21 Help Wanted

NOW hiring job/shop machinist. Pay based upon experience. Apply in person, Wood's Services, 1215 S. Florida, Borger.

PART time desk clerk position available. Computer skills are a plus. Apply in person Best Western Northgate Inn.

ELECTRICAL ENGINEER OR HIGH LEVEL TECHNICIAN WITH MANUFACTURING EXPERIENCE NEEDED 665-8010

EXPERIENCED Mechanic Wanted. Apply at Lentz Chevron, 300 N. Hobart.

AVON-applications now being accepted. Be your own boss! Call 665-5421, Debbie, ISR.

SOUTHWEST Coca Cola Bottling Company currently has a Merchandiser position open in the Pampa area. Excellent benefits offered for individuals interested in joining our team. Qualifications: motor vehicle record consistent with company standards, perform addition and subtraction up to three digits, speak english sufficiently to carry on a business conversation with customers, and successful completion of validated strength and endurance test for Merchandiser (developed by Advanced Ergonomics). If interested apply at 701 S. Lincoln, Amarillo, Tx, or call 800-888-2652. Starting pay is \$7.20 an hour.

30 Sewing Machines

WE service all makes and models of sewing machines and vacuum cleaners. Sanders Sewing Center. 214 N. Cuyler, 665-2383.

49 Pools and Hot Tubs

POOLS-Pools-Pools New shipment just arrived. Great prices 0 down WAC. Morgan Buildings Spas & Pools. Amarillo 806-358-9597.

SPA SALE - Discontinued models only "10" remaining - Save \$\$\$ Morgan Buildings & Spas, Canyon E-Way @ Bell, Amarillo 806-358-9597.

50 Building Supplies

White House Lumber 101 S. Ballard 669-3291

HOUSTON LUMBER 420 W. Foster 669-6881

57 Good Things To Eat

TREE ripe irrigated peaches. Smitherman Farms, McLean. Int. 273 & I-40, 779-2595.

60 Household Goods

JOHNSON HOME FURNISHINGS Rent one piece or house full Washer-Dryer-Ranges Bedroom-Dining Room Livingroom 801 W. Francis 665-3361

SALE: Washers, Dryers, Refrigerators. Guaranteed. 929 E. Frederick. 663-0265, 669-9797.

SIDE by side refrig./freezer, almond color, 4 yrs. old, \$400. 665-5125.

GAS range for sale, 2 yrs. old, very slightly damaged, very slightly used. 669-0140

USED Matching Sofa & Loveseat, striped design, recliners on sofa. Set \$150. 665-4105 after 5.

COUNTRY Blue sofa & matching recliner loveseat. Call 665-5130.

69 Miscellaneous

CHIMNEY Fire can be prevented. Queen Sweep Chimney Cleaning. 665-4686 or 665-5364.

PUTT-A-Round or Two & Hawaiian Shave Ice open daily 2 p.m. Groups & Parties welcome.

ANTIQUE Clock, also Grandfather Clock Repair. Call Larry Norton, 669-7916 after 5 p.m.

Mineral & Royalty Owners Let a land professional market your unleased acreage to oil companies at no cost to you! Call toll free 1-888-822-0007. Minerals Management Company

FOR SALE - 8'x7' fiberglass garage door w/hardware in good condition. 1825 N. Sumner.

FOR SALE: 3 1/2' x 7' Olhausen Monterey Pool Table. Solid Oak. Leather pockets. \$1000 665-2612

HUNTING Lease wanted within 150 miles of Borger. Any size acreage. We are safe, responsible hunters. References avail. Mike Williams 806-274-7187, after 6 p.m. at 273-3105.

SHED REALTORS 2115 N. Hobart 665-3761

69 Miscellaneous

ADVERTISING Material to be placed in the Pampa News MUST be placed through the Pampa News Office Only.

ART - Crafts - Antiques to sell? Craft & Antique Mall opening soon in Clarendon, Texas. If interested call 806-874-2324 after 6 p.m.

You May Have Overpaid Your Income Taxes & Are Due To Receive A Refund For Any Of The Past 3 Years Call 665-1677 For Free Consultation

69a Garage Sales

1601 N. Sumner, Fri. & Sat. 9a.m.-4p.m. Nice Clothes & shoes, toys, bike, stereo w/cd, treadmill, Sega Genesis w/ computer games, books, telephones, kitchen items washer/dryer, tires, dresser & much more.

1044 S. Faulkner Sat. Only 8-7 Treadmill, weight bench & misc.

1540 Hamilton, in garage, back of house. Fri. & Sat. 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

LRG. Gar. Sale. Don't miss this one! Early birds welcome! Next to Epperson Garden Mkt., Wed. thru Sun. 2 miles east of Pampa.

1917 N. Zimmers. Lots of misc. Fri. & Sat. 8:30-?

1813 Lea Fri. 7-10pm, Sat. 8-noon, 3 families. Furn., dishwasher, kids clothing, coins, misc. items. No checks please.

SAT. 7:30 a.m.-? Kenmore stove, bikes, Mary Kay, clothes, Nintendo, propane grill, kitchen knacks, lots more. 2205 Evergreen.

GARAGE Sale - Fri. & Sat. 7:30-1:00, 700 E. 17th. Clothes, shoes, bike, Barbie things, misc.

VERY nice children's, jr's., women's & men's clothing, computer, sewing machine, Little Tikes, Barbie house, toys, furn., house, hold items & much more. 1103 Kiowa Pl. 8-7 Sat. only.

Yard Sale Saturday 7 a.m.-6 p.m. 1905 Williston

Garage Sale Sat 7-12 noon 1542 Williston

HUGE Garage Sale! Saturday only, 1108 Cindarella.

GARAGE Sale: Sat. & Sun., h/d, abed, loveston, stormdoors, Sega & games, action figures, toys, clothes & lots more 533 Doyle.

MULTI Family Garage Sale. Sat. July 18, 8a.m. 613 S. Cuyler. Sack Sale Sun. 1 p.m.

WALNUT Creek estates-Walnut Dr., kids clothes, toys. misc. Sat. July 18th, 8-12 noon.

INSIDE Mobile Home, 1101 S. Farley, Sat., Sun. Lots of good stuff at give away prices. Furn, adult clothes, jr. clothes (all name brands) jeans, jean shorts, shoes, books, lots of misc. Doc Martin's Boots-black-size 6, electric typewriter, tools, gadgets.

1901 N. Dwight. Sega + 10 games, SNES games, boys & girls toys, clothes 6x-12s, gocart, boat, mens work jeans, coats, bikes, shoes, costumes, bunk beds, drums, lots more! Sat. 8-12.

GARAGE SALE: 2309 Cherokee, Fri. & Sat. 8a.m.-?

WE'VE Moved Garage Sale-Fri., Sat. Crafts, books, furn., lamps, canning jars, canner, Christmas dec., clothes, decorative items, dishes, 2 microwaves, upright freezer & much more. 1608 Evergreen.

CITY Wide Garage Sale-Lefors Civic Center, Fri. 7 a.m.-7 p.m. Sat. 7 a.m.-noon. Anything & everything available.

BOLIN Sale Barn-415 W. Browning, open Fri. & Sat. Baby items, furn., crystal & Ruby Red glass, collectibles, dishes, pots & pans, 100's misc. items, tools, children's desks \$1 ea., tow chains, ivory china service for 8, books, cast iron skillets, mirrors. 665-2254.

BIG Garage Sale: 8-7 Sat-Sun., 526 S. Ballard.

YARD Sale Sat. Only Elec. cook stove, smoker/cooker, Air comp., tools, misc. 437 Pitts.

1005 Farley St. Sat. & Sun. 8-5 p.m. Infant-adult clothes. Lots of misc.

RESCHEDULED from last month 1032 Sierra Dr. Sat. only, 8 a.m. King sized brass bed, mattress & box springs, good condition, misc., home items, brass coat rack. Come & shop!

Quentin Williams REALTORS Keagy-Edwards, Inc. Selling Pampa Since 1952

69a Garage Sales

GARAGE Sale 2133 Christy, Friday & Saturday 7-7

GARAGE Sale 8a.m.-? Sat. & Sun., 132 S. Nelson. Tires, fishing, clothes & misc.

SAT. Furniture, tools, puzzles, lots of misc. 1132 Sirroco.

1916 Evergreen, Sat. 8-1 p.m. Bedroom furn., bedding, children's clothes, buffer, CB base.

GARAGE Sale: Sat., 7-18, 8-3. Baby things, little tikes toys, washer, dryer, ski jackets, ski pants, stove, dresser, desk, sewing machine, & misc. household items. 604 S. Popham, White Deer.

GARAGE Sale 1104 N. Russell, Saturday only.

HUGE Sale! Sat. only 9a.m.-? 2516 Mary Ellen. Name brand toys & clothes (infant, lg. men & women) real nice children snow suits/coats, stair stepper, power wheel jeeps, baby buggy, Little Tikes Workshop, P.F. 3 in 1 table, lots more.

FOSTER Street Marketplace garage sale inside bldg. at 810 W. Foster, Sat. morning.

GARAGE Sale: 1001 Terry Rd. Misc., clothes, 1993 Ben. Sat. only, 8 a.m.

GARAGE Sale - furniture, shirts, lots of misc. 1001 S. Banks, 7:30-12:30 Fri. & Sat.

70 Musical

PIANOS FOR RENT New and used pianos. Starting at \$40 per month. Up to 9 months of rent will apply to purchase. It's all right here in Pampa at Tarply Music. 665-1251.

75 Feeds and Seeds

SKITTEN FEED & SEED Hwy 60, 665-5881

80 Pets And Supplies

CANINE and Feline grooming. BARNDING, Science diets, Roysse Animal Hospital, 665-2223.

Grooming and Boarding Jo Ann's Pet Salon 669-1410

Lee Ann's Grooming All Breeds 669-9660

The Country Clip Dog Grooming Teresa Eubank 665-8714

CREATURE Comforts Pet Grooming/Tropical Fish, pet supplies, special orders. 669-Pets

AKC Reg. Boxers very healthy, w/shots. Adorable, \$250-350 each. Call 669-9684.

PYRENEES puppies for sale, \$100 ea. 1 reg. male Border Collie \$150. Call 868-4206.

FREE kittens to approved homes. 2 yr. female long hair, spayed, shots current, 669-7387.

BASSETT female, 6 mo., house-broke, shots & AKC papers. 115 N. West, 669-7387.

PET SALE-Hermit crabs, rats, Guinea pigs, rabbits, kittens, Creature Comfort, 115 N. West.

4 Puppies To Give Away 848-2536

BIRDS, Talking Quaker parrot and singing canary. Call 665-3496.

FULL blood Rottweiler free to good home. Call 669-3332.

90 Wanted-To Rent

NEED 2 bdr. house w/gar., fenced yard. Willing to pay up to \$550 mo. Call 669-3029.

95 Furnished Apartments

BEAUTIFULLY furnished 1 bdr/rooms starting at \$335, 6 month lease, pool, laundry on site. Caprock Apartments 1601 W. Somerville, 665-7149.

FURNISHED Apt. \$250 month & \$200 deposit. References required. Call 665-0615 or 669-5881.

REMODELED efficiency, \$195 mo./dep. bills pd. References. 665-4233 leave message.

ROOMS for rent. Showers, clean, quiet, \$35 a week. Davis Hotel, 116 1/2 W. Foster. 669-9115 or 669-9137.

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CLEAN 1 bedroom, stove, refrigerator, all bills paid. 669-3663-665-5900

LAKEVIEW Apartments-For immediate move-in, a deluxe 2 bdr. unit, washer/dryer hookups, clean & fresh with professionally steam cleaned carpets. Call Tanaya at 669-7682 or come by 2600 N. Hobart to take a look!

LRG. 1 bdr., appli. & refrigerated ac, covered parking, laundry, \$300 mo., \$100 dep. 663-7522, 883-2461.

NICE 1 BDR, bills paid. Call 669-1720.

SCHNEIDER HOUSE APTS. Seniors or Disabled Rent Based on Income 120 S. Russell, 665-0415 Open House Model Apt. for show, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

97 Furnished Houses 2 BDR, \$250 month, \$100 deposit. Call 669-2909.

SINGLE person to share expenses of 3 bdr, 2 ba, furnished country home w/central h/a \$175 mo. 669-6970.

98 Unfurnished Houses 2 BDR, fenced yard, \$250 month/\$200 deposit. 404 Pitts, call 665-4270 leave message.

FOR Rent 2-3 bdrm, 2 bath or 1-2 bdrm 1 bath. Nice neighborhood, dep. & refer. required. 665-9662.

2 bdr. house, nice location, partially furnished, fenced backyard. References/Deposit req. 669-6323, 669-6198.

1424 N. Dwight. 2 bed, duplex, 2 bath, double garage. \$550 mo., \$300 dep. 806-662-2033

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99 Storage Buildings TUMBLEWEED UNITS SELF STORAGE UNITS Various Sizes 665-0079, 665-2450

Yes We Have Storage Buildings Available! Top O Texas Storage Alcock at Naida 669-6006

B & W Storage 10x16 10x24 669-7275 669-1623

LRG. 2 bdr., lrg. triple car., corner lot, cent. h/a. Century 21 665-4180, 665-5436.

MODERN 3 bedroom, 1 3/4 bath. Fireplace, Central A/H, Double Garage 868-4691

NEW carpet, c/h/a, new paint, 3 1/2, 2 1/2, Tru area, 1129 Sierra, \$29,900. C-21 Katrina 669-0007

SKELLYTOWN-3 bdr., 2 ba., cent. h/a, 1 car att. gar., rv shed, on 4 lots, fenced. 848-2115.

WHITE Deer, 4 BDR, 2 bath, dining room, garage, satellite & furniture, remodeled, new carpet. Call 883-6071.

X-LRG. shady corner lot w/ nice 2 bdr. home, 2 garages, lots of storage. 665-2750.

104 Lots CHOICE residential lots, northeast, Austin district. Call 665-8578, 665-2832 or 665-0079.

105 Acreage For Sale By Owner 75 A Farm NW of Kingsmill Call 665-3821 Simmons

106 Coml. Property 614 E. Frederic Ave. for sale. Exc. location, maybe a bait shop or other. 806-669-2244.

OWNER will sell 7 apts. & carry 2nd note w/ good credit. Newly roofed & remod. Reasonably priced & consider reasonable offers. 665-4233 lv. msg.

110 Out Of Town Prop. 2 bdr., 2 ba. mobile hm. on private lake lot, 30 min. from Pampa. Reduced price. 665-4439

Scoreboard

BASEBALL

American League				
At A Glance				
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East Division				
W	L	Pct.	GB	
New York	67	22	.753	—
Boston	55	38	.591	14
Toronto	46	49	.485	23
Baltimore	46	50	.479	24 1/2
Tampa Bay	36	58	.383	33 1/2
Central Division				
W	L	Pct.	GB	
Cleveland	53	40	.570	—
Kansas City	52	44	.541	1 1/2
Minnesota	42	52	.447	11 1/2
Chicago	41	54	.432	13
Detroit	39	53	.424	13 1/2
West Division				
W	L	Pct.	GB	
Anaheim	52	42	.553	—
Oakland	45	49	.479	7
Seattle	43	53	.448	10

Sunday's Games				
Boston at Detroit, 1:05 p.m.				
N.Y. Yankees at Toronto, 1:05 p.m.				
Cleveland at Chicago White Sox, 2:05 p.m.				
Minnesota at Oakland, 4:05 p.m.				
Kansas City at Seattle, 4:35 p.m.				
Baltimore at Anaheim, 8:05 p.m.				
Tampa Bay at Texas, 8:05 p.m.				
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East Division				
W	L	Pct.	GB	
Atlanta	63	32	.663	—
Philadelphia	48	44	.522	13 1/2
New York	46	44	.511	14 1/2
Montreal	39	55	.415	23 1/2
St. Louis	38	58	.395	26 1/2
Central Division				
W	L	Pct.	GB	
Houston	55	39	.585	—
Chicago	51	43	.543	4
Milwaukee	47	48	.505	7 1/2
Cincinnati	50	47	10 1/2	
St. Louis	43	51	.457	12
Pittsburgh	42	53	.442	13 1/2
West Division				
W	L	Pct.	GB	
San Diego	61	34	.642	—
San Francisco	53	42	.558	8
Los Angeles	48	47	.505	13
Colorado	41	54	.432	20
Arizona	32	62	.340	26 1/2

San Francisco (Bergman 8-5) at Houston (Darwin 6-9), 4:05 p.m.				
Pittsburgh (Lieber 6-10) at Montreal (Boakie 1-2), 7:05 p.m.				
Chicago Cubs (Clark 5-8) at Florida (Meadows 6-8), 7:05 p.m.				
San Diego (Hamilton 7-9) at Cincinnati (Harnisch 7-9), 7:05 p.m.				
Milwaukee (Woodard 8-5) at Atlanta (Millwood 10-4), 7:10 p.m.				
Colorado (Jones 3-3) at Arizona (Anderson 6-8), 10:05 p.m.				
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Milwaukee at Atlanta, 1:10 p.m.				
San Diego at Cincinnati, 1:15 p.m.				
Pittsburgh at Montreal, 1:35 p.m.				
Philadelphia at N.Y. Mets, 1:40 p.m.				
San Francisco at Houston, 2:35 p.m.				
Chicago Cubs at Florida, 4:35 p.m.				
Los Angeles at St. Louis, 8:05 p.m.				
Colorado at Arizona, 9:05 p.m.				
Thursday's Major League				
Line Scores				
By The Associated Press				
AMERICAN LEAGUE				
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Milwaukee 000002001 — 3 5 2				
Atlanta 020 001 01x — 4 7 4				
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Los Angeles 021400010 — 8 15 0				
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I.Valdes, Hall (8), Shaw (9) and Prince; Mercker, Witt (4), Brantley (9) and Pagnozzi. W—Valdes, 7-9. L—Mercker, 5-7. HRs—Los Angeles, Mondel (2), Sheffield (16).				
Texas Louisiana League				
At A Glance				
By The Associated Press				
W	L	Pct.	GB	
Amarillo	36	11	.766	—
Alexandria	34	13	.723	2
Bayou	21	28	.447	15
Rio Grande	21	26	.447	15
Arlene	19	25	.432	15 1/2
Lubbock	16	28	.364	18 1/2
Greenville	14	32	.304	21 1/2

National Football League				
DETROIT LIONS—Signed SS Jamaal Alexander.				
NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS—Signed DE Greg Spires and RB Harold Shaw.				
NEW ORLEANS SAINTS—Released WR Tony Maranto. Relinquished the rights to DT Luke Fickell.				
PITTSBURGH STEELERS—Signed S Eddie Cade.				
SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS—Named Dwight Clark executive vice president-director of football operations. Signed OT Chris Ruhman, OG Phil Oatrowski and FB Fred Beasley.				
HOCKEY				
National Hockey League				
ANAHEIM MIGHTY DUCKS—Named Pierre Aubier president.				
COLORADO AVALANCHE—Signed RW Milan Hejduk.				
LOS ANGELES KINGS—Agreed to terms with D Sean Blanchard on a three-year contract.				
PHILADELPHIA FLYERS—Signed F Brad Smyth, C Peter Sytkora and D Jeff Staples.				
NEW JERSEY DEVILS—Signed G Mike Buzak to a multiyear contract.				
NEW YORK RANGERS—Signed G Jean-Francois Labbe.				
PHILADELPHIA FLYERS—Signed D Dimitri Tenahy to a two-year contract.				
TAMPA BAY LIGHTNING—Signed LW Werdel Clark to a one-year contract.				
TOF ONTO MAPLE LEAFS—Agreed to terms with C Nikolai Antropov.				

Major League Soccer					
At A Glance					
By The Associated Press					
All Times EDT					
Eastern Conference					
W	L	SOW	Pts	GF	GA
D.C.	16	5	38	49	32
Columbus	9	8	27	33	24
NY-NJ	9	9	25	32	32
Tampa Bay	5	15	0	15	23
Miami	7	11	13	18	38
New England	5	14	13	13	42
Western Conference					
W	L	SOW	Pts	GF	GA
Los Angeles	16	3	48	58	28
Chicago	13	6	37	40	21
Colorado	9	9	23	36	36
Kansas City	8	10	20	20	25
Dallas	9	10	4	19	26
San Jose	6	12	1	16	29

North Texas grad looks for brighter future with Dallas

DENTON, Texas — Toby Gowin is back at camp for his second season with the Dallas Cowboys.

One of the University of North Texas' most dominant punters ever, Gowin has pushed aside a torturous 1997 preseason when he was fighting for the job and then a mediocre season that he finished ranked 27th out of 30 punters in the National Football League.

To top it off, the season was the Cowboys' worst since Jimmy Johnson's first season when Dallas finished 1-15. Turbulence bucked the Cowboys throughout the season rocking between critical injuries and a firestorm of criticism directed at former coach Barry Switzer.

"It was definitely a long season," said Gowin from his Valley Ranch apartment. "I already sense that the (team's) attitude has improved over last year (under new head coach Chan Gailey). A lot of guys have been working hard and we've had a good turnout (at minicamps) throughout the offseason. Everyone seems excited and ready to turn the year around."

Including Gowin. He spent last preseason in a dogfight with free agent punter Lonnie Calicchio for the starting job. For much of the exhibition season, neither punter kicked like an NFL-caliber punter. Gowin finally took control with a big game against the Oilers in the final preseason game.

"I finally hit a couple of punts that were crucial at the time," he remembered. "That's when I had a sense that maybe I was going to be with the Cowboys. That preseason was some of the worst kicking in my career."

Cowboys kicking coach Steve Hoffman believed in Gowin's abilities and stuck with him through some trying times when Gowin

searched for the booming leg that set several records at North Texas.

"He hung as long as he could for me. He helped me work through things," Gowin said. "I got the sense that he wanted me to succeed and he would do anything to help me out."

Gowin finally won the job late in the preseason and got off to a hot start, ranking in the top five in punting average. But, as the Cowboys slipped, so did Gowin. He finished the year averaging 41.8 yards a punt and accumulated just a 35.4 yard net average, while landing 26 punts inside the opponent's 20-yard line.

"About midseason, I got into a little slump that really hurt me," Gowin said. "It is frustrating when you work on your punting, then get in a slump and don't know what to do to get out of it."

"I really didn't stop punting from my senior year at North Texas and I think my leg was tiring a little bit."

After marrying an old high school classmate from his hometown in Jacksonville, Texas, on Valentine's Day, Gowin returned to training in March equipped with a second-year minimum salary contract worth \$181,000.

He will face competition again this preseason from Fordham graduate Barry Cantrell. However, Gowin's dual duties of kicking off and punting look to be secure for the coming season.

"I think it benefits both of us to have a punter come into camp," Gowin said. "Hopefully it will be just to provide competition that makes us both better and also give me a break since I do handle punting and kickoffs. It can take a toll."

"Hopefully, this camp will not be as stressful."

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Red Sox rip Indians

BOSTON (AP) — Nomar Garciaparra went 4-for-4 with five RBIs and Troy O'Leary hit a grand slam Thursday night to lead the Boston Red Sox to a 15-5 victory over the Cleveland Indians.

Garciaparra, who hit a three-run homer and two doubles, was bypassed for last week's All-Star game by Cleveland's Mike Hargrove, the All-Star manager. The effort by the Red Sox shortstop came one day after Pedro Martinez, who many felt should have started the All-Star game, pitched a four-hit shutout in the series opener.

Tim Wakefield (11-4) allowed five runs and seven hits to win for the fifth time in six decisions. He left after allowing a solo homer to David Justice that made it 8-5 with one out in the eighth.

Derek Lowe got four outs for his first career save.

Dwight Gooden (3-4) lost for the first time in a month.

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FOSTER Street Marketplace garage sale inside bldg. at 810 W. Foster, Sat. morning.

GARAGE Sale: 1001 Terry Rd. Misc., clothes, 1993 Ben. Sat. only. 8 a.m.

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After 80 years, Russia's Czar Nicholas II, family to be laid to rest in St. Petersburg

ST. PETERSBURG, Russia (AP) — With the scent of incense hanging in the air, Russia buried its last czar today in a somber ceremony that President Boris Yeltsin called an atonement for "one of the most shameful pages of our history."

As a stoic Yeltsin looked on, the coffins of Czar Nicholas II, his family and servants were lowered into a large crypt beneath the floor of the gilded, 18th-century St. Peter and Paul Cathedral.

Dozens of the czar's relatives, diplomats from 50 countries, and Prince Michael of Kent, a member of the British royal family, which is related to Russian royalty, stood and held lit candles at the cathedral on the banks of the Neva River.

"We must tell the truth — the (czar's) massacre has become one of the most shameful pages of our history," Yeltsin told the dignitaries in the cathedral and a nationwide television audience. "By burying the remains of the innocent victims we want to expiate the sins of our ancestors."

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With a dozen bearded priests in gold-and-white robes officiating, the ceremony was handled with an understated dignity, a sharp contrast to the months of controversy that preceded the event.

Many leading Russian figures, including the head of the Russian Orthodox Church, skipped the service due to the disputes it generated. Yeltsin was planning to stay away as well, but changed his mind and announced Thursday he would participate.

The burial has reopened long-suppressed chapters of Russian history, stirring fresh debate about the Bolshevik Revolution of 1917, the Romanov dynasty and the nature of national guilt and contrition.

The Soviet Union collapsed in 1991, but Russia has not previously held any major, formal ceremonies dealing with the abuses committed during communist times. Today's service brought the issue to the fore.

"This is not just a funeral, but a national repentance," said Mstislav Rostropovich, one of the world's leading conductors and cellists, who was exiled during the Soviet era.

"It shows the entire world that Russia is changing and becoming more humane," he said on Russian television.

It has been difficult to turn on a television in Russia this week without seeing programs about the royal family, with archival footage of Nicholas, his wife, Alexandra, and their children. Russians who grew

"Factories are closed. People aren't getting their pay — what's going on with this funeral?" said Vyacheslav Marichev, a former politician.

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up in the communist era knowing little about the Romanovs are being inundated with their history.

But the burial has also raised multiple controversies among political and religious leaders. The Orthodox Church, as well as some ordinary Russians, have questioned the authenticity of the remains despite extensive DNA testing in the United States, Russia and Britain.

Largely because of that, the actual burial ceremony was relatively simple. When the coffins were interred, the priest did not use the names of the deceased, even though their name plaques were on the walls of the chapel.

About 1,500 people gathered outside the fortress this morning, though they were not able to see the ceremonies. A few dozen were there to protest the burial.

Nicholas was the last of the Romanov emperors who ruled Russia for three centuries. After abdicating in 1917 in the throes of the Russian Revolution, he was murdered on July 17, 1918, along with his wife, their five children and four servants.

Bolshevik zealots who carried out the killings then tried to erase all traces of the corpses.

After the collapse of the Soviet Union, nine of the 11 bodies were recovered from a desolate forest outside the Ural Mountains city of Yekaterinburg. That is where the burial ceremonies began Wednesday, when the bones were taken from the city's police morgue and placed in small, skeleton-sized coffins.

The coffins were flown to St. Petersburg on Thursday, and thousands of Russians stood in silence along the city's streets and river embankments Thursday as the czar's cortege passed by.

Texas Department of Health offers tips on water safety

With the temperature rising and few signs of rain drops coming, more and more people look to cool off at outdoor water spots. But as the heat goes up and water levels in rivers, lakes, ponds and streams go down, the potential for health problems grows.

"You can look at the problems associated with swimming in fresh water like a pyramid," said James Perdue of the Infectious Disease

Epidemiology and Surveillance Division at Texas Department of Health. "At the broad bottom, you have a lot of microorganisms and bacteria that can cause such mild problems as ear infections, swimmer's itch or intestinal diseases. At the top point, you have the very dangerous but relatively rare problems such as primary amebic meningoencephalitis." This infection, also known as PAM, is caused by a common microorganism found in most all untreated surface water and all types of soil. It is the combination of lower water levels, high water temperature and stagnant or slow moving water that produces the problems, Perdue said.

During drought and high temperature conditions, concentrations of the amoebas increase as they feed on the bacteria in the warm water. The organisms thrive at temperatures above 80 degrees F.

Infection occurs when water containing the organisms is forcefully inhaled — usually from diving, jumping or underwater swimming — and infects the brain. Although the infection is rare, affecting only about one person a year, for those infected death occurs usually within a week. Symptoms of the infection include severe headache, high fever, stiff neck, nausea, vomiting, seizures and hallucinations as the condition worsens. People who are infected do not infect others.

Swimming pools properly cleaned, maintained and treated with chlorine generally are safe as is salt water.

TDH offers these recommendations to avoid infection:

—Never swim in stagnant or polluted water. Take "No Swimming" signs seriously.

—Hold your nose or use plugs when jumping into water.

—Swim in properly maintained pools when possible.

—Keep wading pools clean and change the water daily.

—Wash open skin cuts and scrapes with clean water and soap.

—Avoid swallowing water when swimming.

—Use ear plugs, swim goggles or masks if you tend to get ear or eye infections.

■ To help keep potential sources of infection out of recreational water:

—Shower before swimming.

—Take young children to the restroom frequently.

—Children who are not toilet trained should wear a swimsuit or rubber pants over diapers designed to prevent leaks.

Check diapers frequently.

Perdue said that even more common dangers associated with lakes and rivers include injuries from diving into waters that hide rocks and debris or into waters that are too shallow, using alcohol or drugs and leaving children unattended.

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Let's Talk Real Estate



by Jim Davidson
REALTOR

THINKING OF SELLING
If you have thought of selling your home but have been reluctant to test the waters, there has scarcely been a better time to sell a home than the present. Interest rates are at (or near) historic lows, consumer confidence is high, and inventories are low. These are the ingredients for a seller's market. To make things even more enticing for prospective buyers, the new federal tax law allows a married couple to keep, tax-free, up to \$500,000 in capital gains from the sale of their primary residence. Homeowners also need no longer wait until they reach age 55 to downsize to more affordable homes. The \$500,000/\$250,000 tax break for home-sale profits is available to people of any age.

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