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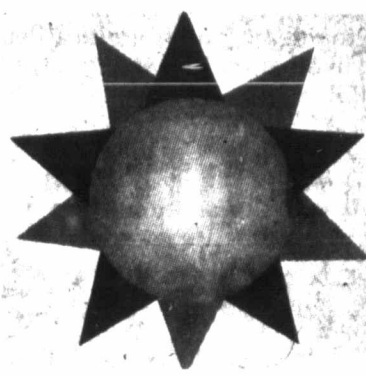
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PAMPA — All children who are participating in the Summer Reading Program at Lovett Memorial Library need to return their time sheets to the library by Monday, July 27 in order to be counted for the top 10 prizes. Any time sheets handed in later than this will still be eligible for prizes but will not be counted for the top 10 readers. Please hand them in at this time and come to the final party on July 29 at the M.K. Brown Memorial Auditorium at 10 a.m. Certificates and prizes will be handed out and the Top 10 Readers will be announced. For more information call Shanla Brookshire, 669-5780.

SAN ANTONIO, (AP) — Their ideas ranged from banning all containers on local rivers to banning tubing altogether from one part of the Guadalupe.

But after two hours, Comal County officials and river outfitters came up with few solutions to complaints about rowdy, beer-drinking tubers.

Local residents long have complained about rowdy tourists, and an advisory committee for the Water-Oriented Recreational District is considering options for reducing problems on the river.

Every suggestion at a hearing Monday night, however, seemed to have some drawback for someone.

- Veda Mae Thompson Alverson, 88, homemaker.
- Minnie May Chilton, 96. Services pending.
- Homer Jones, 63, retired farm worker.
- Patricia G. Hedrick, 58, former Borger resident.

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White Deer getting new library

Costs almost derailed project

By JEFF WEST
Staff Writer

After a bumpy start, construction on a new library building in White Deer is under way this week.

The Carson County Commissioner's Court had earlier voted to construct a

new library building and had awarded the contract to Cruz Construction in Amarillo. The total cost however came in at over \$130,000. That was more than commission had allotted for the project.

A meeting of the Carson County Court was called earlier this month.

"We were in the mood to resend the order because the cost was above what we'd budgeted," said Carson County Judge Jay Roselius.

However, the commission met with company president John Cruz and architect Leslie Rohan and discussed ways of building the library at a reduced cost.

Roselius said six parking spaces were eliminated along with some concrete borders on the west and north sides. The roof was changed from metal to a 300-pound composite roof and lighting and bathroom fixtures were downgraded to commercial quality. He said changes in the roof alone amount to a savings of about \$12,000.

After all the changes, the cost for the 1,300 square-foot building was reduced to \$85,112 and the court agreed to go ahead with the project. The work was scheduled to begin yesterday with Oct. 15 given as the target completion date.

According to Roselius, the new library will have 450 more square feet than the old one but the main reason for new building is the age and condition of the old library. He said it also sits on property owned by a church.

"It's also been having structural problems," he said.

The commission had looked at moving into an existing building in White Deer but the size and renovation costs made that cost prohibitive, he said.

"We're really pleased with the agreement, this will be an asset to the community," Roselius said.

May city sales tax returns go down

Sales tax figures for Pampa continue their see-saw motions in July with lower figures than the same time last year. But the amount is still higher than what was budgeted for the month.

Pampa's share of the July tax, which covers May sales, was \$156,899.81 — nearly four percent lower than last year. That's the biggest plunge to date in fiscal 1997. The amount is still over one percent higher than the city budgeted for the month.

Finance Director John Horst said that if the trend continues the city will finish with about \$120,000 over budget. The surplus has already been committed with the excess paying for seal coating of Pampa streets.

The fiscal year ends in September and Horst and other city officials are busy trying to put together next year's budget.

Traditionally the commission holds the first reading of the formal budget during the last commission meeting in August, according to Horst.

Pampa's street work continues...



(Pampa News photo by Jeff West)

Robert Diaz moves tons of concrete on Francis Street as the repaving continues. Workers hope to be through with the project in six to eight weeks.

Officials warn: Take heat seriously

HOUSTON (AP) — Hospital officials are warning that sultry Houston could be in for a deadly summer if residents don't start taking the current heat wave more seriously.

"The heat is dangerous. More dangerous than people realize," said Dr. Janice Zimmerman, emergency medicine director at Houston's Ben Taub Hospital.

"Family members and friends need to be checking on the elderly."

Two people have died at Ben Taub from heat-related illness in the past month.

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CRP haying/grazing set

Gray county has received notification it has been approved for emergency haying and grazing of CRP acreage.

Eligible landowners must come into the Gray County FSA office and fill out a request to hay or graze and obtain a plan from the NRCS office before beginning haying or grazing.

Among the provisions that applicants must follow for haying or grazing include, having a livestock operation located in

Gray County or renting/leasing the haying privilege to an eligible livestock producer located here or other approved county.

Under the haying program, farmers must leave at least 50 percent of each field or contiguous field, and not hay. All hay must be removed from the field by Oct. 1.

Likewise, livestock must be removed from the CRP acreage by the earlier of Oct 1, or 10 calendar days from the date that

emergency grazing is no longer determined as needed, as determined by the state committee or county committee.

The measure also states that an applicant for either program must agree to pay for the cost of haying or grazing in advance or have your CRP annual rental payment reduced by 25 percent on each acre hayed.

Anyone with questions may call the Gray County FSA office at 665-6561.

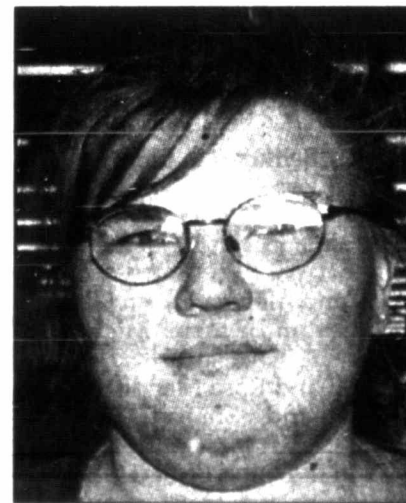
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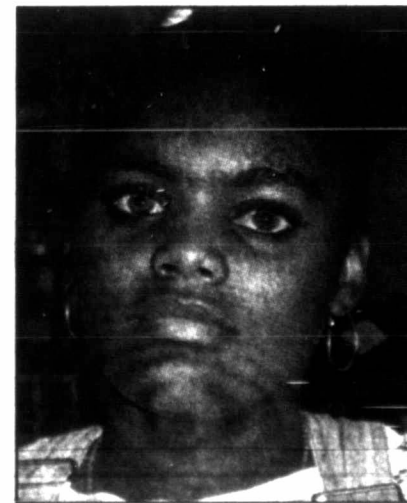
"Yes, it's not a privileged relationship."
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— Kathy Irvin



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Services tomorrow

ALVERSON, Veda Mae Thompson — 10 a.m., Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel, Pampa.
HEDRICK, Patricia G. — Graveside services, 2 p.m., Westlawn Memorial Park Cemetery, Borger.

Obituaries

VEDA MAE THOMPSON ALVERSON
 Veda Mae Thompson Alverson, 88, of Pampa, died Monday, July 20, 1998. Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday in Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel with the Rev. Rick Parnell, associate pastor of Central Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.



Mrs. Alverson was born April 19, 1910, at Savoy. She married Herman Braden Alverson on July 30, 1929. She had been a Pampa resident since 1941. She was a member of Central Baptist Church, Elizabeth Sunday School Class, and Pampa Order of the Eastern Star Chapter #65. She was preceded in death by a daughter, Peggy McKnight, in 1981.

Survivors include her husband of almost 69 years, Herman, of the home; a daughter, Alma Ruth McBride of Pampa; two sisters, Edith Valentine of Garland and Janice Hilburn of Guymon, Okla.; a grandchild; and three great-grandchildren.

MINNIE MAY CHILTON
 McLEAN — Minnie May Chilton, 96, died Monday, July 20, 1998, at St. Joseph's Medical Center in Albuquerque, N.M. Services are pending under the direction of Freeman-Abell Funeral Home of Hale Center.

HOMER JONES
 Homer Jones, 63, of Pampa, died Sunday, July 19, 1998. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday in Fairview Cemetery with Dr. Jim Prock, pastor of First Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Jones was born Aug. 14, 1934, at Imperial, Calif. He married Cindy Searl on Aug. 24, 1968, at Winterhaven, Calif. He had been a Pampa resident since 1974. He was a retired farm worker and a Baptist.

Survivors include his wife, Cindy, of the home; two daughters, Billie Johnson of Junction and Bobbie Ryan of London; a son, Myron Lane of Harlingen; three sisters, Mae Rowlett of Little Rock, Ark., Frances Crump of Riverside, Calif., and Ruby Cook of Arkansas; a brother, Dave Jones of San Diego, Calif.; and several grandchildren.

PATRICIA G. HEDRICK
 BORGER — Patricia G. Hedrick, 58, died Saturday, July 18, 1998, at St. Joseph's Hospital in Hot Springs Village, Ark. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday in Westlawn Memorial Park Cemetery with the Rev. Leonard Forsythe officiating. Burial will be in the Garden of Serenity at Westlawn Memorial Park under the direction of Minton/Chatwell Funeral Directors of Borger.

Mrs. Hedrick was born at Jal, N.M. She married Tom Hedrick on July 15, 1958, at Lefors. She was formerly of Borger and had been a resident of Hot Springs Village since December 1997.

Survivors include her husband, T.G. Hedrick of Hot Springs Village; two sons, Timothy Guy Hedrick and Thomas Gary Hedrick, both of Borger; her mother, Iva Fain of Borger; a sister, Jo Carol Cummings of Dallas; and a grandchild. The family will be at 809 Country Club Road in Borger.

Calendar of events

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

TOASTMASTERS
 The Toastmasters will meet every Wednesday night from 5:45 to 6:45 p.m. at the Furrs Cafeteria.

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

BORGER TOASTMASTERS
 The Magic Plains Toastmasters club will meet tonight at J.T.'s Restaurant, Third and McGee in Borger at 6:15 p.m. The public is invited to attend. Scheduled to speak are Ben Muniz and Charlie Collins.

SUMMER READING PROGRAM
 The Pampa Animal Control and Animal Shelter will speak this Wednesday about the importance of animal tags and shots. The program is every Wednesday in July in the foyer of M.K. Brown Auditorium.

Emergency numbers

Ambulance	911
Crime Stoppers	669-2222
Emergas	665-5777
Fire	911
Police (emergency)	911
Police (non-emergency)	669-5700
SPS	669-7432
Water	669-5830

Police report

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

Monday, July 20
 Anthony A. Bowman, 35, 1508 Buckler, was arrested on charges of theft under \$50.
 Lloyd Wayne Smith, 43, 1013 Varnon, was arrested on charges of theft under \$50, failure to id and being a fugitive from justice.
 Billie Jo Thomas, 21, 1504 Hamilton, was arrested on warrants.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 1200 block of N. Wells.
 Theft of a \$600 gun somewhere between Odessa and Pampa was reported at the Pampa Police Department.

Tuesday, July 21
 Willie Lloyd Ballard, 26, no address given, was arrested on 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.

Monday, July 20
 Russell Ornelas, 36, Groom, was arrested on charges of driving while intoxicated.
 Isaac Martinez, 24, 112 W. Browning, was arrested on charges of failure to appear and no seat belt.

Accidents

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

Monday, July 20
 A forklift being hauled on a tractor/trailer by Odath Ray Reed, 42, Canadian, was heavily damaged when the truck passed under the railroad bridge at 800 S. Hobart. The load was too tall and the forklift hit the bridge and was knocked off onto the street. A guardrail and the railroad bed were also damaged.

Ambulance

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

Monday, July 20
 7:33 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Gray C and 8 and transported one to Columbia Medical Center.
 1:42 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Columbia Medical Center and transported one to Baptist St. Anthony's in Amarillo.
 4:00 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Columbia Medical Center and transported one to a local nursing facility.
 6:57 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1000 block of Huff and transported one to Columbia Medical Center.
 8:00 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Columbia Medical Center and transported one to Baptist St. Anthony's in Amarillo.
 11:59 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Gray "12 1/2 and E." No one was transported.

Tuesday, July 21
 12:39 — A mobile ICU responded to the 100 block of S. Russell. No one was transported.

Fires

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

Monday, July 20
 9:43 a.m. — Two units and three personnel responded to the 1200 block of N. Wells on an traffic accident.
 Tuesday, July 21
 12:43 a.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 100 block of S. Russell on a medical call.
 2:52 a.m. — One unit and two personnel responded to the 1000 block of S. Nelson on a report of gas odor.

Court report

Marriage Licenses
 David Lane Hutchison and Karen Diane Shackelford

Chad Justin Quarles and Amy Renee Knutson
 Feliciano Javier Solis and Jennifer Elise Brothers

Michael Leslie Weatherly and Heather Michelle Shepard
 Archie Glen Summers, Jr. and Kaysi Rae Fueglein

Charles Randal Nix, Jr. and Chandra Desiree Sherling

Kevin Carl Hucks and Belinda Jan French
 Jackson Barker, Jr. and Rose Mary Nuncio
 Russell Parsons and Victoria Valene Bennett
 Darren Michael Johnson and Jalane Jo Rhoades

Zebula Shane Akins and Melissa Dawn Glass
 Nicholas James Conley and Synetta Michelle Lee

Ezequiel Ruelas Corral and Rosa Mendoza
 Gary Dan Kunkel and Sharon Elaine Hillstrom Shaw

Thomas C. Buckley and Donna Pecha
 Dustin Buckner Roberson and Halley Lauren Bell

Ryan Pat Lynch and Linda Sue Williams
 William Rodnie Winborn and Colbi Shae Cowan

Melvin Eugene Parker and Shari Johnson
 Rickey Allen Knight and Leisa Admire Tegkell

Dean Curtis Crockett and Catherine Lawyer Torres

John David Locke and Robbie Ann Calhoun
 Edgar Peppy and Johanna Gonzalez
 Michael Thomas Szeles and Vicki Lynn Ogden

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HEAT

Four people have been officially listed as heat-related fatalities so far this summer, but that could actually be higher because it's not always easy to tell if heat caused a death.

The statewide toll rose to 81 Monday when the Dallas County medical examiner's office ruled that Freddie Johnson, 67, and Constance Granfors, 83, both found in their homes on Sunday, had died of heat-related causes.

Twenty-two of the heat deaths have occurred in Dallas, where Monday's high hit 101 degrees — the 15th day of century-mark readings or higher — and forecasters expected another today.

A heat advisory was posted for North Texas as sheriff's deputies in both Dallas and Fort Worth went door-to-door to check on residents.

More than 40 of the deaths were illegal immigrants who died while attempting to traverse scorching stretches of South Texas terrain.

Dr. Zimmerman said that while Houston hasn't had as many fatalities as other areas, the heat

should still be taken seriously. The city's humidity, she said, makes people even more prone to heat illness.

She added that friends and family should realize the seriousness and take the elderly to a friend's house or shopping mall if they don't have air conditioning.

Houston paramedics are transporting about three to five people with heat-related illness each day, and about double that on the weekends, said Dr. David Perse, director of Emergency Medical Services. That's about the same as last summer, he said.

"I would expect the numbers to be higher, but fortunately they are not," he said.

Houstonians apparently have less trouble than their counterparts in Dallas and elsewhere because the city has a longer acclimation period.

Houston also has been said to be the most air conditioned city in the world.

"We've never had the death rate from heat that we'll periodically see in other parts of the country," Dr. Zimmerman said.

HIV takes hold in as little as 10 days after exposure

WASHINGTON (AP) — New research shows that the AIDS virus takes as little as 10 days to establish a stronghold in immune cells of the body that could last for years, waiting to erupt into disease.

Researchers at the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Disease say a study of 10 patients show that a latently infected pool of immune cells quickly established following infection by HIV, the virus that causes AIDS. Drug treatment apparently does not easily clear out the pool of infected cells, the experts said.

A report on the study was being published today in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences.

Even if the active HIV disease is held in check by a three-drug combination of antiviral drugs, the researchers say, the virus continues to lurk in resting CD4 T-cells in the blood. These are immune cells that detect and lead the attack on infections, but the CD4s are also the primary target of the HIV. CD4 T-cells are usually resting. They are activated

only when they detect some pathogen invader in the blood. When this happens, the cells attack the invader and prompt other immune cells to do the same.

Dr. Anthony S. Fauci, director of NIAID and co-author of the study, said that studies of the blood from the 10 HIV patients showed that their resting CD4 T-cells became infected as early as 10 days after their initial HIV infection symptoms appeared.

Earlier studies had shown that the resting CD4 T-cells continued to contain virus even when the antiviral drugs suppressed the virus elsewhere in the body.

The new study, said Fauci, shows that these reservoirs of virus are established very early in the infection.

Such reservoirs "present a formidable obstacle to the ultimate control and possible eradication of HIV from an infected person's body," said Tae-Wook Chun, a NIAID researcher and co-author of the study.

Water police may issue tickets

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Lalo Quiroz ran afoul of the water police recently when he fell asleep while watering a tree in his yard.

John Phillips, supervisor of the investigative section of the San Antonio Water System, happened to drive by. San Antonio has 21 investigators who roam the city in search of anyone violating restrictions against outside watering during drought conditions.

Quiroz didn't get a ticket. The first violation of the water restrictions results in an investigator asking that the water be turned off. A second violation results in a letter.

Anyone caught four times is summoned to municipal court, but Phillips said that hasn't happened yet. "One of the reasons we send this letter is, hopefully, they'll take the time to read it. If we go down there, people will understand it's not a laughing

matter," Phillips said.

"We're trying to be as understanding as we can, but it's time to get serious," Phillips said.

About 90 percent of residents cooperate with the rule, Phillips said. That leaves about 80 violations a day that are reported to the office, Phillips said.

Some people believe that since they are paying for the water, they can use it anyway they want to. That was not the case with Quiroz.

After Quiroz fell asleep, the water began flowing onto a street as Phillips drove by.

"I'm real careful," Quiroz said. "It's just one of those things that get away from you."

Quiroz violated the rules by watering at the wrong time of day and by leaving the hose on the ground. Residents are allowed to water any day between 8 p.m. and 10 a.m. with a hand-held hose.

Weather focus

LOCAL FORECAST

Sunny and hot today with a high of 100 and winds from the southwest at 10-20 mph. Tonight, fair and warm with a low of 74 and winds from the southwest at 5-15 mph. Tomorrow, sunny and hot with a high of 100. Yesterday's high was 99; the overnight low, 70.

REGIONAL FORECAST

WEST TEXAS — Panhandle — Tonight, partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms. Low in the upper 60s. South wind 10 to 20 mph. Wednesday, partly sunny with a 20 percent chance of afternoon thunderstorms. High 95 to 100. South wind 10-20 mph. Low Rolling Plains — Tonight, mostly clear. Low 65-75. Wednesday, partly cloudy. High 95-100.

SOUTH TEXAS — Hill Country and South Central Texas — Tonight, partly cloudy. Lows in the mid to upper 70s south central and Hill Country to near 80 western plateau. Wednesday, partly cloudy and hot with isolated afternoon showers or thunderstorms south central. High in the upper 90s south central and hill country to near 103 western plateau. Southeast Texas and Upper Texas Coast — Tonight, partly

with a chance of thunderstorms. Lows 70-75. High Wednesday 95-100.

Guadalupe Mountains/Big Bend Area — Tonight, partly cloudy with scattered thunderstorms. Lows from the 60s mountains to upper 70s along the Rio Grande. Highs Wednesday from the upper 80s mountains to near 107 along the Rio Grande.

NORTH TEXAS — Heat advisory for central part of north Texas through Wednesday. Afternoon heat index values 105 to 115 degrees. Tonight, partly cloudy southeast with a slight chance of evening thunderstorms. Mostly clear elsewhere. Lows 73 to 80. Wednesday, partly cloudy southeast third with a slight chance of afternoon thunderstorms. Mostly sunny elsewhere. Continued hot with highs 96 to 103.

SOUTH TEXAS — Hill Country and South Central Texas — Tonight, partly cloudy. Lows in the mid to upper 70s south central and Hill Country to near 80 western plateau. Wednesday, partly cloudy and hot with isolated afternoon showers or thunderstorms south central. High in the upper 90s south central and hill country to near 103 western plateau. Southeast Texas and Upper Texas Coast — Tonight, partly

cloudy with a slight chance of showers or thunderstorms. Lows in the upper 70s inland to near 80 coast. Wednesday, mostly cloudy and warm with showers or thunderstorms likely. Highs near 90 inland to upper 80s coast. Coastal Bend and the Rio Grande Plains — Tonight, partly cloudy. Isolated showers toward morning coastal bend. Lows near 80 except mid 70s crossroads area. Wednesday, partly cloudy and breezy with a slight chance of showers or thunderstorms. Hot with highs near 90 coast to the mid 90s inland, near 100 Rio Grande plains.

BORDER STATES

NEW MEXICO — Tonight, partly cloudy. Scattered early nighttime thunderstorms mountains and west, isolated east. Lows 40s and 50s mountains with upper 50s to lower 70s elsewhere. Wednesday, partly cloudy. Scattered afternoon and early nighttime thunderstorms mountains, north and west, isolated southeast. Highs 70s and 80s mountains, upper 80s to around 101 elsewhere. Lows 40s and 50s mountains with upper 50s to lower 70s elsewhere.

OKLAHOMA — Tonight, clear. Lows in the 70s. Wednesday, mostly sunny and hot. Highs 100 to 108.

Five murders; eight charged

TACOMA, Wash. (AP) — Eight young men were charged with murder and assault for a gang-style shooting at a Vietnamese restaurant and karaoke bar that left five people dead.

Prosecutors said the barrage of gunfire early on July 5 was retaliation against one of five who were wounded. Police continued looking for three of the young men, while the other five remain behind bars today.

The oldest charged, Ri Ngoc Le, 22, is a leader in a mostly Cambodian gang called the Loc'd Up Crips, deputy prosecutor Gerald A. Horne said in charging documents.

Targeted was Son Hoang Kim, who was in the Vietnamese Ghetto Boys, a "gang wannabe-

type group," Pierce County Prosecutor John Ladenburg said.

In March, Kim had confronted Le about a series of home robberies and burglaries, provoking a fight between members of the two groups, according to police documents. Le vowed retaliation on July 4, sources told police.

Also charged were seven teenagers, one age 19, two age 18, three age 17 and one age 16.

Each faces charges of murder and assault, and four could face the death penalty. Five of the defendants were in custody; three, including Le, remained at large. All those in custody pleaded innocent.

Bail was set at \$5 million each for the juveniles, while the adults were ordered held without bail.

City briefs

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Business highlights...

Pepsi buys Tropicana for \$3.3 billion
 NEW YORK (AP) — Pepsi is marching toward the breakfast table in its latest battle with Coke.
 PepsiCo Inc. is buying Tropicana, the leading seller of orange juice, from Seagram Co. for \$3.3 billion. The deal, announced Monday, adds a new page to Pepsi's menu as it competes with Coca-Cola Co., the world's largest beverage maker and owner of Minute Maid.
 For its part, Seagram gets a better deal than its planned public stock offering for Tropicana, which was looking less valuable as the stock sale neared. The Canadian liquor giant and owner of Universal Studios is selling Tropicana to raise money for its purchase of PolyGram, the world's No. 1 music company.

IBM reports flat profits; slower PC sales
 NEW YORK (AP) — International Business Machines Corp. reported flat second-quarter profits amid slower sales of personal computers, price wars in computer chips and reduced consumer demand due to the Asian economic slump.
 The results slightly beat Wall Street forecasts. But the drop in hardware and other sales at IBM as well as the strong dollar offset gains in software and the company's fast-growing global services unit, which helps big businesses set up and run their computer systems and networks.
 IBM chief executive Louis V. Gerstner acknowledged the second-quarter results were mixed. The company stressed the continued double-digit growth in its services business, but several analysts wondered how much longer IBM would be able to sustain its momentum.

Greenspan says Asian crisis not to be taken lightly
 WASHINGTON (AP) — After starting the year with supercharged growth, the economy could be in for a severe case of whiplash. And the deepening Asian economic crisis and its impact on the United States is making Alan Greenspan's job, in the words of one analyst, "very tricky."
 Walking a tightrope is nothing new for policy-makers at the Federal Reserve. The difference this time is the source of the uncertainty — an Asian crisis that has already engulfed Japan, the world's second largest economy, and threatens to spread elsewhere.

"Asia is a big event. The collapse of economies that account for one-third of world output is nothing to take lightly," said Allen Sinai, chief economist at Primark Decision Economics in New York. "It is a very tricky and difficult time."

Virginia's last large independent bank is sold
 RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — Crestar Financial Corp., Virginia's last large, independent bank, is being bought by Atlanta-based SunTrust Banks Inc. in a deal valued at \$8.4 billion.
 The deal will create the 10th-largest bank in the United States with assets of about \$88 billion. Crestar shareholders will receive 0.96 of a SunTrust share for each share of Crestar stock.
 A sharp drop in SunTrust's stock after the deal was announced Monday trimmed the value of the transaction by about \$1 billion to \$8.4 billion.

UAW says GM strike could last until September
 FLINT, Mich. (AP) — With both sides entrenched in the auto industry's most costly labor battle in decades, a United Auto Workers leader said Monday that the strikes against General Motors Corp. could last into September.
 "The longer this goes, Labor Day looks more and more like a possibility," UAW Vice President Richard Shoemaker said before he and other union leaders convened a summit of about 300 local union officials from across the country.
 "I was on the picket lines the other day, and the only thing that our membership was impressing on us about the length of the strike was that they hoped we had it done by the Christmas shutdown because they'd like to receive their Christmas shutdown pay," Shoemaker said in an interview.

Motorola to share its microprocessor method
 NEW YORK (AP) — Motorola Corp. has agreed to share with Advanced Micro Devices Inc. its method for making microprocessors with copper, intensifying an industry drive to improve performance for an array of computers and electronics products.
 The agreement, part of a broad technology swap the companies announced Monday, is critical to AMD's struggle to compete against Intel Corp., whose microprocessors are the brains in 90 percent of all personal computers.
 AMD and other chip makers are rushing to overhaul their manufacturing processes to handle copper after International Business Machines Corp. disclosed last year it found a way to switch from aluminum, long the metal of choice in chips. Copper carries electrical signals faster than aluminum but chip makers needed to figure out a way to keep the metal from contaminating a microprocessor's silicon surface.

Republicans ride in luxury on tobacco company jets
 WASHINGTON (AP) — Tobacco companies showered Republicans with dozens of luxury jet flights in the past year and a half, according to Democrats seeking to show voters that the GOP killed tobacco legislation as a favor to the industry.
 The report by Democrats on the House Government Reform and Oversight Committee also showed that a wide array of other corporations — from the health industry to casino and insurance interests — provides jet travel to lawmakers of both parties, who must reimburse companies for the travel.
 But the report, which analyzed federal election records of the number of reimbursement payments, shows tobacco companies provided lawmakers more private air travel than any other corporate interest, and that Republicans by far received the bulk of such perks.

Newspaper competition dropping in Canada
 TORONTO (AP) — Conrad Black, who already controls more than half of Canada's daily newspapers, acquired the nation's leading business daily Monday to reduce the competition for a new national newspaper he plans to start in October.
 Black's Southam Inc. announced that it will obtain the Toronto-based Financial Post from Sun Media Corp., which will receive four Ontario daily newspapers in return.
 Southam said the deal would strengthen the prospects for its new, as-yet-unnamed national newspaper, but did not elaborate. Some analysts suggested the Post might be incorporated into the new paper as its business section.

Traditional Asian cures face competition from Viagra

By CHRISTOPHER BODEEN
 Associated Press Writer

TAIPEI, Taiwan (AP) — Potions like the Big Hero Pill and Essence of Tyrant are facing a challenge for the loyalty of Asian men: It's a little blue pill called Viagra.
 Tonics claiming to distill 5,000 years of Chinese medicine and cure all kinds of problems, including impotence, have a faithful following in Asia. Some remedies depend on body parts of endangered animals, a trade driven deep underground by international pressure.

Tradition now is being challenged again — this time by modern medicine. Viagra is not even legal yet in many Asian countries, but the new U.S. anti-impotency drug is the hottest thing going. Opinion is divided, however, on whether it will replace traditional cures.
 Japanese men are forking out large amounts of money for trips to Hawaii to get checkups and prescriptions, and the Malaysian office of Pfizer, Viagra's manufacturer, has received so many inquiries that it has lost count. On July 15, the Japanese government reported the first death of a man who had taken Viagra.
 Counterfeit Viagra has been found in Taiwan and smuggled pills are flooding through its customs bureaus. Indian pharmaceutical companies, meanwhile, are racing to manufacture their own, cheaper version of the drug.

According to U.S. statistical models, about 1 million men on this island of 21 million suffer from impotence, said Chen Kuang-kuo, chief of the urology department at Veterans General Hospital. Doctors trained in Western methods doubt whether traditional cures do anything at all.

Traditional doctors, who jealously guard their secret formulas for cures such as the Big Hero Pill or Essence of Tyrant dismiss Viagra as a quick fix. They claim their remedies treat the whole person.
 "Maybe it will work the first, second, third time," said Wang Wen-ching, a TV doctor of traditional medicine who takes call-in queries pertaining to sexual dysfunctions five nights a week. "But it will eventually fail, and then patients will come looking for us."
 Chinese dispensaries traditionally have offered a pharmacopia of virility cures made from exotic ingredients such as tiger's penis or powdered rhinoceros horn.

International pressure, including U.S. trade sanctions, forced a crackdown four years ago. Today, the trade continues only deep underground, according to the private Taipei-based Life Conservationist Association, which led the fight against it.
 It was crucial to gain the cooperation of traditional doctors, who delved deep into their medical texts for substitutes. Wang says organs from seals and stags can replace those from tigers, and deer antlers have almost the same effect as rhino horn.

Almost all traditional pharmacies bear window stickers declaring "rhino, tiger and bear parts not sold here." Pharmacists, most of whose families have been in the

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trade for generations, weigh out dried plants pulled from imposing medicine cabinets. Huge antler racks sit in their windows among jars of dried sea horses and mushrooms.
 Traditional doctors say their cures are slow but sure. A prescription takes into consideration the nervous system, major organs and chi — or electronic body impulses, Wang said.
 But Western-trained experts doubt such cures. And many men prefer instant gratification to slow and sure.

A highly publicized case in which a prostitute stabbed to death a 70-year-old client on Viagra only increased the medicine's profile in Taiwan.
 Pfizer submitted two dozen telephone directory-size books of data on the drug to Taiwan health authorities in June, and approval is expected in several months. It has been given conditional approval in Thailand; approval is pending in Australia, South Korea, Singapore and Vietnam; and clinical tests are under way in Japan. Doctors in Bangladesh are calling for Viagra to be legally

imported.
 Pharmacists are importing boxes of the pills illegally, declaring them as aspirin. On the black market, they retail for up to five times the substantial U.S. price of \$8 a dose, said one Taipei drug importer.
 So much has leaked through customs controls that oversupply already has driven down the price, said the importer, who has developed a lucrative side business in Viagra and spoke on condition of anonymity.
 In early July, police netted their first batch of bogus Viagra in Taiwan.
 Rita Liu, spokeswoman for Pfizer in Taiwan, said the company hopes that the desire for Viagra will prompt men to get a proper diagnosis of their problems. Currently, only about 10 percent do so.

Chen, at Veterans General Hospital, said Viagra received rave reviews from a test group of patients. He doubts traditional medicines can match it.
 "If they are so powerful and convenient," he asked, "then why all the interest in Viagra?"

MADD takes stand against drink machines

HOUSTON (AP) — Machines that dispense an alcoholic drink when a personal identification number is entered on a keypad have been marketed to private golf courses in the Dallas area.

The Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission has given its OK despite a provision of the state's alcoholic beverage code that prohibits the sale of an alcoholic beverage from coin-operated machines "or similar devices."

TABC officials decided the machines are not similar to coin-operated machines.
 That decision brought protests from a state lawmaker and an official with Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD), who expressed concern about unauthorized sales to minors and to intoxicated people.

"It was a done deal," said Vena Cronin of Houston, an official with MADD, who complained to state Rep. Scott Hochberg, D-Houston, after she learned of the state's approval through a tip.
 Hochberg said he disagrees with the TABC's interpretation of the Adult Beverage Code and with the lack of a public rule-making process in which formal limits on the adult beverage machines could be established.
 Doyle Bailey, executive director of the TABC, said Monday he will let the agency's commissioners resolve the issue.

Boomtown hit



Tom Phelan and Danie Lay rehearse a scene for "How the Other Half Loves." This hilarious adult comedy entertained audiences this past weekend at Boomtown Community Theatre in Borger, proving that Borger is not a synonym for boring. The play is to be held over. Director Bill Everly and the cast decided to extend the run by a week. Performances will be at 7:30 p.m., July 23, 24 and 25. Reservations can be made by calling (806) 274-7011.

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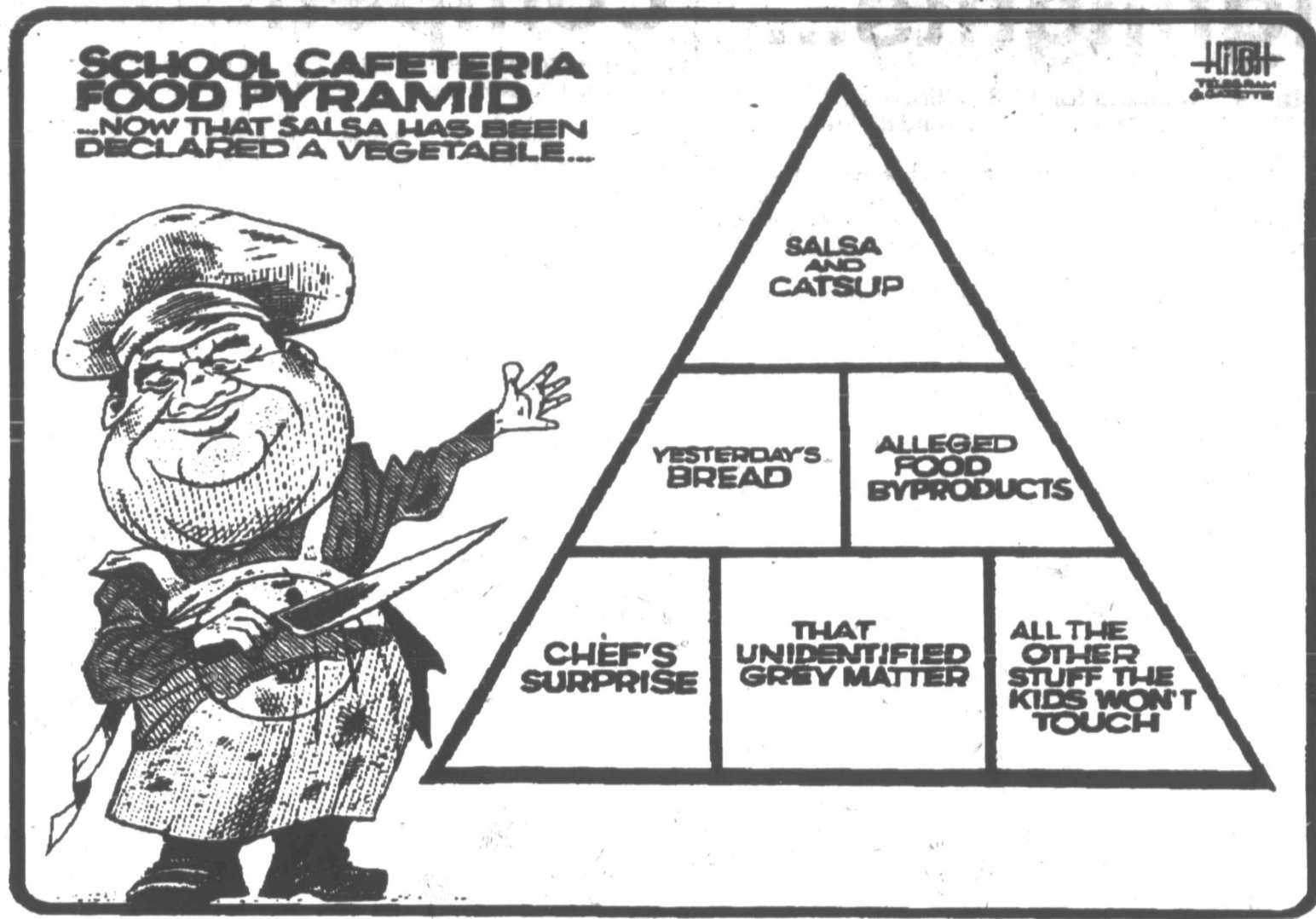
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Inside the Beltway
 with
 Sen. Hutchison

Good news for small business

One way you can tell where politicians are coming from is who (or what) they think makes the country go. Some believe it's the government that keeps the country going, but I believe small business is the economic engine of America.

This country's 23 million small businesses employ more than 50 percent of the private workforce, generate more than half of the nation's gross domestic product and are the principal source of new jobs in the U.S. economy. Small businesses provide 67 percent of initial job opportunities and are responsible for the majority of initial training in basic skills.

America couldn't do without them, and the tax system should reflect the importance of their entrepreneurial efforts to the economic growth and well being of our country.

Coming from a small business background myself, I take a great deal of pleasure in announcing a couple of "wins" for small businesses. What follows is a question-and-answer rundown on some recent IRS rule changes as they affect small business:

Is there any relief in sight for the requirement that small businesses comply with the Electronic Federal Tax Payment System?

Yes. The requirement has caused major headaches for small business. But earlier this spring, IRS Commissioner Charles Rossotti announced that his agency would waive the penalties for 1.4 million small companies that are having trouble meeting the requirement to pay their taxes electronically. This applies to companies that deposit less than \$50,000 annually.

The IRS will delay imposing penalties on small businesses for failing to comply with the filing requirement through Jan. 1, 1999.

Electronic filing is one of those cases where a technological advance has placed even more of a burden on taxpayers. Many owners of small companies felt they weren't given enough time to adapt to the new system. In addition, the fees charged by banks for electronic transfers have increased their cost of doing business. Another complication has been that the electronic federal tax payment system provides companies with no immediate written proof of timely payment — a receipt. If questions are raised, they may have a hard time proving they made their tax payments and when they made them.

But we have to realize that this reprieve from penalties for not meeting the IRS' electronic filing mandate is a short-term fix. I am urging that electronic filing be made entirely voluntary or that small business be given a permanent exemption. If such a remedy becomes necessary, we are prepared to write this into law.

What about the rules for the depositing of employment taxes?

There's good news on this front as well. Monthly employment tax deposit requirements have been lifted for a half-million small businesses. On June 3, the threshold for mandated monthly employment tax deposits was raised to \$1,000. Business owners who qualify will be freed from making a dozen tax deposits each year.

Prior to this change, employers were required to make monthly deposits if they had more than \$500 of accumulated employment taxes, such as Social Security, Medicare and income tax withholdings for a return period.

And with the threshold now pegged to \$1,000 of accumulated employment taxes, the paperwork burden will also be reduced significantly because these deposits are generally made by paper deposit coupons.

The new rules apply to employment taxes that are reported on a quarterly or annual basis, using IRS forms such as Form 941, Employer's Quarterly Federal Tax Return and Form 943, Employer's annual Tax Return for Agricultural Workers. The new rules apply to quarterly returns for the period beginning July 1, 1998, and for annual returns beginning Jan. 1, 1999.

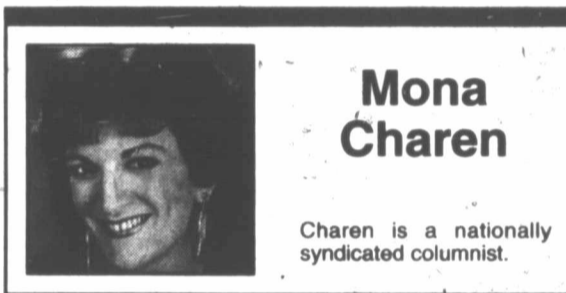
Teacher went too far ...

June 8, 1998, was a sad day for P.S. 74, a middle school in New York's blighted South Bronx section. A student, Christopher Lee, had drowned. Speaking over the public address system, the principal asked the school to observe a moment of silence in Christopher's memory.

In Mildred Rosario's sixth-grade class, the moment of silence led to questions. Luisa Corporan, 11, asked Rosario where Christopher Lee was. "He is in heaven," the teacher explained. Other students pursued the matter, asking, "What is heaven like?" and "What does God look like?"

Rosario's response was to ask those students who did not wish to discuss God to move to the back of the room, near the computer. Reports suggest that two boys did so. With the rest of the class assembled, Rosario, a Pentecostalist, asked again whether this "was something voluntarily free will." She then proceeded to tell the children that Jesus had come into the world to save humanity and asked which of her students would like "to accept Jesus Christ as his personal savior." Most of the students must have agreed because Rosario walked up and down the aisles placing her hands on each child's head and praying with them in Spanish.

When word of Rosario's altar call got around, there was a fuss. Some of the parents objected — though many, perhaps most, stood by Rosario. The Board of Education was in an uproar. There was a disciplinary hearing but only one. Rosario was a substitute teacher without tenure; accordingly, she was not equipped with the asbestos shield that is stan-



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dard issue for tenured teachers. After a few questions, the board issued its decision — she was fired.

Rosario's story ignited the tax lines in Washington, D.C., where conservative politicians smelled an outrage. A teacher who prays with her students gets fired, they fumed, while a member of the North American Man/Boy Love Association (NAMBLA) is merely transferred! With drugs and crime stalking our schools, they continued, how in the world can they justify firing a teacher for praying?

These are familiar arguments to me, I've made them myself countless times. I agree with the social conservatives that the rigid exclusion of religion from public life is neither constitutionally demanded nor politically healthy. I further agree that condom distribution, some kinds of sex education, and values-clarification curricula — all of which are blessed by school boards around the nation — amount to the imposition of a worldview that is much less benign than Christianity.

But Rosario's case is just too far over the line to serve as a cause celebre.

If she had merely told her class that

Christopher Lee was in heaven, there would have been no controversy. If she had even expressed her personal religious conviction that Jesus Christ represents the world's salvation — no problem. After all, it was a moment that cried out for some spiritual expression. Where Rosario stepped over the line was in summoning the children to make their own religious commitments then and there. That is the province of the church — with parents present — not the school.

Some of the Republican politicians who declared Rosario a heroine pointed out that another New York City teacher who was discovered to be a member of NAMBLA had been merely transferred to a desk job, not fired. It is a twisted standard that seems to regard Christianity as more threatening to children than pedophilia, they argued. But the facts don't really stretch that far.

The NAMBLA teacher was moved out of the classroom and out of contact with children. And Rosario was fired only after she refused to refrain in the future from proselytizing. Clearly, the fates of the two should have been reversed, but Rosario's defiance damaged her case.

Rosario frightens not just the church/state separation fanatics but also reasonable parents who do not wish to see a teacher usurp their proper role in the religious training of their children. Moments of silence, even nondenominational prayers, in public schools seem to be well within the limits contemplated by the Constitution. But Rosario is a quite sectarian preacher. As such, she is a poor model for those who wish to restore some sanity and balance to the church/state separation debate.

Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, July 21, the 202nd day of 1998. There are 163 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On July 21, 1925, the so-called "Monkey Trial" ended in Dayton, Tenn., with John T. Scopes convicted of violating state law for teaching Charles Darwin's theory of evolution. The conviction was later overturned.

On this date:

In 1831, Belgium became inde-

pendent as Leopold I was proclaimed king.

In 1861, the first Battle of Bull Run was fought at Manassas, Va., resulting in a Confederate victory.

In 1899, author Ernest Hemingway was born in Oak Park, Ill.

In 1944, American forces landed on Guam during World War II.

In 1944, the Democratic National Convention in Chicago nominated Sen. Harry S Truman to be vice president.

In 1949, the U.S. Senate ratified the North Atlantic Treaty.

In 1954, France surrendered North Vietnam to the Communists.

In 1955, during the Geneva summit, President Eisenhower presented his "open skies" proposal under which the United States and the Soviet Union would trade information on each other's military facilities.

In 1961, Captain Virgil "Gus" Grissom became the second

American to rocket into a sub-orbital pattern around the Earth, flying aboard the Liberty Bell Seven.

In 1980, draft registration began in the United States for 19- and 20-year-old men.

Ten years ago: Massachusetts Gov. Michael Dukakis accepted the Democratic presidential nomination at the party's convention in Atlanta, declaring, "this election isn't about ideology; it's about competence."

Tobacco issue bodes ill for freedom

Charley Reese
 Syndicated columnist

The tobacco issue is a good example of how unfree America is becoming and how unthinking many journalists already are.

It seems not to occur to anyone that whether teenagers smoke is a matter for teenagers and their parents to decide, not a matter for the government to decide.

Yet politicians in Washington tried to rationalize a half-trillion-dollar rip-off of the tobacco industry and its customers on the grounds of preventing teenagers from smoking.

Some journalists picked up this theme and announced that anyone who voted against the bill was condemning teenagers to smoking cigarettes. They roundly condemned the tobacco industry for buying ads and telling people what neither the journalists nor the politicians would tell them — the truth.

These journalists only reveal their socialist mind-set and lack of logic. The government once prohibited drinking booze; people drank booze anyway. The government prohibits possession and sale of drugs it has declared to be illegal; people possess and sell tons of the drugs anyway. The government prohibits people from entering the country without a visa; people by the thousands enter it without a visa.

If the government prohibits smoking tobacco, people will smoke it illegally. (It's been illegal for many years in many states

for children to buy tobacco products, but they do anyway, just as some of them buy booze and dope.) If the government raises the price to \$5 a pack (that now defeated tobacco bill would have done that), then a black market will arise to supply cheaper smokes.

Intelligent people not afflicted with the disabilities of socialists — ignorance of history and human nature, naive faith in government and an insatiable lust for the power to run other people's lives — know all of this. Laws do not change human behavior. Laws can condone behavior and condemn behavior, but they can't change behavior.

The tobacco "problem" is real simple, once you get greed, busybodies and political demagoguery out of the way. If you don't want to smoke, don't smoke. Try to persuade your children not to smoke. Otherwise, mind your own business.

Teenage smoking is a minor problem. It amounts to barely two percent of the market. And smoking is no longer fashionable.

If people had any sense, they'd be scared to death to see how the tobacco industry has

been treated. It has been treated the same way Stalin and Hitler treated people. The laws were changed to strip them of their normal defenses in lawsuits. Unproven claims were declared to be true facts. Companies engaged in a legal business and following normal practices were publicly condemned for engaging in a legal business and for following normal practices.

And if that's not Orwellian enough for you, please note that all this time the government has continued to declare that making and selling cigarettes is a legal business while tobacco company executives have been treated as if they were monstrous criminals.

When government punishes people for obeying the law, it's time to be worried. What the government has done to the tobacco industry, it can do to any industry — and to individuals. It is not the rule of law. It is the arbitrary, the law-means-what-I-say-it-means-at-any-given-moment rule characteristic of totalitarian governments.

But perhaps that's what Americans want — the liberal-socialists anyway. They don't seem to value freedom or personal responsibility. They seem to think the sun can't rise without the government's permission and assistance. They have contempt for the rule of law. They act more like a mindless mob of whiners than free Americans. They deserve to have smoke blown in their face.

Investors await Greenspan's midyear report

By MARTIN CRUTSINGER
AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The high-flying U.S. economy is losing altitude, fast.

After turning in a sizzling annual growth rate of 5.4 percent in the first three months of the year, the economy may have stopped growing and actually contracted a bit during the spring, something that has not happened since the last recession ended in 1991.

This unusual volatility is being caused by a collision of powerful forces — still strong consumer demand in America running up against a deepening financial crisis in Asia that is causing the U.S. trade deficit to soar to record levels.

"We are on a rollercoaster ride," said Sung Won Sohn, chief economist at Norwest Corp. in Minneapolis. "The U.S. economy is clearly slowing because of the Asian contagion, and it could get worse."

The latest guessing game is how the Federal Reserve will respond to this dramatic slowdown, with investors anxiously awaiting Fed Chairman Alan Greenspan's midyear economic report, scheduled to be delivered to Congress today.

In advance of his remarks, many analysts

believed Greenspan would signal that the Fed is still firmly on the fence, awaiting further information on Asia's impact in the United States before deciding which way to move interest rates.

The Fed has been content to leave rates unchanged for the past 16 months, and analysts are in agreement that for the near term at least, that watch-and-wait stance will prevail.

But down the road, either late this year or early in 1999, analysts believe the Fed will move. Which way is open to heated debate.

Analysts who believe the Asian crisis, which has already plunged Japan into recession, will worsen and spread to Russia and developing countries in Latin America, are predicting the Fed's next move will be to cut rates to keep the U.S. economy out of recession.

But other analysts, who believe Asia's effects will not be long-lasting in the United States, think the central bank will have grown concerned enough about inflation by early next year that Fed policymakers will start increasing interest rates to slow growth.

While there is debate about the future, there is little disagreement that the U.S. economy slowed dramatically in the just-completed April-June period as Asia's troubles sent the

U.S. trade deficit skyrocketing.

"Asia is a big event. The collapse of economies that account for one-third of world output is nothing to take lightly," said Allen Sinai, chief economist at Primark Decision Economics in New York.

Added to the drag from Asia, manufacturing activity has fallen as businesses try to work down a huge overhang of unsold goods. The seven-week-old General Motors strike has also cut sharply into auto production.

Some forecasters believe gross domestic product went from a 5.4 percent growth rate in the first quarter to a decline of 1 percent in the second quarter.

If the GM strike drags on past July, if Asia's troubles deepen and spread to other parts of the world such as Russia, South Africa or Brazil or if the high-flying U.S. stock market suddenly comes back to earth, then the United

States will be in for rougher days ahead.

It is not out of the realm of possibility that GDP will shrink in both the second and third quarters. Two back-to-back quarterly declines in GDP is the classic definition of a recession.

Faced with this weakness, "the Fed will eventually have to step in and do something," said David Wyss, chief financial economist at Standard & Poor's DRI, who is predicting Fed rate cuts beginning next year.

But other economists insist that Asia's impact on the United States will be sharp but brief. They say growth will resume this summer, and the tight labor markets, with unemployment near a 28-year low, will have Fed policy-makers soon worrying again about inflation.

"Eventually inflation will come back, and at the first sign of inflation, the Fed will raise interest rates," predicted Sohn.

Big-money effort to influence public, Congress greets health plan debate

WASHINGTON (AP) — As Congress prepares to debate new rules on health plans, insurance companies, doctors and the lawyers who sue them are lavishing campaign contributions on the political parties in hopes of helping their particular cause.

The Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association of America and its affiliated health plans have so far contributed \$65,250 — the most of any special interest's political action committees this year — to leadership accounts to help congressional candidates in this fall's elections, according to a study by the Center for Responsive Politics, a Washington-based government watchdog group.

All but \$1,500 of the Blues' contributions went to Republican accounts, such as Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott's New Republican Majority Fund, which got \$10,000.

The study looked at campaign

giving by interest groups embroiled in a big-money lobbying fight between labor and consumer groups on one side — who want federal mandates to protect patients from health plan restrictions — and insurance companies and employers on the other, who argue that new rules would make health benefits unaffordable.

"This issue is attracting money," said Center for Responsive Politics researcher Jen Shecter.

Total campaign giving by the Blues, the Health Insurance Association of America, and separate health maintenance organizations has topped \$1.8 million for the 1997-98 election cycle, according to the study released Monday, which included contributions made as recently as May.

Seven dollars out of every \$10 the health insurers contributed went to Republican candidates.

Meanwhile, trial lawyers, who would represent patients in law-

suits, gave 89 percent of their \$1.4 million in contributions to Democrats, according to the center's study.

The American Medical Association, a doctors group that has made a public show of support for White House-backed legislation, nevertheless has given 70 percent of its \$1.2 million in political contributions to Republicans.

The entire House and a third of the Senate are up for re-election this fall, and polls indicate health care is a priority for voters.

President Clinton has helped Democratic lawmakers make a proposed "patients' bill of rights" a hot issue on Capitol Hill this summer. Republicans responded last week by introducing their own bills, and debate could begin as soon as this week.

Pentagon readies report on CNN allegations

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Pentagon is ready to release its own study into CNN's now-retracted allegations that the U.S. military used deadly sarin gas during a 1970 operation in Laos.

In a report that prompted an outcry among military veterans and questions from other journalists, CNN also alleged that "Operation Tailwind" was designed to target American defectors.

The report was broadcast June 7, followed by a print report published in Time magazine under the dual byline of two CNN employees. But by early July, the network retracted the story.

Defense Secretary William Cohen ordered an investigation shortly after the story was broadcast, saying the charges were serious enough to warrant a probe even though there was no evidence the gas was used.

After the retraction, Pentagon spokesman Kenneth Bacon said the department did not believe the story was accurate and was continuing its study. "All the work we've done in reviewing the report sug-

gests ... those charges were wrong," Bacon said several weeks ago.

In its retraction, CNN apologized for "serious faults" in its reporting and that a CNN-requested investigation by a prominent media attorney concluded that its joint "NewsStand" report with Tim magazine could not be supported.

The report's two main producers, Jack Smith and April Oliver, were fired after a CNN-requested investigation by a prominent media attorney. Senior producer Pam Hill resigned, while the lead reporter, Peter Arnett, was reprimanded.

Smith and Ms. Oliver said they stood by the "Valley of Death" story.

"CNN alone bears responsibility for both the television reports and for the printed article in the June 15 issue of Time magazine," Tom Johnson, chairman of the CNN News Group, said in a statement. "We acknowledge serious faults in the use of sources who provided NewsStand with the original reports and therefore retract the Tailwind story."

Extension Service to offer drought strategies at special meeting

AMARILLO — Texas A&M University System Texas Agricultural Extension Service and Texas Agricultural Experiment Station will hold a briefing on practices and strategies to help Texas Panhandle producers battle the current drought. The briefing will be from 10-11 a.m. Wednesday, July 22, at Texas A&M Research and Extension Center, 6500 Amarillo Blvd. West, and will be conducted by Bob Robinson, district director, administrator for Extension agricultural programs in the top 21 counties of the Texas Panhandle. Area farmers and ranchers have key decisions to make right now which will impact next year's production.

Key issues and impacts will be addressed as follows: "Economic impact for the Panhandle," James D. Satrwell III, Extension risk management specialist; "Irrigation scheduling based on PET Network data" Leon New, Agricultural engineer and irrigation specialist; "Salvaging and conditioning forage for livestock," Brent Bean, Extension agronomist, and Steven Winter, agronomist, Texas Agricultural Experiment Station; "Emergency haying and grazing of CRP?" F.T. McCollum III, Extension beef cattle specialist; "Water conservation and management for urban environments," Jim Allison, Agricultural agent, Potter County.



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DEAR ABBY: Recently on a very hot day, I saw two dogs left in parked cars with the windows up. It's that time of year when people need to be reminded never to leave pets or children alone in vehicles. It could be deadly.

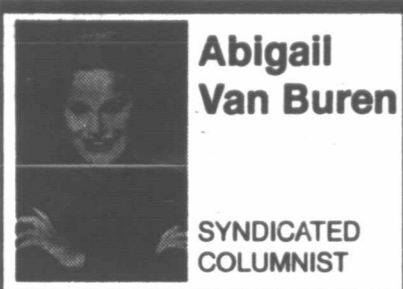
When riding in an air-conditioned vehicle, it's easy to forget how quickly the temperature rises once the vehicle is turned off and sitting in the sun. Even on a comfortable day, the temperature climbs quickly and becomes a hazard in only a few minutes. A quick trip to the store could be fatal.

Also, I would like to remind people that animals need shade. Doghouses in the sun do not provide the shelter pets require. It can be hotter inside the doghouse than outside. What a difference could be made by simply placing the doghouse under a shady tree. And please, provide plenty of cool, fresh water and food in clean bowls that cannot be easily tipped over. Remember, a metal bowl conducts heat and cold.

Animals have feelings just like people. Please have a little compassion, and don't keep a dog tied up in the yard day in and day out without giving it some attention.

Please be on the lookout for helpless animals that are left in these situations, and notify the owners or the proper authorities. These animals cannot defend themselves. Their lives and well-being depend on you.

A final thought: Please neuter or spay your cats and dogs. Neutered animals make better pets, and this



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SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

would alleviate the tragedy of thousands of unwanted animals who die each year.

AN ANIMAL LOVER,
 FREDERICKTOWN, OHIO

DEAR ANIMAL LOVER: Many readers will appreciate your timely reminder that pets, as well as children, are vulnerable to the heat of summer. Neither should be left unsupervised in a locked vehicle, even for a few minutes. To do so would invite tragedy.

DEAR ABBY: I'm 71 years old and feel good, but I follow the same routine every day.

Abby, I arise between 5:30 and 6:30 a.m. every morning, read the newspaper, do the crossword and Jumbleword, watch soap operas for an hour and a half, and then go to bingo.

I have a male companion living with me who works several days a week. Even when he is off work, he tells me to go ahead and go to bingo because he knows I like it. He's very

good to me and gives me his whole paycheck.

Abby, I look forward to bingo and consider it socializing, but I am stuck in a rut. I wonder why I'm so regimented. Is this normal? I think I should sign this ...

BINGO ADDICT

DEAR BINGO: Bingo! Your signature says it all: I suspect that what you are hooked on is the rush you get from gambling. However, since you're hurting neither yourself nor your companion, I wouldn't classify this as a "problem."

If you like, test yourself for addiction. Make plans with your companion or a friend to go to the movies on a bingo afternoon and see if you are able to carry through with your plans. If you can't resist canceling in favor of bingo, you may be bingo-compulsive, but not necessarily a problem addict.

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way. Focus on improving finances and building the kind of security you want. Check out a different type of savings program. Tonight: Do whatever you find entertaining.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

Someone in charge lets you know exactly where he is coming from. Visualize much more of what you want. Share your ideas. Trust your sixth sense. Start making resolutions for next year. Your birthday is right around the corner! Tonight: Curl up with a good novel.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

A friendship plays a role in an important meeting. You cannot underestimate the importance of this person's influence. Frustration is likely when trying to get another point of view. Decide to gather information in a quiet, effective manner. Tonight: Network.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

Stay centered. Know what you want from someone. Do not jump to conclusions with a boss. The person spoon-feeding you certain information can be unnervingly negative. Do your own research, then make decisions. You hit the bull's-eye. Tonight: Burn the midnight oil.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

Reach out for others. Stay on top of research, and be willing to do whatever is necessary to make a business arrangement work. A difficult associate tests your limits. Trying to enlighten him to another point of view proves to be a challenge. Tonight: Buy a new CD.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Get down to basics with co-workers. It is easy to get caught up in frivolous details. Play devil's advocate. Ignore frivolities. Demonstrate your ability to look at the big picture. Break patterns, and be willing to see your own rigidity. Tonight: Treat a loved one to a special meal.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

People clearly let you know where they are coming from. You might not like what you hear, but you can work with it. Thank others for presenting different points of view. Don't argue. Negotiations for the next month are highlighted. Tonight: Out for the night.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

Move into a new realm when dealing with others. You are building strong foundations at work and at home. Consider setting up a home office. Others come to you. You might hear some challenging statements. Be positive. Tonight: Work late.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

Conversations are enlightening, as a loved one lets you know how much he cares for you. Talks about commitment are significant. You don't have to make a decision just yet. Consider your career goals. It is important not to sell out. Tonight: Ask a friend to meet you.

BORN TODAY

Actor Willém Dafoe (1955), musician Don Henley (1947), actor John Leguizamo (1965)

Horoscope

WEDNESDAY, JULY 22, 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)

Serious talks bring heart-warming results. Look at financial requests, with an eye to stopping a negative cycle. You are in greater control than you think. Trust your ingenuity to come up with unusual ideas that could have similar results. Tonight: Have fun.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

Let yourself go. Don't try to control everything. You will be happier, and so will those around you. Be even-tempered, reach out for others and share your feelings not your thoughts. Compassion and understanding are your strong suits. Tonight: Hang out with friends.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

You are a lot harder on yourself than need be. Relax and discuss your emotional and financial needs. Your strength lies in your ability to communicate; now, use those skills to your advantage. Count on being busy; you'll run from one meeting to another. Tonight: Treat yourself.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

Aim for what you want. A friend presents an obstacle but then plays devil's advocate in a positive

Crossword Puzzle

by THOMAS JOSEPH

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"I know he's just sniffing, but he can inhale a doughnut."

The Family Circus



"You don't wear this pretty white dress much anymore, do you, Mommy?"

For Better or For Worse



Zits



Garfield



Beetle Bailey



Marvin



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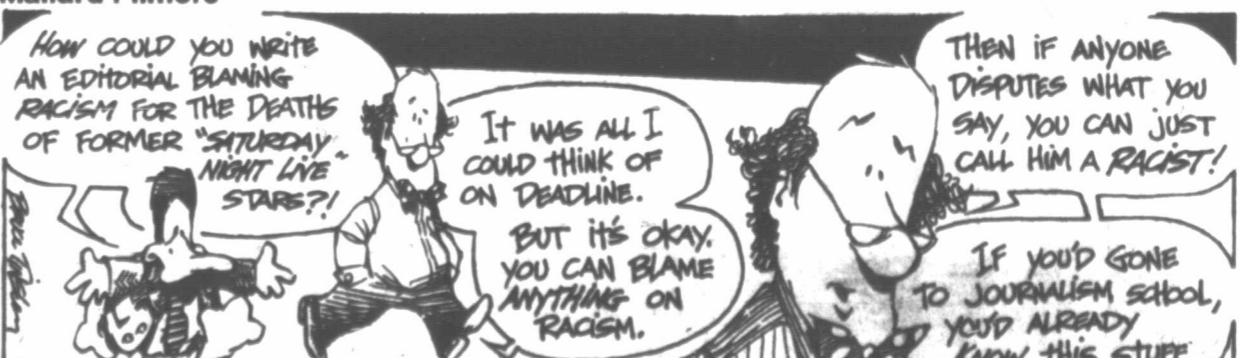
Peanuts



Blondie



Mallard Filmore



SPORTS

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BASEBALL

LOCKNEY — The Pampa 11-12 All-Stars had a 2-2 record in the West Texas State Babe Ruth Bambino Tournament last week.

Pampa defeated Floydada and Lockney and lost to Andrews and Tulia.

TRACK & FIELD

DALLAS — Wendell Palmer of Pampa, competing in the State Masters Meet in Dallas last weekend, came up just two inches shy of his own American record in the shot put.

Palmer won the shot with a 46-3 1/2 throw. Palmer broke the record with a 46-5 1/2 toss last summer at a meet in Ponca City, Okla. The old record of 44-3 was held by Len Olsen of Florida.

Palmer also won the discus (168-0), 25-pound weight throw (43-10) and 35-pound weight throw (31-8) at the state meet.

Palmer plans to enter the National Masters Meet at the end of this month.

Masters track and field is for athletes 35 years of age and over. Palmer competes in the 65-69 age group.

Palmer has been competing in Masters meets since 1975 and holds a number of world and American records. Palmer has starred in track and field since his high school days in Liberal, Kan. He won the National Junior College discus championship in 1953 while a student at Garden City College in Kansas.

FOOTBALL

WICHITA FALLS, Texas (AP) — Troy Aikman fades back to pass, checks his downfield receivers and dumps the ball off to Chris Warren.

Warren jukes a linebacker and makes a nice downfield gain. On the next play, Aikman pitches out to Warren who cuts off a tackle's block and races in the clear.

After an eight-year career with Seattle, Warren could be one of the Cowboys' best off-season acquisitions in years. Dallas is so happy with him it cut Sherman Williams, a former second-round draft pick.

Warren admits he's not a threat to take away Emmitt Smith's No. 1 running back job. He became a Cowboy to make any impact he could.

"It's really going to hard for defenses to adjust to both of us," Warren said. "We're two different style running backs and it will cause defenses to make an adjustment if they can."

Warren volunteers that he is not even thinking about trying to beat out Smith.

"I know my role and I accept it," he said. "There is no problem."

In fact, there is a possibility both Smith and Warren could be paired in the same backfield in certain offensive sets designed by the imaginative Chan Gailey, the former Pittsburgh coordinator who replaced Barry Switzer.

"I think Chris will be a great complement to Emmitt," Gailey said. "We'll use Chris on third down a lot and when we get into the shotgun offense. Those will be his primary uses."

Gailey said Smith will play in each game as long as he can.

"How much Emmitt plays depends on his stamina," Gailey said. "That will determine Emmitt's status."

Warren scored 44 touchdowns and rushed for 6,706 yards in his eight year career with Seattle. He also caught 194 passes for 1,324 yards.

"Chris has great hands," Gailey said. "He's an excellent receiver."

Warren said he loves Gailey's offense.

"It's going to be a lot of fun," Warren said. "Emmitt is helping me a lot with what he has learned about it. We have a great working relationship."

Pampa 9-10s win WT State Tournament

ANDREWS — The Pampa 9-10 year old Optimist All-Stars reclaimed the West Texas State Championship last week in dramatic fashion. Pampa opened the tournament with a convincing 24-1 victory over the Floydada All-Stars. Leadoff hitter Braydon Barker singled and scored the first of his five runs of the game on a wild pitch. Tyson Hickman walked and scored when Eric Kingcade's fly to center was dropped. Jake Craig doubled in Kingcade to give Pampa three runs in the top of the first. In Floydada's half of the inning, Kody Smith walked, but was erased trying to steal second by catcher Weston Teichmann. Hickman struck out Brock Smith and first baseman Brett Ferrell retired Kevin Smith on a groundout for a 3-up, 3-down inning.

Pampa broke the game open with seven runs in the second. Ferrell walked, Trevor Thomas singled, and a wild pitch scored Ferrell. Barker walked, Hickman singled in Thomas, Kingcade doubled Barker and Hickman in. Grant Stucki walked, Teichmann followed with a single plating Kingcade. Ferrell doubled in Teichmann to make the score 10-0. Floydada's Pedro Segura struck out and Jacob Reddy grounded out to Kingcade. Jason Nutt got the only hit, a double, and scored the only run on a throwing error. Hickman finished his two innings, striking out Rudy Luna to end the second.

Barker walked and scored on Kingcade's fielder's choice for Pampa's only run in the third. Kingcade came in to pitch for Pampa and was aided by two caught stealing by Teichmann and a strikeout.

The top of the fourth saw Brody Smith walk and Barker reach on an error. Hickman singled both of them in. Kingcade singled and Craig singled in Hickman. Jarred Moler and Teichmann walked scoring Kingcade. Robbie Dixon singled in Craig and Moler. Tyler Klein and Smith walked to score Teichmann. Barker singled in Dixon and Klein. Hickman singled and Kingcade reached on another error by the center fielder plating Smith and Barker. Craig was hit by a pitch and Moler doubled in Hickman and Kingcade to finish Pampa's scoring. Craig struck out the side in the fourth to finish the game by the 10-run rule, 24-1. Hickman was the winning pitcher.

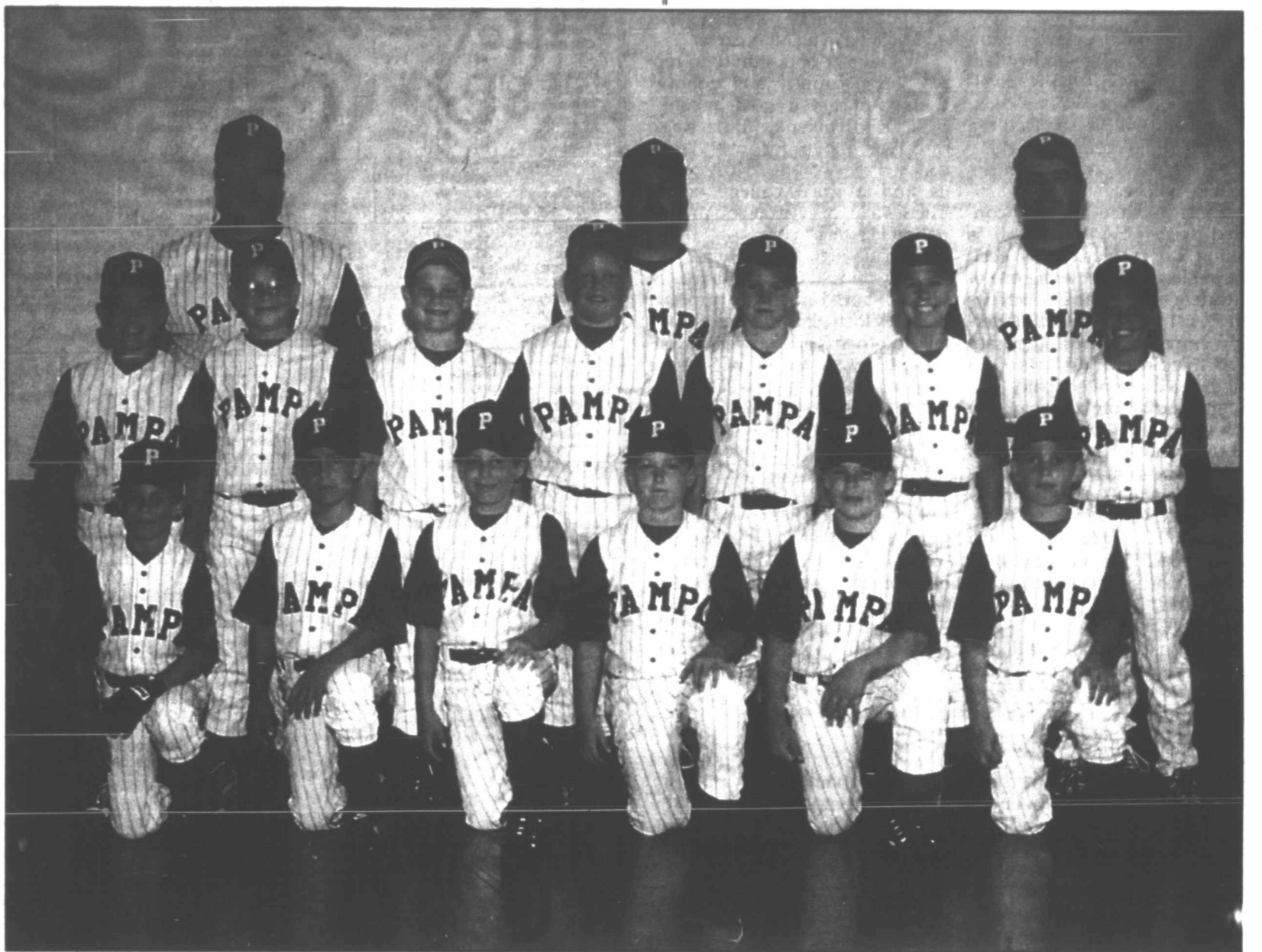
Pampa faced defending State Champion Andrews in their second game on Sunday. Andrews defeated Tulia 29-0 in their first game. Pampa should have known it might not be their night as a tomato touched down, but later dissipated overhead, a block or so away during batting practice. Andrews pitcher Zane Cook was wild as he walked Barker, Hickman and Kingcade. Cook was relieved by David Rodriguez who was greeted with a single by Craig which scored Barker. Stucki's fielder's choice to third baseman Ryan Roberts erased Hickman at the plate. Teichmann's sacrifice fly to center scored Kingcade to give Pampa a 2-0 lead after one-half inning.

Pampa's starting pitcher, Hickman, survived an error, hit by pitch and two singles by getting a runner's interference, third baseman Stucki's force out at home of Ricky Carrasco, and right fielder Craig's catch of Reno Cruz's fly ball to keep the score 2-0 Pampa.

Pampa wasted singles by Barker and Hickman in the top of the second. In the bottom of the second everything went wrong for Pampa as they used four pitchers in the inning. Andrews used eight walks, a hit by pitch, two errors, catchers interference, and five hits to jump out to an 11-2 lead after two innings.

Pampa got two runs back in the third on a walk to Stucki and a single by Teichmann. Ferrell singled in Stucki and Reese Dills singled in Teichmann to put the score at 11-4 Andrews. Barker shut out Andrews in the final three innings and was aided by Smith's spectacular shoestring catch in right field in the fourth.

Pampa pulled within two runs in the top of the fourth. Kingcade and Craig walked and Stucki's sac-fly to right scored Kingcade. Teichmann and Smith walked to load the bases. Klein singled in Craig, and Barker singled in Teichmann and Smith. Hickman singled in Klein to end Pampa's scoring for the game. Pampa could not score in the final two



(Special photo)

Pampa's 9-10 All-Stars will meet Little Rock, Ark on July 24 at the Southwest Regional Tournament in Amite, La. Team members are (front row, l-r) Reese Dills, Tyler Klein, Tyson Hickman, Jarred Moler, Trevor Thomas and Robbie Dixon; (second row, l-r) Grant Stucki, Brett Ferrell, Eric Kingcade, Jake Craig, Brody Smith, Weston Teichmann and Braydon Barker; (back row, l-r) coach David Ferrell, manager Robert Dixon Jr. and coach Larry Craig.

innings as Andrews escaped with an 11-9 victory.

Floydada won an exciting last inning victory over Tulia 8-7 after the Pampa-Andrews game on Sunday. Pampa fell into the losers bracket to face Floydada once again. Not even a blow out on the van that was carrying the Pampa All-Stars would deny them a victory over Floydada.

Floydada jumped out 1-0 in the top of the first inning. Jarred Moler made two fine catches in right field to keep them from scoring any more. For Pampa, Barker reached on an error, Hickman singled and Kingcade singled in Barker. Stucki singled in Hickman to put the score 21 Pampa.

Pampa pitcher Teichmann got three outs in the second with two ground outs and a strike out. Pampa got six runs in the bottom of the inning. Thomas doubled to lead off and was followed by Smith who reached by an error. Barker singled in Thomas, Hickman singled in Smith, Kingcade doubled in Barker, Stucki singled in Hickman. Moler singled and Thomas got his second double of the inning to score

Andrews on a rare 5-4-3 double play on Kingcade's smash to third to keep Pampa from scoring. Andrews scored three runs on a two out rally with a bloop single by Nathan Bryan and a two RBI single by Dan Richardson to put Andrews up 3-0 after one.

Pampa got one run back on Craig's single and Stucki's sac-fly to right to score Craig. Pampa pitcher Teichmann shut out Andrews in the bottom of the second. Leaving the score 3-1 Andrews.

Pampa tied the score 3-3 in the top of the third on Ferrell's single and bunts by Barker and Hickman that frustrated the Andrews defense allowing Ferrell and Barker to score. Teichmann needed defensive help after giving up two singles and a walk to load the bases with one out. A heads up play by right fielder Craig on a catch of a fly ball and an excellent throw to home kept the bases full with Andrews runners. The final out of the inning came on a hot shot to second baseman Kingcade who flipped the ball to shortstop Hickman spoiling an excellent scoring opportunity for Andrews.

Teichmann finished out the inning catching a pop up, putting the score at 15-6. Mother Nature tried to cool Pampa off with a hour long rain delay.

When the game resumed, Craig gave Pampa a 10 run lead again with a towering home run over the center field fence for Pampa's only score of the fifth inning. Barker took the mound for Pampa and struck out Richardson to start off. Cook reached on an error and Jacob Forbes walked. Jesus Rondon singled in Cook. Rodriguez popped out to Barker for the second out, setting up Carrasco's three run home run. Bryan singled and scored when Roberts single got by the right fielder leaving him on third. Craig came on to pitch and struck out Cruz to end the inning, making the score 16-11 Pampa.

In the sixth Thomas was hit by a pitch, Barker reached on an error and Hickman bunted for his third base hit of the game loading the bases for Kingcade who singled in Thomas and Barker. Craig doubled down the right field line to score Hickman

Pampa pitcher, Hickman retired Andrews three up and three down. Andrews pitcher Rondon, left the bases loaded with Pampa runners to finish a scoreless second inning.

Hickman had another 1-2-3 inning. Pampa right fielder Craig, lead off the bottom of the inning with a single and Teichmann walked. Dills drove in Craig with a single. Teichmann scored on Thomas' ground out to short to put Pampa ahead 4-2 after three innings.

Andrews tied the score on Roberts' single, a walk to Cruz, Cook's single and Richardson's sac-fly to center. Pampa scored three runs when Barker walked with one out, but was erased at third after Hickman singled and Kingcade grounded into a fielders choice at third. Craig was hit by a pitch bringing on a pitching change for Andrews putting Jose Rondon on the mound.

Teichmann doubled to score Hickman and Kingcade. Craig scored when Ferrell reached on an error by the first baseman to put Pampa ahead 7-4 after four innings.

Andrews third baseman Rodriguez walked to lead off the inning. Carrasco walked and Bryan reached on an error scoring Rodriguez and Carrasco. Roberts doubled and Cook reached on an error scoring Bryan and Roberts to give Andrews an 8-7 lead. Pampa left fielder Thomas singled, Barker reached on an error and Hickman reached on an error which scored Thomas. Kingcade singled scoring Barker. Craig reached on an error that scored Hickman and Kingcade. Teichmann reached on an error and Klein doubled in Craig. Thomas singled in Teichmann and Stucki singled in Klein to put Pampa ahead 14-8 after five.

Pampa pitcher Hickman, who went the distance, got the first batter Richardson on a diving catch in front of the mound. Levi Saenz walked but Hickman got him on Rodriguez's fielders choice at second base for the second out. Shortstop Carrasco popped up to second baseman Kingcade for the final out of the tournament, giving Hickman his second win and sending Pampa to the Southwest Regional Tournament in Amite, Louisiana.

Pampa meets Little Rock Arkansas on Friday, July 24 at 1:00 a.m. Other teams in the tournament are the host team Amite Louisiana, Lakeshore Louisiana, Jonesboro Arkansas, Gulf Port Mississippi, Broken Bow Oklahoma, Spring Texas, and Eagle Pass Texas.

Pampa came back through the loser's bracket to defeat Andrews, 14-8, in the championship game of the West Texas State Tournament. The Pampa All-Stars now travel to Amite, Louisiana to compete in the Southwest Regional Tournament.

Kingcade and Stucki. Pampa 8-Floydada 1 after two innings of play.

Floydada got three runs off of Pampa pitcher Thomas on three hits and three walks. Thomas helped himself with a heads up play getting a runner in a run-down by throwing to catcher Dixon at home for the out to keep Floydada from mounting a come back. Pampa got two runs back when Hickman walked and Kingcade singled. Craig's fielders choice scored Hickman and Klein's shot to short scored Kingcade to put Pampa ahead 10-4 after three.

Nine year old pitcher Ferrell shut out Floydada with two strike outs and an unassisted force out on third by Moler. Pampa run-ruled Floydada after Barker walked, Hickman singled, and both scored on Kingcade's single. Craig doubled in Kingcade and Dills singled before Klein finished the game by singling in Craig. Pampa 14-Floydada 4. Teichmann got the win.

Pampa faced an uphill battle on Tuesday having to defeat the defending State Champs Andrews twice on their own field. In the top of the first Barker singled but was

Keeping the score even at 3-3.

Pampa exploded sending seven-teen batters to the plate in the top of the fourth. Stucki started it off by getting hit with a Ryan Roberts fast ball, Smith pinch ran for Stucki. Teichmann singled, two errors on Klein's bunt scored Smith. Ferrell singled to load the bases and Thomas blasted a double to score Teichmann and Klein. Ferrell was cut down at the plate on a relay throw from second baseman Rodriguez to catcher Bryan for the first out of the inning. Barker reached on his second bunt base hit of the game. Hickman reached on a fielders choice and Kingcade singled to score Thomas. Craig singled to score Barker and Stucki singled to score Hickman. Teichmann singled in Kingcade and Klein singled in Craig. Stucki scored on a passed ball. Thomas got his second double of the inning scoring Teichmann and Klein. Barker singled and Hickman singled in Thomas to finish the scoring for Pampa and put them ahead 15-3. Andrews battled back to keep from being run-ruled, scoring three runs on three hits. Klein made a Sports Center catch crashing into the center field fence for the second out and Pampa pitcher

and Kingcade to finish Pampa's scoring for the game. Kingcade came in to pitch the bottom of the sixth and got three up and three down with the aid of an unassisted double play by second baseman Dills when he caught a line drive off of Cook and chased down Richardson who had received a walk, for the first two outs. Forbes grounded to shortstop Hickman who threw to Ferrell at first for the final out of the game. Giving Pampa a 20-11 victory over Andrews, setting up the third game of the tournament between the two teams.

In the rubber game Pampa won the coin toss for home team for the first time against Andrews. Andrews jumped out to a 2-0 lead after two runners reached by errors and third baseman Roberts doubled both of them in. Pampa lead off hitter Barker doubled and moved to third on Hickman's sac-bunt. Barker scored on Kingcade's fielders choice to the shortstop who tried to nail him at home but was late with the throw. Craig singled and Kingcade scored on Teichmann's ground out to short to tie the game at 2-2 after one complete inning.

Ex-Tech star knows NBA eyes watching

MONTE CARLO, Monaco — The stars aren't here for the U.S. team that is training for the FIBA World Championship of Basketball.

There are no NBA players within thousands of miles — other than Hakeem Olajuwon, who is traveling in Europe on his way to Mecca — but there will be stars on the U.S. team of replacement players.

The problem is, nobody knows who they will be. But just about everybody connected with USA Basketball is banking on former Texas Tech standout Jason Sasser being one of the leaders of this team, which has been thrust into the role of underdog against the world. Sasser scored 15 points in Sunday's 95-78 exhibition victory over Spain.

Even Rudy Tomjanovich, the coach who strives to treat the 12th man the same as the No. 1 player, knows Sasser ranks as one of the toughest and most effective players on his squad.

"I was talking with (Sioux Falls Skyforce coach) Mo McHone, who has been real good in evaluating CBA players, and he told us that he (Sasser) is the kind of guy you're going to want on the floor," Tomjanovich said of the 6-7 Sasser. "Mo said he's going to find a way to will it into the basket."

"And just watching him the past week or so, that (scouting report) is right on the money. Sometimes the ball looks like it squirts out of his hands, but he gets it done. He's what you'd call a scorer without a great shot. He has a knack for getting the ball in the basket. And he's got such a tough mentality."

"He's a guy who is going to be there at the end of a game for us and the kind of guy we're going to look for to make big plays for us."

Not a bad stamp of approval for a guy who, for two years since leaving Texas Tech, has had what can only be called a near-great career.

When you are the Continental Basketball Association Rookie of the Year, follow that up by being one of that league's top five scorers the next season and mix in six weeks in Spain and three 10-day NBA contracts, it's evident you know how to play the game.

But for two years, Sasser has been an "almost" player. He has almost been able to nail down a permanent NBA job.

That's why he's perhaps the leader of this U.S. basketball pack.

He views this run for America's pride as another piece of the puzzle that his basketball career has become. Someday, he's certain, that puzzle will be pieced together and he'll have an NBA career.

"It's a great opportunity to represent the country and go over there and get a gold medal," Sasser said Thursday. "But it's also a career move for me. We're coached by two great NBA coaches and a great college coach. There's a lot of eyes on you in a situation like this."

Tomjanovich, the Lakers' Del Harris and the University of Illinois' Lon Kruger are running this U.S. team, but coaches always talk to other coaches when evaluating talent, and word of Sasser's play for the U.S. team will spread.

The Federation Internationale de Basketball Association World Championship of Basketball starts July 29 in Athens, Greece.

Sasser hopes to parlay this experience into an NBA tryout with a team that is the right fit for him because he would prefer not to have another season like the last two, not that there's anything wrong with the CBA, he said.

"The CBA is the second-best basketball in the world because guys down there are trying to get a 10-day (NBA contract)," Sasser said. "You're not trying to get a one-year (contract). You're just worrying about getting a 10-day. It's a real competitive league. You don't have the real quality 7-footers. That's about the only difference between it and the NBA."

Well, that and the paychecks. Speaking of which, Sasser said he expects to weigh his European options after the tournament to see if it makes sense to return overseas to play next season, especially because the NBA lockout could extend through the early portion of the season. He said he had a bad experience with Europe when he came out of college, and only after spending six weeks last season with Caja San Fernando in Spain did Sasser begin to accept Europe as a basketball-playing option.

"My agent and I made a decision when I was a rookie to test the waters overseas," Sasser said. "I went to Italy to see how it was, and I really wasn't ready for that move. So I went to the CBA and got Rookie of the Year. I felt like I had a great CBA season with my team and individually."

Tigers, Yankees split lengthy doubleheader

NEW YORK (AP) — After 26 innings, 770 pitches and nearly nine hours on the field, the Detroit Tigers and New York Yankees finished up all even.

In a doubleheader that lasted long enough to be a tripleheader, the teams split Monday night. The Tigers took the opener 4-3 in 17 innings before Hideki Irabu pitched the Yankees to a 4-3 win in the second game.

The final out came at 1:17 a.m., long after games at Los Angeles and San Francisco had ended. Because the Tigers were making their final trip to Yankee Stadium, the AL curfew of 1 a.m. was waived well before the first game ended.

Joe Randa's RBI single with two outs in the 17th ended the longest game for both teams since 1988. It took 5 hours, 50 minutes and was the lengthiest game in the majors this season, one more minute than Toronto and Baltimore took on June 19.

Irabu (9-3) beat the Tigers for

the third time this season. He left after Bobby Higginson's two-run homer into the upper deck in right in the eighth inning, and Mariano Rivera got his 25th save.

Derek Jeter hit an RBI single in the third off Bryce Florie (5-4) and the Yankees never trailed in the second game. Jeter went 6-for-12 for the day and rookie Homer Bush had a career-high three hits in the second game.

Tigers leadoff man Brian Hunter, however, went 0-for-13 overall. He set a major league record for most at-bats without a hit in a doubleheader, breaking the dismal mark of 12 last done by Washington's Bob Saverine in 1966.

Yankees relievers had retired 15 straight batters before Luis Gonzalez singled with one out in the 17th. Paul Bako singled with two outs and Randa singled to center.

Sager (3-1), the eighth Tigers pitcher, was the winner a day after being called back up from the minors.

McGwire hits 43rd homer

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Mark McGwire hit his major league-leading 43rd home run, tying the Cardinals' record for homers in a season, and Ray Lankford hit a grand slam as St. Louis beat San Diego 13-1 Monday night.

McGwire went 4-for-4, tying his career-high for hits, and extended his record for most homers by the end of July with a two-run shot into the second deck estimated at 458 feet. His 43 homers match the team record set by Johnny Mize in 1940.

San Diego's Greg Vaughn also homered into the second deck, a 433-shot in the second inning. It was Vaughn's 35th homer of the season and fifth in four games.

Prior to the game, only 19 homers had been hit into the second deck in 30 seasons. Lankford hit his fourth career grand slam and 16th homer of the season in a five-run ninth

inning that gave St. Louis its most lopsided victory and the Padres their worst loss of the year. San Diego had its five-game winning streak snapped.

After Mark Langston (3-3) allowed Lankford's single leading off the fifth, Brian Boehringer came on to face McGwire. He threw a 2-1 pitch right down the middle and McGwire muscled it out.

St. Louis' top three hitters went 9-for-13 with three homers, nine RBIs and seven runs scored. Royce Clayton homered, tripled and scored twice, and Lankford was 3-for-5 with five RBIs and three runs scored.

Clayton hit a solo homer in the third off Langston, and Gary Gaetti led off the eighth with a homer off Boehringer.

Cardinals starter Matt Morris allowed three hits, including Vaughn's homer.

Scoreboard

BASEBALL				National League				American League															
At A Glance				By The Associated Press				All Times EDT															
East Division				West Division				West Division															
W	L	Pct.	GB	W	L	Pct.	GB	W	L	Pct.	GB												
Atlanta	65	34	.657	—	Texas	54	44	.551	—	Los Angeles	43	54	.443										
Philadelphia	50	46	.521	13 1/2	Anaheim	53	44	.546	1/2	Chicago	43	56	.434										
New York	48	46	.511	14 1/2	Oakland	46	51	.474	7 1/2	Detroit	42	55	.433										
Montreal	39	59	.398	25 1/2	Seattle	45	54	.455	9 1/2	Milwaukee 410000 000 — 5 9 2													
Florida	37	61	.378	27 1/2	Sunday's Games				Detroit 3, Boston 1														
Central Division				Sunday's Games				Toronto 9, N.Y. Yankees 3				Chicago White Sox 8, Cleveland 1											
W	L	Pct.	GB	Oakland 5, Minnesota 2				Kansas City 4, Seattle 1				Texas 7, Tampa Bay 4											
Houston	59	39	.602	—	Monday's Games				Detroit 4, N.Y. Yankees 3, 17 innings, 1st game				N.Y. Yankees 4, Detroit 3, 2nd game										
Chicago	54	44	.551	5	Detroit 5, Chicago White Sox 4				Cleveland 5, Chicago White Sox 4				Only games scheduled										
Milwaukee	49	48	.505	9 1/2	Tuesday's Games				Boston (Martinez 12-3) at Cleveland (Gooden 3-4), 1st game, 1:05 p.m.				Boston (Wakefield 11-4) at Cleveland (Ogea 2-2), 2nd game, 7:05 p.m.										
St. Louis	46	52	.469	13	Detroit (Hentgen 9-6), 7:05 p.m.				Seattle (Moyer 6-7) at Tampa Bay (Alvarez 4-7), 7:05 p.m.				Oakland (Candotti 5-1) at Baltimore (Ericsson 10-7), 7:35 p.m.										
Pittsburgh	46	53	.465	13 1/2	Anaheim (Watson 3-5) at Minnesota (Barkins 5-9), 8:05 p.m.				Wednesday's Games				Detroit (Castillo 2-6) at N.Y. Yankees (O Hernandez 4-2), 1:05 p.m.										
Cincinnati	45	54	.455	14 1/2	Chicago White Sox (Parque 2-2) at Toronto (Clemens 11-6), 7:05 p.m.				Detroit (Castillo 2-6) at N.Y. Yankees (O Hernandez 4-2), 1:05 p.m.				Boston (Cho 0-3) at Cleveland (Nagy 7-6), 7:05 p.m.										
West Division				Monday's Major League Lineups				Chicago White Sox (Parque 2-2) at Toronto (Clemens 11-6), 7:05 p.m.				Seattle (Johnson 9-8) at Tampa Bay (Arroyo 11-6), 7:05 p.m.				Oakland (Stein 4-5) at Baltimore (Ponson 3-6), 7:35 p.m.							
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San Diego	64	35	.646	10	Philadelphia (Portugal 5-2) at Montreal (Pavano 3-3), 7:05 p.m.				Detroit 000001200 00000001—4 14 1				New York 102 000 000 00000000—3 13 1 (17 innings)				Greisinger, M.Anderson (7), Runyan (8), Brocal (8), To-Jones (10), Bochtler (11), Crow (13), Sager (16) and Casanova, Bako (5); D.Walls, R.Mendoza (7), Stanton (8), M.Rivera (9), Buddie (11), Lloyd (13), Holmes (15) and Posada, W.—Sager, 3-1, L—Holmes, 0-3.						
San Francisco	51	45	.529	10	Milwaukee (Elrod 4-8) at Florida (Sanchez 4-6), 7:05 p.m.				Cleveland 001 310 000 — 5 6 1				Chicago 003 001 000 — 4 7 2				Colon, Shuey (8), Assenmacher (8), M.Jackson (9) and Borders; Navarro, Howry (8) and Machado, W.—Colon, 10-5, L—Navarro, 8-11, Sv—M.Jackson (22), HRs—Cleveland, Thome (26). Chicago, F.Thomas (17), Belle (29).						
Colorado	41	58	.414	23	Pittsburgh (Schmidt 8-6) at N.Y. Mets (Reed 10-6), 7:40 p.m.				National League				Philadelphia 000012000 — 3 6 0				Montreal 000 000 100 — 1 5 3						
Arizona	35	63	.357	28 1/2	Chicago Cubs (Wood 5-8) at Atlanta (Maddux 13-3), 7:40 p.m.				Philadelphia 000012000 — 3 6 0				Montreal 000 000 100 — 1 5 3				Schilling and Lieberthal; C.Perez, M.Batista						
Sunday's Games				Atlanta 11, Milwaukee 6				San Diego 7, Cincinnati 6				Pittsburgh 5, Montreal 1				Philadelphia 7, N.Y. Mets 6, 10 innings				Chicago Cubs 7, Florida 6, 12 innings			
Monday's Games				St. Louis 5, Los Angeles 4				Houston 10, Colorado 5				St. Louis 10, Colorado 5				Los Angeles 2, Cincinnati 0				St. Louis 13, San Diego 1			
Tuesday's Games				San Francisco 5, Arizona 3				Philadelphia (Portugal 5-2) at Montreal (Pavano 3-3), 7:05 p.m.				Milwaukee (Elrod 4-8) at Florida (Sanchez 4-6), 7:05 p.m.				Pittsburgh (Schmidt 8-6) at N.Y. Mets (Reed 10-6), 7:40 p.m.				Chicago Cubs (Wood 5-8) at Atlanta (Maddux 13-3), 7:40 p.m.			
Wednesday's Games				St. Louis (Acovedo 5-2) at San Francisco (Rueter 10-5), 4:05 p.m.				N.Y. Mets (Pulsipher 0-0 and Nomo 3-8) at Milwaukee (Woodall 4-5 and Patrick 4-0), 2, 5:05 p.m.				Florida (Dempter 1-4) at Pittsburgh (Van Poppel 0-0), 7:05 p.m.				Atlanta (Glavin 13-4) at Philadelphia (Loewer 4-2), 7:35 p.m.				Montreal (Vazquez 3-8) at Chicago Cubs (Trachsel 9-5), 8:05 p.m.			
Thursday's Games				Cincinnati (Torino 9-6) at Los Angeles (Valdes 7-9), 10:05 p.m.				St. Louis (Mercker 5-7) at San Diego (Brown 11-3), 10:05 p.m.				Arizona (Benes 6-10) at San Francisco (Hershiser 8-7), 10:05 p.m.				Wednesday's Games				St. Louis (Acovedo 5-2) at San Francisco (Rueter 10-5), 4:05 p.m.			
Friday's Games				N.Y. Mets (Pulsipher 0-0 and Nomo 3-8) at Milwaukee (Woodall 4-5 and Patrick 4-0), 2, 5:05 p.m.				Florida (Dempter 1-4) at Pittsburgh (Van Poppel 0-0), 7:05 p.m.				Atlanta (Glavin 13-4) at Philadelphia (Loewer 4-2), 7:35 p.m.				Montreal (Vazquez 3-8) at Chicago Cubs (Trachsel 9-5), 8:05 p.m.				Cincinnati (Remlinger 6-10) at Colorado (Astacio 7-10), 9:05 p.m.			
Saturday's Games				Houston (Lima 8-5) at Los Angeles (Bohanon 2-8), 10:35 p.m.				Cincinnati (Torino 9-6) at Los Angeles (Valdes 7-9), 10:05 p.m.				St. Louis (Mercker 5-7) at San Diego (Brown 11-3), 10:05 p.m.				Arizona (Benes 6-10) at San Francisco (Hershiser 8-7), 10:05 p.m.				Wednesday's Games			
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New York	69	25	.734	—	Los Angeles	55	42	.567	—	Minnesota	44	53	.454	11	San Diego	43	54	.443	12				
Boston	56	40	.583	14	Chicago	43	56	.434	13	Detroit	42	55	.433	13	San Francisco	41	56	.423	14				
Toronto	50	50	.500	22	Philadelphia	40	59	.407	17	Cleveland	39	60	.396	17 1/2	Atlanta	37	61	.378	17 1/2				
Baltimore	49	51	.485	23 1/2	Pittsburgh	46	53	.465	13 1/2	St. Louis	46	52	.469	13	Montreal	39	59	.398	25 1/2				
Tampa Bay	36	61	.371	34 1/2	Arizona	35	63	.357	28 1/2	San Francisco	51	45	.529	10	Florida	37	61	.378	27 1/2				
Central Division				Cleveland				Minnesota				St. Louis				San Francisco							

O'Brien sensational in decathlon comeback

UNIONDALE, N.Y. (AP) — Don't mess with Dan O'Brien's all-around skills. And don't mess with Marion Jones' psyche.

O'Brien, competing in the decathlon for the first time since winning the gold medal in the 1996 Olympics, showed he's still the world's greatest athlete, winning the two-day, 10-event competition Monday night in the Goodwill Games.

Jones, motivated by trash-talking by fellow sprinters, ran away with the women's 200 meters in 21.80 seconds, the fastest time in the world this year and a Games' record. Sunday night, she won the 100 in 10.90, also a meet record.

O'Brien finished with 8,755 points, a meet record and the best score in the world this year. He was on world record pace going into the final event, the 1,500. He needed to run 4:45.92 to break his mark of 8,891 points, but after competing in hot, humid and windy conditions, he ran 5:08.77.

"I haven't done quite enough work in that event," O'Brien said. "I had the wind in the 1,500, I didn't have the legs. If I can improve on the 1,500, I can break the world

record.

"I would like to go out in style in the 2000 Olympics with the record."

Still, coming off the long injury enforced layoff, the 32-year-old O'Brien was sensational. If not for running into the wind in the 100 and tiring in the 400 Sunday, and running his usual methodical race in the 1,500 — an event he despises — his score would have been considerably higher.

"I was impressed with the way Dan has come back after two years," said Dwight Stones, the former American record-holder in the high jump who is now a television commentator. "If he can come back from this layoff, he still has a world record in his future."

"Dan O'Brien is far from dead." O'Brien trailed Chris Huffins, the U.S. champion, by 45 points after Sunday's first five events.

He then opened Monday with a decathlon career-best 13.67 in the 110 hurdles to take a 16-point lead. After Huffins regained the lead by 2 points in the next event, the discus, O'Brien took a commanding 151-point advantage by soaring 17 feet, 3/4 inches in the pole vault.

Huffins cleared 15-5.

O'Brien wound up winning by 179 points.

"It was sweet to finish," O'Brien said. "I didn't know what my fitness level was. I wasn't competition sharp."

Jones, meanwhile, has been extremely sharp.

The 200 was her 24th final this year in six events — the 100, 200, 400, 400 relay, the long jump and the indoor 60 — and her 24th victory.

She was in such command coming down the stretch that she was able to ease up. Still, she won by six meters.

"I was tired," Jones said. "I didn't consciously shut down."

Jones blasted to such a powerful start because she was irritated by the trash talking among some of the other sprinters, whom she did not name.

"It's a bit vexing," she said. "They tried to psyche me out, but it didn't work."

O'Brien and Jones led a U.S. domination of Monday night's program.

Mark Crear led a 1-2-3 American sweep in the men's 110 hurdles in 13.06, a meet record. Allen Johnson,

the Olympic gold medalist and two-time world champion, hit all 10 hurdles but still finished second in 13.10, his best of the season.

Reggie Torian was third at 13.16, 0.01 second ahead of world record-holder Colin Jackson of Britain.

Angie Vaughn, the NCAA champion from Texas, rallied over the final two hurdles to win the women's 100 hurdles in 12.72. And Tisha Waller, the U.S. indoor and outdoor women's high jump champion, won at 6-5 1/2.

Kenya's Bernard Barmasai, the world record-holder in the men's 3,000 steeplechase, won in a meet-record 8:14.26, after his teammate and former world record-holder Moses Kiptanui ruptured his right Achilles' tendon while going over the water jump.

Cuba's Ivan Pedroso, the two-time world outdoor champion and three-time world indoor champion in the men's long jump, won at 28-0 1-4, second-best mark in the world this year, and Russia's Svetlana Masterkova, the 800 and 1,500 Olympic champion, out-kicked Regina Jacobs to win the women's mile in 4:20.39, also No. 2 in the world.

NBA officials meet today to discuss lockout

NEW YORK (AP) — In the first moment of possible progress since the NBA lockout began almost three weeks ago, commissioner David Stern and union director Billy Hunter were to meet for breakfast.

The early-morning sitdown today gave both men the opportunity to discuss the prospects for resuming formal collective bargaining negotiations, which were last held June 22 — eight days before the lockout took effect.

"I'm hopeful that he will come up with something, or maybe between now and September we'll come up with something," Hunter said Monday. "But right now I want to see how rooted in their position they are. I mean, clearly they've imposed a lockout. The question now is if they are really prepared to see this thing through."

It has been more than a week since the union adjourned its annual executive council and

player rep meeting in Hawaii. In the meantime, there have been reports that eight headline owners are prepared to scuttle the entire 1998-99 season if a satisfactory agreement cannot be reached.

Deputy commissioner Russ Granik, a key player in the negotiations, is traveling with the U.S. world championship team in Europe, although he could be called back if labor talks resume.

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As extraterrestrial life moves beyond question, scientists draw up roadmap for finding it

MOUNTAIN VIEW, Calif. (AP) — where and how we should look for it. More than 100 researchers gathered at NASA Ames Research Center Monday for a three-day conference to consider those issues. The researchers plan to begin developing a five-year roadmap for study and exploration. Participants, energized by discoveries that suggest we may not be alone, acknowledge that their discussions and plans may seem odd. But they believe it is important to share their excitement with the public. "Some of the things we'll be talking about over the next 20 years will sound like science fiction to most people," said David Morrison, a NASA astronomer and co-chair of the conference. "It's our job to make it sound like reality."

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Once idyllic villages land of death

VANIMO, Papua New Guinea (AP) — The once idyllic villages that dotted the white sand coast of this tropical island are now a land of death, with crocodiles tearing at corpses and rotting bodies clogging the mangrove swamps and lagoons.

The death toll from three deadly waves that swept over Papua New Guinea's northwestern coast climbed again today. On a tour of the devastation, Prime Minister Bill Skate said at least 1,200 people had been killed and 6,000 were missing.

Four days after the tsunami roared in without warning over an 18-mile stretch of the coast, the corpses are so rotten that they fall apart when recovery teams try to pull them from the water, said Julian Yohrin, a district relief coordinator.

The dead now threaten the living: Yohrin and other rescue workers fear outbreaks of diseases spawned by decomposing bodies may kill hundreds more among the weakened survivors of the disaster.

"There's still a lot of bodies floating in the water," Yohrin said. "They are contaminating the water."

More than 700 of the dead had been identified and buried and 500 bodies were floating in the sea and the Sissano lagoon. So far, 2,527 people have been found alive, Skate said. The 6,000 missing represent two-thirds of the stricken seacoast villages.

Most of the confirmed dead and the many missing are children, victims of furious waters that nearly wiped out the next generation of local residents in the seconds it took to toss people into trees, hurl them into a lagoon or suck them back into the ocean.

"What chance would a 2-year-old or 3-year-old child have?" asked the Rev. Austen Crapp. "It wipes out everything, destroys everything, bounces people off trees, off obstacles, bowls them

into the lagoon, before it turns, rushing back out to sea." "The children may be hiding somewhere; we hope so. But the fear is that they have drowned," the priest said.

Most children were home on vacation when the waves struck, rather

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than in religious mission schools farther inland where they may have been safe. So many children died that some schools were not expected to reopen.

The waves were triggered by a magnitude-7 undersea earthquake. After smashing against the coast, the waters flooded inland more than a mile toward the foothills of the mountains.

Stuart Weinstein, a geophysicist at the Pacific Tsunami Warning Center in Honolulu, said the wave hit within six minutes of the earthquake.

"There's very little we could have done for the New Guineans," he said. "The earthquake triggered alarms here after 11 minutes."

Papua New Guinea, with a population of 4 million, occupies the eastern half of the island of New Guinea about 90 miles north of Australia, where some live a near-Stone Age existence in the jungles and swamps.

Area disaster coordinator Dickson Dalle said the villages of Aitape, Nimas, Arop, Sissano and Warapu had been demolished. Other villages

along the heavily populated coastline were badly damaged. Meanwhile, terrified, dazed survivors continued to hobble out of inland jungles and mangrove swamps. Many had serious wounds and injuries that had become infected after days in the tropical heat.

"They are walking out of the bush with broken arms, broken legs, head injuries," said Lt. Brad Slater, an Australian army officer in charge of logistics at an emergency field hospital set up here.

"People are lost, they are confused, they really don't know what has hit them," Skate said after visiting the devastation.

In a hospital tent in Vanimo, 4-year-old Blondy Ramea coughed weakly, his body twisting as he tried to eject sea water from his lungs. Bone showed through a 6-inch head wound, but his skull wasn't fractured and doctors expected him to recover.

The remoteness of the region hampered emergency officials from Australia, Papua New Guinea and New Zealand, who were coordinating a rescue operation.

The first of three Royal Australian Air Force aircraft arrived at Vanimo on Monday with emergency supplies, including the field hospital and 100 doctors, nurses and engineers.

The medics set up a tent hospital on a sports field and cared for victims sent by three overcrowded hospitals. Many survivors underwent amputations because bacteria-filled coral sand had infected wounds, causing gangrene, said Lt. Col. John Crozer, a surgeon.

New Zealand has sent two medical teams on two aircraft, and the Japanese government announced today it would dispatch an 11-member emergency medical team to help.

In Washington, State Department spokesman James P. Rubin said

Fire breaks out aboard Carnival cruise ship

MIAMI BEACH, Fla. (AP) — As the giant cruise ship Ecstasy glided out of port and headed for Mexico, passengers' thoughts turned to the four-day trip ahead: continuous buffets, umbrella drinks, perhaps dancing under tropical stars.

Their daydreams quickly clouded over with black smoke.

With the Ecstasy just two miles from shore, fire broke out Monday afternoon in a crew laundry. Soon, flames were shooting from lower portholes and many of the 2,575 passengers were on the main deck, wearing orange life vests.

"My wife opened the door and the smoke was so thick she couldn't even see," said Edmund Thomas of Buffalo, N.Y., who was on deck with his wife and three children when the fire started. "She tried to get the life jackets but she couldn't. And me and my kids were without life jackets so that's what was scary."

About 60 people were injured in the fire, most of them suffering from smoke inhalation and one with an undisclosed heart problem. At least 11 people were taken to hospitals.

"We don't know if we have anything left. We walked out in the hallway and saw the smoke. We had enough time to get dressed and we just made it," said Robert Bookstein of Washingtonville, N.Y.

The dramatic scene could be seen by condominium dwellers on their beachfront balconies and live on television. The 10-deck Carnival Cruise Lines ship, which also had more than 900 crew members, was bound for Key West and then Cozumel, Mexico.

Crews needed about three hours to extinguish the fire.

"It wasn't that noticeable at first," said Sumpter Flakes, 56, of Fort Lauderdale. "One of the other passengers said the ship was on fire and we still didn't believe it."

His brother, Robert Flakes, 62, of

Tallahassee, said: "The fire was a lot more intense and widespread than we ever imagined while we were on the boat. They tried to keep us calm."

The fire started in the crew laundry at the rear of the second deck and burned up to the fourth deck, also called the mooring deck.

"Within a minute's time the fire doors in that area of the ship totally isolated that part of the vessel," said Be... Dickinson, president of Carnival. "The ... air conditioning system was shut down so that the fire would not get any oxygen internally."

Although many of the passengers assembled calmly on the main deck at the front of the 855-foot-long ocean liner, no lifeboats were lowered into the water.

A tugboat pulled the 70,367-ton ship back to the Port of Miami, trailed by three boats spraying water on the lower levels. Crews worked on cooling down hot spots before the ship got to shore.

The ship moored at the Port of Miami early today, and passengers boarded buses for hotels. More than 800 went to the Fontainebleau Hilton Resort and Towers, which had to bring in extra workers and chefs to handle the crush.

Dickinson said the passengers would receive a full refund and a free cruise.

The U.S. Coast Guard first saw the smoke coming from the rear of the Ecstasy and radioed the ship, petty officer Jeff Murphy said. Residents in high rises in Miami Beach also telephoned the Coast Guard.

The cause of the fire was being investigated.

A fire in an electronic control room aboard Carnival's cruise ship Celebration in June 1995 left the ocean liner without main power and adrift just southeast of the Bahamian island of San Salvador. Carnival Cruise Lines dispatched Ecstasy to rescue the more than 2,500 people aboard, none of whom was injured.

'Mexican Mafia' operates from prison

By C. BRYSON HULL
Associated Press Writer

The shotgun slayings of five people in a San Antonio home last August came from a single order by the top lieutenant in Texas' largest prison-based gang, authorities say.

Nine other killings over three years also have been blamed on 16 alleged members of a notorious Texas prison gang in a federal racketeering indictment unsealed Monday.

The indictment accuses the Mexican Mafia, also known as the "Mexikanemi" or "La Eme," of routinely dealing drugs, robbing, extorting and assaulting.

The Aug. 8, 1997, quintuple murders, the worst mass murder in modern San Antonio history, apparently stemmed from an order to rob the house, given by Robert "Beaver" Perez, 40, a top lieutenant in the organization.

San Antonio police Capt. Jeff Page told the San Antonio Express-News that the gang was after drugs and a large sum of money it believed to be at the West French Place duplex.

The bodies of 49-year-old Rodolfo Vara, his 19-year-old daughter, Elbira; her fiance, Ricardo Gonzalez, 18; 19-year-old Chris Tobias and Edward Medel, 18, were discovered shot execution-style amid the Vara's ransacked duplex.

The federal indictment says 28-year-old Jesse "Chango" Gomez, Roberto De Los Santos and another suspect still at large shot all five.

De Los Santos would become a murder victim of his own gang after the slayings, the affidavit states.

Six days later, Perez allegedly ordered 24-year-old mob captain Robert "Robe" Herrera and several other unnamed suspects to kill De Los Santos for talking too freely about the crime, according to the affidavit. De Los Santos was choked, beaten and run over with a car.

Officials say the gang was born and controlled from inside Texas' prisons.

"Eventually, members sought to generate income outside the walls of the Texas prison system to help inmates with legal expenses,

commissary expenses and the financial needs of inmates' families," the affidavit states.

The largest source of revenue for the organization was a "street tax," or money extorted from drug dealers, authorities said. Sellers who refused to pay the 10 percent, also known as "the Dime," were robbed, beaten and killed by Mexican Mafia crews, records say.

Gang associates also sold heroin, cocaine and marijuana throughout the San Antonio area, according to police.

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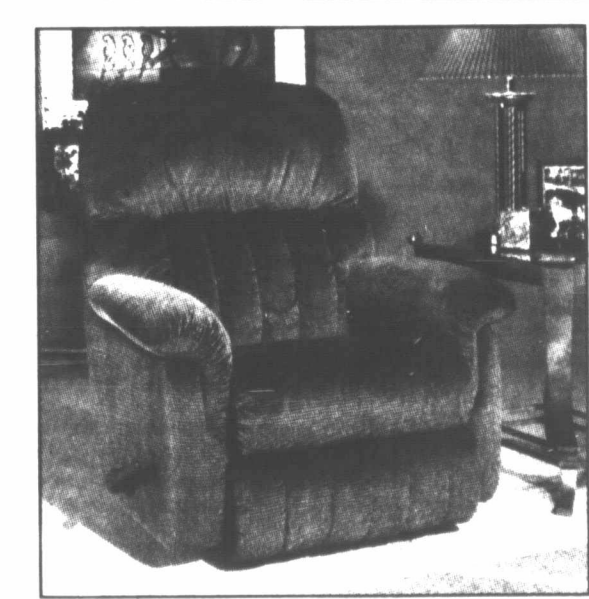
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