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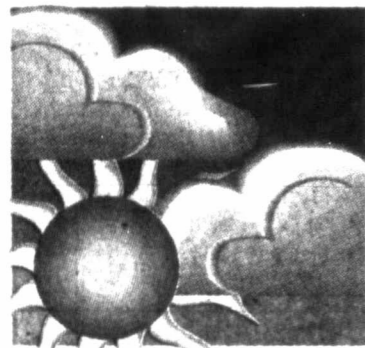
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High in the upper-90s with a 60 percent chance of thunderstorms. See page 2 for more details.

PAMPA — Gov. George Bush will be in Pampa Friday, Aug. 14, at the Chamber of Commerce building in the M.K. Brown room, 200 N. Ballard. Bush is scheduled to arrive at 2:40 p.m., and the public is invited to attend.

PAMPA — The PHS Class of 1989 will be having an organizational meeting for their 10-year class reunion next Thursday, Aug. 13, at 7 p.m.

Any classmate interested in helping with reunion plans is welcome to attend. For a time and location call 665-0626 or Dustin Miller at 665-4918.

PAMPA — Austin Elementary will have a "Meet Your Teacher" hour on Wednesday, Aug. 12, from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m.

PAMPA — The Panhandle Veterans Hall of Fame Banquet will be Friday at 7 p.m. in VFW Post Home. For more information call Mike Porter, 669-6066.

PAMPA — The Circle of Friends Party will be Saturday from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the home of Fauncine Mack, north of Pampa on highway 70 at Loop 171. The public is invited! \$25 per couple. For more information call Shannon Buck, 665-7027.

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Lefors suggests penalties for late utility payments

Paying for necessities with a limited budget was the subject of Monday's Lefors City Council Meeting.

Several citizens spoke concerning people driving over some graves at the cemetery. Mayor J.W. Franks told them that the city had acquired some landscaping logs that were going to be put up to control traffic as soon as possible. He said he thought that should control the problem.

The commission voted to approve an ordinance on the first reading that would set late payment penalties, raising the deposit on gas service to \$100 and eliminating the signing for someone else's deposit. A second reading will be required before the new ordinance can go into effect.

There was a question as to whether to pay some of city Judge Karen Reeves travel expenses. The travel was to a state mandated training session and the previous commission had agreed to pay the expenses. The question arose from a last minute change in travel due to a mistake reading the schedule. No receipt for the extra \$72 was presented and the commissioners voted to table the matter hoping that a receipt could be acquired. They then voted to pay the rest of the cost of the training and travel.

A contribution to the Green Thumb organization was brought up. The organization gives employment to senior citizens and it provides services to cities and organizations without cost. The city got a letter from the organization asking for a one time donation of \$250 which could be paid out over four quarters. Since the city uses Green Thumb personnel, the commissioners agreed to make the contribution and to make four payments of \$62.50.

Items about buying more dumpsters and providing new fire hydrants were tabled for later consideration.

Panhandle Mental Health board approves budget

The Texas Panhandle Mental Health Authority Board of Trustees met recently to approve the proposed 1999 budget of \$9,226,644 — which is \$423,800 less than the 1998 budget.

Texas Department of Mental Health Mental Retardation's (TDMHMR) \$5,720,279 funding, represents 62% of the total budget. TPMHA's administrative overhead percentage for FY 1999 is 12.5, which is 2.5% below the allowable.

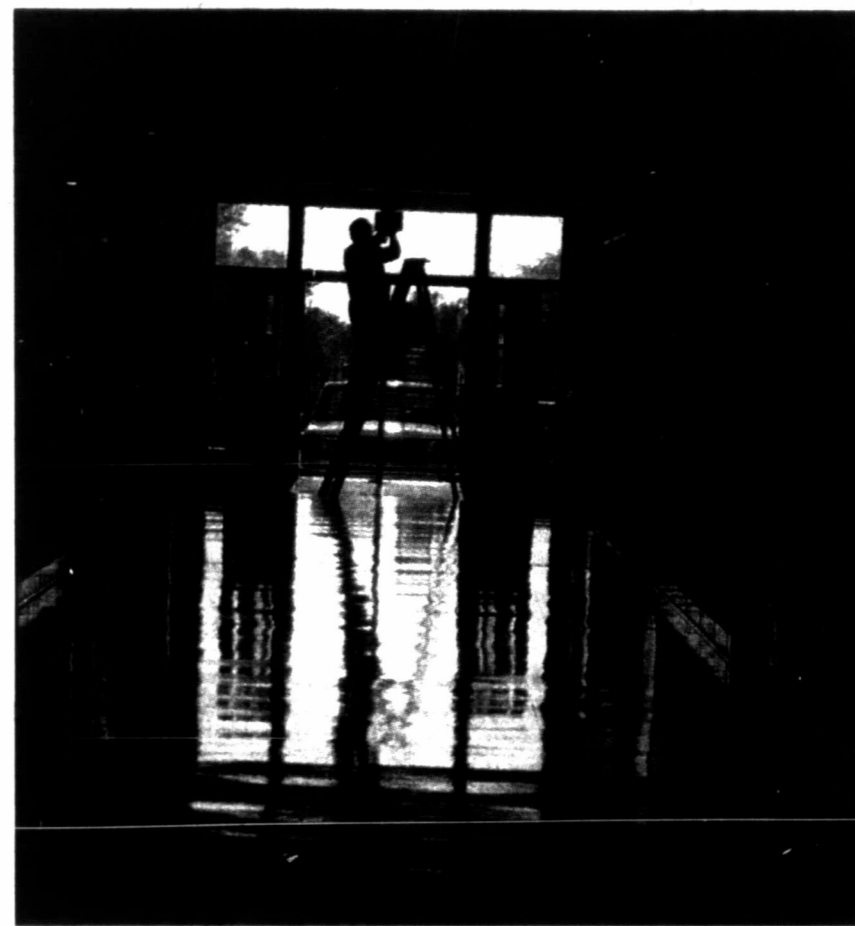
Each year TPMHA contracts with TDMHMR for approximately 60-65% of its total revenues, according to TPMHA sources. The remaining revenues are generated through

client fees, Medicare, Medicaid, grants, other service-related contracts, insurance and donations. In contracting with TDMHMR, the board of trustees agrees to specific service and administrative requirements, for example, the population to be served, core services to be provided, the method for determining salaries, as well as numerous other agreements.

Salaries and fringe benefits for 1999 total \$4,558,318. This amount represents 49% of the total 1999 budget.

The Board also approved the agency agreement between the United Way of Death Smith

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School hasn't even started yet and already Kenneth Miller (above) of the high school's maintenance staff is working on an exit sign at Pampa High School. The first day of classes for Pampa students is scheduled for Aug. 13. Betty Byers (below) works with teachers who were busy this week getting ready for students' return to the classrooms.

School days are here again...



Methodist church disagrees to same-sex marriages

IRVING, Texas (AP) — Pastors who perform same-sex marriages can be brought before church courts and charged with disobedience, the United Methodist Church's highest court ruled today.

The court announced the church rule against same-sex marriages is a law, not a guideline.

Pastors could be reprimanded or defrocked under the law, which takes effect immediately.

The council's decision affects one sentence in the Social Principles. It reads: "Ceremonies that celebrate homosexual unions shall not be conducted by our ministers and shall not be conducted in our churches."

That statement was added by the 1996 General Conference, the denomination's top policy-making body. The council decided the conference delegates "were enacting legislation that would be binding as the law of the church."

The same-sex marriage issue was the most controversial issue in the church's 25-year history with gay-rights issues. The crisis has split the 8.5 million-member denomination.

Judicial council members usually do not comment on their decisions.

Bishop Bruce Blake of Oklahoma, one of two bishops who testified at the beginning of a two-day hearing here, told The Dallas Morning News: "This is a real affirmation by the denomination. The

process worked again."

The Rev. Jimmy Creech, the Nebraska pastor at the center of the controversy, disagreed and remained defiant.

"The decision validates an institutional form of bigotry," he told The News. "I will not be bound by it."

Creech, former pastor of the 1,900-member First United Methodist Church of Omaha, performed a holy union ceremony last September for a lesbian couple

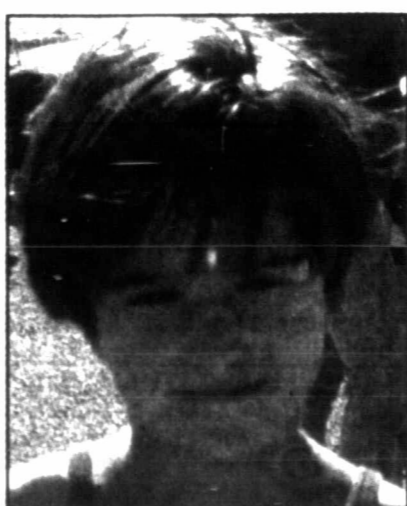
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Quite frankly... What are you going to miss most about the summer?



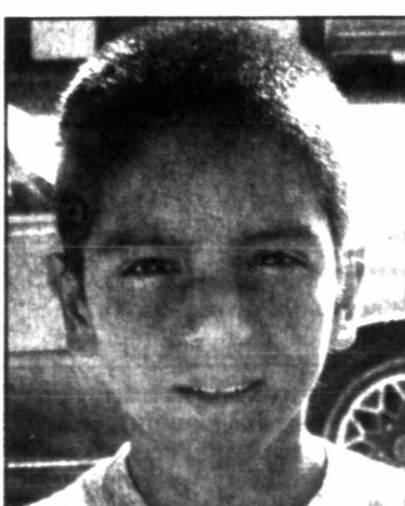
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-- Kaydrian Grays



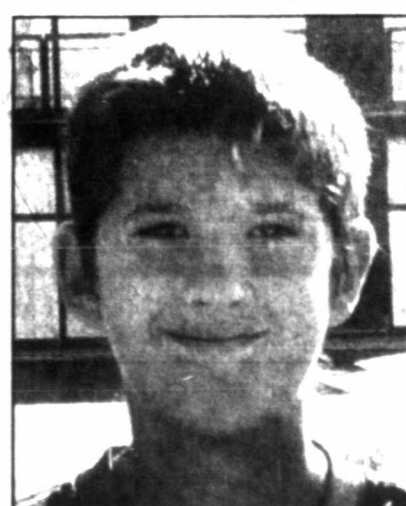
"Swimming!"

-- Alie Glasspie



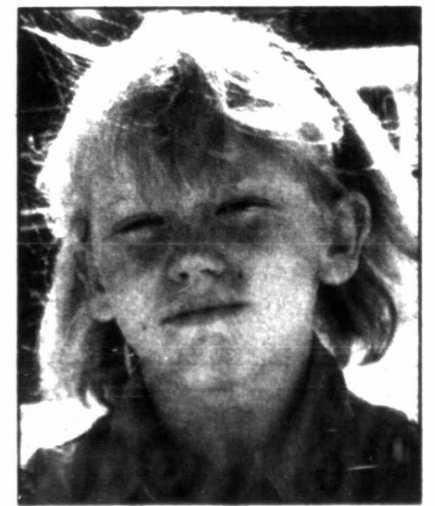
"The swimming pool."

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"Swimming."

-- Roger Johnson



Mostly everything!!!"

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McLean Summer Arts program



(Photos by Loralee Cooley)

McLean Parent Teachers Association hosted its first ever Summer Arts classes recently assisted by Pampa Fine Arts Association. Artist Danelle Comer (above, left), of McLean, conducted an art class. Students included Mitchell Steward, Trint Darcy, Chase Bohler, Jacob Eddleman, Travis Fish and Emery Crawford. Russell Dougless of Pampa (above, right) shows off a paper plate mask he made for the Drama Class taught by Roger Reyna, speech-debate coach at Pampa High School.

Lovett Memorial Library's new children's books

Lovett Memorial Library recently released a list of newly arrived children's books now available for loan at the library.

Fiction

"Eben Tyne, Powermonkey" by Patricia Beatty, "The Land of Gold" by Gillian Bradshaw, "The Magic Box" by Barbara Brenner, "The Jazz Kid" by James Lincoln Collier, "Super-Fine Valentine" by Bill Cosby, "My Life With the Wave" by Catherine Cowan and "Daughter of the Sea" by Berlie Doherty.

Girlhood Journeys

"Juliet": "A Dream Takes Flight," "Rescue at Marlehead Manor" and "Midsummer at Greenchapel"; "Kai": "A Mission for Her Village," "A Big Decision" and "The Lost Statue"; "Shannon": "A Chinatown Adventure," "Lost and Found" and "The Schoolroom Mysteries."

"Skipping School" by Jessie Hass, "Day of the Dead" by Tony Johnson, "Stomp, Stomp!" by Bob Kolar, "My Life as a Fifth-Grade Comedian" by Elizabeth Levy, "The Babies of Cockle Bay" by Angela McAllister, "Follow That Fish" and "Uh-Oh! Said the Crow" by Joanne Oppenheim, "This is the Bird" by George Shannon, "Saving Sweetness" by Diane Stanley, "Yes, Virginia, There is a Santa Claus" by Cyndy Szeker, "Molly Learns a Lesson" by Valerie Tripp, "A Safe Place" by Maxine Trottier and "Uncle Smoke Stories" by Roger Welsh.

Non-Fiction

"Crime Science" by Vivian Bowers, "Mind Me Good Now" by Lynette Comissiong, "Chico Mendes: Fight for the Forest" by Susan DeStefano, "Ben and Jerry" by Keith Elliot Greenberg, "Pioneer Crafts" by Barbara Greenwood, "Home on the Range: Cowboy Poetry," "The Right to Speak Out" by David C. King, "I Have a Dream" by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., "Eye of the Storm" by Stephen Kramer.

"What We Eat" by Sara Lynn, "Airplanes of World War II," "Bombers of World War II," "Fighter Planes of World War II" and "Training Planes of World War II" by Nancy Robinson Masters, "The Right to Vote" by Elaine Pascoe, "Internet for Kids" by Ted Pederson and Francis Moss, "Jacques Cousteau: Champion of the Sea" by Catherine Reef, "Hanna and Barbera" by Laurie Rozakis, "One on a Web" by Ginger Wadsworth, "Jack and the Beanstalk" by Rosemary Wells and "Your Personal netKids: Kids Rule the Net."

SERIES

Animal Survival

"Animal Relationships," "Animal Senses," "Animals and the Quest for Food," "How Animals Move" and "How Animals Protect Themselves."

Endangered

"Birds," "Environments," "Mammals" and "Sea Life." Exploring the Science of Nature

"Bubbles," "Color," "Energy," "Leaves," "Mud," "Rain," "Rocks" and "Sunlight."

Festivals of the World

"Brazil," "Canada," "Egypt," "England," "France," "Indonesia," "Ireland," "Italy," "Japan," "Peru," "Russia," "South Africa," "Sweden," "Thailand," "Ukraine" and "Vietnam."

Great African Americans In

"The Arts," "Film," "Government," "History," "Jazz" and "The Olympics."

How It Goes

"Boats," "Helicopters," "Motorcycles" and "Racing Cars." Play and Learn

"Growing Things," "Making Things," "Printing Things" and "Sticking Things."

Secrets of the Animal World

"Bees," "Birds," "Butterflies," "Cheetahs," "Crocodilians," "Crustaceans," "Dinosaurs," "Elephants," "Giraffes," "Moles," "Mussels," "Primates," "Salmon," "Spiders," "Sponges" and "Storks."

Young Naturalists Field Guides

"Birds, Nests, and Eggs," "Catepillars, Bugs, and Butterflies," "Seashells, Crabs, and Sea Stars," "Snakes, Salamanders, and Lizards" and "Trees, Leaves, and Bark."

Young Scientists Concepts and Projects

"Astronomy," "The Body," "Cameras," "Magnets," "Trees" and "Weather."

Rep. Thornberry touts Bell decision to manufacture V-22 Osprey in area

AMARILLO — Saying it will produce "great dividends for our area and our country's national security," U.S. Rep. Mac Thornberry praised the recent announcement by Bell Helicopter that it planned to build its V-22 Osprey tilt rotor aircraft in Amarillo.

"In terms of jobs and economic impact," Thornberry stated, "this is clearly good news for our area. But it's also good news for the country, because of the positive impact the V-22 will have on our nation's defenses. The Osprey is a revolutionary aircraft that will transform and improve upon the way our military moves troops and equipment around the globe."

"It was the only aircraft recommended for accelerated production in last year's Quadrennial Defense Review, and has been the top priority of the Marine Corps for the past several years. It's also been one of my top priorities in Congress."

Thornberry is a member of the National Security Committee, which has jurisdiction over the Nation's Armed Forces. He is also a leader in the effort to transform our military to help it meet the threats and challenges of the 21st century. In this position, he has been one of the strongest proponents of the V-22 in the House of Representatives, and has taken a leading role in making sure that the aircraft is adequately funded in the Defense Authorization bills which Congress approves annually.

Over the past three years, he has personally intervened with the Chairman of the National Security Committee to secure additional funding for the V-22 program. In part because of his efforts in 1996 and 1997, Congress rejected the Clinton Administration's budget request for the Osprey as being insufficient, and added three extra aircraft and an additional \$250 million to the program. This year, Congress appears likely to again reject the President's request as being too low.

Thornberry is a member of the Conference Committee drafting

the final version of the 1999 Defense Authorization bill, and is spearheading the effort to win additional aircraft and funding for the V-22 program. He called his work on behalf of the Osprey rewarding, not only because of what it means for the country, but

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"I am very proud that the V-22 is going to be built in the District I represent in Washington. The program will produce great dividends for our area and our country's national security."

According to Thornberry, credit for bringing the V-22 assembly plant to Amarillo belongs to the area itself — specifically, the local officials and residents who provided the incentives and support which made this possible. "The Mayor, the Economic Development Corporation, and other area officials deserve a lot of credit for bringing Bell to the table in the first place," Thornberry said.

Cal Farley Boys Ranch announces annual rodeo

BOYS RANCH, TEXAS — The rodeo clowns won't just be clowning around at the 54th Annual Cal Farley's Boys Ranch Rodeo on Sept. 6 and 7. They'll be fighting bulls! The clowns are actually bullfighters who have endured hours of training, along with the other competitors, before the competition. Each Labor Day weekend, children from Boys Ranch, Girlstown, U.S.A., and Cal Farley's Family Program compete in the event, attracting nearly 10,000 visitors each year from all over the United States. The nationally known rodeo is held at Cal Farley's Boys Ranch, located 36 miles northwest of Amarillo.

First time Bullfighter Lance Mondragon of Boys Ranch wants

people to know that bull fighting is an important part of rodeo.

"Bullfighters work as a team and make sure there are no injuries to the cowboys," Mondragon said. "Their main jobs are to put on a show, protect the cowboy and lead the bull in the right direction. To do that, you have to have heart and desire."

Mondragon's desire to become a bullfighter started when he watched fellow Boys Rancher Tyler Simpkins participate last year. Simpkins encouraged him to get involved.

Mondragon has lived at the Ranch for three and a half years and says he was scared before he started training for rodeo, but prayer helped him gain the courage he needed.

"I have Jesus there, he will protect me," he said, then added that he plans to wear his lucky charm hat for good luck as well.

Humanitarian Cal Farley founded Boys Ranch in 1939 and started the rodeo a few years later as a fun activity for the children. This year's rodeo will begin at 2:30 p.m. both days. Almost 100 children are scheduled to participate in the following events: Mutton Busters, Junior Calves, Stick Horse Barrel Race, Senior Calves, FFA Calf Scramble, Steers, Ribbon Calf Scramble, Junior Bulls, Pole Bending, Senior Bulls, Barrel Racing and Bareback Broncs. Children of all ages and from all three campuses have a chance to participate in some capacity —

some sell barbecue lunches, others sell concessions or act as guides for the guests.

Barbecue lunches will also be available at the rodeo grounds. Lunch plates are available for \$4 beginning at 11:30 a.m. Reserved bleacher seats are \$4 for adults and \$2 for children ages 6-12. General admission tickets are \$3 for adults and \$1 for children. Sponsors for this year's rodeo are Toot-n-Totem, Ron Clark Ford and Cavender's Boot City.

For ticket information and reservations, call 806-372-2341, ext. 647, or write: P.O. Box 1890, Amarillo, TX 79174.

Clarendon College schedules 'Dog Days' event

CLARENDON — Clarendon College will kick-off the fall semester Aug. 27 with the beginning of "Dog Days '98," the college's annual freshman orientation program.

All students may move into the residence halls beginning at 8 a.m. Aug. 25. According to Jaylia Bitner, coordinator of Admissions and Recruiting, freshman students are encouraged to arrive early in the day.

The second annual CC Parent's Orientation will begin at 3 p.m. Aug. 25 in the Bairfield Activity Center. All parents are encouraged to attend this informative session. Topics of discussion will include financial aid, school policies, testing information and much more. Parents will also be advised on

how to deal with emotions they may be experiencing at this time. According to Gene Denney, CC psychology instructor, parents' emotions may range from sadness and emptiness to fear and excitement.

"In the past, our Parent's Orientation has been standing room only," Denney said. "From the feedback we received, the parents were more informed about the college and what was expected from their sons and daughters. Plus, the orientation gives parents the opportunity to meet other parents and discuss this stressful time in their lives."

For returning students, priority registration will be from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. in Bairfield Activity Center.

Dog Days '98 will continue Aug. 27 with a welcome session at 9 a.m. in Harned Sisters Fine Arts Auditorium. Students will be provided mini-sessions on various subjects. Topics to be covered include time management, study skills, note taking and stress management. Freshman Orientation will continue through Aug. 28. The first day of class will be Aug. 31. Registration in Pampa begins Aug. 12 at CC Pampa Center, 900 N. Frost.

CINEMA

2nd Week - 1 Movie - Dolby

Saving Private Ryan (R)

Daily 1:30 & 7:30

Starts Tues., July 29th - 1st Run

The Parent Trap (PG)

Daily 2:00, 7:00, 9:30

Held Over - 5th Week - Stereo

Armageddon (PG-13)

Daily 1:45, 7:00 & 9:40

1st Run - Stereo

Ever After (PG-13)

Daily 2:05, 7:05, 9:25

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Police report

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

Monday, August 11

Burglary of a habitation was reported in the 1000 block of E. Francis, \$700 in goods and damage was reported.

Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 400 block of E. Frederick, a purse and contents was taken.

Tuesday, August 12

James Lee Pennington, 22, 1033 S. Faulkner, was arrested on charges of expired registration, no Texas drivers license, no proof of insurance, no drivers license of person, and failure to register vehicle in Texas.

James Elder Turlington, 27, 1324 Coffee #1, was arrested on charges of simple assault, domestic violence.

Accidents

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

Monday, August 11

A citation for hit and run was issued to Richard Harrison Leger, 17, 2131 N. Nelson, when he backed his 1992 Mirage into the 1998 Grand Prix driven by Leslie Carole Clark, 31, 1613 N. Faulkner, at McDonald's Restaurant. No injuries were reported.

A citation for failure to control speed was issued to Marlo Michelle Hendrick, 27, White Deer, when her 1994 Galant struck the 1996 Camaro driven by Mandy Dawn Baggett, 20, who was stopped to make a left hand turn from Sumner to Boyd. No injuries were reported.

A citation for failure to control speed was issued to Gary Lynn Alexander, 16, 1049 Neel, when his 1983 Le Sabre struck the 1993 Chevrolet pickup driven by Christopher Mark Keough, 36, 421 Powell, who was stopped to turn into a driveway in the 300 block of N. Hobart. A child in the pickup was treated and released.

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.

PAMPA AREA SINGLES

The Pampa Area Singles Dance is Sat., Aug. 22, at the M.K. Brown Auditorium from 7:30 to 11 p.m. Karaoke Kountry with Dee O'Kelley is the featured entertainment this month. The price is \$5 per person and everyone is being asked to bring finger foods. For more information, call 665-0219.

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, August 11

Amber Dallas Ford, 21, Amarillo, was arrested on charges of violation of probation.

Fires

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

Monday, August 11

12:38 p.m. — Two units and three personnel responded to the 800 block of N. Wells on a medical assist.

3:14 p.m. — Two units and four personnel responded to the 300 block of N. Hobart.

9:42 p.m. — Two units and three personnel responded to the 2100 block of N. Wells on a report of sparking power lines.

9:49 p.m. — Two units and three personnel responded four miles west on Highway 152 on a tank battery fire.

11:09 p.m. — Three units and three personnel responded to the 1000 block of N. Dwight on a false alarm.

Tuesday, August 12

4:47 a.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the Jordan Unit on a medical.

Ambulance

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

Monday, August 11

11:49 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1000 block of S. Barnes and transported one to Columbia Medical Center.

12:38 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 800 block of N. Wells. No one was transported.

3:15 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 300 block of N. Hobart and transported one to Columbia Medical Center.

4:10 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to a local nursing facility and transported one to Columbia Medical Center.

7:35 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the Rufe Jordan Unit and transported one to Columbia Medical Center.

Tuesday, August 12

4:11 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the Rufe Jordan Unit and transported one to Columbia Medical Center.

Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by Attebury Grain of Pampa.

Wheat	2.44
Milo	3.33
Corn	3.78
Soybeans	4.93

The following show the prices for which these securities could have traded at the time of compilation.

Occidental	22 15/16	up 3/16
Magellan	105 3/5	
Puritan	20 5/4	

The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. Stock Market quotations are furnished by Edward Jones & Co. of Pampa.

Amco	46 3/4	up 5/34
Arco	64 1/2	NC
Cabot	26	dn 3/4
Cabot O&G	15 1/8	dn 7/16

Chevron	76 1/4	up 9/16
Coca-Cola	78 7/16	up 1 1/16
Columbia/CA	24 15/16	dn 7/16
Enron	48 7/16	dn 13/16
Halliburton	29 15/16	dn 1 7/16
IRI	6	dn 11/16
KNE	49 1/4	dn 5/8
Kerr McGee	46 11/16	up 5/8
Limited	26 5/16	dn 5/8
McDonald's	61 3/4	dn 1 11/16
Mobil	64 9/16	up 7/16
New Atmos	28 15/16	dn 1 1/16
NCE	42 3/16	dn 7/16
Penney's	56 7/8	dn 5/8
Phillips	41 13/16	up 9/16
Pioneer Nat. Res.	17 5/8	dn 3/8
SLB	54 1/2	dn 1 3/4
Tenneco	34 5/16	dn 9/16
Texaco	56 13/16	up 9/16
Ultrapar	26 5/16	dn 5/16
Wal-Mart	62 1/8	dn 15/16
Williams	28 7/8	dn 15/16
New York Gold	284.70	
Silver	5.11	
West Texas Crude	13.35	

New book on Diana's death says Charles nearly fainted

NEW YORK (AP) — Prince Charles almost passed out when he first saw the dead Diana in a Paris morgue, according to a new book on the princess' death a year ago.

"Charles' head snapped back as if hit by some unseen force ... as though he actually had been stricken," writes Christopher Anderson, author of "The Day Diana Died."

The prince, who looked "as if he was about to faint," quickly recovered to comfort Diana's two sisters, who were sobbing by her body.

In the hours after her death a year ago this month, Diana's then 15-year-old son, William, tried to make sure his mother was mourned with dignity, the book says.

William wanted to know why the flag over Buckingham Palace was not flying at half-staff right after Diana died. The Union Jack flew at full-staff for several days before it was lowered.

Diana's son also wanted to know why the family had decided to stay at its retreat in Balmoral, Scotland, for days while Diana's body lay in a London morgue.

"Why are we here when mummy's in London?" he reportedly asked Charles.

The book, published this week by William Morrow, mostly chronicles the hours after Diana was fatally injured with her boyfriend, Dodi Fayed, in a Paris car accident last Aug. 31. The

accounts are based on interviews with palace sources, hospital workers and staffers at the Ritz hotel in Paris, many of them unidentified.

Diana's butler, Paul Burrell, was so shocked when he saw her that he refused to believe she was dead.

"He had to touch her skin to believe it," Anderson says.

Diana's face was not marred, but doctors' efforts to save her life left a long incision from her sternum almost to her navel, closed with sutures.

After Charles received news of the accident, the first person he called was his longtime mistress, Camilla Parker Bowles, who offered him "a sympathetic ear," according to the book. Charles then called his mother.

Queen Elizabeth at first tried to stop her son from flying to France to claim his ex-wife's body, then called the British consul in Paris to ask whether the princess had been wearing any royal jewels, Anderson says.

Consul General Keith Moss entered the room where Diana's body lay under a sheet. He reportedly said to the chief nurse: "We must find the jewelry, quickly! The queen wants to know, 'Where are the jewels?'"

Diana apparently was not wearing any British royal jewelry.

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Budget

County and TPMHA. The United Way of Deaf Smith County has been a generous supporter of the TPMHA Hereford Center for the past decade. Funds appropriated by the United Way cover expenses in the Center and assist in making available mental health services to residents of Deaf Smith County.

The mission of TPMHA is, "to respond to the diverse needs of persons with serious and persistent mental illness and substance abuse/dependence problems by

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maintaining an accessible system of services utilizing best value practices which supports individual choices and results in lives of dignity and independence."

The agency's vision is, "The system of care will be partnership of consumers, family members, service providers, and policy makers which creates options responsive to individual needs and preferences."

TPMHA's board of trustees are representatives of the 21 counties that are served by the agency. Board members are Dean Copeland, Chair, Pampa; Larry Campbell, Vice-Chair, Amarillo; Julie

Secretary/Treasurer, Amarillo; The Honorable Willis Smith, Higgins; Liz Ladd, Amarillo; Adrian Castillo, Hereford; Diane Scroggins, Borger; and Steve Cornett, Canyon.

Texas Panhandle Mental Health Authority serves the upper 21 counties of the Panhandle and has offices in Amarillo, Hereford, Pampa, Borger, Dumas, Clarendon, and Perryton.

For more information regarding services offered by the agency or a speaker on mental health issues for adults and/or children, call Gene Ann Grant, family and community education director at 806-354-2191.

Church

in defiance of his bishop and United Methodist rules.

He was acquitted six months later by a church jury that came within a single vote of convicting him of violating church law.

The acquittal prompted the regional bishops to

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appeal to the judicial council for a formal ruling.

Crech, who now lives in Ocracoke Island, N.C., and makes his living cleaning cottages, cannot be tried again.

The council members deliberated behind closed doors for two days in this Dallas suburb after listening to opening arguments Friday.

Man convicted of killing Cosby's son

By MICHAEL WHITE
Associated Press Writer

SANTA MONICA, Calif. (AP) — Mikail Markhasev, the 19-year-old convicted of killing Bill Cosby's son, was sentenced today to life in prison without possibility of parole.

Superior Court Judge David Perez rejected a motion for a new trial that alleged misconduct by prosecutors and the jury.

A jury of six men and six women convicted Markhasev in July of murdering Ennis Cosby, 27, during a robbery attempt as Cosby changed a flat tire on a dark road last year.

Markhasev also was found guilty of two special circumstances involving murder during an attempted robbery and use of a firearm. The verdict automatically mandated a life prison term with no possibility of parole.

Markhasev sat motionless during sentencing, then was led away in handcuffs.

Bill Cosby was not present, but the victim's three sisters and other relatives were in court.

Before sentencing, Ennis Cosby's uncle, Eric Hanks, gave a slide presentation which showed the victim as a child, high school student and graduating college student.

"All Ennis was trying to do was change a flat tire and along comes Mikail Markhasev to rob him, but instead decides to kill him. He put a gun within inches of his head and pulled the trigger," Hanks said.

Hanks also displayed black-and-white photographs of Markhasev grinning during the trial and another of him in his jail cell.

"He's been smiling throughout the trial," Hanks said. "When he's not smiling he's wearing a proud and defiant smirk on his face. All of this shows he's boasting of what he's done."

In a brief filed Friday by Deputy Alternate Public Defender Henry Hall, Markhasev claimed prosecutors repeatedly referred to his alleged gang affiliations despite a court order against it.

Hall's brief also said a juror indicated she had reached her decision before final arguments ended.

"Another expressed the opinion that they should 'hang' Mr. Markhasev before the exhibits were even submitted to the jury. Juror misconduct creates a presumption of prejudice," Hall wrote.

Judge Perez rejected these claims before sentencing. He added 10 additional years to Markhasev's life term for use of a firearm.

Weather focus

LOCAL FORECAST

Today's high is expected to be around 90 with an east-southeast wind 5-15 mph. Scattered showers, thunderstorms are possible. Tonight's low should be in the upper 60s with a south-southeast wind 10-15 mph and a 60 percent chance of rain. Thunderstorms are likely. Tomorrow's forecast is partly sunny. High around 90 with a 30 percent chance of thunderstorms. Monday's high was 91; the low was 67.

REGIONAL FORECAST

WEST TEXAS — Panhandle — Tonight, mostly cloudy with showers and thunderstorms likely. Low in the mid 60s. East to southeast wind 5-15 mph. Chance of rain is 70 percent.

Wednesday, becoming partly sunny with a 30 percent chance of thunderstorms. High in the mid 80s. Wednesday night, mostly cloudy with a 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Low in the mid 60s. Low Rolling Plains — Tonight, mostly cloudy with a chance of showers or thunderstorms. Lows in the 60s. Wednesday, partly cloudy with a chance of thunderstorms. Highs around 90.

Permian Basin/Upper Trans Pecos — Tonight, mostly cloudy with a chance of showers or thunderstorms. Lows in the mid to upper 60s. Wednesday, partly cloudy with a chance of thunderstorms. Highs around 90. Concho Valley/Edwards Plateau — Tonight, partly cloudy with a slight chance of

thunderstorms. Lows in the upper 60s. Wednesday, partly cloudy with a slight chance of thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 90s. Far West Texas — Tonight, partly cloudy with a slight chance of thunderstorms. Lows in the upper 60s. Wednesday, partly cloudy with a slight chance of thunderstorms. Highs around 90. EGuadalupe Mountains/Big Bend Area — Tonight, partly cloudy with a slight chance of thunderstorms. Lows from the upper 50s mountains to the mid 70s along the Rio Grande. Wednesday, partly cloudy with slight chance of thunderstorms. Highs from the lower 80s mountains to near 100 along the Rio Grande.

NORTH TEXAS — Tonight, mostly cloudy north half with a chance of thunderstorms. Partly cloudy south half with a slight chance of thunderstorms. Lows 72 to 78. Wednesday, mostly cloudy with a chance of thunderstorms. Highs 90 northeast to near 100 south central.

SOUTH TEXAS — Hill Country and South Central Texas — Tonight, mostly clear. Lows in the mid 70s. Wednesday, brief morning clouds, becoming partly cloudy with a slight chance of showers or thunderstorms. Highs near 100. Wednesday night, partly cloudy with a slight chance of showers or thunderstorms. Lows in the mid 70s, near 70 Hill Country. Southeast Texas and Upper Texas Coast — Heat advisory in effect. Tonight, mostly clear with a slight chance of showers or thunderstorms.

Lows in the 70s inland to near 80 coast. Wednesday, partly cloudy and continued hot with a chance of showers or thunderstorms. Highs near 100 inland to lower 90s coast. Wednesday night, partly cloudy with a chance of showers or thunderstorms. Lows in the mid 70s inland to near 80 coast. Coastal Bend and the Rio Grande Plains — Tonight, clear. Lows near 80 coast to the mid 70s inland. Wednesday, sunny and hot. Highs in the mid 90s coast to the upper 90s inland, near 103 Rio Grande plains. Wednesday night, clear. Lows near 80 coast to the mid 70s inland, near 80 Rio Grande plains. Deep South Texas — Tonight, partly cloudy. Lows near 80 coast to the mid 70s inland. Wednesday, partly cloudy and continued hot. Highs near 90 coast to the upper 90s inland, near 105 inland west. Wednesday night, partly cloudy. Lows near 80 coast to the mid 70s inland.

BORDER STATES

NEW MEXICO — Tuesday night, variable clouds. Scattered evening and nighttime thunderstorms, most numerous mountains and northeast. Lows in the 40s and 50s mountains with mid 50s and 60s at lower elevations. OKLAHOMA — Tonight, mostly cloudy with a chance of showers and thunderstorms mainly Red River valley. Lows in the 60s to lower 70s. Wednesday, partly cloudy. A chance of thunderstorms, mainly southern Oklahoma and western north Texas. Highs in the upper 80s to mid 90s.

City briefs

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McLean Summer Arts program



(Photos by Loralee Cooley)

McLean Parent Teachers Association hosted its first ever Summer Arts classes recently assisted by Pampa Fine Arts Association. Artist Danelle Comer (above, left), of McLean, conducted an art class. Students included Mitchell Steward, Trint Darcy, Chase Bohler, Jacob Eddleman, Travis Fish and Emery Crawford. Russell Dougless of Pampa (above, right) shows off a paper plate mask he made for the Drama Class taught by Roger Reyna, speech-debate coach at Pampa High School.

Lovett Memorial Library's new children's books

Lovett Memorial Library recently released a list of newly arrived children's books now available for loan at the library.

Fiction

"Eben Tyne, Powermonkey" by Patricia Beatty, "The Land of Gold" by Gillian Bradshaw, "The Magic Box" by Barbara Brenner, "The Jazz Kid" by James Lincoln Collier, "Super-Fine Valentine" by Bill Cosby, "My Life With the Wave" by Catherine Cowan and "Daughter of the Sea" by Berlie Doherty.

Girlhood Journeys

"Juliet": "A Dream Takes Flight," "Rescue at Marlehead Manor" and "Midsummer at Greenchapel"; "Kai": "A Mission for Her Village," "A Big Decision" and "The Lost Statue"; "Shannon": "A Chinatown Adventure," "Lost and Found" and "The Schoolroom Mysteries."

"Skipping School" by Jessie Hass, "Day of the Dead" by Tony Johnson, "Stomp, Stomp!" by Bob Kolar, "My Life as a Fifth-Grade Comedian" by Elizabeth Levy, "The Babies of Cockle Bay" by Angela McAllister, "Follow That Fish" and "Uh-Oh! Said the Crow" by Joanne Oppenheim, "This is the Bird" by George Shannon, "Saving Sweetness" by Diane Stanley, "Yes, Virginia, There is a Santa Claus" by Cyndy Szeker, "Molly Learns a Lesson" by Valerie Tripp, "A Safe Place" by Maxine Trottier and "Uncle Smoke Stories" by Roger Welsh.

Non-Fiction

"Crime Science" by Vivian Bowers, "Mind Me Good Now" by Lynette Comissiong, "Chico Mendes: Fight for the Forest" by Susan DeStefano, "Ben and Jerry" by Keith Elliot Greenberg, "Pioneer Crafts" by Barbara Greenwood, "Home on the Range: Cowboy Poetry," "The Right to Speak Out" by David C. King, "I Have a Dream" by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., "Eye of the Storm" by Stephen Kramer.

"What We Eat" by Sara Lynn, "Airplanes of World War II," "Bombers of World War II," "Fighter Planes of World War II" and "Training Planes of World War II" by Nancy Robinson Masters, "The Right to Vote" by Elaine Pascoe, "Internet for Kids" by Ted Pederson and Francis Moss, "Jacques Cousteau: Champion of the Sea" by Catherine Reef, "Hanna and Barbera" by Laurie Rozakis, "One on a Web" by Ginger Wadsworth, "Jack and the Beanstalk" by Rosemary Wells and "Your Personal NetKids: Kids Rule the Net."

SERIES

Animal Survival

"Animal Relationships," "Animal Senses," "Animals and the Quest for Food," "How Animals Move" and "How Animals Protect Themselves."

Endangered

"Birds," "Environments," "Mammals" and "Sea Life."

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Festivals of the World

"Brazil," "Canada," "Egypt," "England," "France," "Indonesia," "Ireland," "Italy," "Japan," "Peru," "Russia," "South Africa," "Sweden," "Thailand," "Ukraine" and "Vietnam."

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"The Arts," "Film," "Government," "History," "Jazz" and "The Olympics."

How It Goes

"Boats," "Helicopters," "Motorcycles" and "Racing Cars."

Play and Learn

"Growing Things," "Making Things," "Printing Things" and "Sticking Things."

Secrets of the Animal World

"Beavers," "Bees," "Birds," "Butterflies," "Cheetahs," "Crocodilians," "Crustaceans," "Dinosaurs," "Elephants," "Giraffes," "Moles," "Mussels," "Primates," "Salmon," "Spiders," "Sponges" and "Storks."

Young Naturalists Field Guides

"Birds, Nests, and Eggs," "Catepillars, Bugs, and Butterflies," "Seashells, Crabs, and Sea Stars," "Snakes, Salamanders, and Lizards" and "Trees, Leaves, and Bark."

Young Scientists Concepts and Projects

"Astronomy," "The Body," "Cameras," "Magnets," "Trees" and "Weather."

Rep. Thornberry touts Bell decision to manufacture V-22 Osprey in area

AMARILLO — Saying it will produce "great dividends for our area and our country's national security," U.S. Rep. Mac Thornberry praised the recent announcement by Bell Helicopter that it planned to build its V-22 Osprey tilt rotor aircraft in Amarillo.

"In terms of jobs and economic impact," Thornberry stated, "this is clearly good news for our area. But it's also good news for the country, because of the positive impact the V-22 will have on our nation's defenses. The Osprey is a revolutionary aircraft that will transform and improve upon the way our military moves troops and equipment around the globe."

"It was the only aircraft recommended for accelerated production in last year's Quadrennial Defense Review, and has been the top priority of the Marine Corps for the past several years. It's also been one of my top priorities in Congress."

Thornberry is a member of the National Security Committee, which has jurisdiction over the Nation's Armed Forces. He is also a leader in the effort to transform our military to help it meet the threats and challenges of the 21st century. In this position, he has been one of the strongest proponents of the V-22 in the House of Representatives, and has taken a leading role in making sure that the aircraft is adequately funded in the Defense Authorization bills which Congress approves annually.

Over the past three years, he has personally intervened with the Chairman of the National Security Committee to secure additional funding for the V-22 program. In part because of his efforts in 1996 and 1997, Congress rejected the Clinton Administration's budget request for the Osprey as being insufficient, and added three extra aircraft and an additional \$250 million to the program. This year, Congress appears likely to again reject the President's request as being too low.

Thornberry is a member of the Conference Committee drafting

the final version of the 1999 Defense Authorization bill, and is spearheading the effort to win additional aircraft and funding for the V-22 program. He called his work on behalf of the Osprey rewarding, not only because of what it means for the country, but

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"I am very proud that the V-22 is going to be built in the District I represent in Washington. The program will produce great dividends for our area and our country's national security."

According to Thornberry, credit for bringing the V-22 assembly plant to Amarillo belongs to the area itself — specifically, the local officials and residents who provided the incentives and support which made this possible. "The Mayor, the Economic Development Corporation, and other area officials deserve a lot of credit for bringing Bell to the table in the first place," Thornberry said.

Cal Farley Boys Ranch announces annual rodeo

BOYS RANCH, TEXAS — The rodeo clowns won't just be clowning around at the 54th Annual Cal Farley's Boys Ranch Rodeo on Sept. 6 and 7. They'll be fighting bulls! The clowns are actually bullfighters who have endured hours of training, along with the other competitors, before the competition. Each Labor Day weekend, children from Boys Ranch, Girlstown, U.S.A., and Cal Farley's Family Program compete in the event, attracting nearly 10,000 visitors each year from all over the United States. The nationally known rodeo is held at Cal Farley's Boys Ranch, located 36 miles northwest of Amarillo.

First time Bullfighter Lance Mondragon of Boys Ranch wants

people to know that bull fighting is an important part of rodeo.

"Bullfighters work as a team and make sure there are no injuries to the cowboys," Mondragon said. "Their main jobs are to put on a show, protect the cowboy and lead the bull in the right direction. To do that, you have to have heart and desire."

Mondragon's desire to become a bullfighter started when he watched fellow Boys Rancher Tyler Simpkins participate last year. Simpkins encouraged him to get involved.

Mondragon has lived at the Ranch for three and a half years and says he was scared before he started training for rodeo, but prayer helped him gain the courage he needed.

"I have Jesus there, he will protect me," he said, then added that he plans to wear his lucky charm hat for good luck as well.

Humanitarian Cal Farley founded Boys Ranch in 1939 and started the rodeo a few years later as a fun activity for the children. This year's rodeo will begin at 2:30 p.m. both days. Almost 100 children are scheduled to participate in the following events: Mutton Busters, Junior Calves, Stick Horse Barrel Race, Senior Calves, FFA Calf Scramble, Steers, Ribbon Calf Scramble, Junior Bulls, Pole Bending, Senior Bulls, Barrel Racing and Bareback Broncs. Children of all ages and from all three campuses have a chance to participate in some capacity —

some sell barbecue lunches, others sell concessions or act as guides for the guests.

Barbecue lunches will also be available at the rodeo grounds. Lunch plates are available for \$4 beginning at 11:30 a.m. Reserved bleacher seats are \$4 for adults and \$2 for children ages 6-12. General admission tickets are \$3 for adults and \$1 for children. Sponsors for this year's rodeo are Toot-n-Totem, Ron Clark Ford and Cavender's Boot City.

For ticket information and reservations, call 806-372-2341, ext. 647, or write: P.O. Box 1890, Amarillo, TX 79174.

Clarendon College schedules 'Dog Days' event

CLARENDON — Clarendon College will kick-off the fall semester Aug. 27 with the beginning of "Dog Days '98," the college's annual freshman orientation program.

All students may move into the residence halls beginning at 8 a.m. Aug. 25. According to Jaylia Bitner, coordinator of Admissions and Recruiting, freshman students are encouraged to arrive early in the day.

The second annual CC Parent's Orientation will begin at 3 p.m. Aug. 25 in the Bairfield Activity Center. All parents are encouraged to attend this informative session. Topics of discussion will include financial aid, school policies, testing information and much more. Parents will also be advised on

how to deal with emotions they may be experiencing at this time. According to Gene Denney, CC psychology instructor, parents' emotions may range from sadness and emptiness to fear and excitement.

"In the past, our Parent's Orientation has been standing room only," Denney said. "From the feedback we received, the parents were more informed about the college and what was expected from their sons and daughters. Plus, the orientation gives parents the opportunity to meet other parents and discuss this stressful time in their lives."

For returning students, priority registration will be from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. in Bairfield Activity Center.

CINEMA

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Saving Private Ryan (R)

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The Parent Trap (PG)

Daily 2:00, 7:00, 9:30

Held Over - 5th Week - Stereo

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Daily 1:45, 7:00 & 9:40

1st Run - Stereo

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Daily 2:05, 7:05, 9:25

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Opinion

Economic crisis tests U.S., Japan

Increasing bureaucracy and taxes causes trouble in Japanese government.

Since the end of World War II, Japan's alliance with the United States has been the cornerstone of stability, prosperity and democracy in Asia and the Pacific Rim. The U.S. and Japanese economies form the major pillars of world industry, finance, innovation and free trade.

For all these reasons, in the wake of the resignation of Prime Minister Ryutaro Hashimoto recently, Americans should be rooting for a stable government with the courage to enact needed reforms to restore a Japanese economy that has slumped for eight years.

The resignation came after Hashimoto's Liberal Democratic Party, which has ruled Japan almost continuously since democracy was restored after World War II, lost 17 seats in elections for the Upper House of parliament. It now holds only 44 of 126 seats there, although it still maintains a majority in the Lower House.

One thing voters apparently were upset about was Hashimoto's April increase of the national sales tax, to five percent from three percent, which worsened the recession.

The prime minister is chosen by the Lower House, in which a vote will be taken some time after July 26. So far, no single name has arisen as a nominee by the Liberal Democrats.

"Japan's political system makes it difficult to make decisive decisions on important issues," Soichiro Kiyama, executive director of the Japan Business Association of Southern California, said. "Even though the prime minister has power, he cannot take effective action," he said.

And even though Hashimoto "lost the election badly ... he had many good ideas," Kiyama said. "What he lacked was the determination and strong will to lead and make major decisions without going to everybody for approval."

Kiyama cited reform proposals that have been brought up repeatedly in Japan and even urged by the Clinton administration: reform of bureaucratic government systems, deregulation, tax cuts, freer trade and competition. "If at least 50 percent of this was done, things would be different," Kiyama said. "Even though execution of this plan would cause sacrifices by many people, it must go through. Without it Japan cannot have major change. Without it, Japan is losing competitiveness."

Too many people in Japan continue to believe reform can be gradual and easy "Japan is trying to do major reformation with as little friction as possible, without sacrifice," he said. "And the politicians lack the determination to do these things."

However, Kiyama is hopeful that the voters' revolt could produce needed changes. "This election, the people showed a very strong desire to change policies," he said. "What people are expecting is leadership."

Clinton administration spokesman Mike McCurry said, "It's very important to the United States that the new government, whatever its composition, move quickly to implement concrete fiscal and banking measures to achieve strong domestic demand-led growth in Japan and to restore confidence in Japan's financial system."

By "demand-led growth" he means more spending by Japanese consumers after some of their money is returned to them as tax cuts.

The U.S. government might well encourage Japan toward such reforms by leading by example: President Clinton should embrace Republican proposals to cut U.S. taxes by \$200 billion over the next five years.

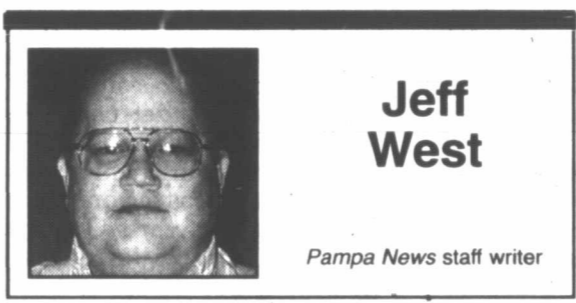
In addition to competing with one another in producing goods and services, Americans and Japanese should engage in a hearty contest to see which country can more quickly reduce the tax and bureaucracy burdens placed on businesses and citizens.

— Odessa American



Anyone else a techno-holic?

Hi, my name is Jeff and I'm a techno-holic. I love gadgets. I've owned computers before almost anyone had heard of Bill Gates. When I bought my first VCR a little guy sat inside and drew pictures of what was on the TV I have four phones, three TVs, and two clock radios even though I live by myself.



Jeff West
 Pampa News staff writer

Since I got a money pit (sometimes called a house), my stuff, like myself is getting older and falling further and further behind, but I still love gadgets.

That said, and once believing I could never find a gadget that I couldn't find a use for, I have lately been amazed at some of the items I've come across in the search for more buttons to push.

My favorite was in the auto section of a department store. It was one of those little clocks that stick to your dash. Well, the clock usually sticks for about a day, the mark on your dash is there forever. This one, however, really caught my attention with a special added feature.

It had a snooze alarm. I can't tell you how often after the alarm has gone off, as I'm driving down the high-

way, that I've wanted to hit the snooze to get that extra 10 minutes of shut-eye. The only thing that would make it better is if you could get it to switch the radio from soft rock to something louder when it's time to wake up, something like the screeching of tires.

Next, while playing on my computer, where I have four or five word processing programs, several drawing programs (still can't draw) and several games I can't play, I came across the two programs that make my computer complete.

The first is one that counts the number of days, hours, and minutes until Christmas,

and the second counts the number of days, hours, and minutes until the year 2000. In case your interested, as of Monday there were 508 days 17 hours and 56 minutes until 2000 and only 136 days 17 hours and 57 minutes of shopping 'till Christmas.

By the way, technically, for all you gloom-and-doomers who are worried about the millennium, it doesn't actually start until 2001. There was no year 0, the first year would be 1 a.d. that would mean 2000 years later would be 2001. And for those of you who think aliens are going to do something horrible/remarkable at the start of the new millennium, why would they be using the western half of earth's calendar?

One of the gadgets I have is a satellite dish. It's fabulous, you get lots of digital channels in digital sound and now the ultimate TV channel. I noticed recently that the leader in info-mercials, Guthy-Rinker, has its own channel on the satellite. Nothing but info-mercials for really expensive gadgets 24-hours-a-day. Oh, boy.

Be good to one another and be good to yourself.

Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, Aug. 11, the 223rd day of 1998. There are 142 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Aug. 11, 1965, rioting and looting broke out in the predominantly black Watts section of Los Angeles; in the week that followed, 34 people were killed and more than 1,000 injured.

On this date:

In 1860, the nation's first successful silver mill began operation near Virginia City, Nev.

In 1909, the SOS distress signal was first used by an American ship, the Arapahoe, off Cape Hatteras, N.C.

In 1934, the first federal prisoners arrived at the island prison Alcatraz in

San Francisco Bay.

In 1954, a formal peace took hold in Indochina, ending more than seven years of fighting between the French and Communist Vietnam.

In 1956, abstract artist Jackson Pollock died in an automobile accident in East Hampton, N.Y.

In 1978, the Soviet Union launched cosmonaut Andrian Nikolayev on a 94-hour flight.

In 1978, chiefs of state and foreign dignitaries arrived in Vatican City for the funeral of Pope Paul VI.

In 1984, President Reagan sparked controversy when he joked during a voice test for a paid political radio address that he had "signed legislation that will outlaw Russia forever. We begin bombing in five minutes."

In 1991, Shiite Muslim kid-

nappers in Lebanon released two Western captives: Edward Tracy, an American held nearly five years, and Jerome Leyraud, a Frenchman abducted by a rival group three days earlier.

Ten years ago: The U.S. Senate confirmed Dick Thornburgh to succeed Edwin Meese III as attorney general, by a vote of 85-0.

Five years ago: President Clinton named Army Gen. John Shalikashvili to be the new chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, succeeding the retiring Gen. Colin Powell.

One year ago: President Clinton made the first use of the historic line-item veto approved by Congress, rejecting three items in spending and tax bills.

Today's Birthdays:

Actress Jean Parker is 86. Former TV talk show host Mike Douglas is 73. Newspaper columnist Carl Rowan is 73. Actress Arlene Dahl is 70. Rev. Jerry Falwell is 65. Actress Anna Massey is 61. Country singer John Conlee is 52. Singer Eric Carmen is 49. Wrestler-actor Hulk Hogan is 45. Rock guitarist Charlie Sexton is 30. Rhythm-and-blues musician Chris Dave (Mint Condition) is 30. Actor Will Friedle ("Boy Meets World") is 22. Rapper Chris Kelly (Kris Kross) is 20.

Thought for Today: "Freedom of speech and freedom of action are meaningless without freedom to think. And there is no freedom of thought without doubt." — Bergen Baldwin Evans, American author (1904-1978).

Military cuts jeopardizing security

The news media doesn't cover the news much anymore unless it's about some victim group whining or entertainment or sex. Therefore, you are probably not aware of how much the American military forces have been cut since the artful dodger became president in 1992.



Charley Reese
 Syndicated columnist

Here are the cuts: 709,000 regular service soldiers; 293,000 reserve troops; eight standing Army divisions; 20 Air Force and Navy air wings with 2,000 combat aircraft; 232 strategic bombers; 13 strategic ballistic missile submarines with 3,114 nuclear warheads on 232 missiles; 500 ICBMS; four aircraft carriers; and 121 surface combat ships and submarines.

Plus, of course, many bases and other logistical assets. All of that is gone with the wind. Now, you may approve of these cuts. You may be saying, Well, old Ronnie Reagan won the Cold War so we don't need all that stuff. You may have even been convinced that we have this superlethal, technologically advanced force that hardly needs warm bodies to operate.

Well, let me share with you some information from a friend on active duty who had access to the official study. What do you think the projected casualties are for the first three days of a war in Korea? The answer is — and this is the Pentagon's number, not mine — 70,000 per day. Doesn't sound like a Gulf War,

does it? Nope, it doesn't, and neither Korea nor North Koreans resemble the Iraqis and the treeless desert of Kuwait.

But the Korean peninsula is only one potential war. There's always the possibility of a clash with China. And also Russia. Last time I checked the Russians had about 11,000 nuclear warheads that we knew about, but not a stable government. Boris Yeltsin's government is a lot more unstable than the nuclear arsenal. The new International Monetary Fund bailout will, as all their bailouts do, help Western banks but make the situation of the Russian people even worse. And it's real bad already. If Yeltsin goes, who knows who and what kind of government will replace him.

I'll tell you something about Southerners. Every Southerner knows spiritually and perhaps genetically what it's like to lose a war and to be under the heel of a conqueror. That's why Southerners as a whole are adamant that this country have so strong a defense force that no one will be tempted to take us on.

The president, scalawag and antimilitary as he is, is not really responsible for these cuts. Oh, he wanted them, but Congress didn't have to go along with him. The Constitution places the responsibility for military preparedness squarely on the shoulders of Congress. The president is commander in chief of whatever forces exist, but it is the duty of Congress to provide and to equip those forces. There is not much point in Congress being a separate branch of government if it just plays lap dog to the president.

So you can blame Congress and your Republican majority for these cuts, which I believe are well past excessive given the unstable situation of the world. What's bloated and should have been cut is the welfare state part of the budget. You can cut domestic spending without endangering lives and national existence. You better be darned sure what you are doing when you cut the defense forces.

Forces, of course, should match the mission requirements. To show you how incompetent and amateurish the Clinton crowd is, it has cut the forces while at the same time it has expanded the missions and gotten us more heavily involved in more places which have the potential to create war.

To put it mildly, respectfully and politely, that's stupid.

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Several suspects detained in Embassy bombings; rescuers continue to search

NAIROBI, Kenya (AP) — Investigators began to piece together evidence from last week's U.S. Embassy bombings today, with a heroic Kenyan guard's eyewitness account providing possibly important information.

All together, the twin bombings in Kenya and Tanzania claimed more than 213 lives and injured nearly 5,000. Another 11 bodies were pulled from the rubble in Nairobi overnight, Red Cross spokeswoman Nina Galbe said.

The East African Standard said today that guard Joash Okindo and his colleagues, armed only with short wooden clubs, confronted five men, barring them from the main entrance to the embassy and forcing them to drive to the rear parking lot.

The attackers then jumped from the truck and opened fire with automatic rifles. At least one Marine returned fire and one of the attackers threw a hand grenade. Moments later, the truck exploded, Okindo told the Kenya Television Network Monday.

"We saved people's lives by sending it to the rear entrance," Okindo was quoted by the Standard as saying. "If we hadn't done that, I don't think I would be alive and talking to you now."

The Standard said it talked to Okindo before he was taken out of the country on a U.S. medical evacuation flight to Germany for treatment of serious wounds.

"He resisted heroically," U.S. State Department spokesman James Foley said in Washington.

In Tanzania, a dozen people, including Sudanese and Iraqis, were detained. But U.S. officials downplayed the importance of the roundup.

Federal law enforcement officials in Washington said investigators believe the Tanzania bomb was attached to a water truck that serves the embassy and was triggered remotely, apparently without the driver's knowledge.

Israel army radio also signaled a possible break in the case. In a report from Nairobi, it said investigators suspect the bombers used the sophisticated plastic explosive Semtex.

The FBI says finding out what kind of explosives were used and how would be critical to the investigation.

So would an informant, and Secretary of State Madeleine Albright on Monday offered a \$2 million reward for information leading to the capture of the "cowards that committed this act."

'Ryan' becomes first big hit for DreamWorks, flick now topping \$100 million

LOS ANGELES (AP) — "Saving Private Ryan" established itself as DreamWorks' first breakthrough hit on the same weekend that it became the eighth summer movie to pass the \$100 million mark.

Directed by DreamWorks partner Steven Spielberg, the realistic World War II movie collected \$17.4 million to lead the weekend box office. It has grossed \$103.8 million in North America since its release three weeks ago, according to figures released Monday.

Two new releases also did healthy business. "Snake Eyes," starring Nicolas Cage, brought in \$16.3 million, just ahead of "Halloween: H20," the 20th anniversary tribute to the slasher classic "Halloween" with Jamie Lee Curtis back in the lead role.

"There's Something About Mary" was emerging as the sleeper hit of the summer, collecting another \$9.6 million for a total of \$76.6 million. The low-budget comedy starring Ben Stiller and Cameron Diaz has lost little audience since its debut four weeks ago and eventually may top \$100 million domestically.

The top 20 movies at North American theaters Friday through Sunday, followed by studio, gross, number of theater locations, average receipts per location, total gross and number of weeks in release, as compiled by ACNielsen EDI Inc. and Exhibitor Relations Co. Inc.:

1. "Saving Private Ryan," DreamWorks, \$17.4 million, 2,592 locations, \$6,712 average, \$103.8 million, three weeks.
2. "Snake Eyes," Paramount, \$16.3 million, 2,713 locations, \$6,012 average, \$16.3 million, one week.
3. "Halloween: H20," Miramax, \$16.2 million, 2,607 locations, \$6,209 average, \$24.8 million, one week.
4. "There's Something About Mary," 20th Century Fox, \$9.6 million, 2,084 locations, \$4,619 average, \$76.6 million, four weeks.
5. "The Parent Trap," Disney, \$8.1 million, 2,402 locations, \$3,383 average, \$32.4 million, two weeks.

6. "Ever After," 20th Century Fox, \$7.7 million, 2,067 locations, \$3,723 average, \$22.5 million, two weeks.
7. "The Negotiator," Warner Bros., \$6.5 million, 2,436 locations, \$2,670 average, \$25 million, two weeks.
8. "The Mask of Zorro," Sony, \$5.5 million, 2,436 locations, \$2,261 average, \$71.6 million, four weeks.
9. "Armageddon," Disney, \$5.3 million, 2,123 locations, \$2,505 average, \$172.8 million, six weeks.
10. "Lethal Weapon 4," Warner Bros., \$4.7 million, 2,329 locations, \$2,035 average, \$116.2 million, five weeks.
11. "Dr. Dolittle," 20th Century Fox, \$3.1 million, 1,821 locations, \$1,677 average, \$131.6 million, seven weeks.
12. "Small Soldiers," DreamWorks, \$1.6 million, 1,249 locations, \$1,242 average, \$49.4 million, five weeks.
13. "Mafia!" Disney, \$1.4 million, 1,374 locations, \$1,012 average, \$17.2 million, three weeks.
14. "Mulan," Disney, \$1.04 million, 915 locations, \$1,137 average, \$113.6 million, eight weeks.
15. "BASEketball," Universal, \$1.02 million, 1,910 locations, \$535 average, \$5.7 million, two weeks.
16. "Everest," MacGillivray, \$991,611, 63 locations, \$15,740 average, \$34.1 million, 23 weeks.
17. "Titanic," Paramount, \$965,212, 681 locations, \$1,417 average, \$597.3 million, 34 weeks.
18. "Disturbing Behavior," MGM/UA, \$872,469, 1,217 locations, \$717 average, \$15.7 million, three weeks.
19. "Madeline," Sony, \$677,685, 800 locations, \$847 average, \$26.1 million, five weeks.
20. "Deep Impact," Paramount, \$583,063, 634 locations, \$920 average, \$139 million, 14 weeks.

Wall Street finds glitches in its year 2000 preparedness

NEW YORK (AP) — A test simulating trading on Wall Street around the start of the millennium showed that some firms with the best resources to overcome year 2000 computer problems couldn't handle the transactions smoothly.

About 1 percent of the trades by 28 of the richest securities firms were stymied by year 2000 changes in a recent test. That suggests the problem could be greater at smaller firms that don't have as much money.

"As you go down to smaller companies that spend less and started later the possible risk of failure is higher," Lou Marcoccio, year 2000 research director at the Gartner Group in Westboro, Mass., said Monday.

The firms that participated in the test handle about half of Wall Street's daily trading volume.

Securities industry officials said Monday the firms passed "with flying colors" and are well

ahead of the game. But they said they won't become too complacent as the industry prepares for a broader test in March.

The millennium bug could cause computers that are set to read only the last two digits of the year to malfunction or fail when the calendar changes to 2000. Those that aren't fixed may not be able to sort dates, calculate transactions and perform other operations.

In the preliminary test, 28 securities firms, 12 exchanges and processing agencies handled mock trades over two weekends in late July to determine how Wall Street's vast computerized trading systems will handle the transition. The test was a dress rehearsal for an industry-wide simulation in March 1999.

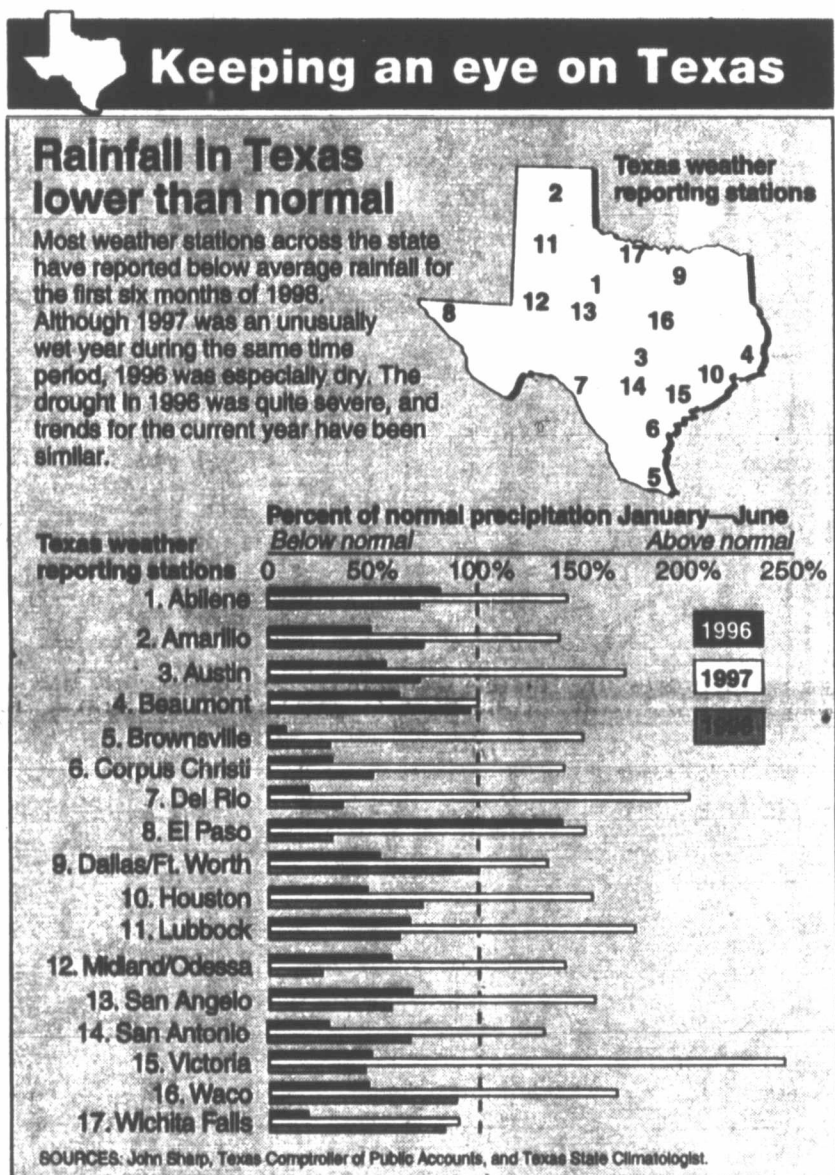
The firms were each asked to execute mock trades as if it were Dec. 30 and 31, 1999, and Jan. 3 and 4, 2000. Each firm executed about

500 trades a day over the four testing days.

The stock exchanges and securities processing firms passed the simulated arrival of the millennium on Wall Street without a glitch — handling the trades without any 2000 computer problems. But the road wasn't as smooth for the trading firms.

The firms failed to complete about 1 percent of the transactions because of 2000-related problems. And some of them, according to some industry officials, did their own dress rehearsals of the trades internally prior to the testing — giving them an advance opportunity to fix any glitches.

Officials from the Securities Industry Association said at the end of the test only about two or three of the 28 firms had trades that couldn't be completed because of year 2000 problems. But they couldn't say how many firms experienced millennium bug problems that were corrected during the test.



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Daughter Fears Hurting One Dad While Looking for Another

DEAR ABBY: My mother had me when she was only 16. By the time I was 3, I also had a 2-year-old brother. My mom and dad split up and Mom let Dad take us to raise. Dad was only 24 and trying to raise two children on his own. My mom was very promiscuous. She had a total of four children — none with the same father. She dumped the others on the fathers or the fathers' families.



Abigail Van Buren

SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

My dad couldn't handle raising my younger brother and me, so I was sent to live with my maternal grandparents. For some reason, my grandparents didn't want my brother and me, so a family that Dad knew adopted my brother. When I was 7, my mother's sister got married, and then I was sent to live with her and her husband. My mother knew where I lived, but I only saw her occasionally — once every couple of years.

My father was always a part of my life, though. I spent almost every weekend with him. It wasn't until I turned 17 that I found out that my dad wasn't my biological father. He had met my mom while she was pregnant, and because my biological father wanted nothing to do with my mom or me, my "dad" married her and gave me his last name and a lifetime of devotion.

I almost lost my dad last year because of a cerebral aneurysm. I love him with all my heart. However, I am also curious to know who my biological father is.

Should I ask my dad if he knows who my biological father is? Or do

you think it would hurt his feelings too much? If you think I should ask him, how should I go about it? Anyone can father a child, but it takes a very special person to be a daddy. In my heart, my dad will always be my daddy — now and forever.

CONFUSED IN EGG HARBOR TOWNSHIP, N.J.

DEAR CONFUSED: Tell your dad exactly what you have told me. With a parent as understanding and as loving as he must be, I'm certain he will realize that your curiosity is natural. There are legitimate reasons for knowing about your biological father. It could be helpful to you and eventually your children to know his medical history and that of his family.

DEAR ABBY: In response to "Mom in Denver," whose mother did a poor job of raising her and who's afraid of making the same mistakes:

I am 22 years old and consider my mom to be one of my best friends. She, too, was raised poorly. She was abused physically and verbally. She moved out when she was 18, and at one point worked three jobs to support herself.

When she had children, she knew she didn't want to make the same mistakes her parents had made, and for her, that was enough. She is the best mom in the world.

She's supportive and understanding. I know that she is there for me no matter what. I go to her for advice, friendship and love — and I'm there for her, too, if she needs anything. I'd be lost without her.

Please assure "Mom in Denver" that by learning from her parents' mistakes and by being there for her children, she'll be one of those great mothers, too.
 JULIE SAMMONS, MILWAUKEE

DEAR JULIE: Bless you for assuring "Mom in Denver" by your own experience that it's possible to break the destructive cycle of abuse. You are fortunate to have had a very special mother, and I'm certain she is proud to have a daughter who holds her in such high esteem.

To receive a collection of Abby's most memorable — and most frequently requested — poems and essays, send a business-sized, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for \$3.95 (\$4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby's "Keepers," P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61064-0447. (Postage is included.)

Horoscope

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 12, 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) ***** You are personality-plus. Information and ideas come forth, allowing even more opportunities. Let energy drive you. Curb a tendency to be impatient or abrupt. Use your diplomatic skills, and don't give into impulse. Tonight: Work through tension by playing.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ***** Take a deep breath, and think twice before you leap. You are on overload, with too many ideas crossing your mind. Stop letting your imagination rent space in your head; go for action. Build security by taking steps for the future. Tonight: Avoid a difficult person.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ***** Aim for what you want. Conversations are deep and bring new insights. Make calls, to reach out for others and start triggering action. But avoid careless spending. A financial error could be costly. Listen carefully to feedback. Tonight: Chitchat, flirt and visit.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ***** Lighten up about what is going on. You easily misread someone who is in charge. Bite the bullet, and stay in control. Take charge of

your finances; negotiate the kind of business deals you want. You could become quite the investigator. Tonight: In the limelight.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ***** You provide tremendous input for someone. Check out gossip with a great deal of cynicism. Your perspective and support mean a lot. Take risks, and voice different ideas. Plan a trip. Express frustration; don't internalize. Tonight: To the movies.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ***** Your intuition serves you with others, especially close associates. You can get to the bottom of problems and move past immediate obstacles. Build what you want, but analyze if a goal is truly worth it. As you change, your goals change as well. Tonight: Make love, not war.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ***** Pressure results from dealing with an authority figure. Clearly, you are frazzled and have enough on your plate. Regroup, considering what you want. A friend comes through for you in a big way. Also, a partner backs you in an unexpected manner. Tonight: Be easygoing.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ***** Work dominates actions and thoughts. Take care of your health, and make a doctor's appointment. Review recent changes. Touch base with a friend or an adviser. Additional news enlightens you. Remember, there's more than one way to reach your goal. Tonight: Get that much-needed massage.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ***** Let out your magnetic ideas.

Others want that feedback. A new person in your life is quite taken by your mental prowess. Someone helps you tune in to your higher self. Use care in an established partnership. Tempers could rage. Tonight: Express a need to take risks.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ***** Pressure intensifies. An associate blows his fuse as he attempts to make a decision. He might be tired of waiting on you. Trying to juggle won't work. One-to-one relating remains your strong suit. You manage to convince someone that your way is the right way. Tonight: A cozy night at home.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ***** You won't be accused of being lazy, but you could be perceived as scattered. Be determined, and let others express their ideas, but know that you will make the final call. Take action about a long-overdue diet. Others enjoy your spunky personality. Tonight: Strut your stuff.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ***** Become a financial wizard, and handle a changing money picture. Beef up your workload, and get organized as you eye greater security. Question a loved one who causes an uproar. Share ideas with people in the same field. Tonight: Restructure your budget.

BORN TODAY
 Actor George Hamilton (1939), singer Buck Owens (1929), actress Jane Wyatt (1912)

Crossword Puzzle

by THOMAS JOSEPH

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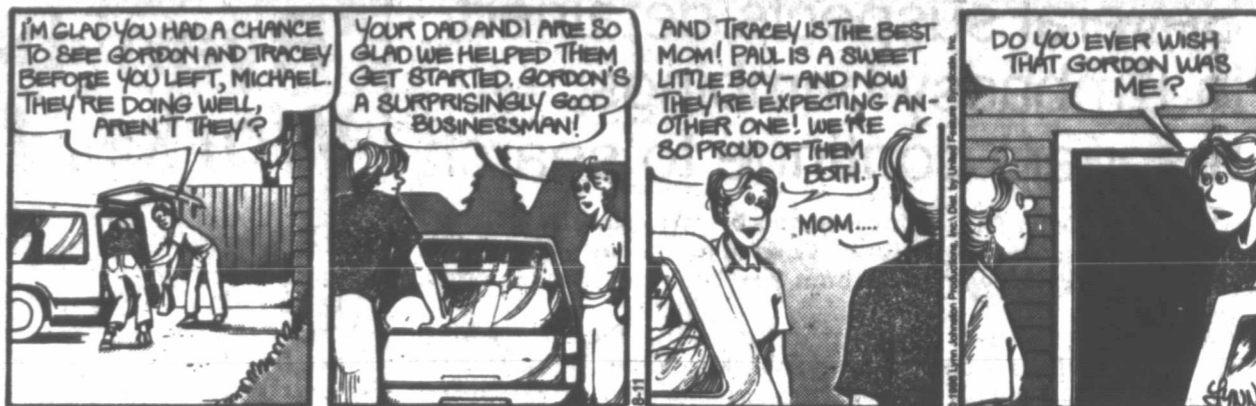
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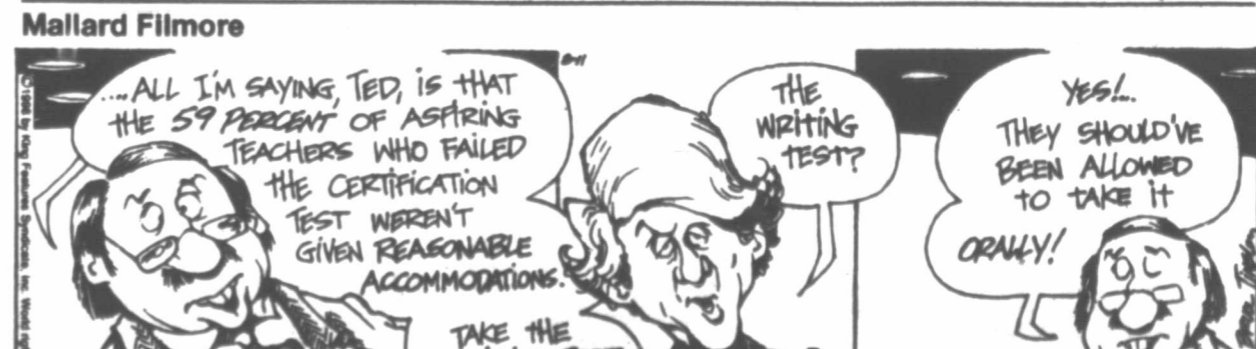
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SPORTS

Berry's homer powers Astros past Brewers

Notebook

GOLF

PAMPA — The Pamcel Ladies Golf Association held its Club Championship Tournament Aug. 8-9 at the Celanese Golf Course.

In the championship flight, Regina Scroggins and Sharon Crosier tied for first with each shooting a two-day total of 170 gross. Scroggins won the championship in a sudden-death playoff on the first hole.

First low net went to Crosier with a 140.

Results are as follows:

First flight: Debbie Stroud, low gross 193; Vera Williams, low net 142.

Second flight: Barbara Turner, low gross 221; Brenda Stroud, low net 165.

Prizes for the longest putt each day were won by Debbie Stroud and Sharon Crosier.

Closest to the pin prizes went to Billie Weatherly and Debbie Stroud.

PAMPA — Pampa Lions Club held a Day-Night Scramble last weekend at Hidden Hills.

Results are as follows:

First flight: Rusty Tapp, Harley Knutson, Gregor Reeves and Doug Carmichael, 59.

Second flight: Brian Rose, Greg Costilow, Scott Ross and Jordan Fruge, 60.

Third flight: Doug Youree, Neil Hoelting, Terry Garner and Kenny Gerber, 60.

FOOTBALL

WICHITA FALLS, Texas (AP) — Dallas Cowboys offensive lineman Everett McIver returned to the practice field Monday for the first time since suffering a neck wound in a dormitory incident.

McIver, who reportedly received a six-figure payoff from Michael Irvin to remain quiet about how he was injured, had not participated in team drills since the July 29 episode.

"We're going to see how well he does today, and then try to get him in the one-on-one play" prior to Tuesday's scrimmage against the New Orleans Saints in Shreveport, La., coach Chan Gailey said.

The rookie coach, who has only said that McIver was hurt during "horseplay" in the dorm, said the team is trying to keep the saga from becoming a distraction.

"I think if you think things are going to go completely smooth all the time you're living a little bit in a dream world," Gailey said. "There are going to be problems. There are going to be ups and downs. How you deal with it is the key. You deal with it. You go on to the next one. You work together as a team."

Cowboys-Saints-Fans

SHREVEPORT, La. (AP) — Ricky King walks to the counter and asks for a couple of tickets. He is shown some seat locations and decides on just the right seat.

He pays, and gets two tickets to the first National Football League event to come to Shreveport in nearly three decades — a scrimmage between the Dallas Cowboys and the New Orleans Saints.

"My son is a Cowboys fan," King said. "He's never really gotten a chance to see them. He hasn't been able to see them live and in-person. He really had his heart set on going."

So tonight, King and 9-year-old Ricky Jr. will be in the Independence Stadium stands watching their favorite team play.

King will be joined by more than 25,000 fans who already have bought tickets to the scrimmage. Promoters are expecting a crowd of at least 30,000.

HOUSTON (AP) — Sean Berry is up to his late-inning antics again.

Berry hit a tiebreaking three-run homer in the eighth inning Monday night to send the Houston Astros to a 5-2 victory over the Milwaukee Brewers.

It was the fourth time this season Berry has had a game-winning hit in a last at-bat situation, three of them home runs.

"Maybe I'm getting back to the old days," said Berry, who went 3-for-4. "It's nice to be swinging the bat well again and it's great when you're doing that and winning."

Berry had 95 RBIs in 1996 but was bothered by an assortment of injuries last season and managed only 43. Then he suffered a prolonged slump in the middle of this year.

But he is 10-for-16 in his current five-game hitting streak to raise his average to .313, and his three-run shot gave him 35 RBIs this season.

"I'm just on a good streak now," Berry said. "In this game, you have great streaks and bad streaks. When things are going bad, you try to figure out why and when they're going good, you just hope to keep doing the same thing."

Moises Alou hit a two-run homer and was in on a stellar defensive play by the Astros.

Houston manager Larry Dierker, who primarily uses Berry against left-handers, decided to keep him in against the right-handed Chad Fox (0-3).

"Berry's had some really dramatic home runs this year," Dierker said. "I can think of three of them at least. He was in a slump in May and June when he was lunging at the ball. But now he's really hitting well."

Houston has now won 19 games in its last at-bat with Berry a key figure in many. He homered against Montreal on April 18 and

San Diego May 23, and his RBI single against the Mets on April 28 have given the Astros last at-bat wins.

"I can play against righties," he said. "I wasn't really looking for a slider, but that's what he gave me and I adjusted. I started running hard at first because I didn't think I had gotten all of it. But I did."

Fox gave up three runs and four hits in two innings of relief, but made no excuses.

"What can you say?" he said. "I tip my hat to (Berry). We lost the game. ... The slider I threw Berry wasn't a bad pitch but it wasn't right where I wanted it. It was more down instead of across and he is hot right now. You have to give him a lot of credit. He did his job."

Billy Wagner pitched a perfect ninth for his 23rd save and first since being struck in the head by a vicious line drive and suffering a

concussion on July 15 at Arizona.

Scott Elarton (1-0) pitched a hitless eighth for his first major league victory.

In the sixth inning, Alou hit a 2-2 pitch over the left-field fence after Bagwell had doubled.

The Brewers tied it in the seventh when pinch-hitter Brian Banks hit his first homer this season, a two-run shot.

Mike Hampton, 1-3 in eight starts since coming off the disabled list, failed to get his 10th victory. He went seven innings, allowing two runs and nine hits.

In his first start with the Brewers, Bill Pulsipher went six innings, allowing two runs and six hits with five walks.

Though he didn't figure in the decision, Pulsipher was involved in a critical defensive play in the fifth.

With men on first and second, Astros shortstop Ricky Gutierrez

hit a sharp grounder down the right-field line that first baseman John Jaha had to dive into foul territory to catch. Jaha fired a low throw to Pulsipher, who scooped it and tumbled over the base for a close out to end the inning.

The Astros came up with an equally big defensive play in the sixth when Mark Loretta tried to score from first on a double to left. Alou threw to Gutierrez, who relayed it to catcher Brad Ausmus. Notes: Hampton's double in the third inning was his fourth of the season, tops among Astros pitchers. ... Houston's 72-46 record is its best ever through 118 games. ... Milwaukee outfielder Marc Newfield left the game in the fifth inning with a bruised left shin. He is day-to-day. ... After too many runners were precariously waved home recently, the Brewers switched coaches on the bases for the first time Monday.

Pampa tennis team plans Green-Gold Match for Saturday

PAMPA — The Pampa High School tennis team has just completed two-a-day practices and has scheduled a Green-Gold Match for Saturday.

"Our team has really returned in good physical condition and I have been really pleased with our work ethic and effort," said Pampa coach Carolyn Quarles. "Our team leadership and chemistry has been outstanding."

On Saturday, the team will be divided evenly for the Green-Gold Match and the public is invited to attend. The junior varsity match begins at 9 a.m. while the varsity follows at 1 p.m.

MASON, Ohio (AP) — Ninth-seeded Alex Corretja needed three sets and more than 2 1/2 hours to beat Alex O'Brien 6-3, 6-7 (3-7), 7-6 (9-7) in the first round of the ATP Championship. It was Corretja's first hardcourt match since March — and his first match of any kind after a three-week vacation.

In other matches involving seeded players, No. 12 Albert Costa beat Sebastian Grosjean 1-6, 6-4, 6-1; No. 16 Cedric Pioline beat Ramone Delgado 7-6, 6-3; Jeff Tarango defeated 13th-seeded Alberto Berasategui 7-5, 6-2.

Also, Vince Spadea beat Justin Gimelstob 3-6, 7-6 (10-8), 6-2; Tommy Haas beat Jim Courier 7-6 (7-3), 7-6 (7-5); Magnus Larsson beat Gianluca Pozzi 6-4, 7-5; and Thomas

Tennis

Johansson beat Wayne Black 7-6 (7-3), 7-5. Others advancing were Jan Siemerink, Todd Martin, Jan-Michael Gambill, Guillaume Raoux and Daniel Vacek.

NEW YORK (AP) — Marcelo Rios took over the No. 1 ranking on the ATP tour from Pete Sampras for the second time this year. Rios regained the top spot when Sampras lost to Andre Agassi in the quarterfinals at the du Maurier Open last week. Sampras needed to win that event to maintain his ranking.

WELLESLEY, Mass. (AP) — Top-seeded Lisa Raymond and Rennae Stubbs breezed to a 6-3, 6-2 win over Erika De Leone and Shi-Ting Wang in the first round of the Boston Cup.

In singles matches, Corina Morariu beat Aeki Miho 6-1, 6-2; Cora Black beat Sylvia Plischke 7-6 (7-5), 3-6, 6-1; Wang crushed Sandra Kleinova 6-0, 6-0; and Mariaan De Swardt beat Samantha Smith 2-6, 6-3, 6-3.

MANHATTAN BEACH, Calif. (AP) — Ai Sugiyama defeated Anne-Gaëlle Sidot 6-4, 6-3 in the opening round of the Acura Classic. In other matches, Magui Serna defeated Tamarine Tanasugam 6-7 (5-7), 7-5, 6-1; Julie Halard-Decugis eliminated Kimberly Po 6-2, 6-4; and Barbara Paulus outlasted Naoko Sawamatsu 3-6, 6-3, 6-2.

Football yard signs



Celanese had football yard signs made this year for the Harvester players. The company donated the signs recently to the PHS Booster Club. Plant manager Riley Kothmann and Ila Miller, Human Resources representative, present one of the signs to Harvester head coach Dennis Cavalier (center).

Take A Kid Fishing

Successful "Journey" begins with preparations

DISNEY, OKLA. — Taking a youngster fishing can be one of the most rewarding days you will ever spend. The success and the quality of "the journey" will depend on many factors, some over which you have control, and some not. Let's talk about the controllable factors...things you can or should buy to make your fishing outing more successful.

The people at the Bass Pro Shops Outdoor World and Tracker Marine Kids All-American Fishing Derby program have some recommendations, based on years of experience with youngsters.

Tackle—Choose a reel and rod combination that fits your youngster's hands. Try it on for size first. The rod should be the same or close to the same length as your child's height. This may sound fussy but, if there's a choice, let's do it right.

Choosing the proper tackle is very important.

Zebco manufactures plenty of youth-size fishing outfits, made specifically for a youngster's hands, and besides that, they carry the names of some of the most popular cartoon characters. What kid could ask for more! These outfits come ready to fish with reel, rod,

line in the correct pound test and even a casting plug that's great for backyard pre-trip casting lessons.

Terminal tackle—That's what the pros call it. It consists of hooks and sinkers...the stuff that's at the end of the line. If you're in doubt as to what you need for where you're going to fish, pay a visit to a nearby bait and tackle shop or sport-

ing goods store. They'll be eager to assist. Remember that the hooks are sharp, however, so it's a good idea to have adult supervision.

Personally, we're big on bobbers. Buy a handful of bobbers, the round ones, red and white, of course.

Bobbers are great fun for kids, especially in freshwater. Youngsters love to watch them and they make it easy to detect a fish's nibble. Bobbers are made to be used in on-moving water situations, like a lake or pond, not particularly a stream or river. Put the bobber approximately two or three feet above the bait and

set back and watch. The colorful action is almost hypnotic.

It would also be really good for you to get the youngster his or her own little tackle box. They love to organize it and study all the items. Tackle boxes, like the reel and rod combos, come in bright colors, are small to fit a youngster's hand and, of course, come complete with cartoon charac-

ters on them.

"I've seen kids at the derbies eating hot dogs and drinking soda pop at 7:30 a.m. Throw in a doughnut and they're really happy."

— Ron Gentzen, Hooked on Fishing International

Another sure-fire bait, number two in the overall bait preference survey," continued Gentzen, "is the minnow." For this you'll need a minnow bucket and a stop at your local bait and tackle shop. That small dip net will come in handy again here.

Other important items to take along on your "journey" are insect repellent, a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen lotion, and the most single important item: snacks!

Something about fresh air, the great outdoors and the adventure of fishing makes kids hungry and thirsty.

"I've seen kids at the derbies eating hot dogs and drinking

soda pop at 7:30 a.m.

Throw in a doughnut and they're really happy," said Gentzen. Pack along a small ice chest with juice, water or soft drinks, along with a sack full of snacks. Or, you can begin a memorable tradition of going out for breakfast on your way, or stopping for a special lunch at the conclusion of your outing! It all adds something to the excitement of the trip.

Our final installment, Part 3—The Results, will feature information on water safety, casting practice, what to do with the fish, and remembering the most important factor on the fishing trip...having fun! For more information on the Bass Pro Shops and Tracker Marine Kids All-American Fishing Derby program, or to become a host of an event in 1999, contact Hooked On Fishing International, P.O. Box 249, Disney, Okla. 74340. The program is offered free throughout the country and is sponsored by some of the nation's finest companies including American Rod & Gun, Bass Pro Shops Outdoor World, Berkeley Inc., Gator Grip, Roads to Adventure Magazine, Southwest Airlines, TNN Outdoors, Tracker Marine and Zebco.

Bonnie & Clyde



Elsie Payne of Dumas sends a putt toward the hole during the Bonnie & Clyde Tournament last weekend at the Pampa Country Club course.

(Pampa News photo)

Ditka breaks vow at Saints' practice

LA CROSSE, Wis. (AP) — The new Mike Ditka didn't last very long.

Less than a week after Ditka repeated his vow to remain calm no matter what, the New Orleans Saints lost a game and the red-faced screamer was at it again.

"It's going to be the old guy," Ditka said. "There will be a lot more control in what I do and say, but we're going to work. I know what it takes. I've been there. I know what it takes. These guys don't."

And the old Ditka didn't just spend practice venting his spleen. When it was over, he got into a shouting match with ex-Carolina linebacker Andre Royal, who was practicing for the first time since camp started.

Royal, signed this spring as an unrestricted free agent, arrived at training camp a day late and then was sidelined with a strained calf muscle that he said he injured while preparing for camp.

"Earn the money we're paying you," Ditka yelled at Royal after a brief, post-practice conversation. "You don't fool anybody, least of all me."

Royal, shouting obscenities and waving his arms, shouted back that he had never faked an injury in his life.

"Then get out there and practice," Ditka told him. Then, as Royal continued to curse, Ditka, who has said he would fine players for using certain obscene words, told Royal not to swear at him.

"You'll be gone anyway," Ditka shouted. "I didn't need you, never did need you. You were never on

my list to be here anyway." "I'm a winner," Royal said. "If you want to win, you need me." "Yeah, you're a winner," Ditka replied. "You're mouth is a winner."

Royal counts \$1.65 million against the Saints' salary cap this season. He received an \$800,000 reporting bonus and a \$50,000 workout bonus and will collect another \$800,000 in base salary whether he's on the team or not.

With Royal not practicing, the guaranteed contract has rankled Ditka, but that was not his only source of dissatisfaction Monday.

Ditka agreed to a new five-year contract last Wednesday, saying he felt the team was headed in the right direction and would be better than last year's 6-10.

At the time, Ditka also reiterated his promise to remain calm this season and not repeat the angry shouting and threats that last year were frequent on the sidelines, in the locker room and the practice field.

Then, on Saturday night, the Green Bay Packers beat New Orleans 31-7 in the Saints' first exhibition game.

The Saints' offense, worst in the NFL last season, managed only two rushing first downs and never reached the end zone. New Orleans' only touchdown came on an interception by safety Chris Hewitt. The Saints' No. 1 offense produced a net total of minus-5 yards.

The defense, ranked fourth in the league last year, was no better, allowing Green Bay to rush for 181 yards, an average of 4.8 yards per carry.

NBA files papers with NLRB, promises season ticket refunds

NEW YORK (AP) — The NBA will issue refunds to season-ticket holders, along with 6 percent interest, if the league's lockout forces the cancellation of regular-season games.

That announcement came Monday from the league office on another day of developments in the six-week-old work stoppage.

The league also gave the National Labor Relations Board its official response to the complaint filed last month by the players union, alleging the NBA committed an unfair labor practice by imposing a lockout before reaching an impasse in negotiations.

In Atlanta, union director Billy Hunter held a briefing for some of the locked-out players, and attendees included Kevin Garnett and Stephon Marbury of the Minnesota Timberwolves.

No new bargaining talks are scheduled. The last formal session ended abruptly last Thursday when owners walked out of the room after hearing the players' latest proposal.

"Regrettably, after last week's negotiating session there seems to be a greater likelihood that the season may not start on time," deputy commissioner Russ Granik said in a news release announcing the refund policy.

Season ticket holders, most of whom already have paid for their seats for the 1998-99 season, will receive 6 percent interest on their money if regular-season games, which are due to begin Nov. 3, are canceled because of the lockout. Refunds would be made at the end of each month.

"Season ticket holders make substantial financial commitments to our teams and we think they should be treated fairly in

BASEBALL

National League				
At A Glance				
By The Associated Press				
All Times EDT				
East Division				
W	L	Pct.	GB	
Atlanta	79	39	.669	—
New York	63	53	.543	15
Philadelphia	57	60	.487	21 1/2
Montreal	49	70	.412	30 1/2
Florida	42	76	.356	37
Central Division				
W	L	Pct.	GB	
Houston	72	46	.610	—
Chicago	65	54	.546	7 1/2
Milwaukee	58	60	.492	14
St. Louis	56	61	.479	15 1/2
Cincinnati	53	65	.449	19
Pittsburgh	52	66	.441	20
West Division				
W	L	Pct.	GB	
San Diego	76	42	.644	—
San Francisco	62	57	.521	14 1/2
Los Angeles	60	58	.508	16
Colorado	54	65	.454	22 1/2
Arizona	44	74	.373	32

American League				
At A Glance				
By The Associated Press				
All Times EDT				
East Division				
W	L	Pct.	GB	
New York	85	29	.746	—
Boston	68	47	.591	17 1/2
Baltimore	61	56	.521	25 1/2
Toronto	58	59	.496	28 1/2
Tampa Bay	45	70	.391	40 1/2
Central Division				
W	L	Pct.	GB	
Cleveland	65	51	.560	—
Chicago	52	64	.448	13
Minnesota	52	64	.448	13
Kansas City	52	65	.444	13 1/2
Detroit	46	70	.397	19
West Division				
W	L	Pct.	GB	
Texas	63	53	.543	—
Anaheim	62	55	.530	1 1/2
Seattle	54	62	.466	9
Oakland	52	66	.441	12

Sunday's Games
 Seattle 6, Detroit 3
 Toronto 4, Oakland 3
 Tampa Bay 2, Cleveland 1
 N.Y. Yankees 5, Kansas City 4
 Anaheim 9, Chicago White Sox 0
 Minnesota 5, Baltimore 4
 Boston 14, Texas 8

Monday's Games
 Anaheim 6, Detroit 2
 Baltimore 2, Tampa Bay 1
 N.Y. Yankees 7, Minnesota 3
 Chicago White Sox 5, Oakland 3
 Only games scheduled

Tuesday's Games
 Kansas City (Belcher 11-9) at Boston (Avery 8-4), 7:05 p.m.
 Anaheim (Juden 0-0) at Detroit (Moehtler 12-8), 7:05 p.m.
 Texas (Loaiza 0-2) at Cleveland (Karsay 0-1), 7:05 p.m.
 Seattle (Fassero 10-7) at Toronto (Carpenter 6-5), 7:05 p.m.
 Baltimore (Kamieniecki 2-4) at Tampa Bay (Santana 3-2), 7:05 p.m.
 Minnesota (Milton 6-8) at N.Y. Yankees (Wells 14-2), 7:35 p.m.
 Oakland (Candiotti 7-13) at Chicago White Sox (Snyder 3-0), 8:05 p.m.
Wednesday's Games
 Baltimore (Erickson 11-9) at Tampa Bay (Alvarez 5-10), 12:35 p.m.
 Seattle (Moyer 9-8) at Toronto (Escobar 1-1), 1:05 p.m.
 Minnesota (Hawkins 7-10) at N.Y. Yankees (Cone 16-4), 1:35 p.m.
 Oakland (Haynes 8-4) at Chicago White Sox (Sirota 10-10), 2:05 p.m.
 Anaheim (Sparks 5-2) at Detroit (Greisinger 1-6), 7:05 p.m.
 Texas (Burkett 7-11) at Cleveland (Colon 11-9), 7:05 p.m.
 Kansas City (Riosado 6-8) at Boston (Saberhagen 11-8), 7:05 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS
Monday's Sports Transactions
By The Associated Press
BASEBALL
American League
ANAHEIM ANGELS—Acquired RHP Mike Fetters from the Oakland Athletics for a player to be named and cash. Placed INF Darin Erstad on the 15-day disabled list. Recalled INF Chris Pritchett and OF Reggie Williams from Vancouver of the PCL.

Scoreboard

BALTIMORE ORIOLES—Acquired OF-3B Willie Greene from the Cincinnati Reds for OF Jeffrey Hammonds.			
OAKLAND ATHLETICS—Recalled P/L Mark Holzman from Edmonton of the PCL.			
National League			
FLORIDA MARLINS—Claimed RHP Manuel Barrios off waivers from the Los Angeles Dodgers.			
NEW YORK METS—Acquired OF Jermaine Allensworth for a player to be named. Designated OF Benny Agbayani for assignment.			
JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS—Waived RB Chris Parker. Signed OL Matt Cravens.			
FOOTBALL			
National Football League			
CAROLINA PANTHERS—Signed DL Oscar Sturgis.			
JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS—Waived RB Chris Parker. Signed OL Matt Cravens.			
National Hockey League			
ANAHEIM MIGHTY DUCKS—Signed RW Peter LeBoutillier to a two-year contract and LW Eric Lacombe to a one-year contract. Named Jack Ferreira vice president of hockey operations.			
ATLANTA THRASHERS—Named Bob Owen director of player evaluation and development.			
CALGARY FLAMES—Signed C Andrew Cassels and C Michael Nylander.			
EDMONTON OILERS—Agreed to terms with LW Dean McAmmond.			
PHOENIX COYOTES—Signed LW Louie DeBruk to a one-year contract.			
PITTSBURGH PENGUINS—Signed C Chris Pronger.			

W L T Pct. PF PA						
Miami	1	0	0	1.000	19	16
N.Y. Jets	1	0	0	1.000	29	15
Buffalo	0	1	0	.000	13	24
Indianapolis	0	1	0	.000	21	24
New England	0	2	0	.000	13	42
Central						
Baltimore	1	0	0	1.000	19	14
Tennessee	1	0	0	1.000	31	16
Pittsburgh	1	1	0	.500	30	43
Cincinnati	0	1	0	.000	17	24
Jacksonville	0	1	0	.000	27	30
West						
Seattle	2	0	0	1.000	44	40
Denver	1	0	0	1.000	20	13
San Diego	1	0	0	1.000	16	3
Kansas City	1	1	0	.500	41	40
NATIONAL CONFERENCE						
East						
W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA	
N.Y. Giants	1	0	0	1.000	24	17
Arizona	0	1	0	.000	10	13
Philadelphia	0	1	0	.000	15	29
Washington	0	1	0	.000	16	19
Dallas	0	2	0	.000	22	36
Central						
Green Bay	2	0	0	1.000	58	31
Detroit	1	0	0	1.000	28	0
Minnesota	0	0	0	1.000	28	0
Tampa Bay	1	1	0	.500	43	23
Chicago	0	1	0	.000	14	19
West						
Carolina	1	0	0	1.000	30	27
San Francisco	1	0	0	1.000	35	40
Atlanta	0	1	0	.000	18	31
New Orleans	0	1	0	.000	7	31
St. Louis	0	1	0	.000	13	20

BASKETBALL				
Women's National Basketball Association				
At A Glance				
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All Times EDT				
EASTERN CONFERENCE				
W	L	Pct.	GB	
Charlotte	17	10	.630	—
Cleveland	16	10	.615	1/2
New York	15	10	.600	1
Detroit	14	12	.538	2 1/2
Washington	3	22	.120	13
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
W	L	Pct.	GB	
x-Houston	25	2	.926	—
Phoenix	15	10	.600	9
Los Angeles	10	16	.385	14 1/2
Sacramento	7	18	.280	17
Utah	7	19	.269	17 1/2

Monday's Games
 New York Jets 29, Philadelphia 15
Friday's Games
 Detroit 13, Arizona 10, OT
 Tennessee 31, Atlanta 16
Saturday's Games
 Pittsburgh 24, Buffalo 13
 Baltimore 19, Chicago 14
 Miami 19, Washington 16
 Carolina 30, Jacksonville 27
 Kansas City 17, Tampa Bay 13
 New York Giants 24, Cincinnati 17
 Denver 20, St. Louis 13
 Green Bay 31, New Orleans 7
 Oakland 16, Dallas 3
 Seattle 24, Indianapolis 21
 San Diego 27, San Francisco 21
Sunday's Games
 Minnesota 28, New England 0
 Thursday, August 13
 Tampa Bay at Miami, 8:20 p.m.
 Friday, August 14
 Atlanta at Detroit, 7 p.m.
 Carolina at Buffalo, 7:30 p.m.
 New York Giants at Jacksonville, 8 p.m.
 Pittsburgh at Philadelphia, 8 p.m.
 New Orleans at Denver, 9 p.m.
 Chicago at Arizona, 10 p.m.
Saturday, August 15
 Washington at Tennessee, 1 p.m.
 Baltimore at New York Jets, 5 p.m.
 San Francisco vs. Seattle at Vancouver, B.C., 8 p.m.
 Kansas City at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
 St. Louis at San Diego, 11 p.m.
Sunday, August 16
 Oakland at Green Bay, 3 p.m.
Monday, August 17
 Indianapolis at Cincinnati, 7:30 p.m.
 Dallas vs. New England at Mexico City, 8 p.m.

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Els is slowly recapturing his touch with putter

REDMOND, Wash. (AP) — His back is better, and Ernie Els is slowly recapturing his touch with the putter. Other things are troubling him these days.

Since winning the U.S. Open as a 24-year-old in his first year on the PGA Tour, Els has been a factor on Sunday in at least one major championship every year.

Now, the South African is trying to remember what that feels like. "I'd like to be in contention again," he said Monday at Sahalee Country Club. "And I've got to do it here."

Els led the PGA Championship through three rounds in 1995 before finishing in a tie for third. He tied for second at the British Open behind Tom Lehman a year later, then won his second U.S. Open last year at Congressional.

He showed signs early in 1998 of rising to the top of the game, especially after he dusted Tiger Woods and Davis Love III in a 36-hole Sunday at Bay Hill and took over the No. 1 ranking.

But Els' performance in majors has been disappointing. After tying for 16th at the Masters, he injured his back a week before the U.S. Open and tied for 48th.

And at the British Open last month, he was never a factor in tying for 29th.

"I haven't played in three weeks, but everything is coming

together," he said. "I've been working on my putting quite a bit and I'm hitting it solid."

Whether that's good enough for Sahalee is anyone's guess.

Like just about everyone else in the field, Els isn't quite sure what to expect out of the tree-lined fairways of Sahalee, other than the fact it's the most beautiful course he's ever played.

"And it's a pretty good test, too," he said. "Trees come into play everywhere, and if you miss the fairway you're probably going to make bogey. You better hit as straight as you can."

Even at Sahalee, that might not be good enough. Just ask Colin Montgomerie.

Montgomerie's drive on the 18th hole Monday during a practice round found the fair-

way and left him perplexed.

He folded his arms and squinted as he surveyed the final 200 yards, his eyes locked onto a 50-foot cedar just behind a 100-foot Douglas fir, both guarding the left quarter of the green.

His first shot curved into the thick of the cedar and dropped down into heavy, 4-inch rough. His second shot followed the same path, only this time it ricocheted across the fairway some 50 yards short of the green.

By this time, Montgomerie had already dropped a third ball. This one stopped 15 feet short of the hole, drawing applause from a small gallery and a sigh of surrender from the Scotsman.

"It's a lovely course,"

Montgomerie said. "It's a beautiful place to play and a beautiful test of golf."

Then he gazed back at the 18th fairway and smiled.

"The trees get in the way too often," he said. "That's the only problem. From above, I'm sure it looks like you can only walk single-file down the fairways."

Trees figure to be the primary problem confronting the strong field at the last major championship of the year.

Masters and British Open champion Mark O'Meara will try to become the first player since Ben Hogan to win three majors in a year, and Davis Love III will try to become the first back-to-back PGA champion since it went to stroke play in 1958.

"Fall Brawl" to feature team, individual races

AMARILLO — The Amarillo YMCA's "Fall Brawl" Duathlon will move to Labor Day Saturday weekend this year and add team competition to the race categories. Area residents are invited to participate in the event, which kicks off at 9 a.m. Sept. 5 in front of the Amarillo Garden Center, 1400 Streit, in the Harrington Regional Medical Center.

The Duathlon will be a continuous and strenuous run, bike endurance race. It features a

rolling course, starting with a 2-mile-out and back run, followed by a 10-mile loop bicycle ride and ending with another 2-mile out-and-back run. Certified biking helmets must be worn during the biking stage, said Nan Sanders, race coordinator.

Deadline for pre-registration is Aug. 26. Individual entry fee is \$15 and team entry fee is \$25. All pre-registrants will receive a T-shirt. Brochures containing the entry form are available at the Downtown Amarillo YMCA, 816

S. Van Buren, Amarillo, Tex. A map of the route is also available upon request.

Age divisions, for men and women, are 15-29 years, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59 and 60 and over. A team, composed of one runner and one biker, may be any age 15 years or older. First, second and third place awards will be given in each division, and awards will be presented to the overall male, female and team winners.

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Thomason to testify before grand jury

WASHINGTON (AP) — Reconstructing what happened inside the White House in the early days of the Lewinsky investigation, prosecutors are pressing further into the circle of advisers President Clinton turned to for help last January.

Presidential friend and Hollywood television director Harry Thomason was testifying today before the same grand jury that Monica Lewinsky appeared before last Thursday.

A source familiar with the case said Monday that Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr's prosecutors were seeking information on what Clinton might have confided to those close to him about his relationship with the former White House intern.

Starr is looking into whether Clinton and Ms. Lewinsky had sex and whether he urged her to lie about it. Clinton has denied a sexual relationship with Ms. Lewinsky, 25. But she, according to legal sources, told the grand jurors that contrary to the president's sworn denial and her own affidavit in January, she did have a sexual relationship with him.

She also told prosecutors that while Clinton didn't tell her to lie, they discussed ways to conceal the relationship, including returning gifts she had received from the president to his secretary, the legal sources said.

Thomason's testimony comes as Clinton's lawyers prepare for the president's testimony next Monday.

In advance of Clinton's risky grand jury appearance, some of his advisers are convinced that the president should try to avoid a tell-all grand jury appearance.

A longtime Clinton confidant said one option under discussion would have him repeat his broad denials to the grand jury but refuse to answer specific questions about his relationship with Ms. Lewinsky.

Since Starr withdrew a subpoena for Clinton after the president agreed to testify, the prosecutor could not compel Clinton to provide details about his relationship Ms. Lewinsky, legal experts said Monday. If

Clinton balked, Starr would have to get another subpoena and wage a constitutional battle over whether

He and former White House aide Harold Ickes walked Clinton through rehearsals on a Sunday

has stood as Clinton's side of the story. Thomason and his wife, TV writer Linda Bloodworth-Thomason, are two of the Clintons' oldest and closest friends. Over the years, they have done as much as anybody else to shape the Clintons' images.

Thomason, an Arkansas native, helped introduce Clinton to Hollywood's political elite and later helped stage the president's 1993 inaugural ceremonies. Bloodworth-Thomason produced the biographical videotape that introduced Clinton to the nation at the 1992 Democratic National Convention.

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the president of the United States can be compelled to testify.

A second Clinton adviser said last week's bombings of U.S. embassies in Africa and the resurgence of Iraqi resistance to U.N. weapons inspections could be grounds for the president to delay his testimony.

However, White House spokesman Joe Lockhart said he knew of no plans to delay or limit Clinton's appearance.

Clinton's personal attorney, David Kendall, obtained permission from U.S. District Judge Susan Webber Wright to view the videotape of Clinton denying under oath Jan. 17 that he had a sexual relationship with Ms. Lewinsky.

Wright, who sits in Little Rock, Ark., said U.S. District Judge Norma Holloway Johnson in Washington had agreed to supervise a viewing for Kendall.

As Starr's grand jury probe pulls in more Clinton friends to testify, an official close to the president says Thomason has said he doesn't know anything about Clinton's relationship with Ms. Lewinsky.

Shortly after the investigation became public, first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton called Thomason in California and asked him to come to Washington and help Clinton weather the crisis. Hours before the call, Clinton had issued a weak denial of an affair with the former intern.

Thomason's first bit of advice: Give another statement, and be more forceful this time, people familiar with the incident say.

night in January. On Monday morning, Clinton wagged his finger at TV cameras and denied having sex with "that woman." The statement

Colleges mulling solutions in aftermath of prospective teachers poor test results

BOSTON (AP) — The results were an embarrassment no matter how you looked at them: 59 percent of all aspiring teachers failing the state's test for new educators.

Ever since a breakdown of the numbers were released three weeks ago, professors, deans and university presidents have been desperately searching for ways to improve their curriculums, and, subsequently, their students' scores.

But educators said it's difficult to implement change without knowing precisely where their students went wrong. Although schools were told how many students passed or failed specific sections of the test, they have not received copies of the actual test questions.

"It makes it difficult to figure out how to fix it," said Thomas Del Prete, education department chairman at Clark University in Worcester.

Late last month, Massachusetts released pass/fail rates for the 1,795 students who took the tests, breaking down the scores by the colleges and universities they attended.

Board of Higher Education Chairman James F. Carlin wrote a harsh letter to the colleges, demanding some answers for the results. He has called for an Aug. 24 meeting to discuss solutions with officials from the several dozen Massachusetts colleges that train future teachers.

At Fitchburg State College, where only 25 percent of the 80 test-takers passed all portions of the test, educators established clinics to help students with basic test-taking skills.

"But that's short-term and we know that's only going to address some of the issues that have been raised," Patricia Spakes, vice president for academic affairs, said Monday.

Administrators plan to hire academic consultants to evaluate the college's undergraduate programs, both in education and in liberal arts. The faculty is also contemplating raising the grade point average required of education majors and forcing students to pass a literacy exam.

Not everyone is ready to condemn the would-be teachers or their training.

The validity of the test itself is still open for question, said Ann Lydecker, provost of Bridgewater State College, where only 33 percent of its 147 teacher candidates passed all three parts of the exam — reading, writing, and a subject portion based on specific areas of expertise.

And increasing a GPA requirement doesn't always make sense, she said.

"There's not good research that shows a good correlation between GPA and teacher performance," she said.

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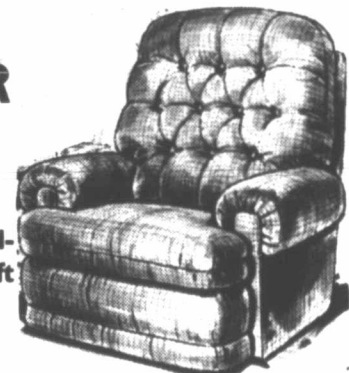
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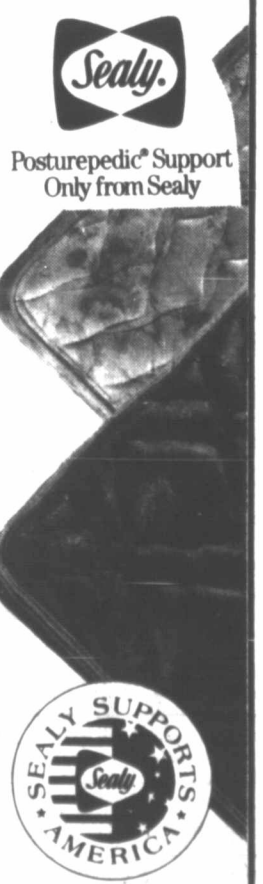


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