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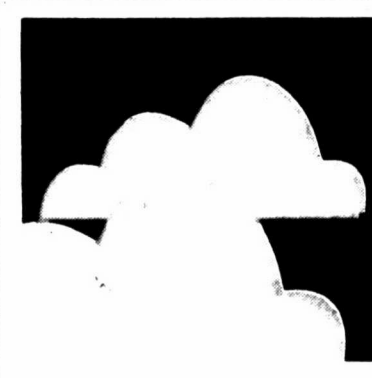
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PHS Booster Club meets Monday night

PAMPA — The Pampa Booster Club will meet at 7 Monday night in the athletic building. Parents of all football players are asked to attend this important first meeting.

Mosquito spraying continues this week

PAMPA — Efforts to kill mosquitoes is continuing this week with the second round scheduled to be finished by Sunday, said Public Service Supt. Kimberly Lincycumb. Plans are to continue spraying "until we get the problem solved," she said. Those who do not want their area sprayed should call Lincycumb at 669-5760, Ext. 3.

Archbishop's to have back surgery today

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The state's top-ranking Roman Catholic clergyman was scheduled to undergo surgery Thursday just more than a week after being held hostage by an unemployed El Salvador man upset over his immigrant status.

Archbishop Patrick Flores' operation is designed to relieve two pinched nerves in his lower back.

- Eva Onita Bossler, 89, homemaker.
- Helen Blymiller Jones, 88, former Pampa resident.
- Linda Ann Libby, 59, Bay City resident.
- Marie Miller, 93, seamstress.
- Dorothy Beck Patterson, 88, former Gray County Justice of the Peace.
- George Ray Taylor, 81, retired Cabot machinist.
- Martha Livingston Walker, 87, former Pampa resident.

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Mann willing to test all Skinner case evidence

By DEE DEE LARAMORE
Staff Writer

District Attorney John Mann says he'll have any evidence tested that Northwestern University professor, David Protes, wants if he'll come to Pampa and personally meet with him to review the case of convicted murderer Henry "Hank" Skinner.

"If this professor himself will fly down here and let me show him this case front to back, after he extends this courtesy to me, I will have anything tested that he wants," Mann said.

"He's going to have to do more than sit up there and throw stones," he said.

Protes, a professor at Northwestern University's Medill School of Journalism, teaches investigative journalism, media and capital punishment and law and

ethics of journalism. Protes and his investigative journalism students work with the Center on Wrongful Convictions at Northwestern Law School in Chicago, Ill., to identify and rectify wrongful convictions and serious miscarriages of justice in criminal cases, including unjust applications of the death penalty.

Mann said he has not been interviewed by Protes or his students who had come to Pampa in May and June conducting interviews. The DA's first conversation with Protes happened Friday, June 30, through a live interview on Court TV outside the Amarillo Civic Center.

"My sitting down with John Mann will accomplish nothing," Protes said in response to Mann's challenge. "I am fully aware of what he believes."

"What I've done as a journalist is publish the facts," he added. "There is nothing

he can do to persuade me in Hank Skinner's guilt or innocence. What he should be doing is sit down with Mr. (Steven) Losche and Mrs. (Federal Judge Mary Lou) Robinson."

But Protes said he did want to talk to Mann.

"I still want to sit down with him. I'm curious to meet him and hear what he has to say. I have no quarrel with him," he added.

"My goal is getting DNA tests done so the truth be known," Protes said. "It's a tried and true legal procedure that doesn't involve you and me."

Protes responded to Mann's e-mail request to meet with him by saying he was finishing work on another case and planned to go on an extended family vacation. He asked if he could send two (See MANN, Page 2)

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Water planning group rebuffs bid from Mesa

AMARILLO (AP) — Mesa Water Inc.'s attempt to be a major regional water supplier failed Wednesday when a water planning group denied the company's bid, preventing cities in the Panhandle from requesting state funds to connect to Mesa's proposed pipelines.

The Panhandle Water Planning Group's decision, however, does not prevent Panhandle cities from buying water on their own, said C.E. Williams, chairman of the water group and manager of the Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District.

Mesa's plan is to acquire at least 200,000 acre-feet of water rights and offer to sell the water to Texas cities. The group's decision will not preclude Mesa from continuing to seek that goal, particularly in other areas of the state where demand may be greater, company officials said.

The company already has secured about 100,000 acre-feet of water rights but has no customers for the water.

In a letter to Williams, Mesa President T. Boone Pickens thanked the planning group for its consideration and expressed Mesa's intent to continue its efforts.

"We believe your decision not to include Mesa and its neighbors in the Panhandle Regional Water Plan confirms that Mesa's water is surplus to the Panhandle's needs," Pickens wrote in the letter. "Now that your group has voted not to include the Mesa water, we intend to proceed with our business to make our water available to regions and cities in Texas that have long-term water shortages."

Timing apparently was a shortfall for Mesa. The company's proposal arrived two or three months after the Panhandle Water Planning Group had examined the region's water supply and demand, Williams said. On June 13, the group tabled Mesa's request to be included in the regional water plan as a major water provider.

"I think the main thing was the lack of information ... where the water's coming from, and where it's going," Williams said of the group's decision.

The group likely will take a long look at Mesa when the water

TOT Kid Pony Show entry deadline Friday

The deadline is fast approaching for the Top O' Texas Kid Pony Show. All entries must be in the rodeo office by 5 p.m. Friday, July 7.

Contestants are encouraged to enter as early as possible. Also, the Top O' Texas Rodeo Association is accepting donations for entry fees for children of the Cal Farley Family Program in Borger. Any donation is greatly appreciated as the children are only able to participate if sponsors are found to pay their entry fees.

Entries are also being taken for all other events of the Top O' Texas Rodeo including the Celebrity Pick Up Race, mutton busting, double mugging and the rodeo parade.

Tickets are on sale at the rodeo office and at Wayne's Western Wear for the rodeo performances July 13-15. Tickets are available for the Queen's Luncheon and Style Show slated Thursday, July 13 at Pampa Community Building.

911 expert CAER speaker

Pamela Nielson, director of the Panhandle Regional 9-1-1 Network is to be guest speaker at the quarterly meeting of the Community Awareness and Emergency Response (CAER) Committee Wednesday, July 12, at M.K. Brown Auditorium, 1100 W. Coronado.

Committee members plan to meet at 1:30 p.m., July 12, in the Heritage Room of the auditorium to hear Nielson discuss the progress of 9-1-1 emergency services in the Texas Panhandle. According to Ken Hall, local emergency management coordinator, Nielson will specifically discuss the current status of the 9-1-1 system for Gray County and other counties of the Texas Panhandle.

Also scheduled to be discussed at the meeting is a proposed tour of Pantex in August and pre-incident sheltering for severe weather warnings.

Robert McDonald, emergency management coordinator for the City of McLean will discuss the hazard mitigation annex of the county emergency plan.

In final action, the committee plans to hear a weather radar update and discuss and take appropriate action on the bylaws of the orga-

Flower man ... Daylilies are his passion

By DEE DEE LARAMORE
Staff Writer

For two decades, Pampan Doug Smith has indulged his fascination in an ancient flower seen in gardens all around the Panhandle — the daylily.

This venerable blossom once graced Chinese tables, not as decoration, but as food and as medicine. Confucius mentioned daylilies in his writings. The flower was first mentioned in Europe by medieval herbalists. It traveled to England and finally crossed the ocean to the United States.

Daylilies grow in abundance in Smith's gardens at 726 Lefors, along with his daisies, cone flowers, antique roses, strawberries and a mass of other plantings. A towering magnolia with white waxy blossoms as large as dinner plates lends its shade to the pastoral scene.

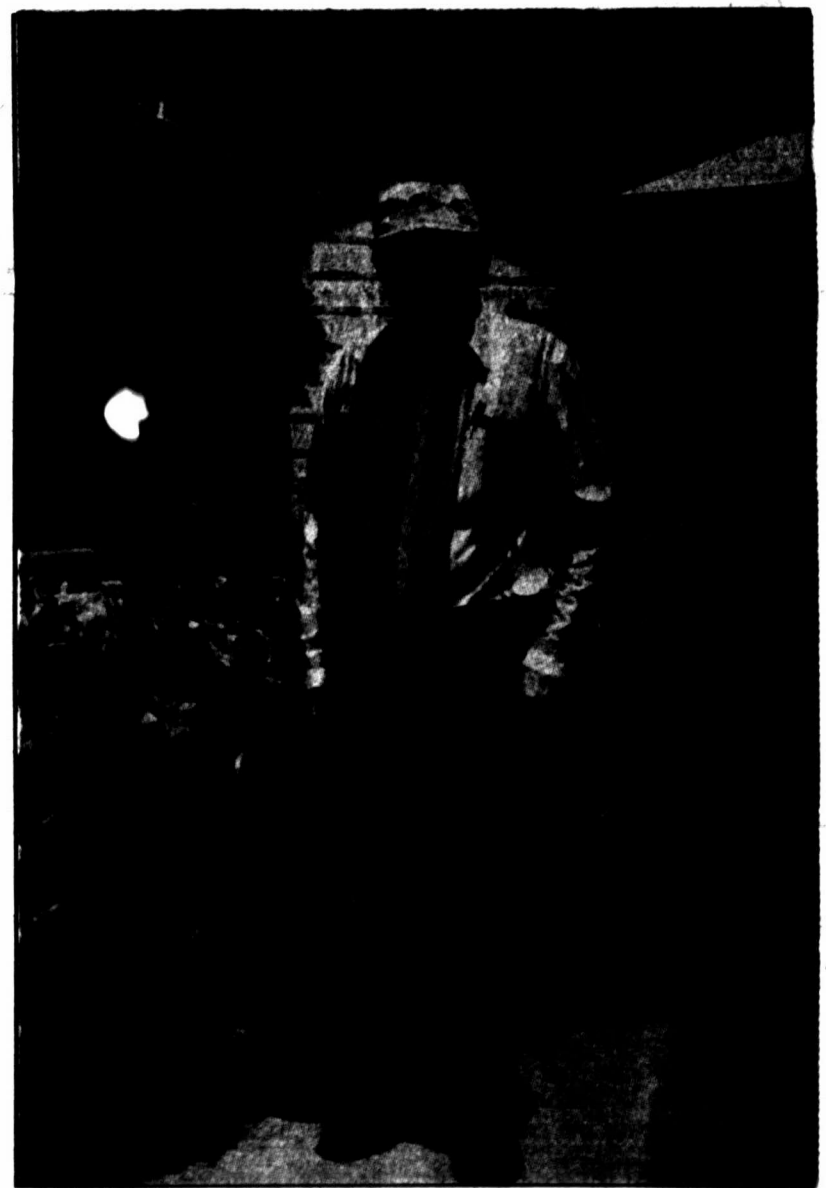
His interest in the bloom began 20 years ago, Smith remembers. "Mostly I wanted a yellow flower for my garden," he said. Smith had grown irises for years and now he wanted to expand to other species.

"Hyperion was the one I found," he said. "It goes back to the 1930s."

"I started with the row along the fence," he said. Now the flowers fill gardens all around his home.

Smith explained that daylilies come in short and tall varieties. The most common colors are yellow and orange, but dedicated hybridization has produced colors ranging from almost white to deepest burgundy.

"They've just discovered the



(Pampa News photos by Dee Dee Laramore)

Doug Smith, local horticulturist, checks the blossoms on one of the daylilies he grows at his home on Lefors Street.

purple," he said. "They found the genes (for the color) had always been in the flower. They just had to clarify the colors."

Smith said daylily enthusiasts not only experiment with colors, but also with texture of the petals.

"Some have a texture like a peanut shell while others are smooth," he explained. Others have developed ruffled flowers, double blooms, and thin petaled "spider" lilies.

Botanists have also produced a tetraploid, he said, explaining a chemical is used in a laboratory setting to double the number of chromosomes in the flower.

"It makes a bigger flower with a stronger stalk," Smith said.

Smith retired recently from Cabot research and development office where he worked in the laboratory.

"The scientific part (of growing daylilies) fascinated me," he said.

Smith is a member and past president of the Amarillo chapter of the American Hemerocallis Society. *Hemerocallis*, the genus name for daylily, stems from two Greek words meaning "beauty for a day," he explained.

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Daylilies can be seen in gardens all over the city. Their genus name "hemerocallis" means "beauty for a day."

JULY 2006

Calendar of events

PAMPA AREA LITERACY COUNCIL

Pampa Area Literacy Council office is open from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday. For more information, call 665-2331.

THEE PLACE

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

ADHD/ADD SUPPORT GROUP

If interested in the ADHD/ADD Sport Group call Connie at 669-9364.

OPEN DOOR ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

Open Door Alcoholics Anonymous at 910 Kentucky (across from Albertson's) meeting schedule — seven days a week — two meetings a day — noon till 1 p.m. and 8-9 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday noon meetings are non-smoking. For more information, call 665-9702.

TRALEE CRISIS CENTER

Womens Support Group for Child Management offers parenting skills to assist parents and children in dealing with anger and behavioral issues resulting from peer pressure, sibling rivalry, family violence and/or sexual abuse from 7-8 p.m. Thursdays. For more information, call Tralee Crisis Center, 669-1131.

LAS PAMPA WATER GARDEN AND KOI SOCIETY

Las Pampa Water Garden and Koi Society meets the second Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at Austin Elementary School. For more information, contact Sharron Andrew at 665-6138 or Lance DeFever.

COWBOY POETRY BREAKFAST

A Cowboy Poetry Breakfast will be held at 8 a.m. July 8 at the Big Texan in Amarillo with Jake Holster, hay broker and former rodeo rider, as the keynote speaker. Members of Southwest Cowboy Poets Association will also perform. The event is open and free to the public. Guests in the audience who wish to participate are welcome. Cowboys and cowgirls are encouraged to attend.

CHCC SHOW

Coronado Health Care Center's Activity Department will hold its annual Country Music Show beginning at 3 p.m. July 9 in the dining room of the center. The public is cordially invited to attend the two-hour stage show. Door prizes will be awarded.

NOEP PROGRAM

The Nurse Oncology Education Program and Amarillo College will present "Growing Up With Cancer: A Family Focus" from 7:30 a.m.-3:45 p.m., July 14 in AC's West Campus Lecture Hall, Amarillo. The conference will be worth 7.7 Type I contact hours for nurses and 0.6 CEUs for social workers. Early registration is \$45. Students must provide a copy of student ID and pay a \$10 (post-marked on or before July 7) registration fee. On-site and late registration will cost \$60. For more information, call 1-800-515-6770 or write: The Nurse Oncology Education Program, Growing Up With Cancer, 7600 Burnet Rd., Suite 440, Austin, TX 78757.

PARADE OF PONDS

Ogallala Water Gardeners in Amarillo will hold its third annual "Parade of Ponds" Water Garden Tour from 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday, July 15 in Amarillo. An additional night tour will be from 9-11:30 p.m. Tickets are \$5 with children under 12 (accompanied by an adult) free. Tickets and a map/brochure will be available on the day of the tour from any of the homes. Advanced tickets may be purchased at the following locations: Amarillo Botanical Gardens, Coulter Gardens Nursery, Pitter Patter Pets, Panhandle Greenhouses and Rolling Hills Aquatic Gardens. For more information, visit the club's website at www.amaonline.com/owg

GEM THEATRE

The Gem Theatre in Claude will present the Community Heritage Players at 7:30 p.m. July 16 and 17. The group is under the direction of Dr. Carale Manning-Hill. The entertainment will feature an old-fashioned melodrama. The cast will include Wayne Blodgett, Terresa Collins, Jeromy Collins, Terrill Conrad, Michael Green, Dixie Hunsaker, Kym Klarich, Carl Lansbury and Janet Westbrook. After intermission, Deanna Campbell will present a medley of musical favorites. Tickets are available at the door or in advance by calling (806) 226-5409.

BROWN BAG BOOK SALE

Friends of the Amarillo Public Library will hold a Brown Bag Book Sale from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. July 13-15 in the basement of Central Library, 4th and Buchanan, Amarillo. All items will be 1/2 price July 13 and brown bag specials will be offered July 14 (\$2 a bag) and 15 (\$1 a bag). Funds will support Amarillo Public Library. For more information, call (806) 378-4226.

HARRINGTON CANCER CENTER

The Women's Center of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center has announced the following breast cancer screening clinics: July 28, Shephard's Crook Nursing Agency, 916 N. Crest, Pampa. Participants will receive a low-cost self-exam mammogram and a breast health appraisal along with individual instruction by a registered nurse in breast self-examination. Funding is available through the Texas Department of Health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance. All exams are by appointment only. For more information, call (806) 356-1905 or 1-800-377-4673.

BOY SCOUTS

The Golden Spread Council of Boy Scouts of America is open to boys between the ages of 6 and 18 and includes a 27-county area in

the Texas Panhandle. The BSA program includes Club Scouts, Boy Scouts and Venturing, a new program for 14- to 20-year-old boys and girls. For more information, call (806) 358-6500.

CASE

Cultural Academic Student Exchange is seeking families of all types — retired couples, couples with children, single parent families and childless couples — to host a high school exchange student. For more information, call 877-846-5848.

TEACHERS CONSERVATION INSTITUTE

Registration is currently under way for Texas Forestry Association's week-long Teacher's Conservation Institute summer workshop to be held June 25-30, July 9-14 and July 16-21. Teachers will receive a first-hand look at forestry in East Texas by touring forest product mills, a Tree Farm, a logging operation, a nursery and a seed orchard. They will also be trained in Project Learning Tree and Project WILD. The first session is currently full but spaces are still available for the other two sessions. Registration is \$75 and includes all food, lodging and materials for a week. For a free brochure or for more information, call TFA at (409) 632-TREE; e-mail cchalhoun@texasforestry.org; or write P.O. Box 1488, Lufkin, TX 75902.

'TEXAS' ANNIVERSARY TICKETS

Tickets for the 35th anniversary season of the outdoor musical drama "TEXAS" (June 7-Aug. 19, 2000) are now available for purchase on-line at www.texasmusicaldrama.com. For more information, call (806) 655-2181.

PRESCRIPTION DRUG BOOKLET

The Cost Containment Research Institute in Washington, D.C., recently published a 32-page booklet, "Free & Low Cost Prescription Drugs." The revised third edition provides information on how and where to get free and low cost prescription drugs. Consumers can obtain a copy by sending \$5 to cover printing, postage and handling to: Institute Fulfillment Center, Prescription Drug Booklet #, PDF-370, P.O. Box 462, Elmira, NY 14902-0462. The information is also available at www.institute-dc.org.

U.S.N. ARMED GUARD VETERANS

U.S.N. Armed Guard World War II veterans are seeking former gun crew members. The guards were a special branch of the WWII

Naval Service who manned guns and communications on Liberty Ships, tankers, troopships and other small crafts. Contact: U.S.N. Armed Guard WWII Veterans, Charles A. Lloyd Chairman, 115 Wall Creek Drive, Rolesville, N.C. 27571 919-570-0909. Ex-guards should include a list of ships served aboard along with dates on and off for computer data file to help locate other shipmates. The U.S.N. Armed Guard 19th National Reunion will be May 21-24, 2000, at Drawbridge Estate Hotel in Fort Mitchell, Ky., 1-800-354-9793-9866.

AMERICA'S HOMECOMING QUEEN

America's Homecoming Queen, Inc., a non-profit organization promoting education, educational travel and non-violence in schools will celebrate its 20th anniversary in 2000 for 1981-00 high school homecoming queens. For more information, call, e-mail or write: (901) 794-8680; Tele@pacbell.net; 6135 Mt. Moriah, Suite 111, Memphis TN, 38115.

T.O.P.S. #149

Take Off Pounds Sensibly (T.O.P.S.) #149 meets at 6 p.m. Monday at 513 E. Francis. Call 669-2389 for more information.

T.O.P.S. #41

Take Off Pounds Sensibly (T.O.P.S.) #41 meets at noon Monday at 511 N. Hobart. For more information, call 665-3024.

AL-ANON

Al-Anon will hold weekly meetings on Mondays and Wednesdays at 8 p.m. at 910 W. Kentucky.

VFW CHARITY BINGO

The Pampa Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #1657, 105 S. Cuyler, will be having Charity Bingo every Sunday at 1:30 p.m. Doors open at 12 noon. The public is welcome. License No. 1-75-6037422-9.

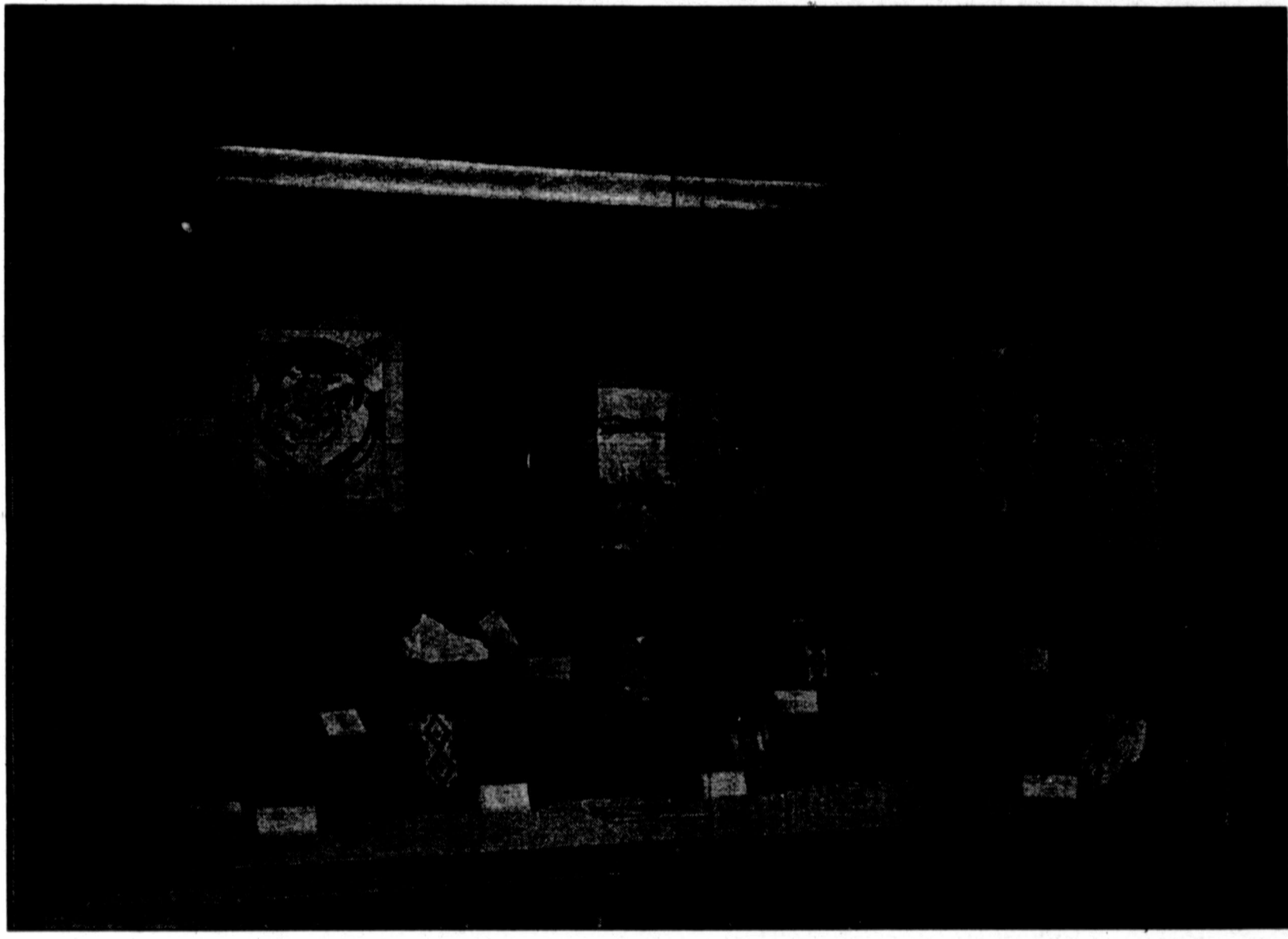
CELEBRATION OF LIGHTS

The Celebration of Lights project will hold regular workshop meetings at 6:30 p.m. on Monday nights at 822 E. Foster. Anyone wishing to help with the project is invited to attend any work session.

PAMPA DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB

The Pampa Duplicate Bridge Club plays Monday at 1:00 p.m. and Thursdays at 10 a.m. at The Senior Citizens. For a partner, or more information, please call Marie Jamieson at 669-2945.

PFAA display



(Community Camera photo by Judy Elliott)

Artwork created during Pampa Fine Arts Association's Summer Arts Program will be on display at Lovett Memorial Library throughout the month of July. The exhibit consists of selected items made by students participating in the summer art classes.

Rylander announces Unclaimed Property Auction

AUSTIN — Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander has announced the annual Unclaimed Property Auction will be held simultaneously on-line and at the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center in San Antonio Saturday, July 22. More than 112,000 items from abandoned safe deposit boxes will be auctioned.

The comptroller has contracted with the auctionchannel.com to broadcast the Unclaimed Property Auction live on the Web and convey bids from around the world to the auctioneer in San Antonio. Texas is the first state to conduct an Internet simulcast of an unclaimed property auction.

"It will be e-Texas in action," Comptroller Rylander said. "Internet bidders will be able to hear all of the action on the auction floor in San Antonio, see images of the items up for bid, follow the bids on their computer screens, and submit bids with the click of the mouse."

"Simulcasting the Unclaimed Property Auction on the Internet opens the sale to, literally, a world of bidders who are unable to attend the auction in San Antonio."

The items up for bid are valued at more than a half-million dollars and include:

- 95,381 coins/currency worth \$76,268;
- 733 gold coins appraised at \$69,068;
- 990 flatware/holloware items estimated at \$16,268;
- 9,363 stamps/paper items worth \$4,672;
- 179 wrist watches with an estimated value of \$15,272;
- 54 pocket watches appraised at \$15,675;
- 193 bracelets valued at \$8,956;
- 388 necklaces worth approximately \$30,197;
- 241 brooches with an estimated worth of \$31,687;
- 637 rings valued at \$100,807;
- 1,228 loose stones worth an estimated \$107,839.

The most valuable item is a 3.2 carat loose diamond with an appraised value of \$25,000. There are more loose diamonds and gemstones and more gold coins in this year's sale than in any previous auction.

The sale items come primarily from abandoned safe deposit boxes. After five years, banks turn the safe deposit box contents over the comptroller who continues to hold the property for at least a year and publishes the owners' names in the newspapers and on the Internet.

"If the property owners turn up after the auction, they receive the proceeds

from the sale of their property. In the meantime, money raised by the auction will be used to fund state programs, such as public education," Rylander explains.

The auction catalog may be viewed at the comptroller's website at www.window.state.tx.us. Copies of the catalog may be obtained by mail at: Comptroller of Public Accounts, ATTN: Auction Catalog, Room 232A, 200 East 10th St., Austin, TX 78701.

Bidders may preview the items from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at the convention center in San Antonio.

Bidders who wish to participate in the on-line auction must pre-register before the sale at www.window.state.tx.us, click on the link to auction-channel.com and enter name, e-mail address, phone number and shipping address. Participants must also choose a password and receive a bidder identification number.

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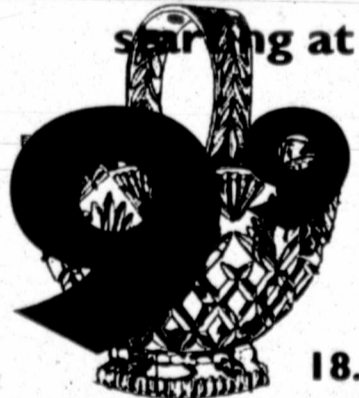
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Village Grows Tired of Raising Neighbor's Misbehaving Child

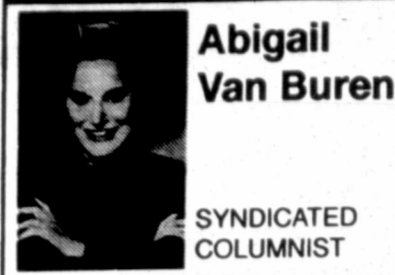
DEAR ABBY: I can relate to "Had It in Houston" regarding their neighbor's unruly, undisciplined child.

"Tom," our neighbor's 6-year-old boy, has not only inappropriately touched our children on the school bus, but was caught touching the exposed genitals of a younger neighborhood boy on two occasions. He roams the neighborhood, uses foul language, openly hits his older sister — and his parents appear totally clueless. For two years they've allowed Tom's behavior to get worse. The mother is rarely home, and she pawns Tom and his siblings off on our neighbors and us.

We are on the verge of notifying Children's Protective Services, but we don't want to start a "hate thy neighbor" relationship. They are already a bit "chilly" toward us because their son's behavior has forced us to send him home a few times. His parents have said nothing directly to us, but they criticize us to the other neighbors, who are well aware of the problem.

We've considered moving, but why should we go through the expense of leaving a nice area because of this family's ignorance and irresponsibility? Abby, what should we do?
FRUSTRATED IN FOREST PARK

DEAR FRUSTRATED: Call Children's Protective Services immediately. Don't put it off any longer. Talk to your other neighbors about your plan.



Abigail Van Buren

SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

There is strength in numbers. The boy needs psychological counseling, and the parents need parenting classes. All adults have a responsibility to save a child who is in trouble.
Read on:

DEAR ABBY: In response to the inquiry posed by "Concerned in Pennsylvania," regarding adults who survived child abuse and how they managed: My siblings and I were verbally, emotionally and occasionally physically abused by both of our parents and a stepparent. I would like to share a bit of our story.

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deep-rooted, but sometimes hidden, faith in God, each other and ourselves. In other words, what some might call a "survival instinct."

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Horoscope

FRIDAY, JULY 7, 2000

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) ***** New beginnings develop from a pivotal discussion. Don't be insistent on having it your way. Allow another to express his innate creativity. Sometimes you need to defer more and curb your Martian nature. Enlist an expert if need be. Tonight: Let another decide, OK?
Taurus (April 20-May 20) ***** Recent celebrations could sap that extra zing out of you. Make calls. Become an armchair visitor rather than hopping in your car. A boss appreciates feedback, so brainstorm together. Unusual ideas arise if you relax and work with a key associate or friend. Tonight: Just don't push!

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ***** Roll out the red carpet for another. Let others know how very special they are. Expressing gratitude for a special action encourages greater openness and caring. Let your imagination wander. Others also come up with a different approach. Tonight: Opt for different.
CANCER (June 21-July 22) ***** An intuitive partner knows exactly what to do. Listen to his advice. You actually want the same thing.

Reorganize work to eliminate excess red tape. Above all, ask for help if you need it. Be honest with yourself. It might just be time for a diet. Tonight: Head on home.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ***** Take action after you clear out your thoughts. A dream proves to be inspirational. Talk to a trusted adviser, but you don't have to tell all! Be selective with your words, yet make sure you don't have a hard edge. Others make an effort to reel you in because they want you! Tonight: Out and about.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ***** Network; gather with friends and co-workers. You hear many diverse approaches. Take what works for you. You don't have to incorporate everything. Be selective. A friend might impose his opinions on you, but don't be surprised. Tonight: Your treat.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ***** You push hard to have others listen. You don't have to. Your charisma peaks, drawing others who are more than pleased to think about your opinions and ideas. Enlist another in a key project. Take a walk. You need a physical outlet for all this energy. Tonight: Your wish is another's command.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ***** Assume a low profile. Make calls, reach out for others and ask key questions. Your ability to research and gather important information becomes one of your most important assets. Others ask questions that you might not yet be ready to answer. Tonight: Slow down, please.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ***** Friends beckon. Meanwhile, deal with an associate as well as a money

matter. Get to the bottom of an offer that seems too good to be true. If you feel sluggish, start thinking in terms of getting more exercise. Tonight: Join friends.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ***** Others seek you out. Their comments might not always be pleasant, either. Take their opinions with a grain of salt, though good information might be sprinkled in. Take charge. Curtail a wilder streak for now. Tonight: Leader of the gang.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ***** Go that extra step at work. You want to please another, who appreciates your efforts. Be incisive with a decision. Don't leave questions unanswered. Consider a loved one at a distance. Even if you can't be there, you could call. Tonight: Rent a movie.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ***** A child or loved one wants to have it his own way. The real issue is, why not? One-on-one relating helps you make your point with friends and partners. They feel more important when they have your attention. Deal with a money matter head-on. Tonight: Togetherness works.

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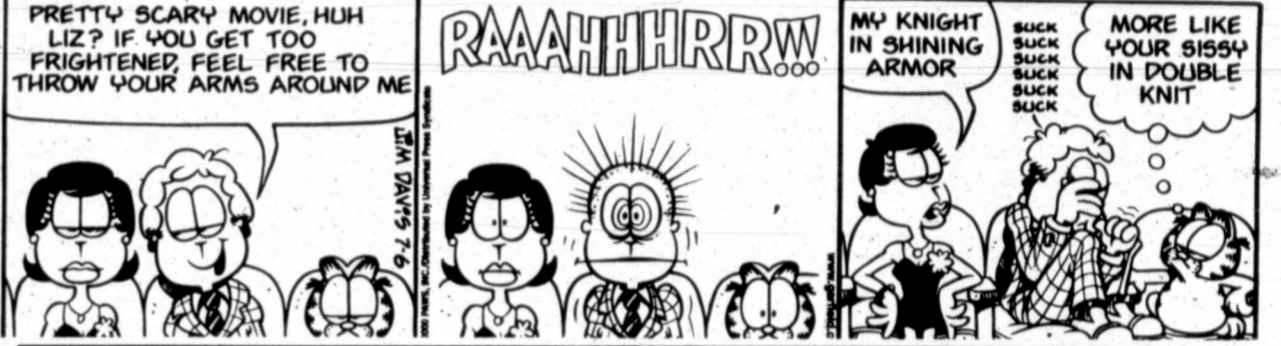
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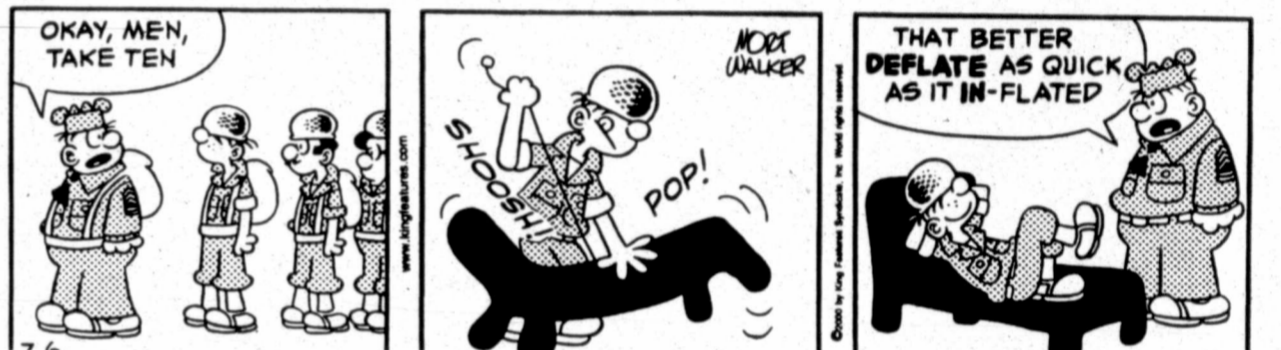
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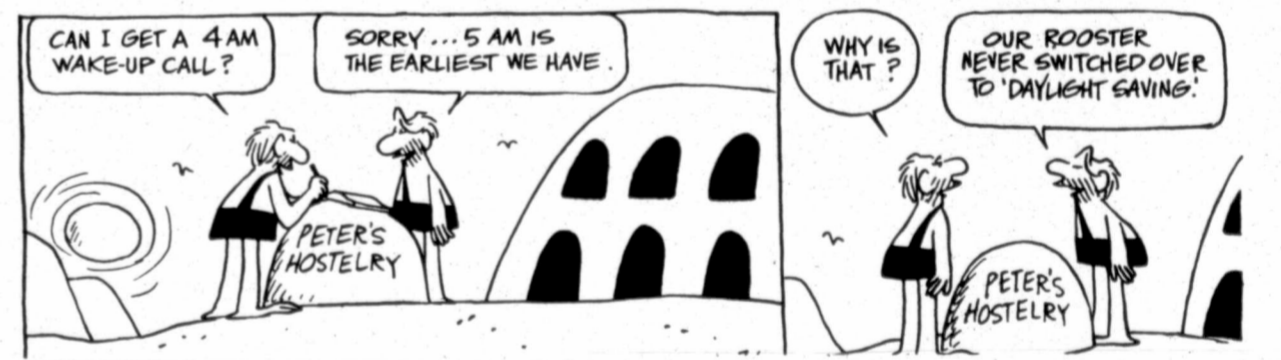
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Crossword Puzzle

By THOMAS JOSEPH

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 - 1 Chair piece
 - 5 Boat lockups
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 - 15 Alice's boss
 - 16 Great horse of 1920
 - 18 Word piece
 - 20 Have obligations
 - 21 Biz biggie
 - 23 Cool, to surfers
 - 24 Penalty
 - 26 Opie's dad
 - 28 Sister
 - 29 Nevada city
 - 31 Do something
 - 32 Gibson role
 - 36 Minotaur's killer
 - 39 Pindar poem
 - 40 Stern with bows
 - 41 LBJ, for one
 - 43 September sign
- DOWN**
- 1 Envelope feature
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 - 3 Tell target
 - 4 — Aviv
 - 5 Muffin choice
 - 6 Make new game
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 - 11 Record producer, at times
 - 17 Fire
 - 19 Marsh
 - 22 Two-deck game
 - 24 Purplish flower
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Presbyterian pastor Bell dies

He was visiting kin, Rev. Billy Graham

DALLAS (AP) — The Rev. Clayton Bell, brother of Ruth Bell Graham and brother-in-law of evangelist Billy Graham, died in his sleep while staying in North Carolina, his church announced Wednesday. He was 67.

Bell retired in January as pastor of Highland Park Presbyterian Church, at one time the denomination's largest congregation. He was soon after elected pastor emeritus.

He died just a few hours after a Fourth of July celebration at the Montreat, N.C., home of the Grahams.

Bell was a maverick in Presbyterian Church (USA) circles, a national figure who garnered respect for passionate opinions and decisive leadership.

Anne Graham Lot, a daughter of Graham's and a well-known evangelist, said her parents and the Bells spent time together this week.

"Within our family, he was like the model of what we would strive to be as a father, a brother, a husband and a Christian leader," she told The Dallas Morning News in a story for Thursday's editions. "When my father wants to be ministered to, he listens to Uncle Clayton's tapes."

Bell was born in China in 1932, the son of medical missionaries. He studied at Wheaton College in Wheaton, Ill., and at Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, Ga. He received an honorary doctorate from Gordon-Conwell Theological

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Seminary in South Hamilton, Mass., in 1970.

He was ordained in 1958, while serving a church in Camden, Ala. He served several churches before moving to Highland Park Presbyterian Church in Dallas in 1973.

During the 1980s, he helped to form Presbyterians for Renewal, a movement designed to stem the decline in the denomination's membership by emphasizing personal spirituality and biblical evangelism.

"He thought some of the denomination's announcements were way too liberal and costing the church members and deflecting attention away from saving souls for Jesus," said Jerry Van Marter, director of the Presbyterian News Service in Louisville, Ky. "He was involved in a lot of fierce partisan debates in the denomination about the direction of the church."

Bell is survived by his wife, Peggy; four children, Margaret Anne Lindstrom of Dallas, Ben Bell Jr. of Dallas, the Rev. Nelson Bell of Tulsa and Gina Lu Petty of Dallas; and 10 grandchildren.

Services are pending.

Texas round up ...

Headquarters has high-energy, high-tech feel

AUSTIN (AP) — From the walnut-paneled reception room to the hushed TV studio to the framed historic documents on strategist Karl Rove's wall, George W. Bush's headquarters stands apart from your usual scruffy campaign central.

It feels more like Bush Inc. "This campaign is more like an energetic beehive than a college dorm, like some campaigns I've worked on," said Ray Sullivan, a member of the communications staff and veteran of several political races. "It is very well organized, very professional, fast-paced and forward-looking."

The Republican presidential campaign's downtown suite takes up the sprawling second floor of a granite-and-glass office tower, space previously home to a mortgage company. It's just down the road from the Texas Capitol, where Bush has his office as governor.

Visitors are greeted by dark wood, overstuffed couches and a crisply uniformed Texas state trooper who controls entry to the inner door and what some locals call "Bush World."

Inside, the walls are decorated with American flags and framed color photographs of the presumptive nominee and his wife Laura, as well as pictures of his parents, the former president and first lady.

Some 135 people work at the bustling office, which occupies 28,000 square feet. There are offices for Laura Bush and a few high-profile players, including campaign chairman Don Evans and chief strategist Rove, who decorated his domain with a Mexican saddle blanket, antique letters and a portion of an original Abraham Lincoln campaign banner.

To help with "rapid response," Bush campaign leaders last fall added something they consider essential in a modern-day presidential campaign: a television studio.

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Jones told The Dallas Morning News her involvement in a board meetings would be made on an "item by item basis." He declined

to say if she would still be allowed to vote.

Texas Congressman to emcee GOP convention

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — San Antonio Congressman Henry Bonilla is one of three representatives selected by Gov. George W. Bush and Republican leaders to speak at the GOP convention in Philadelphia later this month, according to the San Antonio Express-News.

Bonilla, Rep. Jennifer Dunn, R-Wash., and Rep. J.C. Watts, R-Okla., were expected to be named Thursday by the Republican National Committee to serve as deputy permanent co-chairmen during the weeklong nominating convention.

People in the news

NEW YORK (AP) — The Duchess of York has decided not to leave her home in England for Switzerland after all.

The former Sarah Ferguson said in Biography magazine's July issue that she planned to move when her daughter Beatrice started her term at the exclusive Aiglon College in Switzerland. Prince Andrew, her former husband, was to remain in England with the couple's other daughter.

But after the magazine went to print, the duchess decided to stay with her daughters in Sunninghill Park, the family's home outside London, because "a number of issues surrounding the school remain unresolved," her spokesman, Gerry Casanova, said without elaboration.

In May, the principal of Aiglon College was arrested on charges of abusing his own children. Earlier, three teen-age girls were sexually assaulted at Aiglon by an unknown man.

Princess Beatrice is now planning to attend St. George's School, near Sunninghill.

ZURICH, Switzerland (AP) — Claudia Schiffer knows soccer fields as well as fashion runways.

"I grew up with soccer," the supermodel said, adding that she had a soccer net at home as a child and followed the game.

Schiffer is helping Germany in its bid to win the 2006 World Cup. The other candidates were South Africa, Morocco and England, with the winner expected to be announced this week.

Schiffer said she joined the bid effort "not just because I like soccer but to represent Germany." "I've got a good feeling" about the bid, said Schiffer, who appeared with Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder and tennis star Boris Becker in an appearance at the German presentation to FIFA's executive committee.

SANTA ANA, Calif. (AP) — After checking nearly 40 complaints about parties and noise, prosecutors have decided there is not enough evidence to charge Dennis Rodman with disturbing the peace.

Witnesses were either anonymous or uncooperative, no crime was committed or there wasn't enough documentation for charges, Orange County District Attorney's Office spokeswoman Tori Richards said Wednesday.

Thirty-six incidents were reviewed over a nearly one-year period starting July 5, 1999, Richards said.

The former basketball star has been fined thousands of dollars for citations issued when police have been to his house. When the complaints continued, police asked the district attorney to charge Rodman with violating the city's noise ordinance.

A telephone message left for Rodman publicist Chris Suter wasn't returned.

COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP) — "All My Children" star Ruth Warrick says she can't accept a lifetime achievement award in a state that still flies the Confederate flag.

Warrick was supposed to receive the award July 16 from the South Carolina Arts Commission. But she said she had to decline the award because a new Confederate flag went up on Statehouse grounds Saturday as part of the compromise to bring down the flag from the Capitol dome.

"In my view this was no compromise," Warrick said this week. "It was a deliberate affront to the African-Americans who see it as a sign of oppression and hate."

Warrick was scheduled to receive the award for her work on television and in movies.

Education official sides with student in T-shirt dispute

PROVIDENCE, R.I. (AP) — Two years after a student was sent home from school for wearing a rock band T-shirt with the numerals 666, a state Education Department official ruled Wednesday that the school was wrong to do so.

Robert Parker, 18, was a sophomore at Westerly High School when school officials sent him home and ordered him never to wear the T-shirt to school again, saying it posed a threat to school order. He graduated last month.

On Wednesday, Hearing Officer Paul Pontarelli ruled that Parker had not caused any disruption warranting being excluded from school.

He ordered any mention of punishment related to

the T-shirt — bearing the numerals some believe refer to Satan and the name of the now-defunct rock band — expunged from his educational record.

The decision shows that "schools can't simply say there is a disruption without backing it up with concrete evidence," said Steven Brown, executive director of the American Civil Liberties Union of Rhode Island.

The ACLU had filed the challenge with the state Education Department, claiming the school's dress code was vague and violated free speech rights. It is now considering filing a lawsuit.

The Westerly School Committee, which spent

\$60,000 arguing its case, can appeal the ruling.

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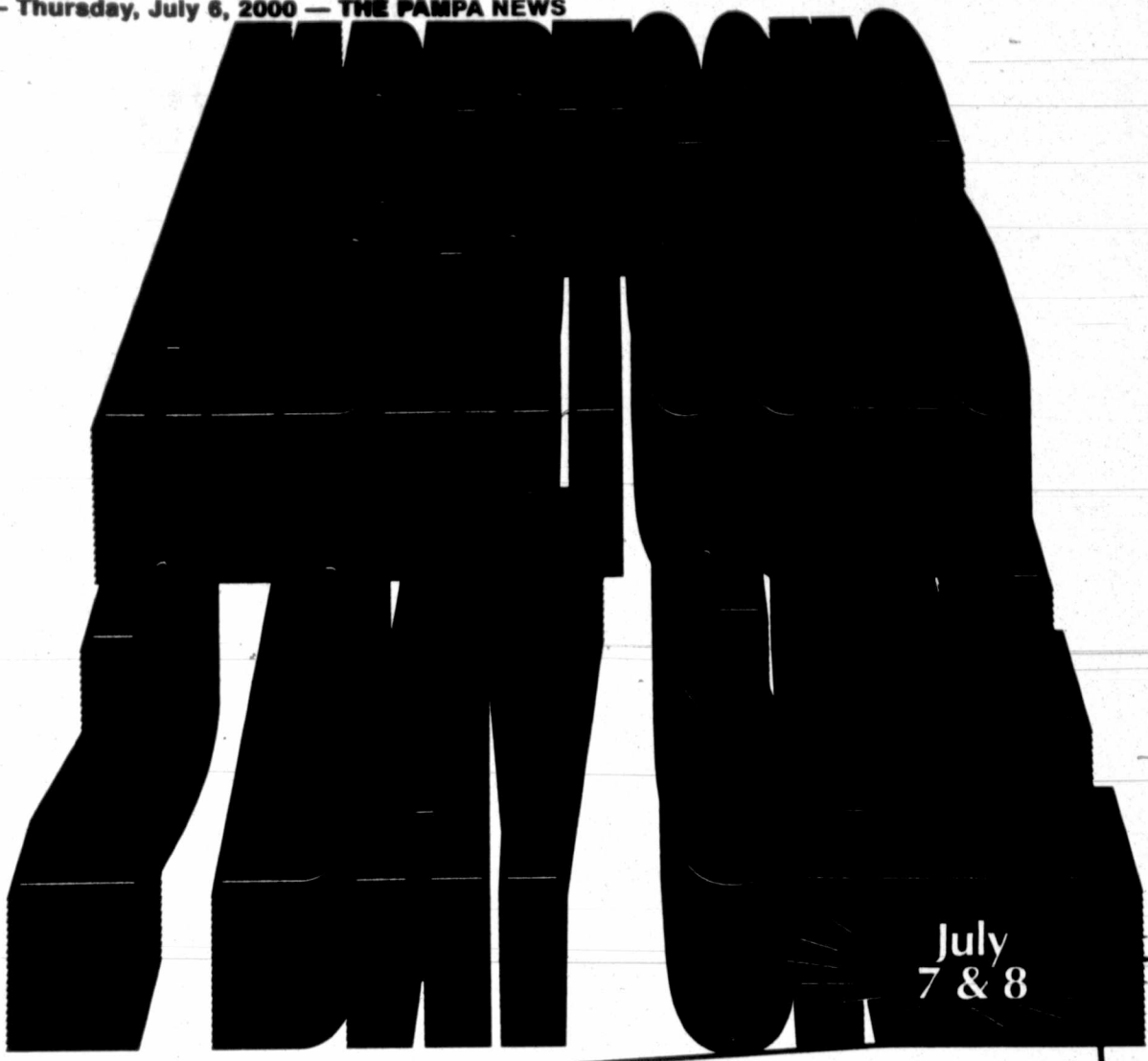
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Audit says IRS owes taxpayers \$25 million in excess payments

WASHINGTON (AP) — Thousands of taxpayers were sent IRS notices demanding taxes they'd already paid and thousands of others forfeited their rights to get money back from the government, an independent audit found.

The audit found that the agency did not credit or refund \$25 million in income taxes overpaid by taxpayers who paid late, though still within the time allowed. Some faced federal liens because of the error.

And thousands of others forfeited their rights to refunds or credits, or were at risk of doing so, that totaled \$335 million. These individuals, families and businesses failed to file late tax returns in time to qualify for the money.

The audit by the independent Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration, David C. Williams, examined 426,000 tax payments, totaling \$360 million, from 240,000 taxpayers that had been transferred as of March 1999 to the IRS Excess Collections Account. Payments are deposited into this account when the IRS is unable to match them with a tax return, usually because it is late.

Of the \$360 million, the audit found that:

- About \$25 million, or 29,820 payments, immediately should have been refunded or credited to taxpayers who filed returns late but within the legal requirement of generally three years after the initial due date — usually April 15 of a given year. The audit did not break down how many taxpayers that involved. The IRS says it has now dealt with the problem.
- Taxpayers forfeited \$162 million, or 191,700 payments, because they did not get a return to the IRS within the three-year window to claim a refund or to credit the payment toward another tax year.
- No tax return had been filed for \$173 million, or 204,480 payments. But these taxpayers still could get their credit or refund if they took action quickly.

Tax law requires a taxpayer to file a claim for a credit or refund of an overpayment within three years after a return is filed or two years after the tax was paid, whichever is later. If no tax is due, the claim must be made within two years of the payment.

The chief culprit is the main IRS computer, which is not linked directly to computers in the agency's 10 service centers, where records of payment transfers to the excess account are kept.

When a late return is filed, the computer containing a taxpayer's main account has no record of the previous payments and the IRS sends out a notice demanding the money.

An IRS study from 1995 that was cited by auditors said it was "unproductive" to spend time tracking down people who failed to file tax returns if they did not owe taxes and that agents sometimes transferred payments to the excess accounts to reduce the number of unresolved cases.

As a result, the auditors found that "many taxpayers received inaccurate or erroneous balance due notices, sometimes taxpayers made additional payments in excess of their tax liabilities and, in a few instances, taxpayers were subjected to federal tax liens."

The IRS says it has now returned or credited the money cited in the audit and is fixing the problem.

In a response letter, IRS Commissioner Charles Rossotti said computers are being modified to prevent transfers into the excess payment account until the three-year refund limit has expired.

Rossotti also said the IRS will send "periodic letters to taxpayers with credits to remind them to file a return to receive a credit or refund."

He questioned the \$25 million in credits and refunds estimated by the audit, saying an examination of two of the 10 service centers uncovered 1,398 payments due totaling about \$1.7 million. If that rate held for the other centers, Rossotti said, the total credited back to taxpayers would amount to about \$8.5 million.

The auditors said the discrepancy could be attributed to major differences between service centers in crediting taxpayer overpayments and responses by many taxpayers to inaccurate balance notices they received last year.

On the Net:
Tax inspector general:
<http://www.ustreas.gov/tigta>
IRS: <http://www.irs.gov>

New jobless claims down last week, according to Labor Department report

WASHINGTON (AP) — New claims for unemployment benefits fell last week — after rising the previous two weeks — leaving claims hovering in a range suggesting that employers are scrambling for workers.

The Labor Department reported Thursday that 296,000 Americans filed new claims for jobless benefits for the week ending July 1, down by 12,000 from the previous week. That was the lowest level since May 27 when claims were at 299,000. Last week's decline was bigger than many analysts were expecting.

The more stable four-week moving average of claims, which smoothes out week-to-week volatility, also fell last week to 301,500. That was the lowest since June 17 when claims were at 301,250.

Analysts consider claims below 300,000 an indication of a tight labor market, meaning employers are having trouble finding qualified workers to fill openings.

While that's good for workers, economists find it worrisome. They fear that employers will recruit workers with big increases in wages and benefits, added costs that companies could pass along to consumers in the form of higher prices.

The Federal Reserve has boosted interest rates six times since June 1999 to slow the economy and keep inflation under control. There have been indications in some recent economic reports that the Fed's rate increases are working to cool growth.

On Friday, the government will report on the nation's employment environment for June. Many analysts are expecting the jobless rate to tick down a notch to near a 30-year low of 4 percent, from 4.1 percent in May.

Thursday's report also said that in the work week ending June 24, 28 states and territories reported decreases in new job-

less claims, while 25 reported increases. The state data lag a week behind the national figures.

The state with the biggest decline was Pennsylvania, down 2,357. Officials attributed the drop to fewer layoffs in the construction, trade, apparel and transportation industries.

Other states with decreases were: North Carolina, down 1,102; Iowa, down 824; Ohio, down 794; and Wisconsin, down 688.

The state with the biggest increase was New Jersey, up 4,506. Officials blamed the increase on layoffs in the transportation, trade and service industries.

Other states with increases were: Michigan, up 3,498; Massachusetts, up 2,616; Connecticut, up 1,444; and Rhode Island, up 1,125.

On the Net:
Labor Department:
<http://www.dol.gov>

Federal attorneys continue with defense phase

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The plaintiffs say the government helped cause at least some of the three fires that engulfed the compound at the end of the siege; the government says the Branch Davidians started the fires.

Bradford said it was unlikely that FBI onsite commander Jeffery Jamar, and Richard Rogers, who headed the FBI's Hostage Rescue

Team at the complex, would testify in the civil trial.

"We don't think they've proven anything that Rogers and Jamar would need to testify about," Bradford told reporters after court Wednesday.

He predicted the government could wrap up its side of the case by next Wednesday.

A five-member jury will act as an advisory panel to U.S. District Judge Walter Smith, who will deliver the verdict.

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SPORTS

Notebook

BASEBALL

AMARILLO — Pampa defeated Amarillo High 5-3 in a West Texas League game Wednesday night.

The big blow of the game for Pampa was a solo homer by Travis Lancaster. Michael Galloway had an RBI single and another run came home on Kevin Schaub's groundball.

Outfielder Kyle Francis had a sacrifice fly and he also robbed an AHS player of a base hit with a diving catch in left field.

Shawn Strate was the winning pitcher and Randy Tice was credited with a save. Strate allowed two hits and was relieved by Tice in the fifth inning. Tice gave up just one hit.

TENNIS

WIMBLEDON, England (AP) — Top-seeded Pete Sampras, No. 2 Andre Agassi, No. 12 Patrick Rafter and qualifier Vladimir Voltchkov advanced to the semifinals at Wimbledon.

Voltchkov beat Bryon Black 7-6 (2), 7-6 (2), 6-4 to join John McEnroe (1977) as the only qualifiers to reach the men's semifinals. Ranked 237, Voltchkov is the lowest-ranked player in history to reach the Wimbledon semis.

He will play Sampras, the six-time Wimbledon champion who served 26 aces in a 6-4, 6-7 (4), 6-4, 6-4 victory over Jan-Michael Gambill.

Agassi and Rafter will meet in the other semifinal. Agassi beat Australian Mark Philippoussis, 7-6 (4), 6-3, 6-4 in their quarterfinal duel, and Rafter downed Alexander Popp 6-3, 6-2, 7-6 (1).

Also, Martina Navratilova's Wimbledon run finally ended. The nine-time Wimbledon singles champion found playing both Williams sisters a little too much to handle. She and partner Mariae de Swardt lost their doubles quarterfinal to Venus and Serena Williams 4-6, 6-2, 6-1.

Navratilova returned to play Wimbledon after a four-year absence, hoping to win once more at the All England Club and match Billie Jean King's record of 20 titles. Last week, Navratilova lost in mixed doubles.

GOLF

WASHINGTON (AP) — The PGA Tour is appealing to the Supreme Court to decide that laws protecting Americans with disabilities should not apply to professional golfers.

Lawyers PGA Tour Inc. said in the appeal that disabled golfer Casey Martin has no legal right to ride in a golf cart between shots during its tournaments and that the Americans with Disabilities Act should not apply to Martin's case.

The ADA does not regulate "standards established for competitors (here, professional golfers) in athletic competitions held at places of public accommodation," the appeal said.

A federal judge and the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals previously rejected that argument, allowing Martin to use a cart in PGA Tour-sanctioned events.

The Supreme Court, now in summer recess, is not expected to decide until October whether it will grant the PGA Tour's appeal and hear arguments in the case. If it denies review, the lower courts' rulings will stand.

Martin, who sued the PGA Tour in 1997, has a circulatory disorder in his right leg that makes it painful for him to walk long distances. The disorder, a congenital vascular condition, is called Klippel-Trenaunay-Weber Syndrome.

"I think we all wish it would be resolved and put to rest for the final time," Tiger Woods, a teammate of Martin's at Stanford University, said Wednesday in Lemont, Ill., where he's playing this week in the Western Open.

Astros fall to Arizona

HOUSTON (AP) — Arizona manager Buck Showalter wondered if there was a full moon. The Houston Astros, however, have strange things happen to them all the time.

The Diamondbacks came from four runs behind to beat the Astros 12-9 Wednesday night as Luis Gonzalez hit for the cycle.

Arizona battered the Houston bullpen for seven runs in the final three innings after starter Shane Reynolds departed with an 8-5 lead. The Astros have won just three of their last 14 games.

"I try not to be negative," said Reynolds, named to the NL All-Star team earlier in the day. "I know it's just baseball, but you don't think it's going to happen every time. It's like there's a hex on us or something."

Reynolds started the season 4-0, but has lost five of his last six decisions, not counting bizarre no-decisions such as Wednesday.

"We don't get any breaks whatsoever," said Reynolds, who is 2-4 at new Enron Field and hasn't won at home since May 10. "And when we do, something else happens to us. I threw some good pitches and they'd get dink hits that would find a hole. I have no idea why this is happening to us. I just don't understand."

Manager Larry Dierker agreed.

"It was more of the same for us. We get a lead and lose it," Dierker said. "I didn't think Shane pitched that badly, but I don't think I've ever seen that many bloop hits."

"I guess this game more than any other summarizes the way our season has gone."

Craig Biggio thinks the odds are just finally catching up with the three-time Central Division champions.

"When you have a lot of breaks and luck go your way the it did for us the last three years," Biggio said, "it's going to turn around and come back on you. And it has."

Showalter admitted his team's comeback win was unusual and thought the game changed when Astros officials opened the retractable roof in the top of the fifth inning, as they always do. The Diamondbacks scored four runs the next inning.

"Was there a full moon?" Showalter asked. "It's just another game when you open that roof here."

Gonzalez provided plenty of fireworks, hitting a double in the first inning, a single in the third, a triple in the eighth and a home run in the ninth. Gonzalez said it didn't matter that the cycle came against Houston, his former team. It was the first time a Diamondback player hit for the cycle, and the first at Enron Field.

"It's special to have your name on something like that," Gonzalez said. "But this is a different park (than the Astrodome) and it really plays different."

Damian Miller went 3-for-5 with a home run and three RBIs, and Steve Finley went 3-for-5 with one RBI, one stolen base and two runs scored.

"We scored 12 runs and we could have scored more," Showalter said. "Damian is swinging the bat well. It's hard to get him out right now. And I think Fins showed us why we're all so frustrated that he's not going to Atlanta" as an All-Star.

Volleyball camp starts on Monday

PAMPA — Pampa High head volleyball coach Carmen Pennick will direct a volleyball camp July 10-14 at McNeely Fieldhouse.

The camp is for girls in the third through ninth grades this coming school year.

The morning session is for third through fifth grade from 8 to 11.

The afternoon session is for sixth through ninth grade from 1 to 4:30.

Cost is \$75. Interested girls can register the first day of camp.

If more information is needed, Pennick can be contacted at 669-2857.

All-around cowgirl



(Photo by Kris Day)

All-around cowgirl Taylor Gregory (above) is entered in barrels, goat tying and ribbon roping at the Top O' Texas Rodeo July 13-15 in Pampa. Taylor, 13, is from Miami. The rodeo begins at 7:30 each night.

Exhibition games played at Optimist Park

PAMPA — Glo-Valve scored runs in pairs to defeat Duncan, Fraser & Bridges Insurance 8-4 and came back later to score four single runs to edge Celanese Corporation 4-3 in weekend exhibition games at Optimist Park.

In both games, Glo-Valve scored in the first, second, third and fifth innings. Tyson Hickman won his eighth game of the year in the opener against one loss. In three innings he allowed one base runner, a single by DFB's Matthew Trusty, but erased him three pitches later on a 1-6-3 double play. Brett Ferrell picked up his second save of the year, pitching the last three innings. He gave up three earned runs on four hits. He struck out four and walked two. Hickman struck out six.

Braydon Barker, Trusty and Weston Teichmann pitched for DFB. Barker permitted three earned runs on four hits. He walked two and struck out two. Trusty surrendered two runs on two hits. He struck out one and walked one. Teichmann permitted two runs and three hits. He struck out three while walking one.

In the second game, Jared Moler, Stephen Smith and Dylan Henley pitched for Celanese. Moler was charged with three earned runs and six hits. He walked three and hit two batters. He struck out three. Henley was the most effective pitcher for Celanese, pitching his way out of two bases-loaded jams without allowing a run. He was touched for two hits. He struck out two and walked two.

Ferrell raised his pitching record to 5-1 in the game against Celanese. He was touched for one unearned run on two hits. He walked two and struck out three. Hickman and Ferrell reversed roles in the two games. Hickman picked up his second save of the year pitching the last three innings. He allowed one hit and two unearned runs. He struck out seven while walking one.

Hickman opened Glo-Valve's game against DFB with a Texas League single to right field. He went from first to third on a perfect sacrifice bunt by Jaron Clark. Eric Kingcade followed with a single to drive in Hickman. Craig Stone was safe on a fielder's choice with Kingcade speeding to third when a double play attempt resulted in the ball going into center field. A double steal worked scoring Hickman and sending Stone to third when nobody covered the throw to second base. A walk to Ferrell followed. Glo-Valve went to the well one too many times, attempting another double steal which resulted in Stone being nailed at the plate. Glo-Valve led 2-0.

With one out in the bottom of the first inning, Trusty singled for

DFB. The next batter hit back to Hickman, who threw to Stone covering second. Stone relayed to Ferrell at first for an inning-ending twin killing. Hickman struck out the next six batters in a row.

Glo-Valve scored its second pair of runs in the second inning. Craig Crowell walked and Jonathan Carr doubled him to third. Bobby Sykes was hit by a pitch and Hickman's single to center scored Crowell and Carr. The winners made it 6-0 in the third. Kingcade walked and disregarded a stop sign at third and scored on a double by Stone. Stone advanced to third on a single by Matt Parks and was sacrificed at home by Robbie Dixon.

DFB got on the scoreboard with an unearned run in the bottom of the fourth inning. Barker was safe on an error and forced at second by Trusty. Teichmann reached base on another error with Trusty stopping at second. The runners moved up on a wild pitch. Shane Goldsmith brought in Trusty with a groundout from second to first.

Glo-Valve added its last pair of runs in the fifth inning. Hickman singled for his third hit of the game. He went all the way to third on a passed ball and scored on another passed ball. Jaron Clark beat out and infield hit and took second and third on wild pitches. Stone's single to center tallied Clark giving Glo-Valve an 8-1 lead.

DFB rallied in the bottom of the sixth inning. Trusty singled and stole second, and scored on two wild pitches. Goldsmith walked and stole second. After a fine catch in center field by Jonathan Carr, a double by Luke Raber chased Goldsmith home. Raber moved to third on a ground out and scored the third run of the inning on a single by Chris Burns. Ferrell struck out the last batter to end the rally leaving the score 8-4 in Glo-Valve's favor.

In the late game, Clark walked in the first inning with one out and never slowed down, stealing second sliding under a high throw. Kingcade's double gave Glo-Valve a 1-0 lead. In the bottom of the inning, Celanese evened the score with a Moler double and a single by Jake Craig.

Matt Parks handed the lead back to Glo-Valve in the second. He singled to left field, took second base on a passed ball and scored on a throwing error after an infield single by LeKeith Towles.

Glo-Valve made it 13-1, scoring another run in the third inning by doubles by Hickman and Kingcade. Glo-Valve picked up its last run the hard way in the fifth inning. Bobby Sikes, Hickman and Clark were all hit by pitched balls. Stone's bases-loaded walk brought in what turned out to be the winning run

as Glo-Valve stretched its lead to 4-1.

Celanese came alive in the bottom of the sixth inning. With two out, Tyler Klein walked and advanced to second on a passed ball. He scored on a single by Stephen Smith. Smith took second on the throw to the plate and took third when he was able to elude a rundown between second and third. He scored on a passed ball making the score 4-3 in Glo-Valve's favor. Hickman calmly fired three strikes past the last batter to end the game.

Trusty was the leading hitter for DFB with two singles and two runs scored. Burns also had two hits, including a double and one RBI. Hickman with three hits and Stone with two led Glo-Valve's offensive efforts. Hickman scored twice while Stone tallied once. Both had two RBIs.

Kingcade with two doubles and two RBIs to led Glo-Valve in hitting in the second game. Moler, Craig and Smith had the

only hits for Celanese.

The games didn't count in either league or City Tournament play. Rain halted the City Tournament last week. July vacation plans depleted the ranks of the five teams remaining in the tournament, making it doubtful if it will continue.

In three of the four "for fun" games played over the weekend one or more teams had to pick up players from other teams in order to be able to put nine on the field.

"We knew the games did not count," said Dick Henley, the manager of Celanese, which defeated DFB 4-3 Sunday. "However, we enjoyed having players from Rotary play with us. We all had a good time. That's what it is all about."

In addition to playing a doubleheader against Glo-Valve and Celanese, the DFB players had a father-son game later Saturday.

Even though the games did not count in league standings, there was lots of fun at Optimist Park over the weekend.



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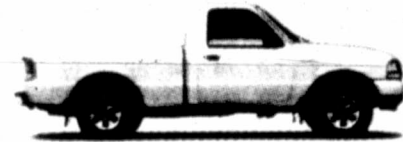
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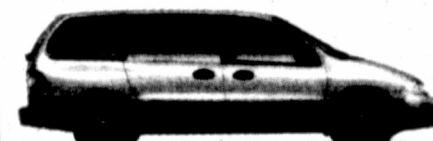
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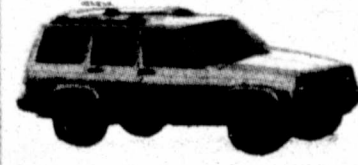
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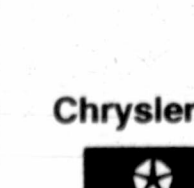
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