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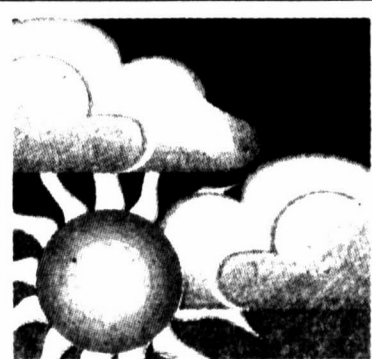
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First Aid, CPR classes July 24-25

PAMPA — Gray County Red Cross plans a First Aid class on the 25th. Both classes run from 6-10 p.m. For information and to pre-register call 669-7121.

Here's latest clue for Golden Horseshoe

There's still no winner of the Golden Horseshoe proving this year's contest to be a bit more difficult than in some years past.

Yesterday's Clue was at Pampa Office Supply while today's clue is at a discount store.

To recap, the first clue was at National Bank of Commerce, followed by Wayne's Western Wear and Northgate Inn.

The finder of the Horseshoe gets a box seat for all three rodeo performances and can ride in the rodeo parade.

Blood drive set Saturday

AMARILLO — Gene Messer Ford and KMMI in Amarillo will sponsor a blood drive from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday, July 15, at the dealership at 3400 Soney. The drive will also be from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Coffee Memorial Blood Center, 1915 Coulter Dr. All donors will receive a T-shirt and a hot dog.

- Weldon M. 'Doc' Bates, 73, teacher, coach, administrator.
- Darlene 'Grump' Howell, 89, retired ASCS chief clerk in Hamford County.
- Kenneth Paslay, 76, retired truck driver.

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Sober pleads guilty to assault, DWI

By DEE DEE LARAMORE
Staff Writer

Justin Sober, convicted of intoxication manslaughter in the death of Stacey Schorn, received an additional 12 years to his prison sentence in 31st District Court here Monday for two counts of intoxication assault.

In a plea bargain arrangement presented to District Judge Steven Emmert, Sober pled guilty to two charges of intoxication assault in exchange for two six-year sentences to run concurrent with the 12-year prison term he is presently serving for the

death of the Pampa teenager.

A concurrent sentence means it is served at the same time as the original sentence, thus no more jail time to serve is really added.

Sober's attorney, Michael Warner, asked that a third charge, the January 2000 driving while intoxicated arrest, be included as an admitted but unadjudicated offense.

Two indictments charged Sober with intoxication assault on Nakisha Horton and Shawn Reames. Horton and Reames were passengers in Sober's pickup truck on May 30, 1999, when it ran through the intersection of Loop 171 and the Letors

highway, south of Pampa, hit the bar ditch and landed in a field near the highway. Both received extensive injuries in the crash. Horton remained in a coma for months and Reames' face had to be reconstructed, according to testimony in the intoxication manslaughter trial. Schorn

died at the scene.

Intoxication assault is a third-degree felony with a punishment range of two to 10 years in the penitentiary and a fine not to exceed \$10,000.

Wearing an orange and white jail uni- (See SOBER, Page 2)



(Pampa News photos by Dee Dee Laramore)

Blake Owen of White Deer loses his seat and bites the dust as the calf comes out of the chute during the Top O' Texas Kid Pony Show Monday.

Kid Pony Show results Last round tonight

Top O' Texas Rodeo Association has posted results of Monday's Kid Pony Show currently under way at the rodeo arena. The Kid Pony Show will conclude this evening and this year's Top O' Texas Rodeo will begin Thursday.

Calf Riding
GROUP III: Kasey Anderson, Amarillo, first place; Ty Dooley, Sunray, second place; Braden Turner, Dumas, third place.

Flag Race
GIRLS GROUP III: Collin Purseley, Pampa, first place; Carley Richardson, Pampa, second place; Laramie Wing, Dalhart, third place.

BOYS GROUP III: Luke Russell, Stinnett, first place; Zachary Christopher, Dalhart, second place; Cody Schittman, Pampa, third place. (See SHOW, Page 2)



Grant Gillispie, 3, stays on his horse Buttercup while eating a Pampa High School Band Boosters hamburger during Monday's Kid Pony Show. Gillispie is the son of Shawn and Jenny Gillispie of Amarillo.

Water plan draft almost complete

By DAVID BOWSER
Staff Writer

WHITE DEER — The Regional Water Planning Group expects to send a draft of their state-mandated regional water plan in the Austin by the end of the summer.

"We will have a draft by the first of August," said C.E. Williams, chairman of the group. "It will be submitted to the Water Development Board."

The Texas Water Development Board will review it, make comments and return it to the district by October.

"The final plan has to be in Austin in January," Williams said. A public information meeting is scheduled for July 27. A hearing on the draft plan is tentatively set for Aug. 31.

The informational meeting will be a video teleconference connecting Amarillo, Childress, Canadian and Stratford through a regional (See WATER, Page 2)

Man posts \$100,000 bond

A Pampa man that was the subject of an intensive manhunt in June is free on \$100,000 bond today.

Marshall Clayton Johnson, 34, 1441 Charles, was charged in mid-June with aggravated assault causing serious bodily injury.

Johnson was accused of beating George Glen Eggleston, 34, 1120 S. Wells, on June 8, in Pampa.

Pampa police said Eggleston was asleep in his living room about 4 p.m. that Thursday when a man entered his home and threatened him, striking him in the eye and chest with a stick or a pole. Eggleston later collapsed and was taken to an Amarillo hospital. He was reported in critical condition today suffering from severe head trauma at Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

A warrant was issued for Johnson, who became the subject of an intensive manhunt that lasted five days until officers captured him in (See MAN, Page 2)

Registration deadline for dog election July 12

Voters throughout Gray County will be going to the polls Aug. 12 to decide if they want dogs registered throughout the county.

Anyone who is not registered to vote and wants to vote in the election must register in the Gray County Tax Assessors' office by Wednesday, July 12.

All voters in Gray County are eligible to vote in the election. If the measure passes, all dogs which belong to owners outside the Pampa city limits will have to be registered with the county. Dogs inside the city limits would not be required to be registered with the county as they are registered with the City of Pampa.

County Attorney Todd Alvey said dog owners cannot be required to register the animals with two entities.

The election stems from an incident in which a miniature pony located outside the city limits was attacked on April 16 by two pit bull dogs. Owner of the horse, Sheryl Lester, owner of the horse, spearheaded the petition drive to take the issue to the voters.

Quite frankly... What is your favorite rodeo event?



"The clowns. They make it so funny."
— Kris Ann Rogers



"The barrels. I'm riding in the Kid Pony Show."
— Chelsie Douglas



"Bull riding, definitely. I'm riding one ..."
— Adam Parks



"I like bull riding and saddle bronc riding."
— Guy Folley



"Wrangler Bull Fighting is my favorite."
— Wayne Stribling

FREEDOM MUSEUM, USA, 600 N. Hobart is open from 12-4 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday. Revolutionary War to Kocovo. All branches of service are represented. For more information, call 669-6066.

LOVETT MEMORIAL LIBRARY Summer Story Hours will be at 10 a.m. Mondays and Tuesdays during July except July 4. The rodeo queens will make a special appearance on July 10. The program, open to children 18 months to five years of age, is free and no registration is required. The library will also offer a program at 10:30 a.m. Wednesdays during July open to children of all ages. Activities will include time capsules, inventions and spacecraft. For more information about these two programs, call 669-5780.

LOVETT MEMORIAL LIBRARY will offer a summer children's reading program in June and July. Children will receive a reading log to keep a record of the number of minutes they read. Every child who reads three hours in June and July may choose a book. Gift certificates will be given to children who read the most. For more information, call 669-5780.

FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN COWBOYS meet the fourth Saturday of each month at the Clyde Carruth Livestock Pavilion, 6:30 p.m. Pot luck supper. For more information contact Kevin Romines,

665-8547 or Jim Greene, 665-8067.

RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION meets at 2 p.m. the third Monday of every month at the Senior Citizens Center. For more information, contact Carolyn Smith, 665-5158.

FIRST PENTECOSTAL HOLINESS CHURCH hosts "Second Sunday Singing" from 2-4 p.m. the second Sunday of each month. Singers and musicians from all over perform congregational singing. The public is cordially invited to attend. For more information, call Mina Towey, 665-8529.

WHITE DEER LAND MUSEUM will celebrate its 30th anniversary in the Year 2000. A new exhibit, "A Season of Change, 1900-200," will go up in January to celebrate the anniversary and the millennium. The exhibit will run from January-September.

WHITE DEER LAND MUSEUM will be selling leaves and rocks to go on the new bronze Heritage which is in the Holland Wing. The items may be purchased all year as memorials and tributes to families, family members and friends.

TRALEE CRISIS CENTER support groups for victims of family violence — both women and children — meet every Thursday evening. For more information, call Diane about the adult support groups, 669-

1788, and Nita about the children's support groups, 669-1131.

TRALEE CRISIS CENTER Coordinating Council meets once a month. For more information, call Ann, 669-1131.

MEALS ON WHEELS Garage Sale, 900 N. Frost, will be every Monday throughout February and April. For more information, call Cindy Gindorf, 669-1007.

PAMPA YOUTH AND COMMUNITY CENTER Water Aerobics class will be from 6-7 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. For more information, call Frankie Hildenbrand, 669-3713, or Lee, Betty or Liz at Pampa Youth Center, 665-0748.

PAMPA AREA LITERACY COUNCIL office will be open from 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Monday-Friday. PALC volunteers work with people who need basic reading/writing skills as well as English as a second language. For more information, call 665-2331.

GRAY COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY HEAD-QUARTERS located in the Combs-Worley Building, 120 W. Kingsmill, Suite 202. Open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. For more information, call 669-1276.

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education classes. Open to the public. For more information, call 665-1182.

PANHANDLE ALLIANCE FOR THE MENTALLY ILL will meet the second Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. at 218 N. Russell. For more information call Sharon King, 665-2818.

AL-ANON will hold weekly meetings on Mondays and Wednesdays at 8 p.m. at 910 W. Kentucky. For more information, call 669-7501.

CLEAN AIR AL-ANON will hold weekly meetings on Tuesdays and Thursdays at noon at 810 W. 23rd. For more information, call 669-7501.

CLEAN AIR AL-ATEEN will hold weekly meetings on Mondays at 7 p.m. at 810 W. 23rd. For more information, contact 669-3988.

VFW POST #1657, 105 S. Cuyler. Charity Bingo every Wednesday at 7 p.m. and Sunday at 1:30 p.m. Doors open one hour early. No one under 18 allowed. Public is welcome. License No. 1-75-6037422-9. For more information contact Edgar D. Carson, 669-0853 or 669-1264.

WOMEN OF THE MOOSE Charity Bingo every Monday at 7 p.m. at the Moose Lodge, 403 W. Brown. Doors open at 6 p.m. Public welcome. License #1-751616469-0.

~ Business Review ~



(Pampa News photo by Nancy Young)

Pam Hathcoat is a third generation family member actively involved in the family business, Pampa Communications and Pampa Communications Satellite. Her four month old son, Rylan, accompanies her to work each day as she manages the Pampa Communication Satellite part of the business. It is located at 641 N. Hobart.

Pampa Communications Satellite

Busy is the best word to describe the Pampa Communications Satellite business as employees are constantly signing up new customers and providing information about the services provided by the local business.

Business is growing rapidly, said Pam Hathcoat, manager of the local business.

"We wanted something different to offer our customers when we began the satellite business one and one-half years ago," said Pam. She said not only does Pampa Communications Satellite sell satellite dishes, but the business also installs and provides service to them.

Customers get over 500 channels, she said. She said they have developed a wide customer base, and it extends all over the Texas Panhandle and into Oklahoma.

Pampa Communications Satellite is constantly expanding outside the immediate area. Customers are provided service in towns including Miami, Canadian, Dumas, Perryton,

Borger, Stinnett, Wheeler and Ardmore, Okla, she said.

The business is currently offering a special at their business. She said those who are current cable customers are being offered a special through July 31. They can receive a free satellite dish and installation during the special.

Pam enjoys her work. She has been working at the business 11 years. A third-generation member of the business which her grandmother began, Pam said she loves the contact with people.

"I have met all kinds of people and made many good friends," said the young woman.

She has raised her children at the business, and her customers have become acquainted with the family. Her two older sons, Roper, 11, and Rodee, 7, came to work with her for many years. Now, her 4-month-old baby, Rylan, sleeps in his swing as Pam conducts business a few feet away.

Pam's grandparents, Dorothy and E.C. Fulton opened Answering Services of Pampa in

April, 1960, at 111 S. Ballard. In 1966 the business relocated to 641 N. Hobart and renamed Pampa Communications. Her grandfather died that year and Dorothy continued to run the business until she retired in 1991.

At that time her daughter, Beverly Snider, took over. Beverly continues to manage the Pampa Communications part of the business. It has served as an answering service, a two-way radio communications business and a two-way repair shop. They sell cellular phones and rent/sell pagers.

The answering service is maintained 24-hours a day. Customers include doctors, Hoover Fire Department, residences, industrial businesses and oil-field related businesses.

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FCC affirms PUC report, assessment

AUSTIN — The Public Utility Commission of Texas enthusiastically welcomed the Federal Communications Commission's order allowing Southwestern Bell Telephone Co. to enter the long distance market in Texas.

"I'm delighted the FCC agrees with us and said it in such a strong order," said PUC Chairman Pat Wood, III. "... (This) action ensures that Texans will enjoy additional benefits from competition in both long distance and local telephone service."

"Southwestern Bell has earned the right to provide long distance service by opening the local telephone market in Texas," said PUC Commissioner July Walsh. "... (The) action by the FCC begins a new era where Texas customers will have more real choices for all telecommunications, including customized service packages."

"The PUC will continue to play an active role in monitoring compliance and making sure the Texas phone market remains open to competition," said PUC Commissioner Brett A. Perlman. "We're committed to making Texas the most competitive market for local phone service in the country."

Competing phone companies already have won more than 1 million local SWBT residential and business lines in Texas. In the past few months competitors such as AT&T, Sprint and WorldCom have made significant inroads in local residential service. Birch, Sage and Z-Tel are just some of the other competitive local providers marketing to residential customers in the state. In addition, numerous other companies have been selling to business and data customers.

The federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 requires each regional Bell telephone company to prove competition to provide local telephone service exists in its home area before it can offer long distance service to its home customers. The PUC was required to assess SWBT's performance in opening Texas' local service markets. Final permission for SWBT to offer long distance service to Texas customers must come from the FCC.

SWBT asked the PUC to support its long distance entry application on March 2, 1998. Over the past 27 months, the company worked in a collaborative process in which SWBT, competing companies, other interested parties and the PUC to implement an open telecommunications market in Texas.

Play to benefit youngster suffering from Wegener's Granulomatosis

AMARILLO — Jaybee and Associations of Amarillo will present the play "Malcolm in the Middle" at 7:30 p.m. July 25 for the benefit of the Amanda Nicholson Fund and the Wegener's Granulomatosis Support Group Inc.

Wegener's is a very rare disease and Nicholson is one of less than 50 youngsters who have been reported with the illness. When she was finally diagnosed, she went through months of chemotherapy, dialysis and suffered a loss of hearing. In November of 1998, she received a kidney transplant from her mother. Today she has regained about 50 percent of her hearing

without the use of an aid.

In addition to the original one-act play there will be raffles for dinners, clothing, etc., and a silent auction is in the offing for some Hollywood memorabilia. The cast of "Malcolm in the Middle" has sent an autographed script and more is expected.

The performers for the evening are teens and the majority are students at a number of high schools in the panhandle area.

An account for Nicholson has been opened at First National Bank of Amarillo.

Admission is by donation. For more information, call (806) 359-9752 or e-mail jaybee@arn.net.

Annual Woody Guthrie Tribute in offing

By THELMA BRAY
Pampa Woody Guthrie Tribute

The Annual Pampa Tribute to Woody Guthrie will be Sept. 3 and 4, during Chautauqua, sponsored by Pampa Fine Arts Association Labor Day weekend, in Central Park. The event will include Jam Sessions and Woody Guthrie music.

This year's "Woody Guthrie musicians" will perform on stage in the park for one hour. Pat Stewart of St. Lewis, Mo., and Sarah Atherton of Amarillo will organize music and musicians. Hopefully Frank Simpson of Madison, Wis., will be there, as well as many other musicians. Everyone is invited to participate.

Woody Guthrie is on the Mall in Washington, D.C., this summer. That is the lead story in the current Folk Alliance Newsletter, which also reported the Woody Guthrie exhibit traveled to D. C. after "an extremely successful run at the City Museum of New York."

Also reported was information on an album just released by Righteous Babe Records of the Woody Guthrie Tribute Concert in September 1996 at the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum Music Master series (title "Til' We Outnumber 'Em.")

The local organization continues to work on a book about Woody,

titled "Reflections, The Life and Times of Woody Guthrie." So much happened during Guthrie's lifetime and he was a part of it — writing songs and recording the history of America, from the Depression to the dust bowl days to World War II.

An important part of the times of Woody Guthrie here in Pampa were the times he spent in the city library. He enrolled in Pampa High School but dropped out. He educated himself, as Richard Hughes

said, by spending secret time in the Pampa library. Hughes, a former Pampan, said, "Woody's seclusion in the Pampa City Library widened his vision, gave him confidence in his mind, and started the gushers of poetic language he would always have at creative moments."

The Woody Guthrie story is a great story and Pampa was a part of it. We say, "Who would have ever believed that when a 17-year-old boy came to Pampa, Texas, in

1929, we would have so much to talk about?" The obvious reason is that Woody Guthrie himself had so much to write about and so much to sing about.

This story is also about the town of Pampa when Woody came — a progressive, growing town of beautiful homes, churches, schools and business buildings — that is a story that must be told also.

See you in Okemah, Okla., to help celebrate Woody's birthday July 14-16.

Bouquet of Gardens Tour in offing

AMARILLO — Amarillo Botanical Gardens' Bouquet of Gardens tour of private gardens is scheduled from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. July 22. Kicking off the tour weekend will be the Garden Steak-Out July 21 in the garden of John and Betty Lovell.

Steaks (or chicken breast) will be served sizzling from an open grill, accompanied by all of the trimmings. Entertainment will be a musical variety show of "oldies" from the 40's and 50's by Tim Lewis, vocalist, and Kent Watson. Lewis, a classically trained vocalist is also a writer and composer. Watson, who received his formal training at the University of Oklahoma, serves as pianist and arranger for the "Starjazz Trio" and also performs solo concerts and in his own show, "Joplin & Co."

The Premier gardens for the 2000 Bouquet of Gardens Tour include:

—1600 Bellaire. Robert and Ginger Green's gar-

den is reflective of the Santa Fe style architecture of the home. The garden is a series of adjoining courtyards and patios, incorporating the outdoors with the interiors of the home.

—32 Tascosita Circle. Ken and Tarrie Pirtle's garden is an oasis in a desert setting. Nestled in the arid terrain of the hills of Tascosa, the garden features a pond, lush vegetation and a greenhouse where Ken demonstrates his passion for growing orchids.

—3003 South Lipscomb. Jack Sisemore has developed his garden for out-door entertaining. The main features include gazebo for grilling, dining and relaxing and a pool with a waterfall. Plantings are designed and selected to accentuate the beauty, elegance and tranquility of these sculptural elements.

Tickets are \$15 per person for the tour and \$40 per person for the Steak-Out. Reservations are required and may be made by calling (806) 352-6513.

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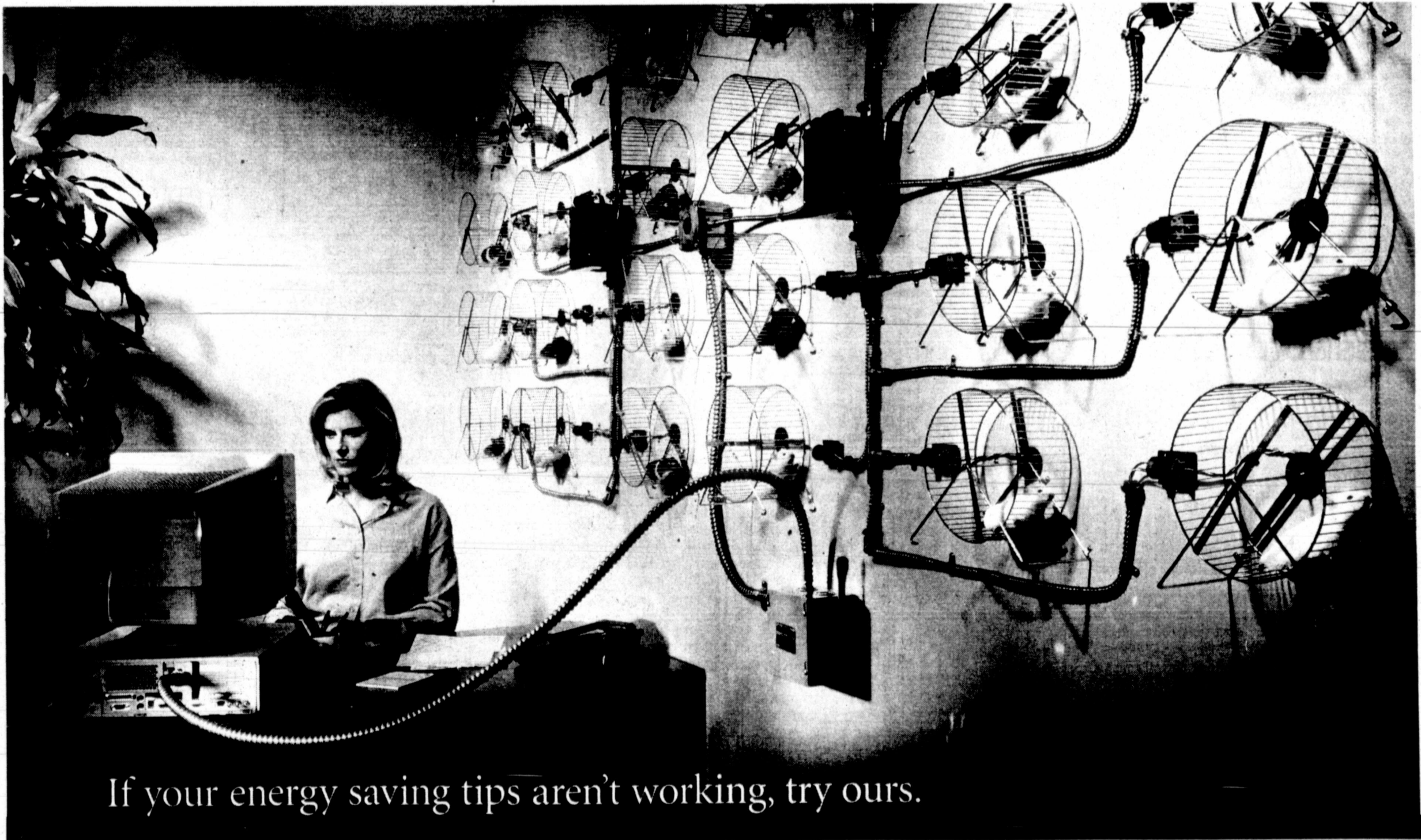
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Many Groups Offer Help For Kids Suffering Abuse

DEAR ABBY: This letter is in response to your recently printed letter from "Concerned in Pennsylvania," who asked what advice could be given to children who suffer abuse in their homes and cannot leave. We receive calls of this type regularly at Childhelp USA.

While all forms of abuse or neglect are harmful physically, emotionally or psychologically to children, authorities may not think a situation is serious enough to permanently remove children from their homes. Moreover, the abuse may be unknown to all but the perpetrator and the victim. Often victims are scared silent because they are frequently threatened, told it's all their fault or that no one will believe them. Victims may have mixed feelings because the perpetrator is an important person in their lives.

Youngsters in these types of situations must be made aware of the following:

1. You are a victim, and the abuse you are suffering is not your fault.

2. You do not deserve to be treated this way.

3. If you are being burned, bitten, or hit hard enough to leave marks or bruises, you are being abused.

4. If you are not being fed well enough or taken to the doctor when you are sick, if you are locked in a room for hours, or left home alone at too young an age — you are being neglected. Neglect is a form of



Abigail Van Buren

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5. If you are made fun of, called names, told you are unwanted or that you are worthless or stupid, you are being emotionally abused.

6. If any of the above are being done to you, please find someone you trust and tell them. A family member, a teacher, the school nurse, the school counselor, someone at your church, a neighbor or anyone you can trust must be told. Ask them for help. Make them believe you. Show them the marks.

7. Try not to be alone with any person who hurts you.

8. Listen to your little voice inside when it says that what is being done to you is not right.

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Choose to do little as you reach an important conclusion. Turn inward and seek your own intuition. You sense something about a co-worker. Be sure you want to work with him. Anchor money dealings. Leave nothing in the air. Tonight: Vanish and cocoon. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

A friendship builds. You don't see another in the same light. Check in with yourself to see how much you might be distorting your perspective. Throw out the rose-colored glasses. Energize through your sense of humor and love of the good times. Tonight: Let it all hang out. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

You're in charge, and now that you are at the top of the mountain, you change your mind about certain key matters. Learn to do this process more often so that you can understand a boss. Follow a hunch. A family member appreciates a new purchase. Tonight: Could be a late night. BORN TODAY

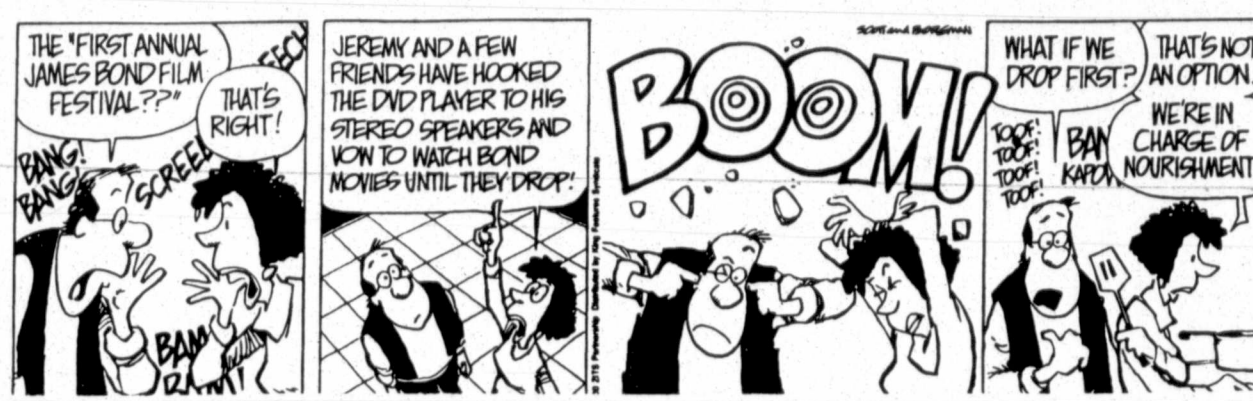
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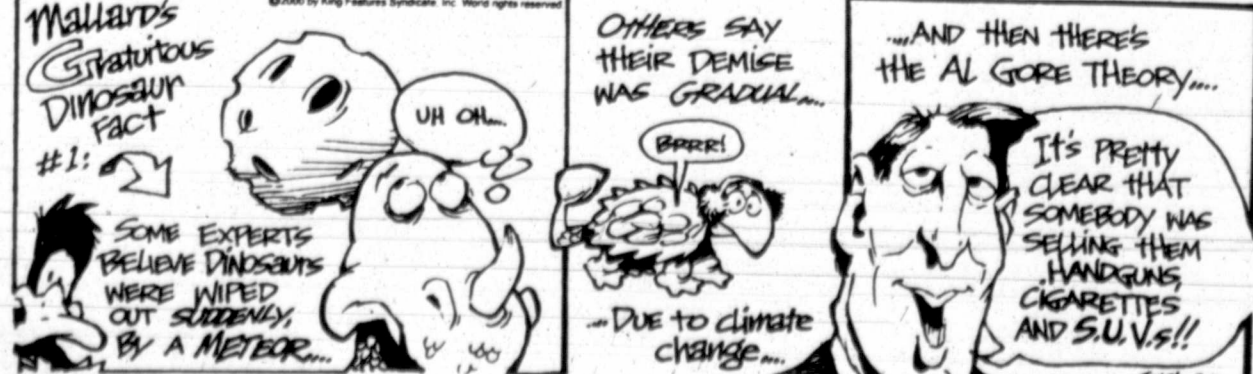
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Horoscope

WEDNESDAY, JULY 12, 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)

***** You're up for a risk. Don't let the back. Act on impulse and inspiration. A friend cheers you on. Your results could differ from your expectations, but they're most positive. Revise your thinking about a loved one. You might not be seeing him clearly. Tonight: Rent a movie. TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

***** Another applauds your actions.

You bring in the bucks because of a strong decision. You revise your ideas about how you are going to deal with associates. Consider a boss's opinion or another's feedback; this person's experience proves to be helpful. Brainstorm. Tonight: An important chat. GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

***** Others hold the cards, but that doesn't mean you need to let go and lose control.

Detach yourself, and refuse to run headlong into a confrontation. Your overview helps you understand another. As a result, count on a new perspective from a key associate. Tonight: Accept an invitation. CANCER (June 21-July 22)

***** An associate's idea appears to be inspired.

Follow through and internalize a new structure in your work. Efficiency counts. Take charge and listen

to a child or loved one. You land on your feet, no matter what. Your good instincts direct your actions. Tonight: Work late. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

***** Infuse your mental ingenuity into your work. Let your imagination flow. Be spontaneous with ideas. Another joins in on your flight of fancy. A new relationship appears on the horizon, but curb a tendency to put this person on a pedestal. Tonight: Let fun back into your life. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

***** Take charge at home and at work. More and more, you could be considering a home office. You would flourish in this mixed environment. A professional opportunity opens a new door, so walk on through. Your finances will flourish. A family member responds in a controlling manner. Tonight: Mosey on home. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

***** Reach out for others. Go that extra mile. A conversation turns your mind around about a key issue. Emphasis is on long-distance travel, publishing and legal matters. A child or loved one touches you on a deep level. Brainstorm and swap ideas. Tonight: At a favorite spot. SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

***** Financial matters must take precedence. You work hard to make facts and figures match. Don't spend more money than necessary. Revise your thinking about a partner. Expect support and good ideas. You make a strong team because of your different views. Tonight: Togetherness counts. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

***** Your smile melts ice cubes. wins the day at work and allows you to

Crossword Puzzle

By THOMAS JOSEPH

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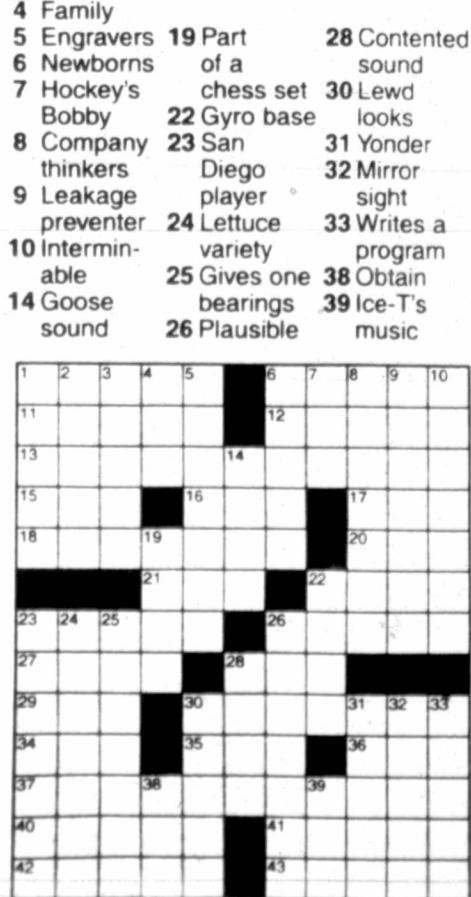
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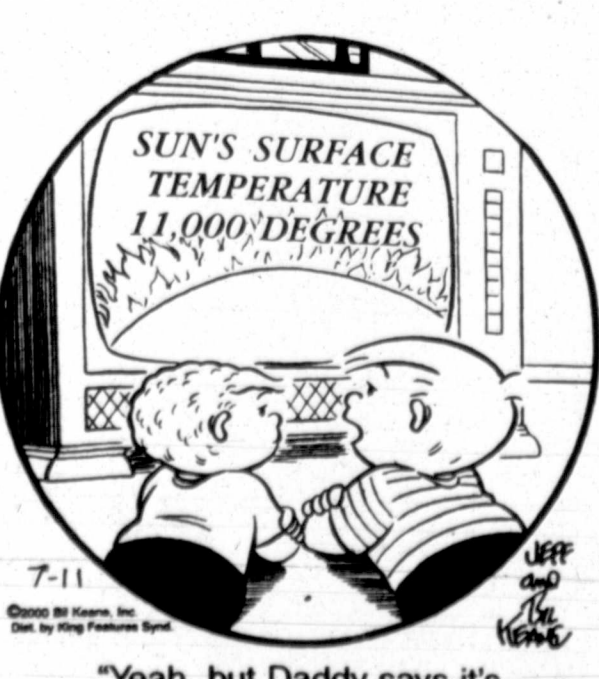
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WIMBLEDON, England (AP) — Two days after winning the Wimbledon singles title, Venus Williams teamed with sister Serena to beat Ai Sugiyama and Julie Halard-Decugis 6-3, 6-2 to become the first sisters to capture the women's doubles championship, their third Grand Slam doubles title.

NEW YORK (AP) — The Williams family makes good television. If the preliminary ratings for Wimbledon are any indication, that could translate into consistent growth of tennis' popularity.

"If the Williams sisters continue to win major tournaments," former CBS Sports president Neal Pilson said, "there's no question they have the charisma or personality to assure that there will be large audiences for their matches."

The numbers were certainly strong for Wimbledon as a whole, particularly Saturday and Sunday.

The average big-market overnight rating for NBC's nine days of Wimbledon coverage — some live, some tape-delayed — was a 3.7, an increase of 12 percent over last year's 3.3.

The Williams sisters, Venus and her younger sister, U.S. Open champion Serena, played a large part in that jump.

On Saturday, when Venus Williams' straight-set defeat of defending champion Lindsay Davenport made her the first black woman to win at Wimbledon since Althea Gibson in 1957-58, NBC got a 4.4 — 42 percent better than the 3.1 in 1998, when Jana Novotna beat Nathalie Tauziat.

The final hour of their Wimbledon semifinal — a match aired on tape-delay Thursday afternoon — pulled in a 5.0 overnight rating.

When they won the rain-delayed doubles championship Monday, NBC's "Today" went to Wimbledon three times for a total of 11 minutes of live coverage.

NBC also pulled in a 5.0 overnight rating for Sunday, which included Sampras' rain-interrupted four-set victory over Patrick Rafter for his seventh singles triumph at the All England Club and a record 13 Grand Slam titles. That's a jump of 25 percent over the 4.0 the network got for the 1998 final between Sampras and Goran Ivanisevic.

Last year's ratings — about the same for Sunday — aren't a good basis for comparison because rain pushed the men's and women's to later in the day.

Each rating point represents one percent of the nation's TV households, and the overnight numbers cover about 60 percent of the United States. Nielsen Media Research will release full national ratings later this week.

"Tennis feeds off personalities and rivalries perhaps more than any other sport and certainly it is now enjoying, on the women's side, some very marketable players," Pilson said.

"It may be too early to say tennis will have a boom, but it's certainly going to enjoy healthy ratings."

Whether or not the sisters can have the sort of impact on tennis' ratings that Tiger Woods has had on golf's will depend on the sisters' ability to win consistently and the sport's ability to market itself.

It helps that there are plenty of personalities in women's tennis right now, including Martina Hingis, Mary Pierce and Anna Kournikova.

"A lot depends on what tennis does to capitalize on this superstar situation and this special interest situation," said Ron Fredrick, managing director of national broadcast for MindShare, an advertising agency. "Even before Tiger Woods came along, golf had been very aggressive."

Pampa downs Borger in District One opener

PAMPA — The Pampa Little League Softball All-Stars moved to within one win of a district title Monday night at Optimist Park. Pampa beat the Borger All-Stars 12-2 in a game that went just four innings due to the 10-run rule.

Each team had won Area titles and are playing a best two of three series to determine the District One champion.

Pampa's Nicole Clark pitched the first inning, walking three and striking out three while not allowing a run.

In Pampa's half of the first, singles by Amy Youree and Cassy Tice along with six base on balls allowed Pampa to take a commanding 7-0 lead.

Pampa made a pitching change in the top of the second when Stephanie McVay came on in relief of Clark, who moved to

Softball

center field. Borger scored one run in the second on a leadoff single to centerfield. With two outs, a single scored the Borger runner who had advanced to third.

In the bottom of the second, Cassy Tice and Maggie Hopkin were issued back to back walks. The next three Pampa batters were retired in order, stranding the two Pampa runners.

Borger was able to score one run in the third when the leadoff batter reached on an error.

The next batter struck out. An RBI single scored Borger's leadoff hitter. A flyout to Youree and another strikeout by McVay ended Borger's at bat.

In the bottom of the third, Pampa's Kari Terrell scored after being

issued a base on balls to extend Pampa's lead to 8-2.

Borger had one runner reach after being hit by a pitch in the fourth. A flyout to Youree and two groundouts to Stephanie McVay ended Borger's at bat.

Pampa plated four runs in the bottom of the fourth on an error and seven base on balls to bring the score to 12-2.

A win by Pampa tonight will clinch the district championship. The Pampa-Borger game starts at 7 at Optimist Park.

Pampa Little League All-Star team members are Callie Cobb, Amanda Hood, Kari Terrell, Jackie Gerber, Autumn Darden, Nicole Clark, Kalya Debose, Maggie Hopkin, Cassy Tice, Amy Youree and Stephanie McVay.



Pampa's Kari Terrell loosens up before stepping into the batter's box in last night's district championship series.

OI' Boomer and Torre are together again

ATLANTA (AP) — Chances are, Joe Torre probably wishes David Wells could pitch for his team the rest of the season.

Instead, the New York Yankees manager gets him for only a few innings.

In an All-Star game hurt by injuries, Torre had no trouble finding a healthy starter. Just give the ball to Boomer.

The same guy who went 4-0 for the Yankees in the 1998 postseason and then was sent away for Roger Clemens. The same character who leads the majors with 15 wins for Toronto.

"It wasn't my decision to trade me. Obviously, they thought it made sense to trade me," he said Monday. "You move on. I don't hold any grudges."

No gloating, either, as the two-time World Series champions struggle with their rotation. And that was even before Clemens hit Mike Piazza in the head.

"To go out there and wish bad things on the Yankees,

that's not going to happen," Wells said. "I can't worry about what the Yankees are doing."

"I don't think there's a point to prove."

His shaved head gleaming, Wells turned to Torre and added with a playful grin peeking out from his bushy goatee, "I know what I'm capable of doing at any time, and right now, if I wanted to, I could strangle Joe."

Said Torre with a laugh: "The only thing I could say is, if it was just to prove a point, you've done that, so you can stop."

This week, Torre and NL manager Bobby Cox were more interested in proving they had enough players for the game.

Seven elected starters, along with Atlanta pitcher Greg Maddux, are sidelined. That does not include Boston ace Pedro Martinez, who was not picked because he was hurt. And Cleveland second baseman Roberto Alomar is "iffy" with a bruised arm, Torre said. Never before in 70 All-Star

games had more than five players selected for the original rosters; needed replacements.

"This lineup has changed many times," Cox said. "I had a lineup really etched in stone about 10 days ago. Then our guys started dropping."

Sidelined for the NL: Mark McGwire, Ken Griffey Jr., Barry Bonds, Piazza and Maddux. Out for the AL: Cal Ripken, Alex Rodriguez and Manny Ramirez.

Andres Galarrraga, Vladimir Guerrero, Jim Edmonds, Jason Kendall, Travis Fryman, Derek Jeter and Carl Everett will start in their places.

Griffey, slowed by a sore right knee, made the trip to take part in the home run derby Monday night. Sammy Sosa stopped Junior's two-year run as champion, highlighted by a pair of 500-foot shots.

Earlier in the day, Colorado outfielder Jeffrey Hammonds arrived as a late replacement for the NL. Cox was still a player short, though, after Piazza pulled out with a concussion.

"I was up at 1:15 last night, trying to find a catcher," Cox said.

Todd Hundt start for the NL, even though he worked seven innings Sunday for Arizona. He becomes the first pitcher to start in both leagues since Vida Blue did it for the AL in 1975 and the NL in 1978.

"I told Bobby I'd be available unless I threw 140, 150 pitches, which wasn't the case yesterday," Johnson said.

The AL has won three straight games, yet the NL leads the overall series 40-29-1. Home run champion Hank Aaron will throw out the first ball — he homered in 1972 when the game was last played in Atlanta.

With so much emphasis on lively balls this season, Wells (15-2, 3.44 ERA) and Johnson (14-2, 1.80 ERA, major league-leading 198 strikeouts) will take the mound at one of the few ballparks left where pitching usually rules.

Wells started the 1998 game at Coors Field while with the

Yankees and also relieved in 1995 while with Detroit. Johnson, who will likely pitch only one inning, started in 1995 and 1997 while with Seattle.

For Wells, this is a chance to play again with former Yankees teammates Mariano Rivera, Jorge Posada, Bernie Williams and Jeter. He also gets to play under Torre, who did his best to tolerate Boomer's antics — on the mound, in the clubhouse and all about town.

"I've been on some great teams. Best team ever in '98," Wells said.

At spring training in 1999, the Yankees sent Wells in a package to the Blue Jays for Clemens, a five-time Cy Young winner. Wells is 32-12 since that deal while Clemens is 20-16.

"When things happen like that, you just have to treat it as business. You don't hold any regrets over it," he said. "To me, New York was a place where I wanted to play. That's where I wanted to end my career."

"But they had a chance to

Armstrong makes his move in Monday's Tour de France outing

LOURDES-HAUTACAM, France (AP) — Lance Armstrong's seven-mile uphill burst accomplished more than giving the American cyclist the yellow jersey at the Tour de France.

It also served warning to his tour rivals that a superhuman effort will be needed to dislodge him from the top of the standings.

Armstrong, who came in 42 seconds behind stage winner Javier Ochoa of Spain, took a 4-minute, 14-second overall lead over Germany's Jan Ullrich, the rider the U.S. Postal Service team sees as his biggest threat.

His other rivals are even further back, and though Armstrong won't admit it, Monday's stunning performance makes him the firm favorite to become the second American after Greg Lemond to retain the biggest prize in cycling.

"It is a long race. It is three weeks, and this is only the first day in the mountains," Armstrong said. "It is a hard Tour de France this year. I suffered last year and know not to count on anything."

"Form is a funny thing. It comes slowly, but can go away quickly. The candle can burn out quickly, especially in this weather."

Armstrong, who came back from cancer to win last year's tour, was in stunning form in atro-

cious weather on Monday.

The U.S. Postal Service rider from Austin, Texas, used a dramatic attack in the final climb up the 1,500-meter peak at Lourdes-Hautacam to finish second in the day's stage, a 127-mile trek from Dax that was the first mountain portion of the race and 10th of 21 stages overall.

In rain and cold, Armstrong — who started the day in 16th place — stormed past challengers with ease.

"Armstrong came through like a plane at the end," Frenchman Richard Virenque said. "He is definitely the man to beat."

The 28-year-old Texan, who said before the tour began that the race really started with the mountains on July 10, goes into Tuesday's hilly 135-mile stage from Bagneres-de-Bigorre to Revel full of confidence.

"Today was about good tactics," Armstrong said. "It was a good day for me. I like these conditions."

Armstrong said Ochoa deserved the stage victory, but he was delighted with his own performance.

"Ochoa rode hard and led for so long. Probably 99 percent of the people there were Spaniards cheering him," he said.

Armstrong's powerful late surge took him past 1998 winner Marco Pantani, 1999 third-place

finisher Fernando Escartin and Virenque, and was reminiscent of his blistering form a year ago.

One of four riders to break away from the pack in the first half of the race, Ochoa won the stage in 6:09:32, after starting the day in 122nd place, 13:01 behind the leader.

Armstrong was looking forward to the stage, saying all along that he can dominate other top riders in the mountains, where the tour usually is won or lost. Good climbers can make up dozens of minutes in the overall standings.

While Ochoa looked exhausted at the end, Armstrong was virtually sprinting in the final miles. But about two-thirds of the way through the stage, he had problems.

Led by strong climbers Kevin Livingston and Tyler Hamilton, U.S. Postal led a charge from the pack approaching Col D'Aubisque, 37 miles from the finish.

The strategy initially worked, with Armstrong moving away from his main rivals, but Livingston and Hamilton couldn't keep up the pace, leaving Armstrong isolated.

About 8 miles from the finish, Armstrong was more than 10 minutes behind the leader, in a group with Pantani, Alex Zulle and Ullrich.

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Pentagon looks ahead to next test of troubled missile defense system

By DAVID BRISCOE
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Pentagon is doing a second-by-second analysis of the latest test failure of its proposed national missile defense system, as it prepares for what has become an even more critical test as early as October.

"We're going to press forward," said Lt. Col. Rick Lehner, spokesman for the troubled program. "This particular malfunction doesn't do anything to degrade our confidence in the overall technology that's been developed."

Defense Secretary William Cohen, traveling to China, said the second failed test out of three was disappointing but does not mean the Clinton administration will give up the goal of having the system ready to defend against incoming missiles by 2005.

When he returns, Cohen is to appear before the Senate Armed Services Committee to defend the program before Congress for the first time. The committee chairman, Sen. John Warner, R-Va., said Congress would conduct an "in-depth analysis" of the latest tests.

The next test of the system designed to knock incoming missiles out of the sky with an unarmed "kill vehicle" is set for October or November and will be very similar to the one that had a double failure Saturday. The interceptor vehicle failed to sepa-

rate from its second-stage booster, and a decoy balloon from the incoming rocket, designed to deceive the interceptor, failed to inflate.

"It would have been desirable to have two successful intercepts, but it doesn't mean the technology is not there yet," Cohen said en route to Beijing, adding that he remains convinced a national missile shield is needed.

Cohen said he had not decided whether to recommend that President Clinton proceed with construction for the system's ground-based radar in Alaska — the next step in a plan for 100 missiles to protect against limited nuclear attack from present or future enemies or terrorists.

Rep. Curt Weldon, a House Armed Services subcommittee chairman, agreed.

"Should it slow down where we're going? No. Will it? Probably," said Weldon, R-Pa., chairman of the military research and development subcommittee.

Weldon accused Clinton of not really supporting the system and predicted he'd use the booster failure as an excuse for not going ahead.

Also on Capitol Hill, Rep. Dennis Kucinich, D-Ohio, asked the Pentagon inspector general to investigate the failure of a decoy balloon in Saturday's test. That would have made the test suspect even if it had succeeded, Kucinich said. In an interview, he said the Pentagon knows the system can't tell a decoy from a real incoming missile.

"The American people deserve an investigation of this matter to determine whether the performance failure of the balloon decoy was indeed the result of a technical malfunction," Kucinich said in a letter to the inspector general. He and 50 other House Democrats earlier asked the FBI to investigate allegations by some scientists that the tests were rigged.

For proponents, Saturday's missile miss offered stark evidence of the vulnerability of American cities to long-range missiles that might be developed by countries like North Korea or Iraq. Had the missile been armed and aimed at a real target, an American city could have been destroyed.

For critics, it underscored the folly of committing \$40 billion or much more to a missile shield that has angered Russia, China and Europeans and probably wouldn't work anyway.

Top administration officials said after the test failure that they expect Clinton to make a decision by the end of summer. No matter what the president decides, his successor is likely to make the important decisions on future construction and deployment.

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Charles Bakaly, former Starr deputy, strikes back in court, gets support from Democrat

WASHINGTON (AP) — Charles Bakaly, the former Kenneth Starr lieutenant charged with misleading a judge about a press leak, struck back Monday in court filings that suggested independent counsel lawyers were to blame for the problem.

Prosecutors countered the former Starr spokesman withheld information from Starr's office and only later "changed some of the details of his story" when interviewed by FBI agents.

"As a result of Bakaly's false and misleading statements and representations ... proceedings in this court ... were delayed and unnecessary work and costs were incurred," prosecutors wrote in arguing why Bakaly should stand trial for criminal contempt.

Both sides staked out their strategies in final court briefs before Bakaly begins trial Thursday on a charge alleging he obstructed justice by making false representations in court documents about a news leak near the end of the Monica Lewinsky case.

Prosecutors said they would call two former lawyers for Starr's office and three FBI agents as witnesses to show Bakaly initially misled the special prosecutor's office. Bakaly focused his defense on lawyers in Starr's office who filed the court statements at issue.

Bakaly alleged in his filing that he detailed his role in a disputed January 1999 news story to lawyers for Starr's office, but the lawyers omitted information from his account before filing a state-

ment with a federal judge on his behalf.

He also argued he shouldn't be prosecuted because an appeals court has concluded that none of the information in the news story was protected by grand jury secrecy rules.

Bakaly is accused of making three false statements in that sworn declaration and causing the independent counsel office to make a fourth in its own filing concerning the news leak.

Bakaly's lawyers argued he doesn't believe any of the four statements were false, but if read that way by the court "Mr. Bakaly is not responsible for and did not cause that falseness."

He alleged that in one instance Starr's lawyers declined to change language in the sworn statement to make it more detailed and accurate — as Bakaly requested — because the lawyers wanted to keep information from President Clinton's attorney.

In another instance, he said lawyers told him they had left out information from his sworn statement because they wanted "to provide the minimum amount of information while fully complying with what was required."

Independent Counsel Robert Ray, who succeeded Starr, had not seen Bakaly's filing late Monday and declined comment, his office said.

But the Justice Department said it intends to show the former Starr adviser misled the court when he signed a sworn statement about the news leak suggesting that he had "refused to confirm or comment" on what Starr's office "was thinking or doing."

House considering easing importation of medication

WASHINGTON (AP) — Amid growing public resentment of high prescription drug prices, the House voted overwhelmingly Monday to prevent the government from discouraging the purchase of drugs in Canada or other countries.

An increasing number of Americans have been going to Canada, Mexico and other countries, to purchase prescription drugs cheaper than what they cost in the United States.

Technically, it's illegal to import prescription drugs that were originally made in the United States, and the Food and Drug Administration sometimes sends warning letters to people caught doing it. The agency gives its employees discretion to permit imports of drugs that violate its restrictions so long as they are intended for personal use.

The House approved, 363-12, an amendment to an FDA appropriations bill that would prevent the agency from enforcing the importation ban, so long as the drugs are for personal use. A second amendment, approved 370-12, would bar the agency from sending the warning letters.

"People's lives are being shortened today because of the abnormally high and ridiculously increased price of prescriptions," said Rep. Tom Coburn, R-Okla.

Because of cost controls, drugs can cost several times less in Canada, Mexico and Europe than in the United States, leading some Americans to buy their pharmaceuticals by mail order or else join bus trips across the border to fill their prescriptions.

For example, Prilosec, a popular ulcer medication, costs \$400

for 100 capsules in New York but \$184 in Canada and \$107 in Mexico, said Rep. Joseph Crowley, D-N.Y.

"Prescription drugs and medicines are not a luxury, they are a necessity," added Crowley.

Separately Monday, the House defeated an amendment, 187-182, that would have barred the FDA from testing, developing or approving abortion-inducing pills like the drug RU-486. The House had approved a similar measure in 1998 and 1999, but the Senate had refused each time to go along with the restriction. Sixty-six members missed Monday's House vote.

The agency said in February that it would approve sale of RU-486, also known as mifepristone, once some final, but undisclosed, requirements were met.

High drug prices have emerged as a significant issue in this year's political campaigns. Polling indicates the issue of prescription drugs is a priority for Americans 65 and older, a group that accounted for more than one-quarter of voters in the 1998 elections and is regarded as a key swing group in the fall campaign.

Republicans pushed a bill through the House last month that would use private insurance and federal subsidies to cover some of the cost of prescription drugs for senior citizens.

President Clinton has threatened to veto the legislation. He and congressional Democrats are advocating a more encompassing but also costlier alternative: a uniform, government-run prescription drug benefit, offered to all 39 million elderly and disabled Medicare beneficiaries.

Killer's statement: He lurked for two hours before striking

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A Texan sentenced to life in prison without parole for killing a mother of six watched his victim for two hours before attacking, a prosecutor says.

A Florida judge earlier this month sentenced Jose Luis Del Toro Jr., of La Pryor, Texas for the 1997 shooting-killing of Sheila Bellush. He was given a second consecutive life term for armed burglary of her home.

Del Toro, 24, talked with investigators after pleading guilty to first-degree murder last week, but would not describe the actual confrontation and assault.

"He said it was too difficult to talk about," Sarasota prosecutor Charlie Roberts, one of the officials present for the interview with the killer, told the San Antonio Express-News in Thursday's editions.

The soft-spoken and apparently remorseful Del Toro outlined what happened before and after the attack. In a summary of the statement released Monday, Del Toro said his second cousin

Samuel Gonzales recruited him, telling him they were working on behalf of Bellush's millionaire ex-husband, Allen Blackthorne.

Blackthorne, 45, of San Antonio faces sentencing Nov. 2. He faces life in prison without parole after a federal jury convicted him Thursday on charges of interstate conspiracy to commit murder-for-hire and a charge of interstate domestic violence.

Del Toro said he hid at times in the laundry room of Bellush's suburban Sarasota, Fla., home and at other times lurked in the garage. Unaware, Bellush was outside by the pool with her quadruplets before she was shot in the face and her throat slashed.

Bellush's teen-age daughter, Stevie, came home hours later and found the children alone, some speckled with their mom's blood.

Del Toro revealed he entered through a window in the laundry room, dispelling Stevie Bellush's concern she had left the garage door unlocked.

Medical examiner investigating heat deaths

HOUSTON (AP) — Health officials who say four weekend deaths are believed to have been heat-related are asking residents to take precautions against summer temperatures.

The Harris County medical examiner's office said the victims died at their homes.

A spokeswoman for the Houston Health and Human Services Department told the Houston Chronicle that she did

not know the circumstances or whether the four had been inside or outside.

The deaths of a 69-year-old man on Saturday and those of a 72-year-old woman and two men, 58 and 48, on Sunday remained under investigation.

Spokeswoman Kathy Barton said heat deaths can be prevented.

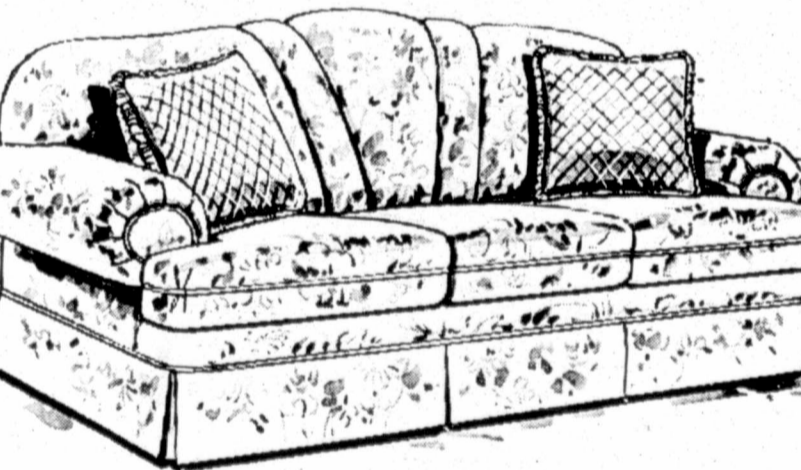
Daytime highs in Houston have been in the mid-90s. No

temperature records or heat emergencies have been made so far this summer.

The National Weather Service forecast through Saturday calls for highs in the upper 90s with lows in the mid-70s.

Barton said the elderly are more likely to succumb to the heat if they have pre-existing health problems or no access to air conditioning.

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