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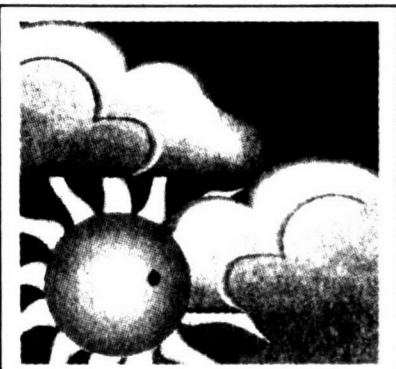
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Dinner, street dance planned
PAMPA — The White Deer Land Museum Foundation will hold "Evening Under the Stars V" from 7-11 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 26 on Cuyler Street north of the railroad tracks. The dinner and dance will include music by Magic City Cowboy Band and The Rocking Chair Cowboys and will feature a tour of the museum's exhibit, "As Time Goes By 1900-2000."
Golden Horseshoe remains hidden
 It's still out there — the elusive Golden Horseshoe — just waiting to be found by some lucky person.
 Today's clue can be found in the Coffee Shop. Tuesday's clue was at Alco.
 Earlier clues can be found at Rheams Diamond Shop, National Bank of Commerce, Wayne's Western Wear, Northgate Inn and Pampa Office Supply.
 The winner gets a box seat, valued at \$150, for all three rodeo performances starting Thursday night. The winner also may ride in the parade Saturday morning.

Investigation may get under way
INGLESIDE (AP) — An investigation into whether the mayor threatened and made sexist remarks to the city manager could begin by Friday.
 City manager Marilyn Hall said she endured workplace harassment for more than a year.

- **Dick Henley, 51**, lifelong Pampa resident, Optimist coach.
- **Lillie Leonard, 84**, homemaker.

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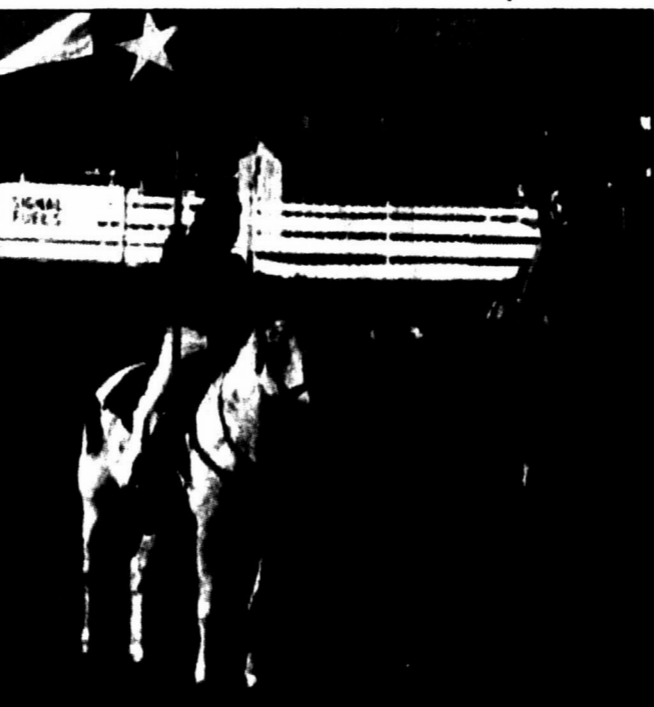
Jarret Coffeld hangs on tight as his bull bursts from the chute during the bull riding event at the Top O' Texas Kid Pony Show Tuesday.

More Pony Show winners

Final competition starts at 7 tonight

Top O' Texas Rodeo Association has announced results from the final performance of this year's Kid Pony Show held Tuesday at the rodeo arena here in Pampa. The Top O' Texas Rodeo is scheduled to get under way Thursday.

- Bull Riding**
 Group V: Cody Brewer, Shamrock, first place; Hawk Tucker, Pampa, second place; Michael Shaw, Pampa, third place.
 GROUP VI: Cody Atwood, Pampa, first place; Jacob Trevathan, Pampa, second place.
- Pole Bending**
 GIRLS GROUP V: Karra Longo, Groom, first place; Savanna Shipp, Wheeler, second place; Skye Niccum, Pampa, third place.
 GOYS GROUP V: Q.B. Cobb, first place; Justin Lee, Wheeler, second place.
 GIRLS GROUP VI: Brandi Kreighausen, Hereford, first place; Rachel Johnson, Navasota, second place; Kaily Richardson, Pampa, third place.
- Breakaway Roping**
 BOYS GROUP VI: Dustin Poole, Canyon, first place; Tyler Locke, Sweetwater, second place.



Bridget Craig of Pampa, astride her "painted pony" Freckles, proudly displays the Texas flag during opening ceremonies at the Top O' Texas Kid Pony Show. Riding to her right is Miss Junior Top O' Texas Rodeo Candice Caldwell. Craig said she decided to paint her pony with bright colors for the fun of it.

- GIRLS GROUP VI: Kaily Richardson, Pampa, first place.
 BOYS GROUP V: Cody Lee, Pampa, first place; Jeremy Pritchett, Pampa, second place.
 (See SHOW, Page 2)

Appraisal Review Board hears higher assessment, tax protests

By DEE DEE LARAMORE
 Staff Writer
 Less than 40 local taxpayers appeared before the Gray County Appraisal District's (GCAD) Appraisal Review Board during two days of hearings last week. Six protest hearings have been rescheduled for Saturday, July 22, officials said.
 Chief Appraiser Pat Bagley said 38 persons signed in for the hearings Thursday, July 6, and Friday, July 11. Debbie Hill, records clerk, said a total of 177 protests were filed.
 "That's more than have filed in the past couple of years, but not the most that's ever been filed," said Bagley. "The most I remember is a little over

300 protests filed a few years ago. We'll probably have a substantial number of protests in the next couple of years."
 "I think part of the reason for the increase is that a couple of state legislatures ago made it so that we have to include a notice of protest form in every notice of appraisal," Bagley said. "I think that is somewhat misleading to the taxpayer. It keeps them from calling us."
 Bagley said that most disagreements over appraised values can be settled through one-on-one meetings with a GCAD representative.
 "Every person has an option to talk with an appraiser," Hill said.
 (See APPRAISAL, Page 2)

Alibates bus tour Sept. 30

Gray County Historical Commission in conjunction with White Deer Land Museum is planning a bus tour to Alibates Flint Quarries National Monument Saturday, Sept. 30.
 This tour is being conducted in observance of Texas Archeology Awareness Month sponsored by the Texas Historical Commission. The National Park Service owns the Quarries and park rangers will conduct the walking tours.
 The bus will leave from the White Deer Land Museum at 10 a.m. on Sept. 30 and will probably return to the museum between 3-4 p.m.
 The cost will be \$10 per person, which will pay for the bus and driver, and you will need to bring a sack lunch. Drinks will be furnished by the

museum.
 Reservations are needed now for the bus seats. Buses will be reserved for as many as are needed. Call the White Deer Land Museum if you are interested in this tour at 669-8041. The museum is open 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Tuesday-Friday and from 1-4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. The museum is closed on Monday.
 Darlene Birkes, chairman of the GCHC says, "Few sites, in the Texas Panhandle, are as dramatic as the Flint Quarries, where, for 12,000 years people quarried flint for toolmaking. We hope the weather is beautiful and we certainly would like to have many history and archeology buffs make this trip."

Middle school traffic proposal gets no support

By KATE B. DICKSON
 Associate Publisher

The one-way southbound provision would have been effective during school drop off and pickup hours only.

A proposal to make Charles Street in front of Pampa Middle School one way between 25th and 23rd streets died for lack of a motion Tuesday after a public hearing in which several Charles Street residents voiced their opposition.
 The one-way southbound provision would have been effective during school drop off and pickup hours only.
 The plan was an outgrowth of the city's Traffic Commission but was devised by an Amarillo firm that, according to PISD Supt. Dr. Dawson Orr, has done similar planning for Amarillo High School. The school district paid for the consulting.
 In devising the plan, the consulting company was limited in its approaches to methods that involved signage only, said Denver Bruner, PISD facilities management coordinator. He said cost prohibited other solutions such as making a circle driveway which would cost about \$75,000.
 The Traffic Commission,

according to chairman Doug Locke, has never voted on the plan because a quorum has not been present at recent meetings.
 "I do think it is a good attempt to try and see what it does ... the traffic commission per se is not making any recommendation," Locke said.
 Noting there may be no complete solution to the traffic jams, Commissioner Faustina Curry said, "To me, it's a no-win situation all the way around when you have 800 kids all coming and going at the same time."
 Tommy Swindall who lives at 2306 Charles told commissioners there are traffic jams as it is during peak periods with drivers trying to get from Charles onto 23rd. He said making the street one-way with two lanes of traffic trying to get onto 23rd will only worsen the situation.
 (See TRAFFIC, Page 2)

Probation yanked from two culprits

Probation was revoked for two people and continued for two others this week in unrelated cases in Pampa.
 Probation was continued for Wanda Jean Nash, 43, of Hugo, Okla. Nash was initially had been convicted for possession of a controlled substance and sentenced to 10 years probation on Oct. 15, 1992. She was to be discharged in 2002, but Nash was accused of stealing clothing, shoes, cosmetics and bath articles in Paris, Tex., on July 26, 1999.
 Probation for Nash was continued with additional conditions.
 Probation for Michael S. Nunn, 26, 621 Yeager, was revoked, and he was ordered to serve one year in the Gray County jail.
 Nunn was initially convicted of burglary of a building and placed on probation on Oct. 17, 1996. He was to be discharged on Oct. 17, 2001, but was arrested on charges of driving while intoxicated on Sept. 5, 1999. He was also accused of being delinquent in paying his fine, probation fees, court costs and attorney fees. Authorities said he had not fulfilled his community service requirements.
 Probation for Cesar Reyna Fernandez, 25, of Borger, was to be continued after serving 60 days in county jail. Fernandez was on six years probation after being convicted of aggravated assault in Feb. 9, 1998. He is scheduled to complete his probation on Feb. 9, 2004.
 Officers accused Fernandez of public intoxication, failure to report to his probation officer and being delinquent in court costs, probation fees and community service obligations.
 Probation for Kenneth Wayne Griffin, 28, of Midland, was revoked. Griffin was sentenced to serve four years in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice Institutional Division.
 Griffin was initially convicted on driving while intoxicated, subsequent offense, on June 28, 1999, and sentenced to five years probation. He was accused on not reporting to his probation officer.

Judges, alternates picked for elections

By NANCY YOUNG
 Managing Editor
 Election judges and alternate judges for elections to be held between Aug. 1, 2000, July 31, 2001, were approved recently by the Gray County Commissioners.
 The judges will be Republican while the alternate judges will be Democrat. Texas Election Code provides the judges will be of the same political party of the governor elected in the last election.
 Judges will be Precinct 1, Linda Stanton; precinct 2, Lois Dittmeyer; precinct 3, Judy Davis and Marion Johnson, assistant; precinct 4, Catherine Dorsey; precinct 5, Linda McAnear, McLean; precinct 7, Esther McAdoo; precinct 8, Carol Peet; precinct 9, Maxine Hawkins; precinct 10, June Thurman; precinct 11, Randy Hendrick; precinct 12, Lindon Sanders; precinct 13, Janis Hoffer; precinct 14, Clara Quarry; and precinct 15, Ginger Foster.
 Alternate judges, which are Democrat, are Precinct 1, Judy Williams; precinct 2, Augusta Brown; precinct 3, Linda Babcock; precinct 4, Evelyn Shaw; precinct 5, Bill Graham; precinct 7, Peggy Rodriguez; precinct 8, Christie Hoganson; precinct 10, Zetha Dougherty; precinct 12, Bea Taylor; precinct 13, Julie Osborne; precinct 14, Jo Ann Coker; and precinct 15, Lori Hukill.
 County Clerk Susan Winborne said Democrat Party officials are still seeking alternate judges in precincts 9 and 11.
 Submitting the lists for approval were Democrat Party Chairman Jim Osborne and Republican Party Chairman Doug Ware.

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Calendar of events

TOASTMASTERS

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

WHITE DEER LAND MUSEUM

The White Deer Land Museum (112-116 S. Cuyler) visiting hours are Tuesday-Sunday, 1 p.m.-4 p.m. There will be history of the White Deer Land Co., and the early area settlers and outstanding arrowhead collection and art gallery. Elevator.

CLARENDON COLLEGE

Clarendon College-Pampa Center will offer GED testing on the fourth Monday and Tuesday of each month. Registration will be at 9 a.m. each day. Cost will be \$45 including a \$20 deposit. For more information, call 665-8801.

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.

HIGH PLAINS EPILEPSY ASSOCIATION

High Plains Epilepsy Association of Amarillo, funded in part by Pampa United Way, will have a licensed social worker in Pampa from 9:30-12 noon the second Tuesday of each month at Pampa Community Building, 200 N. Ballard. The program assists people with epilepsy and their families. To make an appointment, contact the Amarillo office at 1-800-806-7236.

ALTRUSA STYLE SHOW

Pampa chapter of Altrusa Club International is hosting its eighth annual Style Show at 10 a.m., Saturday, Aug. 5, in the Heritage Room of M.K. Brown Auditorium. Tickets are \$10 per person. Tickets can be bought from any Altrusa member or at the door. Proceeds go to help fund local charitable organizations supported by the Altrusa Club.

FBC WOMEN'S LUNCHEON

First Baptist Church Women's Ministries will host a program and send-off luncheon for Mark and Kristie Aderholt, International Mission Board appointees, beginning at 11:45 a.m. (noon for working women) Thursday, July 20 in Fellowship Hall, 203 N. West, of the church. The luncheon is open to all women. Cost of the meal (chef salad) will be \$4. Participants must RSVP by Tuesday, July 18 by calling 669-1155. A love offering will be taken and a basket for personal messages will be provided.

CMBC BLOOD DRIVE

Gene Messer Ford and KMML in Amarillo will sponsor a blood drive from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday, July 15, at the dealership at 3400 Soncy. The blood drive will also be conducted 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. For more information, call Linda Guthrie at (806) 358-4563.

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

PPQG

Panhandle Piecemakers Quilt Guild will meet at 6:30 p.m., July 27, at Pampa Senior Citizens Center, 500 W. Francis. Freddie Seaman of Perryton will present a trunk show on "Wearable Art." Visitors are welcome. For more information, call (806) 779-2115.

EVENING UNDER THE STARS

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dinner and dance will include music by Magic City Cowboy Band and The Rocking Chair Cowboys and will feature a tour of the museum's newest exhibit, "As Time Goes By 1900-2000."

GREEN THUMB

Green Thumb is launching a search to identify and recognize outstanding employers of America's senior workers. GT will honor three outstanding employers representing small, medium and large businesses during its National Prime Time Awards activities Oct. 3-6 in Washington, D.C. The deadline for nominations is July 30. Details and on-line applications are available at www.primetime2000.org. Eligibility criteria: 1) employers who hire older workers 65 and over for 20 or more hours of paid employment per week at minimum wage or higher (this does not include older workers whose employment is subsidized through local, state or federally-funded programs); 2) nominations for affiliates, franchises, partnerships and divisions should be consolidated and submitted through corporate headquarters if possible; 3) business size - up to 50 employees (small), up to 1,000 (medium), and over 1,000 (large); 4) winners must be willing and able to travel to Washington for the 2000 event. Applications may be mailed to (if not submitted on-line): Diane Long, Green Thumb, Inc., 2000 N. 14th St., Suite 800, Arlington, VA 22201.

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 (postmarked 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.

GED TESTING

Clarendon College-Pampa Center conducts GED testing the fourth Monday and Tuesday of every month except for May and June. Test dates for these two months are May 22 and 23 and June 19 and 20. Those taking the full test must attend both days. Preregistration is required. For more information, call Jana Wesson-Martin at 665-8801.

ANCH ESTATE PLANNING SEMINAR

The Agricultural Economics Department at Texas A&M University will sponsor a "Ranch Estate Planning Seminar" Aug. 6-7 at College Station Hilton. For more information, call (979) 845-2226 or write: 315 Blocker Bldg., Department of Agricultural Economics, 2124 TAMU, College Station, TX 77843-22124.

IMMUNIZATION CLINIC

The Texas Department of Health will be offering immunization clinics for vaccines that give protection against several childhood diseases including polio, diphtheria, lock jaw (tetanus), whooping cough (pertussis), measles, rubella, mumps, HIB (haemophilus influenzae Type B) and chickenpox (varicella). The TDH will charge money to help with the cost of

keeping the clinic open. The amount charged will be based on family income and size, and the ability to pay. The following clinics will be offered: 10 a.m.-12 p.m., 1-4:30 p.m., July 19, Family Health Care, 600 W. Kentucky, Pampa; 12-4 p.m., July 24, City Hall, Canadian; and 12-2 p.m., July 20, Miami School, Miami.

OUTWARD BOUND COURSE

North Carolina Outward Bound is offering both a 21- and a 28-day "Classic Outward Bound Course" for teens interested in backpacking, rock climbing, rappelling and whitewater canoeing through the wilds of the Southern Appalachian Mountains. For more information, call 1-877-77-NCOB, e-mail challenge@ncobs.org or log-on to <http://www.ncobs.org/summer.html>

ART CONTEST

Arts and Kids will award \$38,000 in prizes and scholarships in this year's Annual Art Competition. The deadline for entry is July 31. The contest is open to youth 17 and younger. To participate, send one original work in any style and medium to: Arts and Kids, Suite 101-2111, 3600 Crondall Lane, Owings Mills, MD 21117. Entries

must be postmarked by July 31 and must include the child's name, address and age on the back. For more information, visit www.ArtsandKids.com on the Internet.

CELESTIAL ARTS CONTEST

Celestial Arts is hosting a free poetry contest with a \$1,000 grand prize. To enter, send one poem, 21 lines or less to: Celestial Arts, 1762 Ashland St., Dept. Contest, Ashland, OR 97520; or enter at www.freecontest.com on the Internet. The deadline for entries is July 28.

FPS CONTEST

Hollywood's Famous Poets Society is sponsoring a poetry contest with a \$1,000 grand prize. To enter, send one poem, 21 lines or less, to: Free Poetry Contest, PMB126, 1626 N. Wilcox Ave., Hollywood, CA 90028. Participants may enter on-line at www.famouspoets.com. Deadline for entry is July 27.

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BUTTERFLY GARDEN CLUB

The Butterfly Garden Club of America is offering free butterfly garden seeds (with growing instructions). To receive a packet, send a long SASE with two stamps to: The Butterfly Garden Club of America, P.O. Box 629, Burgin, KY 40310. Limit one free packet per household. Additional packets are available for \$1 each.

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Critics attack FBI e-mail snooping device

WASHINGTON (AP) — Civil liberties and privacy groups are railing against a new system designed to allow law enforcement agents to intercept and analyze huge amounts of e-mail in connection with an investigation.

The system, called "Carnivore," was first hinted at on April 6 in testimony to a House subcommittee. Now the FBI has it in use.

When Carnivore is placed at an Internet service provider, it scans all incoming and outgoing e-mails for messages associated with the target of a criminal probe.

In a letter addressed to two members of the House subcommittee that deals with Fourth

Amendment search-and-seizure issues, the American Civil Liberties Union argued that the system breaches the Internet provider's rights and the rights of all its customers by reading both sender and recipient addresses, as well as subject lines of e-mails, to decide whether to make a copy of the entire message.

Further, while the system is plugged into the Internet provider's systems, it is controlled solely by the law enforcement agency. In a traditional wiretap, the tap is physically placed and maintained by the telephone company.

"Carnivore is roughly equivalent to a wiretap capable of accessing the contents of the conversa-

tions of all of the phone company's customers, with the 'assurance' that the FBI will record only conversations of the specified target," read the letter. "This 'trust us, we are the government' approach is the antithesis of the procedures required under our wiretapping laws."

Barry Steinhardt, associate director of the ACLU, said citizens shouldn't trust that such a sweeping data-tap will only be used against criminal suspects. And even then, he said, the data mined by Carnivore, particularly subject lines, are already intrusive.

"Law enforcement should be prohibited from installing any device that allows them to intercept communications from persons other than the target," Steinhardt said in an interview. "When conducting these kinds of investigations, the information should be restricted to only addressing information."

A spokeswoman for Rep. Charles T. Canady, R-Fla., who heads the House Judiciary subcommittee on the Constitution, said the congressman had no comment on the letter.

In testimony to Canady's subcommittee, Robert Corn-Revere, a lawyer at the Hogan & Hartson law firm in Washington, said he represented an Internet provider that refused to install the Carnivore system. The provider was placed in an "awkward position," Corn-Revere said, because the company feared suits from customers unhappy with the government looking into all the e-mail.

"It was acknowledged (by the government) that Carnivore would enable remote access to the ISP's network and would be under the exclusive control of government agents," Corn-Revere said.

Corn-Revere told the committee that current law is insufficient to deal with Carnivore's potential and that the Internet provider lost its court battle in part because of the Internet's connection to tele-

phone lines, and that the law was stretched to cover the Internet as well.

Corn-Revere would not reveal the name of his client, and the client lost the case. He said the FBI has been using Carnivore since early this year.

James X. Dempsey, senior staff counsel at the Center for Democracy and Technology, said the main problem with Carnivore is its mystery.

"The FBI is placing a black box inside the computer network of an ISP," Dempsey said. "Not even the ISP knows exactly what that gizmo is doing."

Dempsey said Internet providers contributed to the problem, by saying that current technology does not allow the Internet provider to sort out exactly what the government is entitled to get under a search warrant. The carriers complained that they had to give everything to the FBI.

"The service providers said they didn't know how to comply with court orders," Dempsey said. "By taking that position, they have hurt themselves, putting themselves into a box."

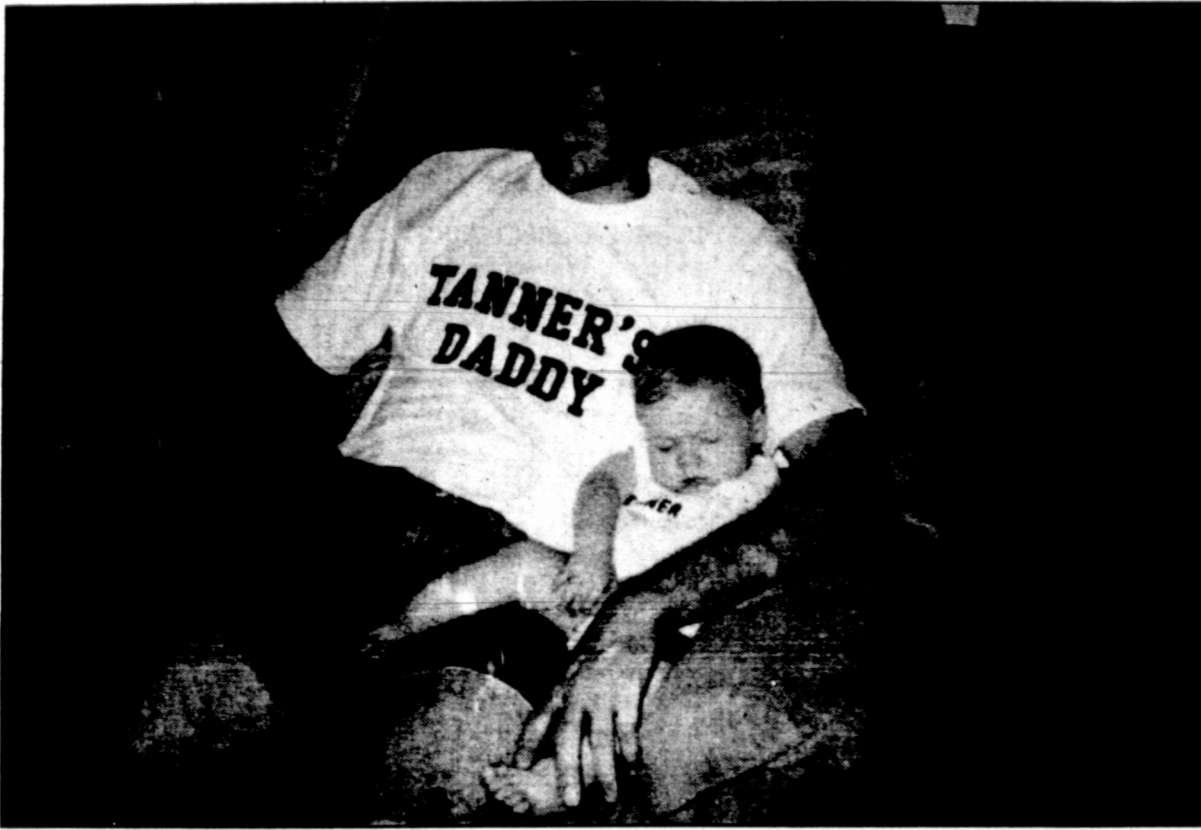
Marcus Thomas, who heads the FBI's cyber-technology section, told the Wall Street Journal that the bureau has about 20 Carnivore systems, which are PCs with proprietary software. He said Carnivore meets current wiretapping laws, but is designed to keep up with the Internet.

"This is just a specialized sniffer," Thomas told the Journal, which first reported details about Carnivore.

Encrypted e-mail, done with an e-mail encoding program like PGP, still stays in code on Carnivore, and it's up to agents to decode it.

Dempsey has a possible solution to the problem, though one that's probably unlikely — show everyone what it does and how it does it, allowing Internet providers to install the software themselves.

More Images ...



Patsy Poole entered this photo of Greg Stevens and son Tanner Stevens in the Images Photography Contest.

With big crops looming, USDA lowers estimates of commodity prices

WASHINGTON (AP) — Big crops in the United States and overseas are pushing down grain and soybean prices for a third straight year, the government said Wednesday.

The Agriculture Department lowered its price estimates for corn, soybeans and wheat because of sagging world markets.

USDA said farmers should get an average of \$1.70 per bushel for their corn this year, 15 cents less than its projection last month and 10 cents below the price that growers got for last year's crop.

The estimate for wheat also is down 15 cents, to \$2.50 a bushel, from the June forecast. That's the same price growers got for their 1999 crop. The projection for soybeans is off 10 cents from June's estimate, to \$4.40 a bushel, and down 25 cents from last year's average.

The major impact of the price decline falls on taxpayers, rather than farmers, because of subsi-

dies that are triggered when prices fall below government support levels. Fluctuating prices for grain and soybeans generally have little direct effect on consumers. The cost of raw commodities accounts for only a small portion of retail food prices.

"Things aren't turning around on the supply side, that's for sure. We've got very good weather, and unless we get some demand surge, we'll see some low prices for quite a few months," said USDA economist Larry Salathe.

Growers are expected to get \$7.5 billion to \$8 billion in subsidies for last year's crops, and payments on this year's crops could reach \$9 billion because of the continued decline in prices, said Salathe. A 10-cent drop in corn prices alone means an extra \$1 billion in higher subsidies.

Commodity prices fell sharply

in 1998 because of a worldwide glut of grain and have yet to recover. In addition to crop subsidies, the government gave farmers \$15 billion in emergency aid in 1998 and 1999 to compensate for the price drop, and is handing out another \$7.1 billion this year.

Farmers are expected to harvest 73.1 million acres of corn this year, up from 70.5 million last year, and 73.5 million acres of soybeans, up from 72.5 million in 1999.

Some wheat farmers were hurt by drought over the winter, and production is expected to be down 7 percent this year from 1999, even though farmers are expected to harvest a slightly larger acreage.

But competition from foreign producers, including Canada and India, is expected to drive down U.S. exports and hold down wheat prices.



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Northwest Texas town negotiating water deal

ABILENE, Texas (AP) — You'd have to be pretty thirsty to go 35 miles for a drink of water. Throckmorton is.

The prospect that the town's sole source of water, Lake Throckmorton, could be too low to use for drinking water in less than 90 days has spurred municipal officials to go to nearby Graham to try to buy supplies.

According to the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission, the town of 1,036 residents is one of 129 Texas towns and cities with water restrictions and the only one that is in danger of losing its water supply in less than a month and a half. Throckmorton residents can't wash their cars or water their plants.

The town is so parched, Gov. George W. Bush has declared it a disaster area.

Throckmorton has an \$800,000 state grant to build a pipeline, but has yet to find

another town to buy water from.

Throckmorton officials will meet with the Graham city council Thursday to work out a deal to buy water from the comparatively water-logged city nestled between lakes Graham and Eddleman and the Brazos River.

Graham has so much water, it sells the Fort Belknap Water Supply Corp. water for rural Young County residents and Elbert, which is 13 miles northeast of Throckmorton.

But Throckmorton officials were tightlipped about their prospects to tap into Graham's water, 35 miles to the east.

"We'll know more Thursday," Steve Bowlin, Throckmorton's director of public works, told the Abilene Reporter-News.

Throckmorton officials hope to be able to buy up to 125,000 gallons per day from Graham during emergency conditions.

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Pantex Plant to begin more rigorous testing

AMARILLO, Texas (AP) — Installation of 20 new wells, soil-gas surveys and cleanup of a landfill near a Pantex nuclear site contaminated with explosives is planned to better monitor and stave off groundwater contamination.

The new wells will be drilled in the Ogallala Aquifer, a drinking water source for Amarillo and High Plains residents. Plant officials will also try to remove high-explosive contaminated soils from a landfill on the plant's east side.

The new monitoring wells and the landfill cleanup come as the plant expects to spend half of its environmental restoration budget on groundwater activities, Johnnie Guelker, a U.S. Department of Energy official overseeing Pantex cleanup, told the Amarillo Globe News in Tuesday's editions.

Residents around the Pantex plant, which is located about 10 miles northeast of Amarillo, have become increasingly wary of groundwater contamination since May, when traces of the carcinogen trichloroethylene, or TCE, were found in well sam-

ples. The Environmental Protection Agency has identified the chemical, which is used as an industrial solvent, as a probable cancer-causing agent.

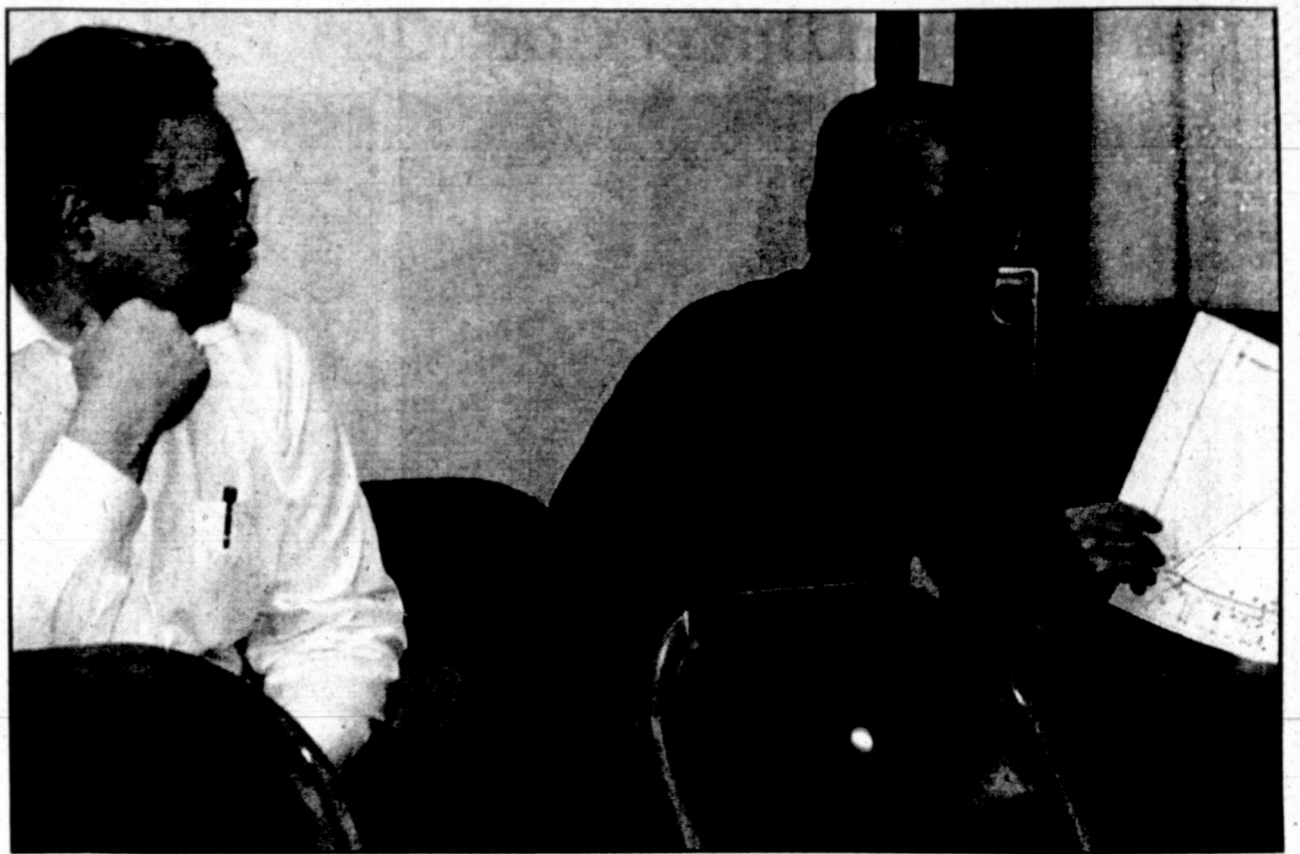
Tests a month later turned up levels of acetone and toluene well below federal and state drinking water standards and no traces of TCE.

Toluene and acetone are used as industrial cleaners at the plant and are also used to make high explosives. Neither chemical has been cited by the U.S. Department of Health as causing cancer.

Plant officials are also monitoring a perched aquifer that sits above the Ogallala to prevent further offsite contamination.

The nation's primary nuclear weapons disassembly plant, Pantex also serves as the interim storage site for more than 8,000 pits from dismantled warheads.

On the Net: For more on Pantex: <http://www.pantex.com/>



(Pampa News photo by Kate B. Dickson)

PISP Supt. Dr. Dawson Orr, right, holds a copy of a one-way traffic street plan as he answers questions from city commissioners about traffic problems at Pampa Middle School. To his left is Doug Locke, chairman of the Traffic Commission. The discussion took place during Tuesday's commission work session. See related story on Page 1.

Texcare Partnership applications

Applications are being taken for Texcare Partnership, a non-profit organization providing health insurance for children at two locations this summer.

Anyone having children who do not have health insurance

because they do not qualify for Medicaid or because insurance provided by an employer is too expensive may qualify for this program, officials say.

On Tuesday, July 18, Tony Hernandez of the Coalition of

Health Services will take applications at the Fellowship Baptist Church, 622 E. Francis, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

On Tuesday, Aug. 1, applications will be taken at Harvest House, 736 S. Cuyler, from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Persons applying for the insurance must bring these copies:

- Two months of pay stubs, this year's income tax return, Social Security statement, child support check or employer letter stating income;

- If anyone in the home pays for child care or pays for disabled adult care in order for a family member to work or receive training, bring proof of payment;

- If anyone in the home pays child care support and/or alimony to anyone outside the home, bring proof of how much and how often.

Texcare Partnership: Aseguranza affordable'

Si usted tiene niños que no tiene aseguranza porque no califican para asistencia medica o no puede pagar aseguranza por su empleo, este programa puede ser para usted.

El Jueves, 29 de Junio 2000, a las 4 p.m. hasta 6 p.m., el trabajador Tony Hernandez de la Coalición de Health services estará en la WIC office, 317 N. Ballard. El puede ayudarles llenar la solicitudes para la programa de Texcare Partnership.

El Martes, 18 de Julio 2000, a las 5:30 p.m. hasta 7:30 p.m., Fellowship Baptist Church, 622, E. Francis.

El Martes, 1 de Agosto 2000, a las 5:30 p.m. hasta 8 p.m., Harvest House, 736 S. Cuyler.

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- Si alguien en su casa paga por sostenimiento para niños traiga los recibos.

Two workers killed; disgruntled worker arrested

DALLAS (AP) — A mechanic who had recently suffered personal problems walked into the trucking business where he worked Tuesday and shot two fellow employees, killing both, authorities said.

Larry Noble, 48, Winnsboro, who had worked at RDO Truck Center a little more than a year, was being held on a charge of murder.

Police said a man walked into the trucking center and fired several shots about 7:45 a.m., police said.

Ron Penix, 47, of Dallas, died shortly afterward at Parkland Memorial Hospital. The other victim, Sam Porter, also 47, of Arlington, died later Tuesday afternoon at Parkland.

Both victims suffered from multiple gun shots from a single handgun.

RDO Truck Center vice president Randy Amerine said the firm will take "important steps to work with our employees to help them through what is obviously a tragedy."

After the shooting, Noble got into his truck and drove to Sulphur Springs, about 75 miles northeast of Dallas, where he was captured by the Texas Department of Public Safety, police said.

A motive for the shootings has not yet been established. However, the man reportedly had been showing signs of personal problems during the last few days, said Chris Gilliam, spokesman for the Dallas Police Department.

"We're looking into it, but whether there is a connection between (his recent behavior) and the shootings, we just don't know," he said.

Other employees working in the office at the time were not shot. Gilliam did not know whether Penix and Porter were specifically targeted or what their job descriptions were.

Noble was arraigned Tuesday afternoon and was being held on a bond of \$100,000 in a Sulphur Springs jail.

Millionaire inmate?

ST. GEORGE, Utah (AP) — Inmate Brian McCluskey may have found heaven at the Purgatory Correctional Facility. A bag of M&Ms he earned for helping with chores at the jail could be the million-dollar winner of a national contest.

Deputy Julie Pugmire gave the candy to McCluskey as a reward for helping her pass out commissary items.

When he opened the bag Friday, the 27-year-old found candies that were sky blue, white, purple. Other inmates told him he might have won M&Ms' "Fix-Up the Mix-Up" contest, which they had seen advertised on television.

"Several of the deputies saw it, several of the inmates ... there isn't any question in my mind (that he won)," Washington County Sheriff Kirk Smith said. "We're confident he has the bag adver-

tised as the winning bag. It was put in property then given to his wife."

Mars Inc., which distributed a million and one bags containing the specially colored M&Ms, has not verified that McCluskey was the winner. Only one of the bags has a piece that identifies the winner. The million others get a 16 ounce bag of candy.

"We have no idea if it's true or not," said Pat D'Amato, a spokeswoman for M&M Mars division. "They have to send the game piece in to us to determine if that person is a grand prize winner or not."

The bag is being kept in a safe-deposit box until it is authenticated. Mars said it may take weeks to determine the winner.

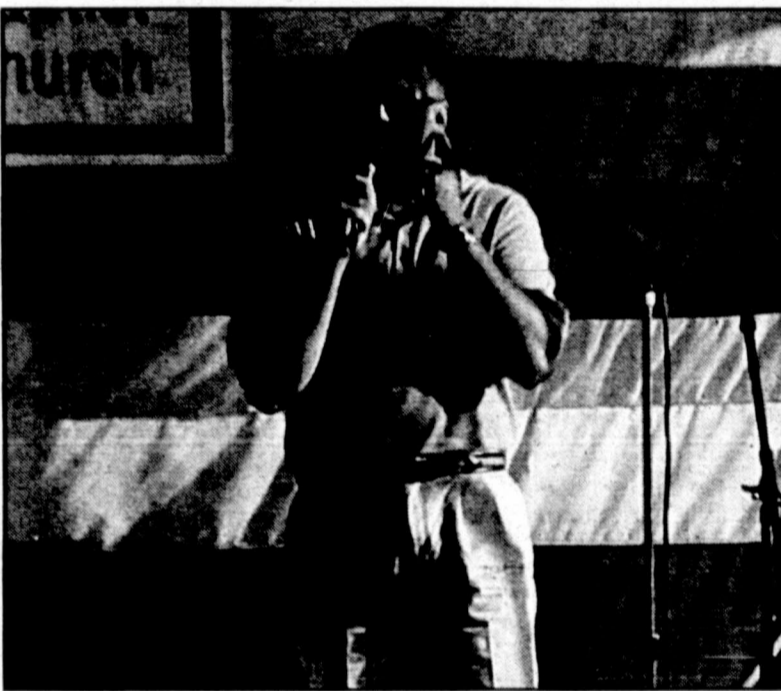
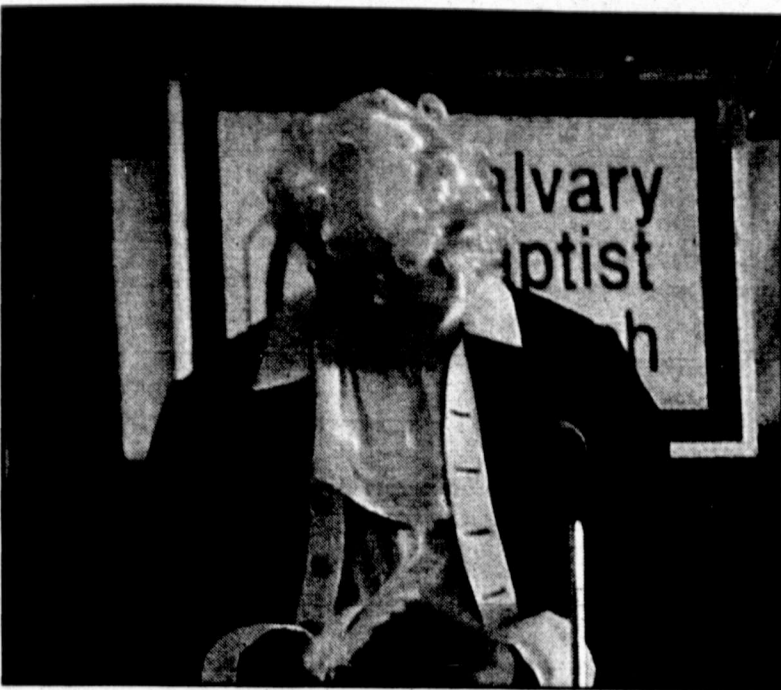
McCluskey is serving a one-year jail sentence for attempted possession of methamphetamine.

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'One Nation Under God'



(Pampa News photos by Danny Cowan)

Pampa's annual July Fourth Celebration at Recreation Park once again included music and drama. For the second year in a row, Calvary Baptist Church presented the patriotic program "One Nation Under God" prior to the annual fireworks display. The program, presented on a portable stage with a 19'x 26' American flag backdrop, contained musical selections by the Calvary Praise Band and the adult choir. Soloists included Mistie West and Tim Conner. In between songs were appearances by Abe Lincoln, Ben Franklin, George Washington, Uncle Sam and several other characters from the pages of history. At the conclusion of the program, Uncle Sam led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance followed by the choir singing the National Anthem. The entire audience was served free hot dogs by Calvary Baptist Church while during the program. Above: (top-bottom) Rick Bradley, Tisha Moore and Tim Conner.

FDA approves first robotic surgical device for use in laparoscopic procedures

■ Regardless of future uses, the Da Vinci robot is a "powerful" tool because it can give surgeons more control during today's minimally invasive operations, said Dr. Barry Gardiner of the San Ramon Regional Medical Center, who led clinical trials of the robot.

WASHINGTON (AP) — The nation's first robotic surgical device may be headed for an operating room near you: The government has given surgeons the green light to use a three-armed assistant named, perhaps appropriately, "Da Vinci."

The Da Vinci Surgical System on Tuesday became the first surgical robot to win Food and Drug Administration approval, to help surgeons more easily perform certain operations through tiny cuts in the abdomen, known as laparoscopic surgery.

But consider that a first-generation use. The robot already is being tested on trickier surgeries, including heart bypasses and heart valve replacements performed through three incisions each about the diameter of a pencil.

And FDA experts say the robot's ability to perform precise movements in tiny spaces — without trembling like a tired surgeon might — could one day allow better microsurgery, such as for nerve-related operations.

"This system is the first step in the development of new robotic technology that eventually could change the practice of surgery," said FDA Commissioner Jane Henney.

Report: DNA tests fail to clear Texan given reprieve by Bush

ARLINGTON, Va. (AP) — New DNA tests have failed to clear a Texas inmate given a reprieve by Gov. George W. Bush last month just minutes before he was to be executed on rape and murder convictions, according to USA Today.

The way Bush has dealt with the death penalty in two terms as Texas governor has been a campaign issue as he awaits formal nomination next month as the Republican candidate for president.

Sources close to the case told the newspaper in Wednesday's editions that recent tests by the FBI point to Ricky McGinn or a maternal relative as the source of a pubic hair found inside the body of Stephanie Flanary, 12, the convicted man's stepdaughter.

The paper noted that no member of McGinn's family has been linked to the case.

He was facing execution the night of June 1 after being convicted in 1995 of raping and killing the girl an exhausting all appeals. But Bush granted a reprieve less than 30 minutes before the scheduled execution to allow time for DNA testing.

McGinn, 43, and his attorneys wanted additional DNA testing, which they hoped would exonerate him. Although DNA evidence was used by prosecutors to help convict McGinn of the May 1993 rape and ax slaying of the girl, his lawyers contended more sophisticated testing now available would help his case.

They argued that new DNA tests proving the hair was not McGinn's would show he did not rape the girl. Without rape as an aggravating circumstance of the slaying, McGinn would not be subject to the death penalty on the murder conviction.

Regardless of future uses, the Da Vinci robot is a "powerful" tool because it can give surgeons more control during today's minimally invasive operations, said Dr. Barry Gardiner of the San Ramon Regional Medical Center, who led clinical trials of the robot.

"When you sit down and operate with this system, it almost feels like you've climbed inside the space you're operating in," Gardiner said.

Da Vinci, a \$1 million device manufactured by Intuitive Surgical Inc., was tested on laparoscopic gallbladder removals and heartburn-relief operations.

Today, surgeons do those procedures minimally invasively by sliding a tiny video camera inside the patient's body and operating with foot-long scalpels and other instruments stuck into two small incisions. It looks like they're handling long, steel chopsticks while looking up at a fuzzy videoscreen instead of down at the patient.

Laparoscopic surgery is immensely popular and surgeons can do it well, but they complain the instruments are clumsy at best and prevent fine stitches and other micro-techniques.

Da Vinci's camera uses multiple lenses to provide a three-dimensional image from inside the patient's body. The robotic arms replace those foot-long scalpels, and have a "wrist" built in for more humanlike flexibility. The arms hold specially designed surgical instruments that mimic movement of the surgeon's hands as he or she operates the robot's joysticks from a computer next to the operating table.

"The computer controls the instruments as if your fingers are grasping the very tip," a sensation doctors usually get only in open surgery, Gardiner explained. "It's a very powerful sensation."

In a study of 113 patients who underwent robotic gallbladder or heartburn surgery, they did just as well as 132 patients who got standard laparoscopic surgery, said Neil Ogden, the FDA engineer who oversaw Da Vinci's approval.

But the robotic operations took up to 50 minutes longer, in part because surgeons weren't accustomed to the new technology,

Ogden said, who warned that the doctors had a learning curve spotted over their first 20 patients.

Already doctors are hunting new uses for Da Vinci. A colleague at Gardiner's hospital is considering fertility surgery that now can't be done minimally invasively. Colon and prostate surgeries that now require fine suturing might become less invasive, too, he said.

Doctors must be specially trained by the Mountain View, Calif., manufacturer to use the robot, the FDA stressed.

Five hospitals are trained to use the Da Vinci now: Henrico Doctors Hospital in Richmond, Va., Baylor Medical Center in Houston, Ohio State University in Columbus; East Carolina University in Greenville, N.C.; and Gardiner's San Ramon Medical Center.

A few other hospitals are conducting clinical trials of robot-assisted heart surgery.

On the Net:
<http://www.intusurg.com>

Drilling Intentions

Intentions to Drill

CARSON (WEST PANHANDLE) Conoco, Inc., Burnett 'A', PD 3000', for the following wells:

#117, 624' from South & East line, Sec. 98, 5, I&GN.

#118, 660' from South & 1320' from East line, Sec. 96, 5, I&GN.

HEMPHILL (WILDCAT) Amoco Production Co., #2 Lawrence Teague, 1320' from South & 1980' from West line, James McFarland Survey, PD 11800'. Replacement well

HEMPHILL (WILDCAT & BUFFALO WALLOW Douglas) Bravo Natural Resources, Inc., #3 Flowers 'A', 2310' from North & 660' from West line, Sec. 27, A-1, H&GN, PD 9000'.

HEMPHILL (WILDCAT & BUFFALO WALLOW Morrow) St. Mary Operating Co., #2 Huff Unit, 1600' from South & 910' from West line, Sec. 16, M-1, H&GN, PD 14200'. Rule 37

Gas Well Completions
HEMPHILL (HEMPHILL Douglas) Brigham Oil & Gas, L.P., #2 Derek '12', Sec. 12, A-1, H&GN, spud 2-23-00, drlg.

compl 3-9-00, tested 5-24-00, potential 227 MCF, TD 8250', PBTD 8198' —

HUTCHINSON (WILDCAT) R.E.D. Resources, Inc., #1 Jenkins-Huntton, Sec. 118, 5-T, T&NO, spud 5-5-00, drlg. compl 5-10-00, tested 6-9-00, potential 12000 MCF, TD 77855', PBTD 7380' — Plug-Back

HUTCHINSON (NORTH HUTCHINSON Krider) Strat Land Exploration Co., #1 Buchner, Sec. 4, 10, DL&C, spud 4-6-00, drlg. compl 5-5-00, tested 5-15-00, potential 1700 MCF, TVD 3284', MD 4775' — Horizontal Plug-Back

HUTCHINSON (WEST PANHANDLE Red Cave) J.M. Huber Corp., #1R Herring 'G', Juan Matta Survey, spud 5-12-00, drlg. compl 5-14-00, tested 6-9-00, TD 2234', PBTD 2188' —

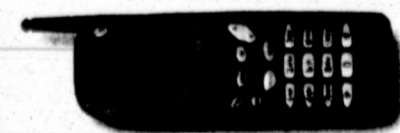
ROBERTS (HANSFORD Lwer Morrow) Strat Land Exploration Co., #1-182 Mary, Sec. 182, C,G&M, spud 3-31-00, drlg. compl 4-17-00, tested 6-8-00, potential 10000 MCF, D 8720', PBTD 8661' —

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Pentagon scrambling for vaccine supplier

By DAVID BRISCOE
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) - With its ambitious anthrax immunization program hobbled by a shortage of vaccine, the Pentagon is trying to get a new source for the millions of doses it needs each year — something officials admit they should have done two years ago.

Dependent entirely on a dwindling stockpile of vaccine, the Pentagon is limiting vaccinations only to soldiers in the most risky areas: South Korea and the Mideast-Persian Gulf region. Elsewhere, the program is effectively shut down until the sole manufacturer, Biopart of Lansing, Mich., gains approval for production from its new manufacturing plant.

"In retrospect, I wish that we would have immediately advertised for a second source," said Marine Maj. Gen. Randy L. West, Pentagon senior adviser on chemical and biological protection. The Pentagon still wants to immunize all 2.4 million military members worldwide against the deadly bacterium that it considers a potential weapon of war.

Vaccinations will be cut from 75,000 a month to about 14,000, West said. Defense Secretary William Cohen announced the vaccination slowdown on Monday as he was en route to China, and the Pentagon provided details at a briefing Tuesday.

"We thought we were on safer ground than we turned out to be," West said, adding that even with the slowdown, supplies will run out in six to 10 months.

Biopart, which has had difficulty getting Food and Drug Administration approval for production from its new plant, has agreed to cooperate with another manufacturer, he said. FDA

approval would also be required for a second source, which could take up to several years.

"Because of the problems we've had and the lessons we've learned, we feel it's worth the investment to (find) a second source," West said. Since 1998, when the inoculation program began, "the threat has only increased," he said.

Anthrax vaccines also are produced in Britain and Russia, but neither has FDA approval for U.S. use, and Britain's vaccine also is in limited supply for its nonmandatory program. The Russians use a live vaccine which likely would not be considered, West said.

About 57,000 troops and other military employees have so far been fully immunized and 455,000 partially protected, with 1.8 million shots given. More than 14 million doses are needed to fully protect everyone now in the U.S. military.

Each service member requires six shots over 18 months and then annual boosters to remain fully protected against the bacterium that U.S. officials fear could be used by enemy forces or terrorists.

Some military members are refusing to take the vaccine — 351 at latest count. They fear potentially damaging side effects, although the Pentagon insists the vaccine is safe. More than 800 personnel have filed complaints of bad reactions. Some members of Congress have urged Cohen to end the program until a safer vaccine is found.

Soldiers and others who have received at least some of the shots should be able to pick up the series again when more vaccine becomes available, said Dr. J. Jarrett Clinton, a Pentagon assistant on health affairs. They will retain immunity from a few weeks to several months, depending on how many shots they have had, he said.

On the Net:

Pentagon anthrax program: <http://www.anthrax.osd.mil>

GOP legislators rail at EPA maneuver on clean water rules

"It's a tremendous thumb in the eye to the United States Congress," complained Sen. Tim Hutchinson, R-Ark., echoing other GOP lawmakers angered over what they viewed as "a slap in the face" of Congress, which had wanted the rules delayed for 16 months.

WASHINGTON (AP) - Congressional critics accuse the Clinton administration of conducting a "power grab" by moving to require states to develop new pollution control plans for dirty waterways just days before legislation blocking such regulations can go into effect.

Now the question is whether Republicans can muster enough bipartisan support to overturn the action by the Environmental Protection Agency within 60 days, as provided by the law. Such a prospect is slim in an election year when few lawmakers — Democrats or Republicans — want to be labeled anti-environment.

The decision may fall to Texas Gov. George W. Bush, if he is elected president, to decide whether to roll back the new rules before they take effect late next year, some opponents of the regulations conceded.

The regulations issued Tuesday

by the EPA require states to examine more than 20,000 lakes, streams and other waterways, establish which ones are most polluted and develop a cleanup program to meet federal water quality standards. The new cleanup requirements eventually could cost farmers, businesses and other polluters billions of dollars a year.

President Clinton called the new regulations "a critical common-sense step to ensure clean, safe water for all Americans" and said the rules can be implemented "in close partnership" with states and local communities.

EPA Administrator Carol Browner issued the new regulations only days before Clinton was expected to sign into law a must-have emergency spending bill that contains a provision specifically barring the EPA from issuing the rule.

"It's a tremendous thumb in the eye to the United States Congress," complained Sen. Jim Hutchinson, R-Ark., echoing other GOP lawmakers angered over what they viewed as "a slap in the face" of Congress, which had wanted the rules delayed for 16 months.

Opponents of the new rules accused the Clinton administration of pushing out the rules despite widespread concern from many governors, the business community, farmers and lawmakers on Capitol Hill about the requirements' costs and complaints that the EPA was trying to thwart the authority of states in dealing with water quality issues.

"Presidential politics and not public interest are guiding the administration's decisions at this point," complained Sen. Bob Smith, R-N.H., chairman of the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee.

Although some believe the time allowed for waterway cleanup is still far too long, many environmentalists said the EPA action marks the first time the federal government has directly addressed the problem of waterways polluted by runoff from agriculture, industry, construction and other so-called non-point sources.

Largely because of such pollution, 40 percent of the country's lakes and streams currently are so dirty people can't fish or swim in them, according to the EPA.

Instead of requiring specific plants or businesses to reduce pollution through restrictive permits, as already is done widely, the EPA wants states to examine the waterways individually, determine the maximum amount of pollution that each can sustain, and craft a cleanup plan that brings the water within federal health standards.

The process could take 15 to 25 years, but if states don't act the EPA can develop a water pollution control plan for them. The regulations follow numerous lawsuits that have been filed in recent years by environmentalists, contending neither the states nor the EPA has moved aggressively to develop cleanup plans as required by the Clean Water Act.

"This requires for the first time comprehensive planning on a river by river, lake by lake, bay by bay basis by local and state governments," Browner said. "It is the most important action in a generation to clean up the nation's waters and beaches."

She said because of the rider tacked onto the spending bill about to be signed into law, the EPA would not be able to enforce the new rules until Oct. 1, 2001. But agency officials said the delay should not cause a serious problem — barring intervention by a future president — since states would not be required to submit their first cleanup plans until April 2002.

Opponents of the new requirements include an array of powerful interests from the U.S. Chamber of Commerce to the utility industry and farm groups, as well as many governors. They argue the rules infringe on states that already have waterway cleanup plans and could cost as much as \$3 billion a year.

The EPA estimates the cost to states at \$20 million to \$30 million a year, but senior agency officials acknowledge the overall cost to industry, agriculture and others affected could be in the billions of dollars.

House panel opens door to pay raise for lawmakers

WASHINGTON (AP) - With no discussion, a House subcommittee opened the door late Tuesday to giving members of Congress their latest cost-of-living pay raise.

Lawmakers' current \$141,300 salaries would be raised by 2.7 percent, or \$3,800, and take effect next January, officials said. It would be their third increase in four years.

The first step toward approving the increase came as a subcommittee of the House Appropriations Committee approved a \$29.1 billion measure financing the Treasury Department and other agencies for the coming fiscal year. The bill contains no language

addressing the pay raise. But under a 1989 law, lawmakers get an automatic annual increase unless they decide to block it, and the Treasury bill is the traditional vehicle for such language.

The increase is based on a formula designed to hold the boost below the inflation rate and any increase civil servants will receive. The bill would also allow federal workers to receive the 3.7 percent pay raise next year that President Clinton has recommended.

Opponents expect to force election-year votes challenging the raise for lawmakers. But the proposal has a good chance to survive because of the strong economy,

healthy budget surpluses and last month's agreement between both parties' leaders not to attack each other's incumbents for supporting it.

"The Bible says the worker is worthy of his hire," House Majority Leader Dick Armey, R-Texas, told reporters earlier in the day. "These members of Congress on both sides of the aisle work very hard."

In a brief interview, Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., said he supports the increase and expects the Senate to approve it.

The same spending bill would also require Hillary Rodham

Clinton to submit monthly reports to the House Appropriations Committee detailing the travel expenses of her Senate campaign.

For months, some Republicans have been accusing her of insufficiently reimbursing the Treasury for her flights to and from New York, which she takes on military aircraft on the Secret Service's advice.

From July 1999 through last May, it has cost an estimated \$698,000 for her flights, of which she has paid the government \$112,200, according to figures released by Appropriations Committee Republicans. The numbers were based on White House data.

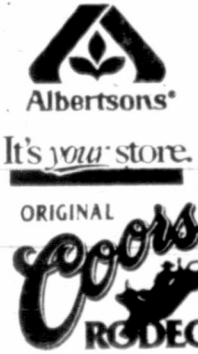
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AP interview: Delay says will chip away at Gore stereotypes

By SANDRA SOBIERAJ
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Al Gore's new campaign chairman hopes to use next month's Democratic National Convention to shatter any public perception of the vice president as "just a boring stiff."

In an interview Tuesday with The Associated Press, William Daley also conceded that Green Party candidate Ralph Nader threatens to siphon support from Gore. Allies inside and outside the Gore campaign have made informal overtures to Nader supporters, Daley said.

"There's been some discussions but kind of just, What is this? Why are you over there? ... Nothing official where we've approached the candidate."

Secretary Daley spoke from his office in the Commerce Department, which he leaves this week to replace Tony Coelho, who resigned last month for health reasons.

Intimately involved with planning for the Aug. 14-17 convention in Los Angeles, Daley said his major goal is to introduce Gore to Americans as "the potential next president" and chip away at a stereotype.

"Obviously, it would be great for those people who have been convinced for eight years that he's just a boring stiff, an unable-to-speak guy — that he comes through as a real person," Daley said.

Gore is already focused on his performance, strategists said, and has, for weeks now, been tossing ideas to his speechwriters and working more with a TelePromTer.

President Clinton will provide "lift off" in prime time on the first night. "It's going to be a rock 'em, sock 'em night — a thank-you to him — but when he leaves, it's Al Gore's nomination that takes place and Al Gore's convention and campaign," Daley said.

Party sources say first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton, a candidate for Senate from New York, is tentatively slated to speak the same night as her husband, leaving the spotlight to Gore after that.

Daley said Mrs. Clinton will land "a prominent role," though her campaign and Gore's team have not settled the details.

The vice president knows it won't be easy stepping outside Clinton's shadow.

"That's just a given," Daley said. "The presidents overshadow everyone ... when they stand alone like that and that is his night, as it should be after eight years."

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supported by about 6 percent of people polled in most national surveys, slightly higher in a handful of battleground states. Polls suggest that most of his support comes from Democrats. Daley predicted "a drop off" in those numbers.

"The majority of people who would be supportive of a Nader would be much more inclined to be for Al Gore than for George Bush," said Daley. But, he added, "People, at the end, vote for the one of two people they think will win."

Daley said Pat Buchanan, the former Republican likely to win the Reform Party nomination, will hurt presumptive Republican nominee Bush after he wins the third-party nomination and the \$12 million in federal aid that comes with it.

Daley also said:

—House Minority Leader Richard Gephardt is "extremely attractive" and "very well qualified" to be vice president and his efforts to win back control of the House for Democrats would not preclude Gore from picking him as running mate. Daley did not confirm that the Missouri lawmaker is under consideration.

—Indiana Sen. Evan Bayh, another potential running mate, supports abortion rights and is not damaged in Gore's eyes by opposition from some women's activists, who objected to Bayh's support for a ban on partial-birth abortions.

—Gore will likely remain even or slightly behind Bush in the polls until voters start paying more attention after Labor Day. "Whatever happens in October, whether it's the debates, the process starts and will begin to force people to deal with 'Oh ... I've got to vote in three weeks, and now what am I going to do?'"

Daley, who organized the 1996 convention for Clinton, said neither campaign will enjoy a major jump in the polls after their conventions because the TV networks are scaling back coverage and mainstream voters will pay little attention.

"I think the people who sit and watch this stuff are people who are all for you already, especially today in the climate of nobody-gives-a-hoot about this campaign season yet, and they're really tuned out just in general," he said.

House bill would create uniform wireless tax system

WASHINGTON (AP) — A measure to clear up the confusing patchwork of taxes now assessed on cellular phone calls cleared the House Tuesday.

The legislation would modify the existing system so that wireless users would be taxed only in their place of primary use — essentially the area in which they have subscribed for the service.

The bill passed by voice vote. A similar measure is moving through the Senate.

Currently, consumers are

taxed in a variety of ways by states and localities. They can be taxed based on the cell site or local switch closest to where they originate their call, or their home billing address.

The result is a complicated scheme for calculating monthly bills, since mobile users typically make calls from a number of different localities. For example, on a drive between Baltimore and Philadelphia, a consumer crosses a dozen different tax jurisdictions, meaning that each call made on this route could be assessed different state and local taxes.

In another example provided by the Cellular Telecommunications Industry Association, a business caller who makes 39 wireless calls in three different cities could fall into 26 different state and local tax jurisdictions.

If the measure becomes law, consumers won't necessarily

have lower taxes on their wireless bills. Depending on the taxes in the locality where they primarily use their phone, consumers may see their bills decrease or increase. But it will reduce the possibility of errors and give consumers a more consistent monthly bill, said lawmakers and industry officials.

The measure will ensure that wireless calls "are not confronted with a thicket of taxing jurisdictions," said Rep. Jerrold Nadler, D-N.Y., who introduced the measure along with other members of the Judiciary Committee. "It will simplify the process of tax collection without imposing any new taxes."

Under the current system, consumers who have a "bucket plan" — in which they pay a flat fee and receive a set number of minutes — sometimes see the taxes on their bill fluctuate month to month even though

their total charges are the same.

But the changes would make the taxing process clearer to consumers, and industry officials say it will also make it easier for them and local and state governments to administer, particularly as more subscribers opt for wireless plans they can use anywhere in the nation.

"This legislation is good for wireless customers, good for local and state governments, and good for the industry, because it provides clarity and certainty," said Tom Wheeler, president of CTIA, the wireless industry group based in Washington.

There are more than 94 million wireless customers nationwide, according to the association.

On the Net: Cellular Telecommunications Industry Association site: <http://www.wow-com.com/>

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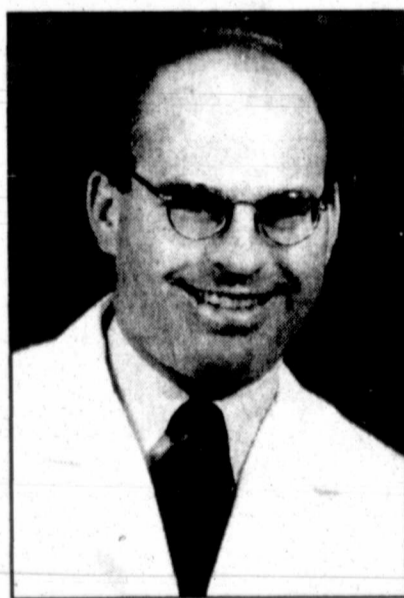
(Community Camera photo by Judy Elliott)

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.

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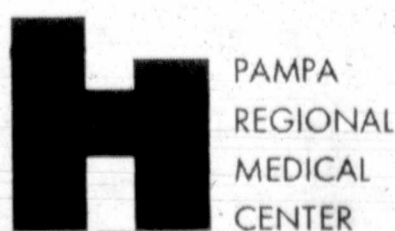
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George J. Smith, MD is joined in Pampa by his wife, Brenda. She is a Registered Nurse and will be working with him in his office. Dr. Smith left a six-surgeon group in Bedford to open his solo practice here in Pampa. He is a Captain in the U.S. Army Reserve. Dr. Smith is accepting new patients referred and otherwise. For appointment information please call 806-665-4240.

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Teen's Hair Problem May Be More than Skin-Deep

DEAR ABBY: Your response to the grandparent who was concerned because her 13-year-old granddaughter had a mustache was incomplete. You focused only on the cosmetic problem when she may have a true medical problem.



Abigail Van Buren

SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

MAN: Several doctors wrote to point out that the girl's problem could be medical in nature rather than cosmetic, and that she should be evaluated by a physician. Having once been a furry teen-ager myself, I assumed that she could deal with the problem cosmetically — shaving, waxing, bleaching, etc.

I would like to address the other issue you mentioned. Adolescents may be notorious for neglecting their health, but they are still minors. It is their parents' job to make sure their health and well-being of their children are protected. This includes ensuring annual checkups with the eye doctor, dentist and primary-care physician. It also includes ensuring that teen-agers understand the importance of good nutrition and exercise. There is no excuse for young adults to be underimmunized and without the information they need in order to remain healthy.

DEAR ABBY: May I suggest that you follow your column promoting Pet Adoptathon 2000 with this brief postscript — license your pet! Licensing your dog or cat is part of the proper care and attention that, as you explained, all pets deserve. Every year, thousands of lost-pets are reunited with their loving families because they are wearing a current license or have other identification, such as a microchip. Tragically, many lost pets who are not licensed become statistics.

Here in King County, Washington, our Pet Partnership Program is successfully promoting pet licenses. We are working with suburban cities and pet owners throughout our region to spread this important message and to encourage residents to be responsible pet owners. This is a key element of saving and promoting the lives of our faithful animal companions.

RON SIMS, KING COUNTY EXECUTIVE, SEATTLE

DEAR RON: I'm pleased to publicize this important reminder. Every pet deserves to have an identity. Should it get lost, a license could mean the difference between life and death. Readers wanting information about pet licenses should call their city or county animal regulation department and inquire.

Thank you, Abby, for championing these issues with such candor in your column.

JENNIFER FORDAN-HERMAN, M.D., VIRGINIA BEACH, VA.

DEAR DR. FORDAN-HER-

Horoscope

THURSDAY, JULY 13, 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) ***** Your wild side emerges, to others' delight. Someone you have wondered about clearly does adore you. Don't minimize your importance. Stand your ground. Pioneer a new project, and you can be sure of the results. A friend points you in the right direction. Tonight: Kick up your heels. TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ***** Buy something special for your home or a family member. Investing in property could lead to financial security. Unexpected developments at work throw you off. Thanks to a partner, you make solid choices and head in the right direction. Two heads do work better than one! Tonight: A quiet night for two. GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ***** Reach out for others, especially with special news. Reverse your schedule and adjust your plans. Spread the news, and you'll also hear interesting related tales. You gain because you gather significant information. Your communication skills shine. Tonight: Go along with another's plans. CANCER (June 21-July 22) ***** Worry less about an expense. You gain from this purchase. Don't hesitate to ask more questions if you're taken

aback by another's actions. You don't always understand this person. Work as a team. Put your best foot forward and another will respond. Tonight: Get physical. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ***** Venus moves into your sign, adding to your already high charisma. Surprises happen when others are involved. A new relationship appears on the horizon if you're single. Your creativity and ingenuity carry you in a new direction professionally, if not emotionally. Tonight: Relish the moment. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ***** You could be more fragile during the next few weeks than you realize. Your emotions could be on a roller coaster, especially as unexpected events affect your work and home life. Stop and use the time to regain your footing. Make a plan solid. Tonight: Talk with a trusted friend. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ***** Zoom in while timing is on your side. A friend gives you the go-ahead signal. Hesitation is your enemy. Ask questions right away. Assume an active style, clearing your desk and getting as much done as possible. You're high-voltage material. Tonight: Shoot the breeze with a friend. SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ***** Discussions with a boss result in better understanding and a possible pay raise. Express clearly what you want and expect. A moneymaking idea opens up many doors. Recognize that not all assets are financial. Be direct with another. Tonight: Pay bills. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ***** News makes you happy, even

though your schedule becomes unruly. Make it clear to a loved one how pleased you are to be of assistance. Work with the unexpected, and you'll gain. Let go of a need to control situations. The results empower you. Tonight: It is your call. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ***** A dear friend or associate makes a strong effort to warm up your relationship in the next few weeks. A unique opportunity appears to bond you far more deeply. Again, be cautious as you pull the financial wild card. Tonight: Get a good night's sleep. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ***** You have a streak of good luck. Little did you realize how important a friend is to your well-being. He does everything possible to help you realize an important desire. Others seek you out. Don't hesitate — ask for what you want. Tonight: Start the weekend early. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ***** Take charge. Others respond. A work relationship ties in to your productivity. Take the time to get to know this person. Ask him to join you for lunch or a fun after-work activity. Define feelings carefully. Your flirtatious nature needs to be curbed. Tonight: Burn the candle from both ends. BORN TODAY Actor Harrison Ford (1942), actor Patrick Stewart (1940), politician Jack Kemp (1935)

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Crossword Puzzle

By THOMAS JOSEPH

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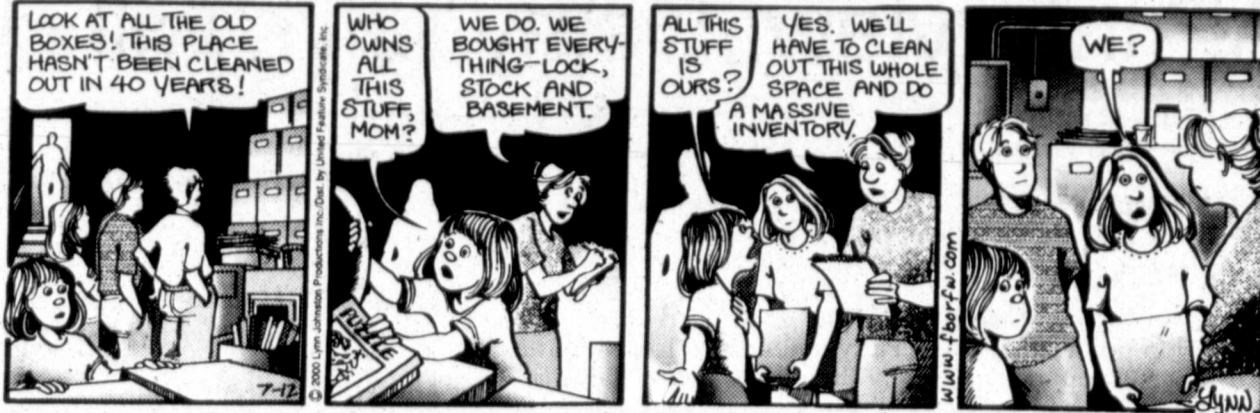
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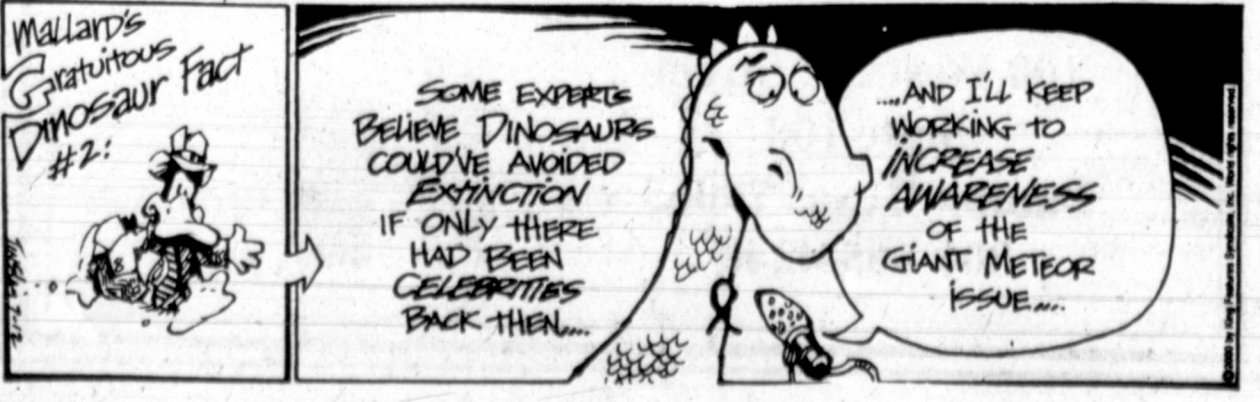
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Woman receives her freedom after paper questions mandatory jail time

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — These days, Serena Nunn finds joy in the sight of trees, streets and even convenience stores — anything that reminds her she is no longer behind bars.

After 10 years in prison, Nunn received word in her cell in Phoenix on Friday that President Clinton had taken the rare step of commuting her mandatory sentence on drug charges. Within hours, she was free.

"I can't help but to feel still overwhelmed with joy," Nunn said in a telephone interview Tuesday. The 30-year-old Nunn is working hard to make up for lost time. She spent Tuesday with her mother and sister, who rushed to meet her when she was released.

She's been moving into a new apartment, filling out financial aid forms and enrolling in courses at Arizona State University, where she will continue coursework toward a business degree that she began in prison. She wants to become a lawyer.

"I'm just trying to be a normal person now," she said.

Nunn was a teen-ager when she became romantically involved with the son of a reputed Minneapolis drug lord, Ralph "Plukey" Duke.

up sentenced to 14 years for conspiracy to possess and distribute cocaine — double the sentence of one of the leaders of Duke's ring. Legal experts say if she had been sentenced in state court, she could have received no more than probation.

Nunn might still be in jail if not for her luck finally changing.

The Star Tribune of Minneapolis chronicled her story in a 1997 article that focused on federal cases in which women who were only peripherally involved in the drug trade were serving longer sentences than male drug dealers. The men often cut their jail time by testifying against others.

The article was noticed by Sam Sheldon, a California attorney who was passing through town.

"It was just one of those fluke things. I needed something to read on the plane," Sheldon said by phone as he helped Nunn move.

Sheldon, working for free, met with Nunn and filed a request for a presidential commutation. Sheldon argued that an error led to her receiving a longer sentence than stipulated and that the sentence imposed under mandatory minimum guidelines was unfair.

He sought out U.S. District Judge David Doty,

who, in a career first, wrote a letter to Clinton admitting he made an error in compiling Nunn's sentence and criticizing the law that made him impose the sentence in the first place.

"I've said orally in open court many times, and it's probably what you would hear from most every federal judge, that the mandatory minimums often times are excessive and they take away any discretion that you have with a case like this where a person doesn't deserve quite such harsh treatment," Doty said.

The man who prosecuted Nunn and numerous state politicians, including Gov. Jesse Ventura, also supported freedom for Nunn.

That support helped, Sheldon said, because such requests for commutation can be political battles as much as legal ones. "Those are people that have nothing to gain politically. If she goes out and commits another crime, it makes them look bad," he said.

Nunn was pardoned last week along with Louise House, Shawndra Mills and Amy Pofahl, three women who were also sentenced for drug crimes. One man, Alain Orozco, also was ordered freed after serving time on a drug conviction.

"The president felt they had served a disproportionate amount of time," White House spokesman Jake Siewert said of the women. "They received much more severe sentences than their husbands and boyfriends."

The issue of mandatory minimum sentences came before a congressional subcommittee in May. John Roth, a Justice Department official, testified that the guidelines clear up any disparities about sentencing by ensuring everyone gets similar sentences.

The guidelines also have safety valves to allow prosecutors and judges to give lighter sentences when appropriate, he said. One way to get a lighter sentence is to turn over information about other drug dealers, suppliers and users.

However, many first-time or less involved offenders aren't able to escape harsh sentences because they don't have any information to pass along, unlike the big drug kingpins, countered Frances Rosmeyer of Families Against Mandatory Minimums.

As for Nunn, she doesn't claim innocence of her crimes, just ignorance. Love, she said, clouded her judgment. She feels blessed that her sentence was commuted and said she isn't bitter about the time she spent in jail.

Report: American offers \$3.7 billion for stock in merger plan

DALLAS (AP) — American Airlines Inc.'s \$3.7 billion offer in a merger proposal for Northwest Airlines Inc. stock still leaves the two carriers billions of dollars apart in merger talks, according to published reports.

Sources familiar with the negotiations told the Washington Post and The Dallas Morning News in Wednesday's editions that Fort Worth, Texas-based American has offered \$44 per share of Northwest, the nation's number four carrier.

Word of the negotiations surfaced earlier this summer following a proposed merger between UAL Corp., the parent of United Airlines Inc., and US Airways Inc., with analysts suggesting that other carriers had to pursue combinations to remain competitive and that Minneapolis-based Northwest was American's most logical acquisition target.

In the case of American and Northwest, price is the sticking point, sources familiar with the talks said. They said Northwest's initial asking price was "in excess of \$100 a share" and that its executives had barely budged from that position.

A source told the Post that American's offer of \$44 a share has been on the table for several weeks.

Northwest's stock closed Tuesday at \$35.75 a share, less than \$3 off its 52-week high.

But American might have to sweeten its offer higher than the stock price in order to assume aircraft leases, debt and other Northwest obligations.

American spokesman Chris Chiames said in a prepared statement Wednesday that the airline would not comment on the reports.

Earlier, American officials said they hoped to have a deal in the works by the time the Justice Department began its review of the United-USAir deal. In it, UAL Corp., parent of United Airlines, is buying US Airways, the nation's sixth-largest carrier in a \$11.6 billion deal.

The reports cited indications that American might be prepared to offer a higher price, although

USDA certifies cattle free of TB

HARRISBURG, Pa. (AP) — Pennsylvania has joined 47 other states in regaining its bovine tuberculosis-free accreditation, state Agriculture Secretary Samuel E. Hayes Jr. announced.

"We've had a very clean state for some time, but we hadn't gone through all the absolutely necessary protocol" for the official designation, Hayes said. "This designation is important for consumers. This designation is important for agriculture, the dairy industry, the livestock industry."

Texas and Michigan are the only states without accreditation, said Thomas E. Walton of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

Pennsylvania lost its accreditation during a wildlife outbreak of bovine TB eight years ago, Walton said.

Since then, cattle shipped from or through Pennsylvania had to undergo additional testing, which will no longer be necessary with the certification.

Bovine TB can spread among wildlife, such as deer, and cattle, and between cattle and humans. It is difficult to transmit to humans, and milk pasteurization and proper cooking of meat kills the virus. Infected animals cough and slowly waste away until they die, Walton said.

Jury in Utah convicts psychiatrist of manslaughter

FARMINGTON, Utah (AP) — Jurors who convicted psychiatrist Robert Weitzel of manslaughter and negligent homicide in the deaths of five elderly patients said their verdict was a compromise.

Weitzel, 44, was tried on five counts of murder in the deaths that occurred in a 16-day period beginning in December 1995 at the Geriatric-Psychiatric Unit at the Davis Hospital and Medical Center in Layton.

The jury on Monday night convicted him of two counts of manslaughter, each punishable by up to 15 years in prison, and three counts of negligent homicide, punishable by up to one year in jail.

Weitzel, in interviews from the Davis County Jail Tuesday, said he was shocked by the verdicts. He continued to maintain that all he did was provide comfort care for patients who were dying.

Prosecutors said the patients had no life-threatening illnesses. They were all admitted for medication readjustments because their dementia was causing them to act out at their nursing homes.

The prosecutors contended Weitzel blasted patients with anti-psychotic drugs until they seemed to be near death and ordered doses of morphine that proved lethal.

"I'm really disappointed, sad, frustrated and I'm scared," Weitzel told the Standard-Examiner. "I tried to help these people. I stuck my neck out and now I'm going to prison."

Weitzel is to be sentenced Aug. 17. He also faces federal charges on 22 counts of prescription fraud. He is accused of writing pre-

scriptions for morphine and Demerol but keeping the drugs.

He also remains under investigation in Bay City, Texas, in connection with the death of an 87-year-old woman at the Matagorda County General Hospital in 1998. At the time of Linda Ware's death, Weitzel headed the senior psychiatric unit of the Texas hospital.

Jurors were not told about the federal case. Second District Judge Thomas Kay also would not allow the prosecution to introduce some evidence regarding alleged failures by Weitzel to care for patients. Kay said this was a murder case, not a malpractice case.

Juror William Gillette said he and two other jurors felt Weitzel had intentionally hastened the deaths of two elderly patients and was guilty of murdering them. Gillette felt Weitzel was guilty of manslaughter for his treatment of the three other patients.

But other jurors — including two who had close relatives who had died in pain from cancer and felt euthanasia might sometimes be appropriate — were leaning toward lesser counts and possibly acquittal.

"I compromised; I'll admit it," Gillette said. He said he had not wanted to risk a deadlock and a hung jury after six weeks of trial.

One juror, who asked to remain anonymous, told The Salt Lake Tribune she viewed Weitzel as an absentee doctor who spent far too little time with his patients.

"He could have monitored better what he was doing — he was relying on other people to do it for him," she said.

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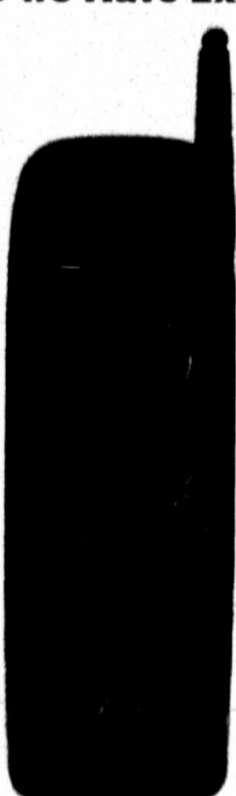
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