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Lotto jackpot grows to \$30 million
 No tickets correctly matched all six numbers drawn Wednesday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said.
 The numbers drawn Wednesday night: 9-28-35-51-53-54.
 Saturday night's drawing will be worth an estimated \$30 million.

Appraisal protest hearings Saturday
 PAMPA — Six property appraisal protests are to be heard by the Gray County Appraisal District's Appraisal Review Board Saturday, July 22.
 The hearings begin at 9 a.m., Saturday, in the GCAD conference room, 815 N. Sumner. The protests were rescheduled following hearings conducted July 6 and 7.
 Of the six protests scheduled to be reheard Saturday, three are at the request of GCAD and three others at the request of the individual property owners.

Classified advertising in The Pampa News gets results. Call 669-2525.

- Verson Duane Alexander, 60, former employee of Washington Atomic Power Company.
- Herbert Kyle Johnson, 40, self-employed detail man.
- R.T. Kelley, 84, rancher, roper, hunter.
- David 'Ben' Money, 88, farmer, cowboy.
- Vernon Pratt, 51, deputy general manager for finance at Celanese plant in Kunming, China.
- Marilyn Wiley Saddy, 85, artist, teacher.

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Killer dies with apology on his lips

By DAVID BOWSER
 Staff Writer

MCALISTER, Okla. — Gregg Francis Braun died with an apology on his lips.

Early this morning, 11 years to the day after he killed a Pampa store owner, Gregg Francis Braun was executed in the Oklahoma State Prison death chamber.

E.P. "Pete" Spurrier was killed in his Pampa photo development shop on July 20, 1989. Spurrier was the third of five people killed by Braun in a four-state crime spree that summer.

Bill Spurrier, the son of the Pampa businessman killed by Braun, witnessed the execution along with 35 family members of Braun's victims.

At 12:08 a.m. today, blinds sep-

arating the witness rooms from the execution chamber were raised to reveal Braun, lying on his back with arms outstretched and intravenous lines attached to each arm. His head was turned to the seated witnesses.

Braun apologized to his victims, naming them one by one in the order in which he murdered them.

"I'm sorry I murdered you," Braun said. "I'm sorry I took your lives. I pray for our Lord Jesus Christ to bless your lives. I'm so sorry I killed you."

He then apologized to the victims' families and named them one by one as well.

"I'm so sorry," he said. "I'm sorry for what I did to your loved ones. I've kept you all in my prayers. I know who you are. I'm so sorry for the pain and suf-

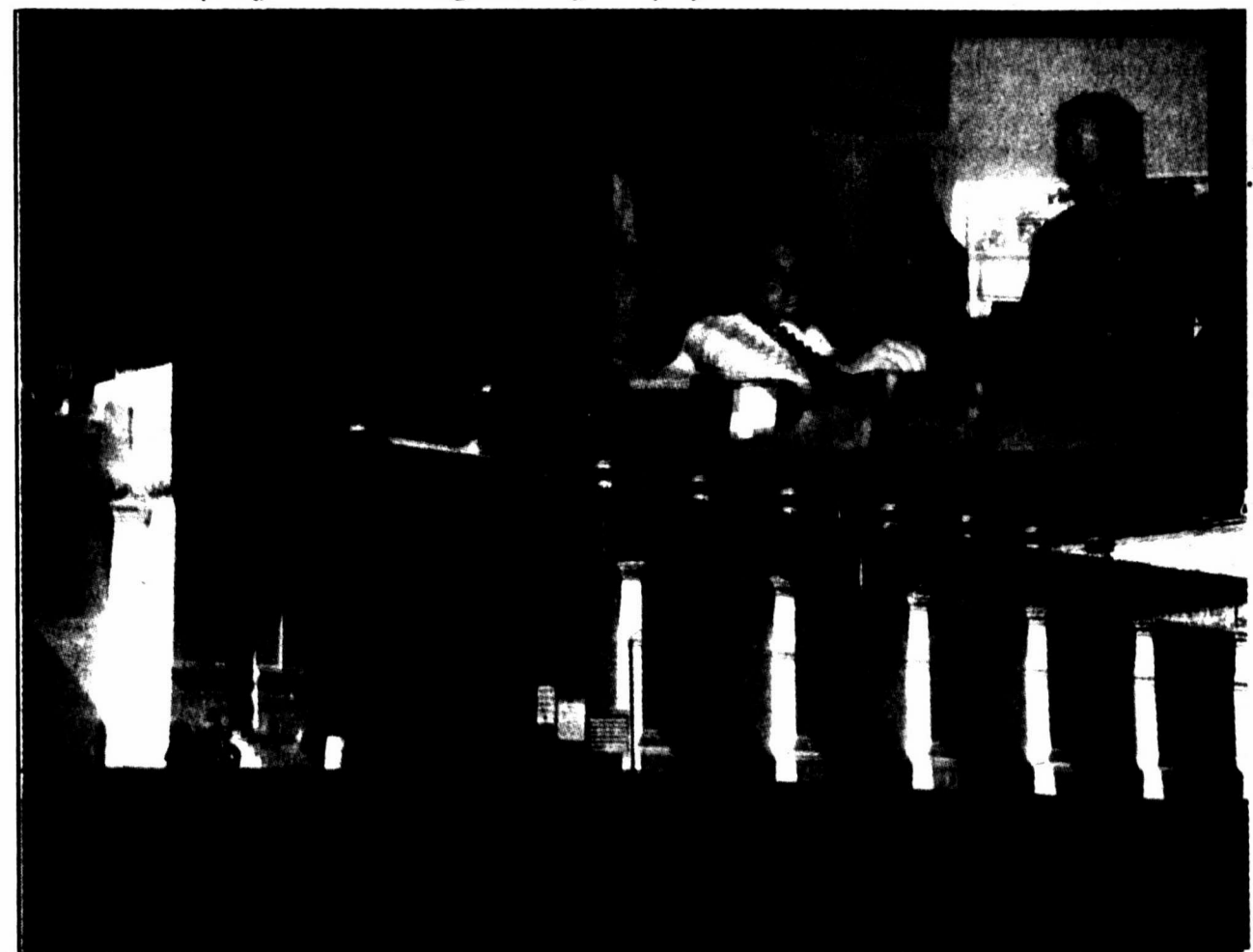
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fering I caused you. I pray for you.
 "What I did was unforgivable, but I ask you to forgive me."
 Braun also apologized to his

own family, addressing his father, his mother and his brothers.
 Then he let out a long, deep sigh and began to pray.

"Holy Mother Mary, please, I ask you now to take me into the infinite refuge," Braun said. "Save me, Mother Mary, from the eternal damnation I deserve. I am not an animal. I remembered you in my prayers."
 His final words were, "I'm so sorry, I'm so sorry."
 His statement took about three

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(Pampa News photo by David Bowser)
Bill Spurrier, right, talks to the press Wednesday evening at the Oklahoma State Prison about the execution of Gregg Francis Braun, the man who killed Spurrier's father, E.P. "Pete" during a killing spree 11 years ago. Braun, who killed five people in four states in July, 1989, was executed early today for the murder of Gwendolyn Miller in Ardmore, Okla., the day after he killed Pete Spurrier in Pampa. Miller's husband, Dusty Miller, in the red shirt, also talked to the press.

Miniature horse mauling victim

The attacker or attackers of a miniature horse belonging to Pampa resident Sheryl Lester had not been determined today, according to Gray County Sheriff Chief Deputy David Russell. The horse was attacked around noon on Wednesday for the second time in three months.



Injuries tended to include the horse's bottom lip which was badly ripped.

Chief Deputy David Russell said this morning the local department took a report from Lester shortly after the pony was rushed to a local veterinarian's office for emergency treatment of numerous cuts and lacerations.

Many of the cuts were deep.

The pony's lip was ripped from the gum and was hanging down several inches, exposing the mouth area. Deep cuts on both sides of the pony's head were also treated by Dr. M.W. Horne, DVM. Skin below the left flank area had also been ripped away and was dangling.

Horne also swabbed the injuries in an effort to run DNA testing.

Lester said Wednesday she believed the attacker or attackers were dogs.

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City injury accident count drops in June

The number of accidents on Pampa streets involving injuries was down in June.

There were 11 accidents in June in which people suffered injuries. Only one person suffered an incapacitating injury. Six involved minor injuries.

Of the 13 injuries suffered in accidents in May, six were non-incapacitating injuries. Seven involved minor injuries, according to police reports.

Pampa recorded six accidents with injuries during April, the same number as March. Police records indicate there were seven accidents with injuries in February and five in January.

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PISD board discusses criteria for special reports

By DEE DEE LARAMORE
 Staff Writer

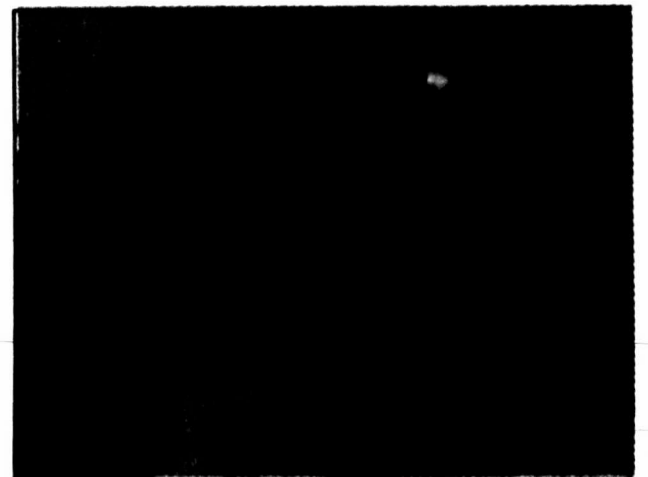
Pampa Independent School District's board of education discussed criteria for special reports to be presented to them during the 2000-2001 school year at a special meeting Tuesday.

The discussion was part of a one-hour board planning workshop conducted during the meeting at Carver Center board room.

"This was the first time we have taken that approach," Superintendent Dawson Orr said of the workshop. "Certainly we've had goal setting and evaluation setting workshops, but this was the first time we've done this. I feel it was good, useful internal planning."

Board members shared ideas for process reports, product reports and academic reports. Orr guided

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Supt. Dawson Orr writes board member's ideas for 2000-2001 report presentations.



(Pampa News photo by Nancy Young)
Loaded with home-grown vegetables, local resident Thomas Morgan displays the many varieties of the vegetables he grows and takes to the local farmers market twice a week in Pampa. The vegetables are available at 6:30 a.m. each Wednesday and Saturday in the 800 block of W. Foster.

Farmer's market draws customers two times weekly

By NANCY YOUNG
 Managing Editor

If you enjoy fresh vegetables, then the informal farmers market in Pampa is the place to visit.

Local customers in search of the fresh vegetables from down on the farm start gathering early to make their purchases.

Susan Ferguson of Pampa stopped by early Wednesday morning to purchase fresh vegetables before she went to work. "I love fresh fruits and vegetables, but I'm too lazy to grow them myself," she said.

Ferguson is like many in this chaotic world who can't seem to find the time to plant and successfully grow the food, but want to provide the best and freshest food for their families. The farmers market is the answer for many.

Local and area farmers raising their vegetables bring them to town for sale Wednesday and Saturday mornings. Selling directly from their pickup trucks, the farmers market is a busy place on those days.

The farmers arrive around 6:30 a.m. on the two days to set out their green beans, blackeyed peas, fresh squash, tomatoes, fresh corn on the cob, peaches, peppers, cucumbers, potatoes, eggplant, watermelon and onions for sale.

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Daily Record

Services tomorrow

ALEXANDER, Verson Duane — 2 p.m., Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel, Pampa.
KELLEY, R.T. "Ike" — Memorial services, Kelley home near Canadian.
MONEY, David "Ben" — Graveside services, 4 p.m., Memory Gardens Cemetery, Pampa.

Obituaries

VERSON DUANE ALEXANDER
 Vancouver, Wash. — Verson Duane Alexander, 60, a former Pampa resident died Saturday, July 15, 2000. Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday in Carmichael-Whately Colonial Chapel in Pampa with the Rev. John Glover, associate pastor of First Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be in Miami Cemetery at Miami under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Alexander was born Nov. 23, 1939, at Amarillo and graduated from Pampa High School in 1958. He worked for Joy Manufacturing in Buffalo, N.Y., and Seattle, Wash., and was employed with Washington Atomic Power Company of Vancouver for 14 years.

He was a U.S. Army veteran, serving in the 101st Airborne Division of the Rangers, and belonged to First Baptist Church of Pampa.

He was preceded in death by his father, Verson T. Alexander, in 1988; and by a sister, Linda Janell Alexander, in 1946.

Survivors include a daughter, Kristin D'Oca of Tucson, Ariz.; two sons, Chad Alexander of Kennewick, Wash., and Robert Brent Alexander of Vancouver; his mother, Johnnie Alexander of Pampa; a former wife, Darla Alexander of Kennewick; a sister, Lora Baggerman of Pampa; and a brother, Charles Alexander of Pampa and two grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to First Baptist Church, 203 N. West, Pampa, TX 79065; or to a favorite charity.

HERBERT KYLE JOHNSON
 CHILDRESS — Herbert Kyle Johnson, 40, died Tuesday, July 18, 2000, in Childress. Services will be held on Friday at 2 p.m. in the New Hope Baptist Church in Pampa with Rev. Billy Hughes officiating. Burial will be in the Fairview Cemetery in Pampa by Warford-Walker Mortuary, Inc., 509 N. Hughes Street.

Mr. Johnson was born in Pampa and had lived in Wellington before moving to Childress. He attended public school in Pampa and graduated from Wellington High School. He was a self-employed detail man.

He was a member of the St. John Baptist Church of Childress.

Survivors include his wife, Sally Ann; four sons, Sergio Johnson of Charlotte, South Carolina; Shelton Johnson and Jordan Murray, both of Amarillo; Carnell Hampton of Childress; five daughters, Renee Johnson of Pampa, Shapeus Johnson of Charlotte, South Carolina; Kaisha Johnson of Colorado Springs, Colo.; Jacqueline Hampton and LaToya Hampton of Childress; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Willie McKinnon of Wellington; three brothers, Walter Johnson and Clayton Johnson, both of Pampa; and Willie McKinnon of Amarillo; five sisters, Marion Wine and Shari Johnson, both of Pampa; Denise Holt of Snyder; Beverly Waason of Carrollton; and Kayla Harrison of Ben Brook.

R.T. KELLEY
 CANADIAN — R.T. "Ike" Kelley, 84, died Wednesday, July 19, 2000. Memorial services will be at 9 a.m. Friday at the home of Mr. Kelley, located on a ranch 4 1/2 miles north of Canadian on F.M. 1920, with George Hand, cowboy poet, officiating. Burial will be in Hemphill County Cemetery under the direction of Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home of Perryton.

Mr. Kelley was born in Lipscomb County and had been a lifelong area resident. He was a rancher and a Hereford breeder, a roper and a hunter.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Norene "Sammie" Hergert, in 1991.

The family requests memorials be to Canadian Rodeo Association in care of Jim Baker, Box 15, Canadian, TX 79014.

The body will not be available for viewing.

DAVID BEN MONEY
 BORGER — David "Ben" Money, 88, died Tuesday, July 18, in Borger. Graveside services will be at 4 p.m. Friday, July 21, at Memory Gardens in Pampa with Rev. David Pool of Amarillo officiating. Interment will be in Memory Gardens in Pampa under the direction of Minton/Chatwell Funeral Directors of Borger.

Mr. Money was born in Haskell, and had been an area resident for 60 years. He was a mechanic for Ray Boswell Paving Co. He was also a farmer and cowboy for many years in the Panhandle. He was a Baptist.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Bonnie Lee Money, on June 16, 1997.

Survivors include four sons, Carl David Money of Fritch, Ben A. Money of North Port, Fla.; Louis W. Money of Kalamazoo, Mich.; and Jeff A. Money of Las Vegas, Nev.; two daughters, Carolyn Hefner and Barbara Teague, both of Fritch; two brothers, Jessie Money of Denver, Colo.; and Lee Money of Dalton, Neb.; one sister, Martha Lou Ramsey of Compton, Calif.; 21 grandchildren, 32 great-grandchildren and one great-great grandson.

The family will be staying at 120 Sage Mesa in Fritch.

Mr. Money will lie in state at the funeral home in Borger.

Weather focus

PAMPA — Sunshine with a projected high of 102 Thursday afternoon. Southwest winds 10-

20 miles per hour projected Thursday night. Partly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of showers and rain and a low of 70 in the evening. On Friday it is expected to be partly cloudy with a 20 per-

cent chance of showers in the evening. Yesterday's high was 97 and the overnight low was 72.

STATEWIDE — A heat advisory remains in effect through the beginning of the weekend.

VERNON PRATT

KUNMING, China — Vernon Pratt, 51, a former Pampa resident, died Friday, July 14, 2000. Services are pending under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Pratt was born May 10, 1949, at Amarillo. He graduated from Panhandle High School in 1967 and from West Texas State University, receiving a bachelor of arts degree in business in 1974 and a master of science degree in finance in 1979. He lived in Pampa for 18 years and worked at both Cabot Corporation and IRI International. He was employed with Celanese Corporation at Bishop for four years prior to relocating to Kunming where he was deputy general manager of finance for the Celanese plant there.

While in Pampa, he was a member of Briarwood Full Gospel Church and Pampa Youth and Community Center Board of Directors.

He served in the National Guard from 1971-77. He was preceded in death by his father, Glenn L. Pratt.

Survivors include a daughter, Marcy Molone of Ponca City, Okla.; a son, Joel Pratt of Arlington; his mother, Ethel Pratt of Panhandle; two sisters, Norma Thomason of Jacksonville, Fla., and Glenda Boothe of Panhandle; former wife, Kathy Pratt of Corpus Christi; and four grandchildren, Madelynn Nicole Pratt and Michael Glenn Pratt, both of Arlington, and Ashlee Nicole Molone and Jordan Shawn Molone, both of Ponca City.

The family will be at 2312 Cherokee and requests memorials be to Briarwood Full Gospel Church or to a favorite charity.

MARILYN WILEY SADDY
WHEELER — Marilyn Wiley Saddy, 85, a former Wheeler resident, died June 24, 2000, at Taos, N.M., where she was vacationing.

Mrs. Saddy was born Nov. 30, 1914, to Mary Leota Kite Wiley and Herman Manning Wiley, the oldest daughter of eight children. She grew up at Wheeler, graduating from public school there before attending Texas State College for Women in Denton. She enjoyed art and history and pursued these interests, receiving her degree in 1936.

In the early 1920s, she studied under Andrew Hogue in Taos and subsequently taught art and general studies in Sugarland near Houston. During the war years, she met and married James Alexander Saddy, a sergeant in the U.S. Air Force. The couple moved to New York City.

Throughout her years in New York, Mrs. Saddy was avidly involved in work with the Queensboro Federation of Parents and Teachers. She eventually earned an award for her efforts from the Council of Christians and Jews in the 1980s. She continued to paint and resumed studies at the Art Students League under Vaclav Vytlačil, Joseph Stapleton, Richard Poussette-Dart and Frank O'Cain. In both 1991 and 1992, she was invited to exhibit her paintings and collages in Curitiba, Brazil.

Survivors include her husband, James; a daughter, Gale J. Saddy; and four siblings, Paul Wiley of Austin, Marthaly Hutchins of Dallas, Bill Wiley of Miami and Celeste Wiley of Wheeler.

Police report

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

Wednesday, July 19
 Burglary of a habitation was reported in the 700 block of West Browning. Two speakers and a speaker box valued \$230 was reported taken.

Theft of a bicycle valued at \$40 was reported in the 800 block of North Somerville.

A blue boy's bicycle was found in the 1400 block of North Banks.

Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by Anheuser-Busch Grain of Pampa:

Wheat	2.27	Kerr McGee	57.16	dn 7.16
Milo	2.35	Furman	31.34	dn 3.8
Corn	2.80	McDonald's	31.34	dn 1.4
Soybeans	3.59	Faxon Method	78.15	dn 1.4
		New Atmos	19.13	dn 1.8
		NEC	32.13	dn 1.16
		O&E	27.38	dn 1.16
		Penney	16.11	dn 1.8
		Phillips	51.16	dn 1.8
		Proncer Nat	11.78	dn 5.16
		SEB	76.56	dn 1.4
		Tenneco	5.34	dn 1.16
		Texas	50.13	dn 1.2
		Ultramar	25.11	dn 3.16
		W&M	60.14	dn 1.4
		Williams	41.13	dn 1.8

The following show the prices for which these mutual funds were bid at the time of completion:

Occidental	20.12	up 7.16
Fidelity Magell	137.35	dn
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Puntan	18.98	dn 0.2

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

Ampco	53.18	dn 9.16
Cabot	31.96	up 1.4
Cabot O&G	20	1.16
Chevron	81.12	dn 7.16
Coca Cola	50.56	dn 3.16
Columbia HCA	31.36	dn 1
New York Gold		279
Silver		4.97
West Texas Crude		31.24

Sheriff

Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Wednesday, July 19
 Christian Bruce, 20, 1710 Aspen, was arrested on a bond surrender for burglary of a habitation.

Cynthia Lee Bourne, 17, 601 E. Browning, was arrested for burglary of a habitation.

David Hewatt Earthmall, 20, Amarillo, was arrested for possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of marijuana under two ounces.

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HORSE

Dr. Horne said Wednesday the pony may have facial nerve damage from the unknown attackers.

Russell said there were no eyewitnesses to the attack, although it looks like dogs. "There are no suspect dogs," said Russell.

The pony was attacked by two pit bull dogs in mid-April, receiving several wounds to the jaw and nose. The horse required multiple stitches in the April attack.

According to Municipal Court records, Nicholas Brookshire, 533 Doyle, received four citations in connection with the April attack. Two citations for animals at large and two citations for failure to dis-

play rabies tags. Sandy Burns, animal control officer, said the dogs were not impounded and were returned to the owner in the April attack.

Russell said his department talked with the owner of the dogs in the April attack and were told it was not their dogs that made yesterday's attack.

Burns said today one of her officers was called to the scene of the attack shortly after it occurred Wednesday. "There weren't any dogs at the scene when [the officer] arrived," said Burns. She said the animal control officer did take pictures of the pony at the veterinarian's office. "The injuries are pretty bad," she said.

A condition report on the pony was unavailable at press time. Attempts to reach Lester by phone this morning were also unsuccessful.

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PISD

the process using a tool called, "The Policy Clock," by Henry M. Brickell and Regina H. Paul.

"I think we need to know what we're going to do with the information once we get it," Nancy Coffee said during the workshop.

"The point of the board hearing these reports is so they'll know - what does this mean to the campus and what steps the campus will take to address this," Orr said.

He warned the board not to make snap judgments from report results, but to watch for trends that need to be addressed.

Report subjects discussed in the workshop included grades, attendance, discipline, and personnel ratios - staff to students and teachers to students.

John Curry suggested presenting certain student case studies. Orr said student profiles were possible.

"We would have to look at what is realistic and feasible data to gather and a time frame to do it in," Orr said, adding that it should be limited to students that were at highest risk.

While looking at the upcoming school board calendar, Orr pointed out that board members will receive proposed student handbooks and the PISD code of conduct in July, a month earlier than in the past.

"It's still not early enough, we can look at an intermediate report of the major changes in April next year," Orr said.

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ACCIDENT

Eight of the accidents in June with injuries involved two vehicles, but one involved a fixed object and two involved bicycles.

Accidents with injuries were spread across the days of the week. One each happened on a Friday, a Saturday and a Sunday. Two each happened on Mondays, Thursdays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

Each of the accidents happened at a different location.

Four of them occurred between 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. Three occurred between noon and 2 p.m. Two were between 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. One happened between 4 a.m. and 6 a.m. and another happened between 8 a.m. and 10 a.m.

There was 12 noninjury accidents. Five were on Fridays, four on Mondays, two on Sundays and one on a Wednesday.

There were 28 non-injury accidents reported during May.

In contrast, there were 13 non-injury accidents in April, almost double the number recorded in March.

Police records show 16 non-injury accidents in January, 10 in February and seven in March.

As with accidents involving injuries, there was no one location that experienced more than one accident.

Again, one of the noninjury accidents involved a fixed object. Three of the noninjury accidents involved parked cars. Eight involved two vehicles.

Speeding was the most frequent cause for accidents in Pampa during June. Driver inattention was the second most frequent cause followed by running stop signs.

Failure to yield right of way and failure to stop for school buses tied for fourth place.

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MARKET

Nell and Ben Burrow of Clarendon have been bringing their fresh vegetables to Pampa customers for 20 years. Nell said she cans peach, apricot and strawberry preserves to sell. She raises the peaches, apricots and strawberries which go in the preserves, too.

Wild plum preserves are a popular item at the local farmers market, and she proudly says she just canned a batch on Sunday which she had at the local market on Wednesday morning.

Ben displays a stalk of green beans which have grown thickly in the field this year. The Burrows grow food on six acres which they sell. Nell said the soil combination is of sand and black dirt, and said this soil mixture is successfully growing a large crop green beans this year. She also reported this has been an excellent year for onions, and has three kinds on hand.

Experience has taught the Burrows couple much about growing food as they have been in the business since 1965.

Gabriel Lunsford, 10, accompanied her grandparents to the farmers market Wednesday morning as she has in past years. Her grandmother said the young girl also helps down on the farm with planting and hoeing of the vegetables.

Kelly Schaefer and Joann Dixon of Schaefer Farms located 20 miles south of Pampa have been going to the farmers market for about nine years.

The women bring in numerous vegetables they have grown on the farm. Schaefer proudly displays a new variety of corn which is grown chemical-free. She said the ears of corn have very little insect damage.

Ferline Calvert of Pampa returns year after year to buy the farm fresh vegetables. "I like fresh vegetables," she said. "I also like the idea of no chemicals on the vegetables." And she doesn't have to grow them.

This is the fourth summer Ruby and Thomas Morgan of Pampa have been taking their home grown vegetables to the local farmers market. They had sold all their home-grown tomatoes before 8 a.m. Wednesday. Thomas proudly displayed his Blue Lake Green Beans for the customers as well as okra and numerous other vegetables. Home-canned hot sauce was a popular item among the customers, as well as a wide selection of home-canned preserves.

Garden fresh vegetables like mom and grandmother used to raise are still available. Just stop by the 800 block of W. Foster on Saturdays and Wednesdays. The farmers say they'll be coming back with the fresh grown items until about October.

City Briefs

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BECKY WIECK from Etter will be in Pampa with Sweet corn Wed. & Sat. at 7:30 a.m. until sell out, weather permitting. MK Brown parking lot. 806-966-5221.

DANCE, MCLEAN Country Club, Sat. July 22, band Tiny Lynn, 8-12:00. Members & guests.

FANTASTIC THREE Hour sale Friday only 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Every item in the store 30% off. We will be closing at 11:00 so shop us early and save. Holmes Sports Center 304 S. Cuyler.

FOR SALE: 4 tickets to Rangers vs. Chicago White Sox on Tuesday, August 1 at 7:30 p.m. at the BallPark in Arlington. Section 233, Row 11, Seats 1-4. Paid \$152. Will sell for \$120. Call 665-4494

GARAGE SALE: Ile' Jewelry from Mexico, 22 ct gold; earrings, bracelets for birthdays, Christmas, special occasion, Fri., 8-2pm, 2212 Lynn.

KILLARNEY BAR & Grill 665-0909 To go & deliveries 11a.m.-1p.m. Dining Room opens 4p.m. Wed. Karaoke with Jaime. Thurs. Alaskan King Crab \$16.95

LOWELL'S BLUE-STUFF Pain Management Center is opening in Pampa TX on Monday July 24. Pain relief in 5 min. Arthritis, Carpal tunnel, Sciatic nerve pain or any kind of pain. 1,000's of satisfied customers nationwide. You could be pain free today. No relief no charge; 100% money back guarantee (free samples). Pampa 109 W. Foster (806) 665-1442 M-F 10-5:30, Sat. 9-1.

NEARLY NEW 2143 N. Hobart - Preparing for back to school. Accepting Fall consignments. Need plus sizes & maternity.

PAMPA HIGH- School Cheerleaders will be holding Jr. Cheer Camp July 31-Aug 4th. Registration will be Monday & Tuesday, July 24th & 25th, from 5:00-6:30 P.M. in front of McNeely Field House. This year there will be a Mascot Camp for anyone interested. Cost for camp is \$25.00

SENIOR CITIZEN'S Dance, Fri. 21st. "Indian Summer", \$3.50 admission, 7-9:30 p.m.

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Calendar of events

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

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

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

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

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

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

SWIM LESSONS
Registration is currently under way for Gray County American Red Cross swimming lessons to be held July 24-Aug. 2 at M.K. Brown Outdoor Swimming Pool. Classes will include Levels 1-3 (preschool through beginners age 3 and up) and Levels 4 and 5 (advanced beginners/intermediate). Cost is \$35. To enroll or for more information, contact the ARC Gray County Chapter at 669-7121.

ARC CLASS
The Gray County Chapter of the American Red Cross will offer an Adult CPR class from 6-10 p.m. Monday, July 24 and a Standard First Aid class from 6-10 p.m. Tuesday, July 25. To register or for more information, call the local Red Cross at 669-7121.

FLEA MARKET FUND-RAISER
A "Community Wide Flea Market" is slated from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, July 29 at the Miami Events Center (Old Bartlett Building) on Hwy 60 in Miami. Proceeds from the flea market will benefit the City of Miami-Bartlett Fund. A variety of booths will offer many items for sale including furniture, books, music, appliances, tools, clothing and other odds and ends. Vehicles and large items are welcome. Indoor and outdoor booth space is still available. For both information, contact Diane, (806) 868-5021, or Carole, (806) 868-4271.

HEAD START
Head Start will be accepting applications from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. July 17-21 at Community Day Care Center Head Start, 400 N. Faulkner. Children 4-years-old on or before September first of the current school year are eligible to apply for the child development program. To apply, bring the following: Child's birth certificate; child's Social Security card; child's immunization records; child's documentation of disability, if applicable; two-months income verification (check stubs, tax forms, etc.); and proof of any public assistance (WIC, Medicaid, etc.) For more information, call 669-3264.

TIMELESS TREASURES QUILT GUILD
Timeless Treasures Quilt Guild will meet at 10 a.m. Saturday, July 29 at Methodist Family Enrichment Center, 6th and Quinn, Guymon, Okla. Participants should bring a salad or sandwiches to share for lunch. Nancy Barrett will present two days of quilting workshops including a six-hour class on double wedding ring pattern. Cost of the class is \$25. Cost for the Saturday morning trunk show and appliqué workshop will be \$15. For more information, call Cheryl Ashpaugh at (580) 338-3677. Barrett will also give a special presentation at 7 p.m. Thursday free of charge.

FPC
Frank Phillips College has announced the following upcoming continuing education and community service courses for the month of July: "Basic Life Support Class," 8 a.m.-6 p.m., July 15; "How to Publicize Your Organization?," 1-5 p.m., July 21, 28 and Aug. 4; and Kids' College Session IV. For more information, call 1-800-687-2056, ext. 777.

HARRINGTON CANCER CENTER
The Women's Center of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center has announced the following breast cancer screening clinics: July 28, Shephard's Crook Nursing Agency, 916 N. Crest, and Aug. 14, First United Methodist Church Educational Building, 201 E. Foster, Pampa. Participants will receive a low-cost self-exam mammogram and a breast health appraisal along with individual instruction by a registered nurse in breast self-examination. Funding is available through the Texas Department of Health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance. All exams are by appointment only. For more information, call (806) 356-1905 or 1-800-377-4673.

ACT DEADLINE
The next ACT Assessment test will be administered Sept. 23. College-bound students must register for the college admissions and placement exam by Aug. 18. There is a late registration postmark deadline of Sept. 1 but an extra fee is charged for late registrations.

Students can register for the ACT via their high school counselors or on-line at www.act.org. The website has sample tests and other helpful information.

BARDS OF BURBANK
Bards of Burbank is holding a poetry contest for religious poems with a \$1,000 grand prize. Deadline for entry is Aug. 4. To enter, send one poem 21 lines or less to: Free Poetry Contest, PMB250, 2219 W. Olive Ave., Burbank, CA 91506; or enter on-line at www.friendlypoets.com.

BOY SCOUTS
The Golden Spread Council of Boy Scouts of America is open to boys between the ages of 6 and 18 and includes a 27-county area in the Texas Panhandle. The BSA program includes Club Scouts, Boy Scouts and Venturing, a new program for 14- to 20-year-old boys and girls. For more information, call (806) 358-6500.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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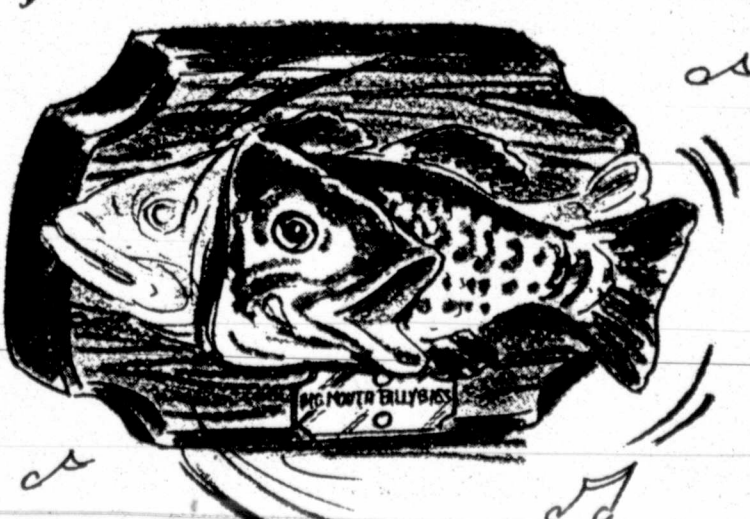
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Opinion

State court sets unfair precedent

Bill of rights should be respected at all levels.

The day after the opening of "The Patriot," in which American colonists take up arms against a distant tyranny, the California Supreme Court saw fit to hack away at the right to keep and bear arms that the revolutionaries ultimately enshrined in the Bill of Rights of their new nation.

At issue was the 1989 Roberti-Roos Assault Weapons Control Act, which outlawed 75 models of rifles and allowed the state attorney general great latitude in expanding the list.

In 1998, the California Third Appellate Court found Roberti-Roos unconstitutional because it "defies rationality" and "violates equal protection" of the laws because it banned some "assault weapons" but allowed others that were mechanically the same.

The state Supreme Court voided the Third Appellate Court decision and restored Roberti-Roos. The ruling, we believe, is wrong legally, semantically and practically.

In her majority opinion, Justice Janice Rogers Brown wrote that, in the California Constitution, "No mention is made of a right to bear arms."

Although wording similar to the U.S. Constitution's Second Amendment right "to keep and bear arms" is not present, the state constitution stipulates that "the United States Constitution is the supreme law of the land."

Are Rogers Brown and the other five justices who joined her in the majority saying that the Bill of Rights can be repealed by state law?

As to the target of the law, "basically, there is no such thing as an assault weapon," John Lott told us; the Yale University Law School professor is one of the country's foremost experts on gun laws, whose popular book, "More Guns, Less Crime," just came out in a second edition.

Contrary to common perception, "assault weapons" are not machine guns or fully automatic weapons, which are already illegal, but fire one bullet at a time.

Roberti-Roos is a vague law that gives a great deal of discretion to the attorney general of the state, Lott said. "We have the rule of law. You just can't make things up." The Legislature is supposed to be specific in its law-making, otherwise executive offices such as that of the attorney general gain too much power.

Similar reasoning came from Justice Joyce Kennard, who wrote in her lone dissent, "Californians who are divided on the need for strict gun control are generally united in supporting the constitutional principle of equal protection — that the government should treat similar cases alike, free of arbitrary or invidious distinctions."

And practically, these laws also have virtually no effect on crime. Lott explained, "Even using the fairly broad definition of assault weapons used by the federal government, assault weapons are involved in just a tenth of 1 percent of murders in the United States."

He also pointed out that, after the appeals court struck down Roberti-Roos in 1998, "Nobody has claimed there was an increase in crime — an increase in murders during the time the law elapsed" before the more specific law was passed in 1999.

Chuck Michel, a lawyer for gun owners who brought the legal challenge, said the decision probably will be appealed to the U.S. Supreme Court. Let us hope there, at least, the Bill of Rights still is respected.

—Odessa American

'The Patriot' is politically incorrect

If you love politically incorrect movies, as I do, by all means go see "The Patriot." It has some left-wing movie critics in a perfect snit. Everything they hate is in it.

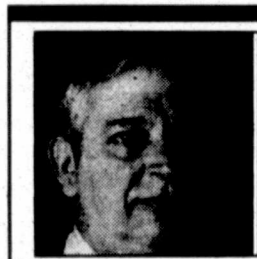
In fact, it's a fine film about the American Revolution, well-acted, well-directed and beautifully filmed. If it has any technical flaw, it might have been edited a bit tighter, but I certainly got my money's worth. It goes on my favorite-films list, which is a very short list.

But let's get back to political incorrectness (one definition of which is historically accurate truths that conflict with modern liberal ideology). First, it's about Americans taking up their own private arms to defend their families and their homes. You can well imagine that at the height of the gun-control propaganda campaign, a film that shows the necessity of private arms is not welcomed.

One reviewer said that a scene in which two small boys and their father ambush a British patrol raises the specter of Columbine High, now the shrine for the gun-control crowd. The critic, however, couldn't be more wrong.

Two young boys attacking armed troops who had just murdered their brother and torched their home is indicative of the mentally healthy and moral culture that existed in America at the time of the Revolution.

Two emotional cripples opening fire on their unarmed classmates and teachers, essentially because the other kids wouldn't play with



Charley Reese

Syndicated columnist

them, is indicative of the satanic and sick culture created by modern liberalism. The boys at Columbine didn't grow up watching movies like "The Patriot." They grew up watching sick movies that liberal critics so love to praise.

Guns aren't the only politically incorrect feature of the film. There is no sex and no profanity. One critic sneered that the movie was as "corny as the Fourth of July." Well, that says much more about the critic than the movie.

But political incorrectness is piled on. Not only are the people normal, they are clearly shown to be Christians. Another critic sneered at the minister in the movie who takes up arms, but that, too, is quite historically accurate. The Revolution was preceded by a Christian revival known as the Great Awakening. Christian ministers played a key role in the Revolution.

And finally, the most politically incorrect feature of all is that it takes place in South Carolina. Nothing is more politically incorrect

these days than Southerners, contemporary or historical, but in fact, South Carolina's bitter battles were a key factor in the success of the American Revolution.

Some British people have complained that the movie puts their side in too bad a light. Sorry about that, but the British committed many atrocities in that war. The film, like any good historical fiction, is accurate in its main themes and events. Mel Gibson's character is a composite of several partisan leaders. The British villain, Tarleton (in the movie, the character is called Tavington), is likewise credited with more atrocities than the real one might have committed. The real one did slaughter unarmed militiamen who had surrendered, and he was defeated at the Battle of Cowpens. Unfortunately, the real Tarleton, though wounded, escaped. But he was no honorable man.

The film's R rating is due to the violence in the battle scenes, certainly too intense for preschoolers or especially sensitive children. But I wouldn't hesitate to take preteens to see it. The violence is in the context of a morally just war, and while love of family, country and neighbors is celebrated, war is not. It is shown as it is — bloody and cruel.

This is a classic, great film, and I hope people who complain about Hollywood's poor taste will vote with their wallets for this fine exception.

Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, July 20, the 202nd day of 2000. There are 164 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On July 20, 1969, Apollo 11 astronauts Neil Armstrong and Edwin "Buzz" Aldrin became the first men to walk on the moon as they stepped out of their lunar module. On this date:

In 1810, Colombia declared independence from Spain.

In 1861, the Congress of the Confederate States began holding sessions in Richmond, Va.

In 1871, British Columbia entered Confederation as a Canadian province.

In 1881, Sioux Indian leader Sitting Bull, a fugitive since the Battle of the Little Big Horn, sur-

rendered to federal troops.

In 1942, the first detachment of the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps — later known as WACs — began basic training at Fort Des Moines, Iowa.

In 1944, an attempt by German officials to assassinate Adolf Hitler failed when the bomb planted at the Nazi leader's Rastenburg headquarters only wounded him.

In 1944, President Roosevelt was nominated for an unprecedented fourth term of office at the Democratic convention in Chicago.

In 1951, Jordan's King Abdullah Ibn Hussein was assassinated in Jerusalem.

In 1976, America's Viking 1 robot spacecraft made a successful, first-ever landing on Mars.

In 1982, Irish Republican Army bombs exploded in two London parks, killing eight British soldiers, along with seven horses belonging to the Queen's Household Cavalry.

Ten years ago: Supreme Court Justice William J. Brennan, one of the court's most liberal voices, announced he was stepping down. A federal appeals court set aside Oliver North's Iran-Contra convictions, reversing one outright.

Five years ago: Leaders of the University of California voted to drop affirmative action policies on admissions and hiring. Baseball Hall-of-Famers Duke Snider and Willie McCovey pleaded guilty in New York to tax evasion.

One year ago: After 38 years at the bottom of the Atlantic, astronaut Gus Grissom's Liberty Bell 7

Mercury capsule was lifted to the surface.

Today's Birthdays: Actress-singer Sally Ann Howes is 70. Video artist Nam June Paik is 68. Rockabilly singer Sleepy LaBeef is 65. Sen. Barbara A. Mikulski, D-Md., is 64. Actress Diana Rigg is 62. Rock musician John Lodge (The Moody Blues) is 57. Country singer T.G. Shepherd is 56. Singer Kim Carnes is 54. Rock musician Carlos Santana is 53. Rock musician Paul Cook (The Sex Pistols) is 44. Actress Donna Dixon is 43. Country singer Rodney Foster is 41. Actor Frank Whaley is 37. Rock singer Chris Cornell is 36. Rock musician Stone Gossard (Pearl Jam) is 34. Actor Reed Diamond is 33. Actor Simon Rex is 26. Actor Charlie Korsmo is 22.

Small government policy alive in Virginia

Outside of John Wayne movies, it's increasingly hard to find people who stick to their principles. Real life is replete with people who jettison their beliefs for fame, money and power.

So it's refreshing that on one of the critical issues of our time — taxes — Virginia Gov. James Gilmore has stuck by his conviction that money belongs to the people who earn it, not to the government. Even as some of Gilmore's fellow governors have raised taxes, he has celebrated — and practiced — the small-government philosophy of one of our state's most famous politicians, Thomas Jefferson.

Consider Internet taxation. Gilmore used his post as chairman of a congressionally mandated commission on Internet taxation to argue that e-commerce should remain tax-free. In the face of intense lobbying from governors and mayors eager to plunder the economy's new Internet wealth, Gilmore refused to yield. "Buying and selling stocks and bonds, using a search engine, even sending a simple e-mail — nothing will be safe from the government once the tax collector goes on-line," the governor said in a recent speech.

Gilmore's opponents were quick to claim that states and localities would lose revenue if "bricks and mortar" businesses, whose sales are taxable, started losing out to tax-free



Edwin Feulner

Syndicated columnist

Internet retailers. But as a recent survey by the National Trust for Historic Preservation shows, sales for historic downtown areas are climbing, and the overall number of retail stores locating in historic downtowns is growing. In fact, the Internet is helping many stores reach new customers.

Gilmore's opposition to Internet taxes has rightly earned him the gratitude of the Internet entrepreneurs who are fueling America's "miracle" economy. Closer to home, his anti-tax stance has won him the appreciation of another constituency: Virginia car owners.

Virginia has long been one of the few states to levy a personal property tax — year after year — on automobiles. During his campaign for governor, Gilmore promised to do away with the dreaded "car tax." His victory proved that the tax issue, properly presented, still has

traction with voters. The average Virginian has already saved hundreds of dollars as part of Gilmore's five-year phase-out of the tax.

Gilmore has been active on other tax fronts as well. He has convinced the legislature to cut Virginia's food tax in half, eliminate the sales tax on nonprescription drugs, and reduce the sales tax on computer software and hardware. Estimates vary, but the total value of tax relief could reach \$1.5 billion a year by 2002. No wonder Northern Virginia, more so than neighboring Maryland or Washington, D.C., has become a high-tech home to hundreds of new dot.coms and telecommunications companies.

What explains Gilmore's willingness to go after taxes with a chainsaw when other politicians use a butterknife? Part of the answer is that Virginia governors are limited to one term. Politicians who don't have to purchase re-election votes with someone else's money are more willing to let that money remain with its rightful owners.

But give Gilmore his due. It's a rare politician who can say, as Gilmore told a magazine interviewer, "I just don't start from the assumption that everything in America ought to be taxed." Even rarer is a politician whose policies prove he means it. We need more elected officials just like him.

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minutes, was disjointed and rambling. The execution began at 12:11 a.m. At 12:12 a.m., his left arm twisted slightly and his throat muscles tightened. His shoulders gave a slight shrug. At 12:14 a.m., his color began to change.

As the deadly chemicals began to flood his body, the 23rd Psalms and John 14 were read by the Chaplain.

Braun was pronounced dead at 12:17 a.m. today. In a prepared statement, Bill Spurrier said that 11 years after the murder of his father, the execution was not revenge. It was justice.

"I have spent the last 11 years being told not to say anything to the press because it could jeopardize the final outcome," Spurrier said. "I talked to my Mom the other night, and she said that she has been told to be quiet for so long that she no longer knows what to say. That's what victims have to go through."

Bill Spurrier said his father never had the chance to see his new great grandson.

"I remember my father traveling all the way to Sicily where I was in the Navy just to hold his first grandson," Spurrier said, "but he will never get to hold the light of my life, my grandson."

Spurrier said he feels sorry for the Braun family, but they at least had a chance to say goodbye.

"I have to go to my father's grave," Spurrier said, "and say goodbye to the headstone. The victims are the ones that suffer and their families continue to suffer for many years."

Spurrier said there is too much emphasis put on the criminal and the victims are forgotten.

"It is time to remember the victims and their families," Spurrier said. "There will never be complete closure."

Braun, a 28-year-old from a prominent Garden City, Kan., family, robbed a convenience store in his hometown on July 19, 1989. When the towel he was wearing slipped so the clerk at the store, Mary Rains, saw his face, Braun forced her into his car, took her about 11 miles out in the country, told her to lie face down and shot her twice in the back of the head.

He later told officers that killing her was such a rush that he returned to town and went to another convenience store where he took the money from the cash register, kidnapped another clerk, Barbara Kochendorfer, took her about a mile and a half further out the same road and shot her in the head.

The next day, Braun stopped at Spurrier's photo development store in Pampa.

He told authorities that he entered the store, pulled a gun from his pocket and told Spurrier he was robbing him.

Spurrier gave him the money, then when Braun demanded big bills, Spurrier pulled out his wallet and gave Braun some \$100 bills.

Braun told Spurrier to get down on the ground and count backwards from 100. As Spurrier counted, Braun shot him and left the store.

Spurrier's wife, Dolores, had been with him in the store most of the day. She left shortly before 1:30 p.m. to run errands. When she returned, she found Pampa police officers taking pictures at the back of the store and was told her husband had been shot.

About 3 p.m. on July 21, 1989, Braun entered Dodson's Floral Shop in Ardmore, Okla. He talked to Gwendolyn Miller about buying flowers, then grabbed her and pushed his pistol into her midriff

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— Bill Spurrier
son of murder victim

and demanded money from the cash register. Another store employee, Jo Ann Beane, gave him the money, and he herded the two women to the back of the store.

When a customer, Mary Manning, came in, Braun told Miller to call her back. Braun snatched Manning's purse and ordered the three women to lie down. He told them to start counting backward from 100. After Miller had said two numbers, Braun shot her in the head. Then he shot Manning. Beane began praying. She told officers that she felt a thud as Braun shot her in the head. She said everything went black. Although temporarily blinded and deafened, Beane crawled to the telephone and called police.

Beane and Manning survived.

On July 23, 1989, Braun murdered Geraldine Valdez at a convenience store in Springer, N.M.

Again, he forced the victim to lie down and count to 100, then shot her twice in the head.

When officers asked how he felt about killing Valdez, Braun said, "Cold, I guess."

He later told officers that shooting Valdez wasn't as good as shooting craps in Las Vegas, but it was all right.

Cimarron, N.M., police officers captured Braun shortly after the Valdez murder.

"You guys must be proud," Braun told the Cimarron police officers. "You don't know what kind of famous criminal you caught."

Braun was sentenced to death for the Miller killing in Ardmore. He was also sentenced to two life imprisonment terms and two 25-year sentences after pleading no contest to murder, shooting with intent to kill and robbery with firearms.

Braun was sentenced in Gray County to life imprisonment for the murder of Spurrier after pleading guilty.

He was sentenced to life and 13 years in New Mexico after pleading guilty.

After pleading no contest in Finney County, Kan., Braun was sentenced to four consecutive life terms and two sentences of 15 years to life for murder, aggravated robbery and aggravated kidnapping.

About 10 p.m. Wednesday, as the U.S. Supreme Court was denying Braun's final appeal, Bill Spurrier and his wife Janet stood outside the towering white walls of the Oklahoma State Prison here, visiting with victims rights advocates. Across the street, a small group of death penalty opponents held a candlelight vigil.

"I talked to Mom earlier this evening," Spurrier said. "She said she went out to the grave. She said she had a feeling that everything was going to be all right tonight."

Texas round up ...

Bush says he's on the verge of picking running mate

AUSTIN (AP) — George W. Bush says he's getting close but hasn't decided yet who will be his running mate, but he has decided on a top priority for that choice. "You want somebody who's not going to hurt you," Bush said.

Twelve days before the opening of the national convention that will formally make him the Republican presidential candidate, Bush told reporters at an impromptu news conference on Wednesday: "I will make up my mind soon."

A number of Republicans are urging the Texan to sit on his lead in polls and make a "safe" pick, giving greater weight to a candidate's potential to do harm than his or her prospects for bolstering the ticket.

Oklahoma Gov. Frank Keating and even Dick Cheney — head of Bush's search — have emerged as favorites of the take-no-chances crowd, though Bush himself has not said whether either is a candidate.

Others mentioned as potential running mates include Govs. Tom Ridge of Pennsylvania and George Pataki of New York; Sens. Chuck Hagel of Nebraska, and Fred Thompson and Bill Frist, both of Tennessee; and Rep. John Kasich of Ohio.

The two-term Texas governor has winnowed his list and has shared his thoughts with a small number of advisers, all sworn to secrecy.

Upbeat Gore casts stark differences with Bush

CEDAR RAPIDS, Iowa (AP) — An upbeat Al Gore headed for rival George W. Bush's home state to hammer the Texas governor on health care, claiming the state's health program has been bled dry by big tax cuts.

"The public health workers there have done a terrific job and they're really pressed for resources and personnel," Gore said in advance of his trip to San Antonio.

Bush campaign officials worked to mount a counteroffensive, orchestrating a series of events to attempt to blunt the impact of the vice president's visit.

These included a midday news conference in Austin by Bush and a separate statement by a top Democratic legislative committee chairman on the solvency of Texas' budget.

"If this race comes down to Bush's stewardship versus Gore's leadership, that's a contest we would relish," said Bush campaign spokesman Ari Fleischer.

In heading to San Antonio, Gore was going to a city where childhood immunization rates are among the lowest for any big city, with only 70 percent of youngsters aged 19 months to 35 months getting needed injections.

Overall, Texas has one of the largest number of youngsters not covered by health insurance in the nation, with 1.4 million of the

nation's 11 million uninsured children living in that state.

Gore was set to use those numbers — and budget woes that he said dog the state — as fresh evidence of what he sees as the starkest of differences between the two.

A new factor in the hunt for a running mate: who has best Web site

WASHINGTON (AP) — Texas Gov. George W. Bush has added a new wrinkle to his search for the perfect Republican running mate: His partner will need to have a good Web site — a tongue-in-cheek comment that shouldn't send candidates scrambling to their computer.

But it could be a close race. Barry Golson, Yahoo! Internet Life magazine editor-in-chief, took a peek at the Web sites of the most-mentioned candidates and said Nebraska Sen. Chuck Hagel wins, with Tennessee Sen. Fred Thompson in a close second.

"This Chuck's a Netcomer" with his fancy Web features an easy-to-use site, Golson said. And Thompson, "like the Hollywood actor he was for a while ... has high production values, including a video greeting."

Needless to say, a digitized Thompson couldn't agree more.

"It's definitely one of my favorite sites on the Web, and I hope it will be one of yours as well," Thompson says in his online greeting.

Other contenders shouldn't be glum over the hint that Bush may pore over their Web wares.

Tennessee Sen. Bill Frist offers an eye-ful and doesn't let visitors forget that he's a lifesaver: See the

Senate's only practicing physician dressed for surgery — holding a human heart.

New Bush site is policy-light; glitch blamed

WASHINGTON (AP) — It's flashy, all right, but when it comes to substance George W. Bush's new Web site isn't quite ready for prime time.

Bush personally introduced his refurbished georgewebush.com Wednesday and announced a TV advertising campaign urging surfers to check it out. But due to missing links that his staff says the technicians are trying to fix, his presence on the Web is suddenly light on policy.

The site's "television network" of Bush video clips was functioning after the rollout, the money-raising section was in gear and entries were being accepted in the daily Bush "trivia contest."

But less than two weeks before the Republican convention, citizens turning to the site to plumb the presidential candidate's positions found a paucity, in contrast to the heavy detail featured on the old, comparatively utilitarian georgewebush.com.

Instead of the 7 1/2 page exposition of education policy of old, the new one has 2 1/2 pages of education nuggets missing dollar figures and details.

Searching for positions on abortion, affirmative action, campaign finance reform or gun control no longer hit pay dirt.

And some of the specifics that have earned Bush attacks from Democratic rival Al Gore seem, at first glance, to have been fudged. But the Bush campaign said that was not so.

Emmy Award nominations

Nominees in top categories for the Primetime Emmy Awards, announced Thursday by the Academy of Television Arts & Sciences:

Comedy Series: "Everybody Loves Raymond," CBS; "Frasier," NBC; "Friends," NBC; "Sex and the City," HBO; "Will & Grace," NBC.

Drama Series: "ER," NBC; "Law & Order," NBC; "The Practice," ABC; "The Sopranos," HBO; "The West Wing," NBC.

Miniseries: "Arabian Nights," ABC; "The Beach Boys: An American Family," ABC; "The Corner," HBO; "Jesus," CBS; "P.T. Barnum," A&E.

Television Movie: "Annie," ABC; "If These Walls Could Talk 2," HBO; "Introducing Dorothy Dandridge," HBO; "Oprah Winfrey Presents: Tuesdays with Morrie," ABC; "RKO 281," HBO.

Actor, Comedy Series: Michael J. Fox, "Spin City," ABC; Kelsey Grammer, "Frasier," NBC; John Lithgow, "3rd Rock from the Sun," NBC; Eric McCormack, "Will & Grace," NBC; Ray Romano, "Everybody Loves Raymond," CBS.

Actor, Drama Series: Dennis Franz, "NYPD Blue," ABC; James Gandolfini, "The Sopranos," HBO; Jerry Orbach, "Law & Order," NBC; Martin Sheen, "The West Wing," NBC; Sam Waterston, "Law & Order," NBC.

Actor, Miniseries or Movie: Beau Bridges, "P.T. Barnum," A&E; Brian Dennehy, "Arthur Miller's Death of a Salesman," Showtime; Jack Lemmon, "Oprah Winfrey Presents: Tuesdays with Morrie," ABC; William H. Macy, "A Slight Case of Murder," TNT; Liev Schreiber, "RKO 281," HBO.

Actress, Comedy Series: Jenna Elfman, "Dharma & Greg," ABC; Patricia Heaton, "Everybody Loves Raymond," CBS; Jane Kaczmarek, "Malcolm in the Middle," Fox; Debra Messing, "Will & Grace," NBC; Sarah Jessica Parker, "Sex and the City," HBO.

Actress, Drama Series: Lorraine Bracco, "The Sopranos," HBO; Amy

Brenneman, "Judging Amy," CBS; Edie Falco, "The Sopranos," HBO; Julianna Margulies, "ER," NBC; Sela Ward, "Once and Again," ABC.

Actress, Miniseries or Movie: Halle Berry, "Introducing Dorothy Dandridge," HBO; Judy Davis, "A Cooler Climate," Showtime; Sally Field, "A Cooler Climate," Showtime; Holly Hunter, "Harlan County War," Showtime; Gena Rowlands, "The Color of Love: Jacey's Story," CBS.

Supporting Actor, Comedy Series: Peter Boyle, "Everybody Loves Raymond," CBS; Brad Garrett, "Everybody Loves Raymond," CBS; Sean Hayes, "Will & Grace," NBC; Peter MacNicol, "Ally McBeal," Fox; David Hyde Pierce, "Frasier," NBC.

Supporting Actor, Drama Series: Michael Badalucco, "The Practice," ABC; Dominic Chianese, "The Sopranos," HBO; Steve Harris, "The Practice," ABC; Richard Schiff, "The West Wing," NBC; John Spencer, "The West Wing," NBC.

Supporting Actor, Miniseries or Movie: Hank Azaria, "Oprah Winfrey Presents: Tuesdays with Morrie," ABC; Klaus Maria Brandauer, "Introducing Dorothy Dandridge," HBO; James Cromwell, "RKO 281," HBO; Danny Glover, "Freedom Song," TNT; John Malkovich, "RKO 281," HBO.

Supporting Actress, Comedy Series: Jennifer Aniston, "Friends," NBC; Kim Cattrall, "Sex and the City," HBO; Lisa Kudrow, "Friends," NBC; Megan Mullally, "Will & Grace," NBC; Doris Roberts, "Everybody Loves Raymond," CBS.

Supporting Actress, Drama Series: Stockard Channing, "The

West Wing," NBC; Tyne Daly, "Judging Amy," CBS; Allison Janney, "The West Wing," NBC; Nancy Marchand, "The Sopranos," HBO; Holland Taylor, "The Practice," ABC.

Supporting Actress, Miniseries or Movie: Kathy Bates, "Annie," ABC; Elizabeth Franz, "Arthur Miller's Death of a Salesman," Showtime; Melanie Griffith, "RKO 281," HBO; Vanessa Redgrave, "If These Walls Could Talk 2," HBO; Maggie Smith, "David Copperfield," PBS.

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State's blood supply hemorrhaging, according to TMA

AUSTIN — The blood supply is alarmingly low in Texas and the rest of the nation, according to a story in a recent issue of Texas Medicine magazine. Texas Medicine is the official news magazine of the Texas Medical Association and provides timely information on medical issues

that impact Texas physicians and their patients.

Even though the state's blood supply has never been safer, it has never been more at risk, according to the magazine.

In Texas, there are 18 blood centers and 57 collection sites, most of which are affiliated with

America's Blood Centers and a few with the American Red Cross. Together, they will collect about 805,000 pints of blood this year. However, that is not enough.

The Red Cross Texas Division has not had more than a three-day supply on hand since

December. One day in May, it dropped to a half-day supply. Also in May, Scott and White Hospital in Temple only had 15 units of blood in stock after handling an unusually high number of trauma cases, forcing it to make a public plea for blood donations.

Bill Teague, the chief executive officer of the Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center in Houston, says in the 42 years he's been in blood banking, he has never seen shortages like those experienced in the last five years.

The reasons for the crisis are many. Demand is increasing, as more patients undergo organ donations and cancer therapies that require a large volume of blood. At the same time, the supply is dwindling as fewer people come forward to donate their blood and tighter restrictions eliminate some potential donors. And the cost of blood is skyrocketing, due to the number of tests performed on donated blood, the cost of the equipment used and the level of government regulation.

Each pint of blood that's donated undergoes 12 different tests for infectious diseases including syphilis, Hepatitis B, HIV, Human T-lymphotropic virus and Hepatitis C. New tests that are in development may add \$45 to \$55 to the current price of \$80 to \$120 per pint of blood, according to the American Hospital Association.

And those tests are only performed on people who have made it past the long list of screening questions. Potential blood donors are asked about a variety of experiences including

whether or not they have lived in Great Britain since 1980 (to eliminate the risk of mad cow disease), their sexual encounters and drug use, among others.

"The nature of the questions are so repugnant to some of our donors that they have simply stopped giving," Teague said.

Some physicians and blood bank officials wonder if the incremental improvements in safety are worth the enormous costs.

"Safety and adequacy of supply have always been and will always be our first concern," says Nancy Larsen, transfusion service manager at Baylor Medical Center in Dallas. "But I personally believe we're in an era of super safety, and that we're actually in an overactive mode."

With the human body as the only producer of blood, physicians and hospitals are urged to use blood wisely and sparingly. And more Texans are urged to donate blood.

Texas Medical Association is a professional organization of more than 36,000 physicians and medical student members. It is located in Austin and has 118 component county medical societies around the state. The association represents 85 percent of the doctors of medicine licensed and residing in Texas. TMA's key objective is to improve the health of all Texans.

Pampa Nursing Center



(Special photo)

Pampa Nursing Center residents recently enjoyed a field trip to The Cross in Groom. Above: (left-right) Dorothy Sorensen, Kristie Fuller, activity director, Pansey Cargile and Dorothy Crump.

Ag commissioner Susan Combs announces TFA appointments

AUSTIN — Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs recently announced key appointments for the agency's Texas Agricultural Finance Authority Board of Directors.

Dr. Victoria Salin of College Station has been named TFA's newest board appointee. Salin currently is an assistant professor at Texas A&M University's Department of Agricultural

Economics. Salin replaces Gina Davis of Spearman whose term had expired.

Reappointments include Jane Anne Stinnett of Lubbock as TFAA chairwoman and Mike Golden of Lake Jackson as TFAA vice chairman.

Created by the Legislature in 1987 as a public authority within the Texas Department of Agriculture, TFAA provides financial assistance through its programs to creditworthy individuals and businesses in partnership with banks or other agricultural lending institutions for the development and diversification of Texas agricultural products.

"These people bring extensive experience to the board, and they are extremely dedicated to furthering economic development and providing financial assistance to the citizens of rural Texas," Combs said. "They have critical roles in ensuring that rural Texas prospers."

Since TFAA began, it has assisted 65 value-added projects in Texas, which have generated more than \$180 million in gross revenue for the state. These projects have created or retained 1,700 jobs and have had an economic impact of more than \$570 million in Texas communities.

For information on programs contact the Texas Agricultural Finance Authority at the Texas Department of Agriculture at (512) 475-1614.

TCH to offer grant workshop

AUSTIN — The Texas Council for the Humanities (TCH) will conduct a free workshop from 10 a.m.-12:15 p.m. Aug. 7 at the Amarillo Public Library in Amarillo. The workshop will explain TCH grant programs and guidelines, and to discuss opportunities provided by other TCH programs, such as the Texas Humanities Resource Center, Summer Workshops for K-12 Teachers, the Outstanding Teaching of the Humanities Awards, and the Humanities-Interactive web site.

The morning session will provide an overview of NEH and TCH programs and guidelines and sample grant applications will be discussed. In the afternoon, TCH Program Officer Jennifer McClung will meet with individuals who wish to discuss specific projects. Advanced registration for the workshop is encouraged, contact TCH offices by Friday, July 28 to register.

TCH is a state partner of the National Endowment for the Humanities. It is a nonprofit, tax-exempt, educational organization that provides financial support to educational and cultural institutions for public programs in the humanities.

Public program formats may include lectures, seminars and conferences; book and film discussions; interpretive exhibits and site interpretations; chautauquas; town forums and civic discussions; K-12 teacher training workshops; radio and television programming; and interactive Internet sites.

For more information concerning the grant workshop or to register, contact Program Officer Jennifer McClung at (512) 440-1991, ext. 133 or jmclung@publichumanities.org.

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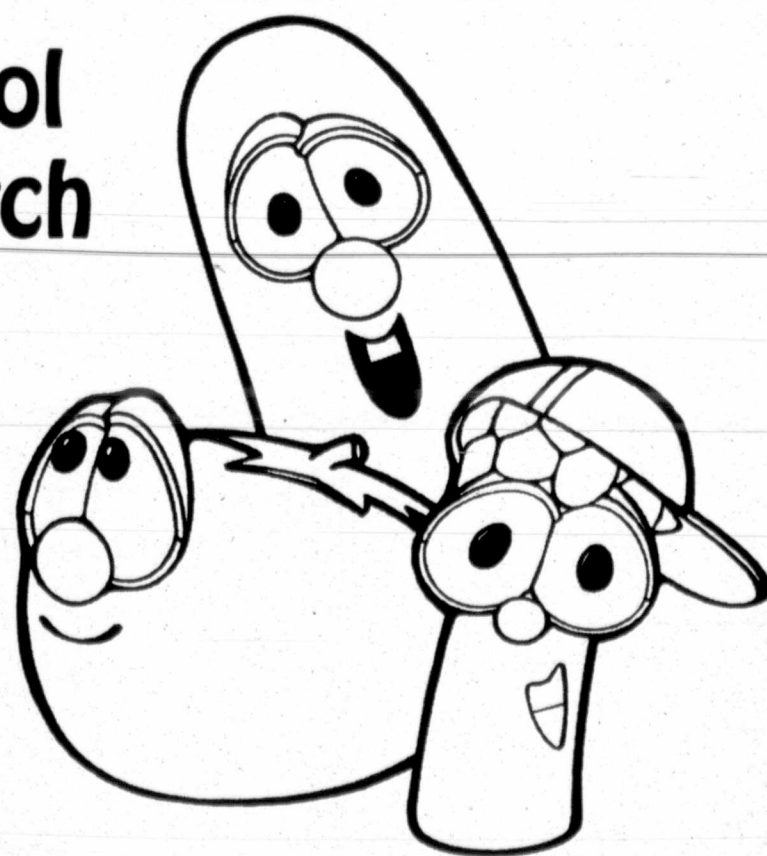
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TDH: Swimming pool, hot tub safety takes constant attention, maintenance

AUSTIN — Children and swimming pools seem like a great summer match. Youngsters are outdoors, using up energy, keeping cool, having a great time. But in the blink of an eye, the ring of a telephone or the turn of a head, the tragedy of a water-related injury or death can occur.

Whether at home, in a public park, at a hotel or motel, an apartment complex, club or sports facility, people need to be constantly alert to safety precautions around a pool or hot tub, according to the Texas Department of Health.

"Swimming pools generally are safer for recreation than natural bodies of water," said Jim Soper, chief of TDH's Recreational Sanitation Branch. "But what really makes a difference in injury prevention is attention to safety precautions. Such things as proper fencing and self-closing gates with a latch, pool or door alarms, properly used pool and hot tub covers and most importantly, adults who are watching the children are vital to preventing injury or death."

In 1998, TDH's Injury Prevention and Control and the Bureau of Vital Statistics received reports of 726 submersion injuries, including 431 drownings, in both swimming pools and natural bodies of water. Half of all submersions in swimming pools occurred among children less than 5-years-old, including 15 deaths, followed by children ages 5 to 9 with 11 deaths.

Soper stressed that all pools and spas — both public and private — should be inspected by a trained, qualified person and upgraded as necessary to help prevent entrapment, those serious situations where swimmers may be caught by the pool's drain.

"Pools open to the general public need to provide lifeguards and certified first aid personnel plus have a person who is certified and responsible for operation," Soper said. "Those not open to the general public such as motels or apartments are advised to have someone certified or with a minimum of six hours of pool operation training." Soper also noted that pools and spas need to be checked to see that all electrical circuits are protected by safety devices known as ground fault interrupters to prevent accidental electrocutions.

"The most important steps in preventing children from drowning or being injured are to carefully monitor access to the pool, hot tub or spa," Soper said, "and to constantly watch children while they are in or near the water."

Among safety recommendations, whether at a public pool or one at home, are:

—Be sure all children are supervised in any swimming pool, hot tub or spa no matter how shallow the water. In large groups, name a designated watcher.

—Be sure the pool is completely fenced and has a self-closing, self-latching gate with latches out of the reach of children. Keep tables and chairs away from the pool fence to prevent children from climbing into the pool area.

—Check to see that rescue equipment such as a

pole, rope or life preserver is near a pool.

—Teach children to swim but do not consider young children drown-proof just because they have had lessons. Don't use flotation devices as a substitute for supervision.

—Don't rely on chlorination alone to protect health. Teach youngsters to practice good hygiene and to keep pool water out of their mouths.

—Teach children to steer upward after making a shallow diving entry. And don't let children jump or dive into the shallow end of the pool. Be sure the water is at least six feet deep and preferably deeper when diving from the pool deck.

—Do not let children play with any pool drain or sit on a drain in a wading pool or hot tub.

—Pin up long hair, cover it with a cap and keep it away from drains.

—Drinking alcohol around a pool, hot tub or spa could lead to drowning.

—Learn CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation). Seconds count in a water emergency.

■ Around family pools:

—Be sure all doors and windows leading to the pool area are closed securely to prevent young children from getting to the pool.

—Never use a pool with the pool cover partially in place where children can be trapped. Remove it completely.

—Remove steps to above ground pools when not in use.

—Know where the cut-off switch for the pump is so you can turn it off in an emergency.

Have a professional check your pool, spa or hot tub regularly to make sure it is in good, safe, working condition. Be sure drain covers are in place and not cracked or missing. Frequency of inspections depends on the type of equipment and amount of use. Follow the manufacturer's guidelines.

TDH establishes and enforces rules covering minimum standards for public swimming pools and spas, including those in public recreation areas as well as hotels, motels, apartments, condominiums, mobile home parks, clubs, schools and property owners associations.

Rules were adopted by the Texas Board of Health, effective October 1999, that cover everything from design, required equipment, water supply and disinfectants to operation and management, entrapment dangers, enclosures, dressing and sanitary facilities, lifeguards and food and beverage containers.

"These rules are the minimum standards for public pools and spas in the state," Soper said. "Local jurisdictions may adopt more stringent ones."

The rules are available at www.tdh.state.tx.us/beh/pools/pools.htm on the TDH website.

"Remember, a child can drown in the time it takes to answer a phone and in as little as two inches of water," Soper said. "Our rules are intended to make public pools as safe and healthy as possible. But nothing can substitute for close supervision and attention at pool side."

KERA hotline offers free parenting information

DALLAS — Free parenting information and referrals to local parenting resources are now available to millions of parents and caregivers across Texas through a 24-hour bilingual hotline, the KERA "First Impressions Family Information Line."

Through KERA's Family Information Line, Texans in need of parenting services or resources can receive referrals on everything from general services — such as childcare resources or parenting classes — to more specialized resources and counseling

opportunities. Information is available in English and Spanish, 24 hours a day, seven days a week at 1-877-315-5437.

Because the service is part of a Texas-wide system, the KERA Family Information Line connects families directly to the resources closest to them. Users in any area of the state are directed to local agencies and organizations that best address their needs.

"First Impressions" is working with the Community Council of Greater Dallas to provide this

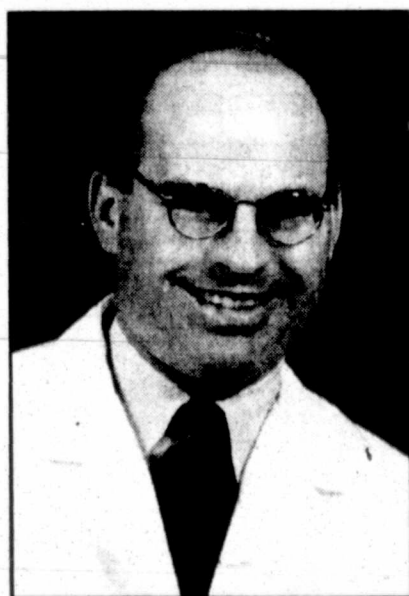
specialized phone referral service as part of the Council's Texas Network of Information and Referral Networks.

The Family Information Line is one of a collection of resources available to Texans through "First Impressions," a multi-year initiative to focus attention on the importance of early childhood development. The hotline is made possible in part through a grant to "First Impressions" from the Meadows Foundation, a private philanthropic institution benefiting the people of Texas.

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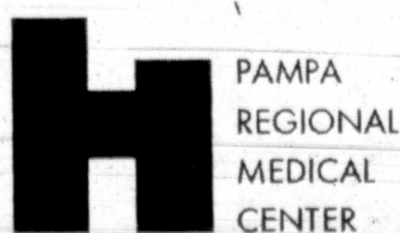
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George J. Smith, MD is joined in Pampa by his wife, Brenda. She is a Registered Nurse and will be working with him in his office. Dr. Smith left a six-surgeon group in Bedford to open his solo practice here in Pampa. He is a Captain in the U.S. Army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

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One-Way Conversationalists May Find Themselves Alone

DEAR ABBY: What has happened to the art of conversation? My husband and I practically run away from some people — not because of what they are saying, but how much they talk.

We were having dinner in a restaurant recently, and a new acquaintance came in alone. We invited him to join us, and from that moment on, we never spoke again — just listened as the man droned on and on nonstop. I couldn't believe he could talk and eat at the same time. Another time, a relative we hadn't seen in about 15 years came to our home for dinner. He sat down at our table and proceeded to talk, talk, talk. When he left five hours later, I told my husband that other than knowing where we live, he doesn't know a thing about us.

I have read about young men and women who, even though they are educated, cannot get dates. Perhaps they should ask themselves when they are with new people, who is doing the talking? Both of them? Or is one of them dominating the conversation so there isn't any real give-and-take of ideas?

Please, people: Ask questions about the person you are with. Wait for an answer before jumping in again. I guarantee you'll have friends all around you instead of people walking backward to get out of your range.

HEARD ENOUGH IN EAU CLAIRE, WIS.



Abigail Van Buren

SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

DEAR HEARD ENOUGH: I agree. Being a good listener will do more for a person's popularity rating than being a good talker. People enjoy talking about themselves and their interests if given the chance. And they usually regard the person who's an appreciative audience as a fascinating conversationalist.

Some individuals talk incessantly out of nervousness or because they're compulsive talkers. However, to turn a conversation into a soliloquy is selfish. One of the most appealing traits a person can have is a sincere interest in other people. A person who comes into your company and does all the talking is no less a hog than the person who comes to your table and eats all the food.

DEAR ABBY: I am a day-care provider in Maryland with a touchy problem. The parents of one of my charges (he's 12 months

old) have him in an unsafe car seat. It's an infant rear-facing seat for tiny babies that they have turned forward. He hangs over the edges, and I can't even see how it's attached by the seat belt, if it is at all. This child weighs 20 pounds and needs a proper car seat.

If anything happened to him because I didn't say something, I would never forgive myself. But I don't think it's my place to butt in. These are wonderful people, and I really care about their kids. Please advise me.

DAY-CARE DILEMMA

DEAR D.D.: Speak up. The parents can be excused for their ignorance, but there is no excuse for keeping silent when you know a child is in danger — and that child is in danger every time he is placed in his parents' car. Please don't procrastinate.

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inspires others, but a co-worker could dump work on you. Make an important long-distance call. Tonight: In charge.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

***** Your energy electrifies a relationship. You're also more willing to express your inner thoughts. Your actions draw another closer. Proceed sensitively with a higher-up, who isn't as tough as you have been led to think. Tonight: Take off ASAP.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

***** Defer to others, but don't hesitate to put in your two cents' worth. Your vitality and ability to adapt ease the worries of a family member or friend, but be aware of how much weight you are carrying for others. You, too, have your limits. Don't push them. Tonight: With your best friend.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

***** You fly into work ready to devour paperwork, return calls and get the job done. After all, it is almost the weekend. What you can accomplish when you are enthusiastic pleases you and the boss. A friend seeks you out. Make plans for the near future. Tonight: Part of the crowds.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

***** Imagination helps you plow through challenging work and a money matter. You gain because of your efficiency. A pay raise or promotion appears on the horizon. You find solutions where others can't. A partner needs your feedback, so take time with him. Tonight: Run errands.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

***** You keep adapting and surprising others. Flow with the moment. News from a distance puts a smile on

your face. Carefully think through a decision. You need to weigh the impact on the family or your roommate. Make domestic decisions together. Tonight: Check out the grass on the other side of the fence.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

***** Run an errand on your way to work. Return calls and messages. Clearly, you cannot avoid an important conversation with an associate or partner who greets you with warmth and openness. Anything becomes possible with this type of understanding. Tonight: Clean up your place.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

***** Deal with finances, but listen to a partner who always seems to have a great idea for you. Thank him for his consistent presence in your life. Worry less about a personal or family matter. Tonight: Out and about.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

***** Get an early start to your day. You get more done early on. A reversal or change at work catches you off-guard, but be agreeable. Your positive attitude separates you from others. Be creative when hitting an obstacle. Deal with finances later in the day. Tonight: Your treat.

BORN TODAY

Actor Robin Williams (1952), musician Cat Stevens (1948), writer Marshall McLuhan (1911)

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Horoscope

FRIDAY, JULY 21, 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 express your emotional and intellectual depth. You transform feelings into actions and boring situations into vital discussions. Others seek you out. You add that extra spark to their day. Financial judgments stem from a deep gut instinct. Tonight: You're a force to be held.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

***** Use daytime hours to push projects ahead. You're fundamentally grounded. A partner comes from a deep place of caring. Trust what is going on between the two of you. Intuition carries you past a problem; trust your sixth sense. Bring others together. Tonight: Mystery becomes you.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

***** Take charge and make important decisions. You could end up spending more than you had intended to, but ultimately you'll enhance your career and professional image. Speaking gently to a difficult partner can make all the difference. You get results. Tonight: TGIF.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

***** You gain because of your strong vision. You see what others don't. Eliminate unnecessary work. Stay focused on priorities. Your high energy

Crossword Puzzle

By THOMAS JOSEPH

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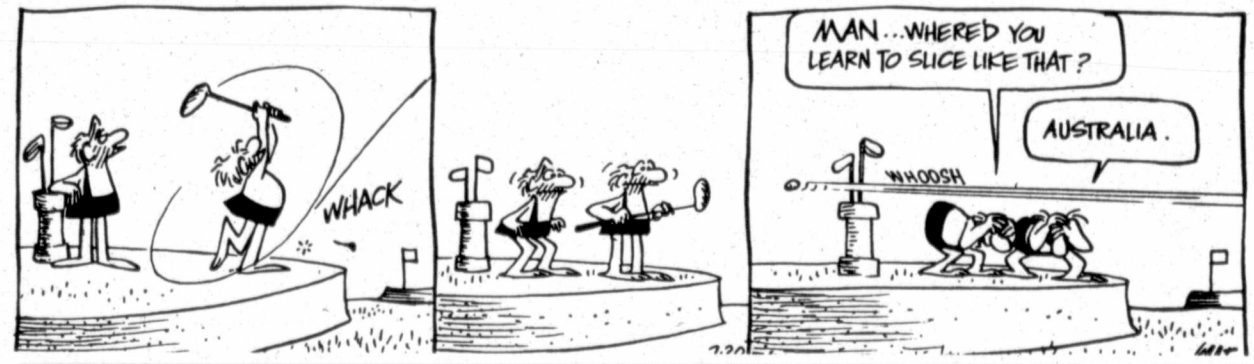
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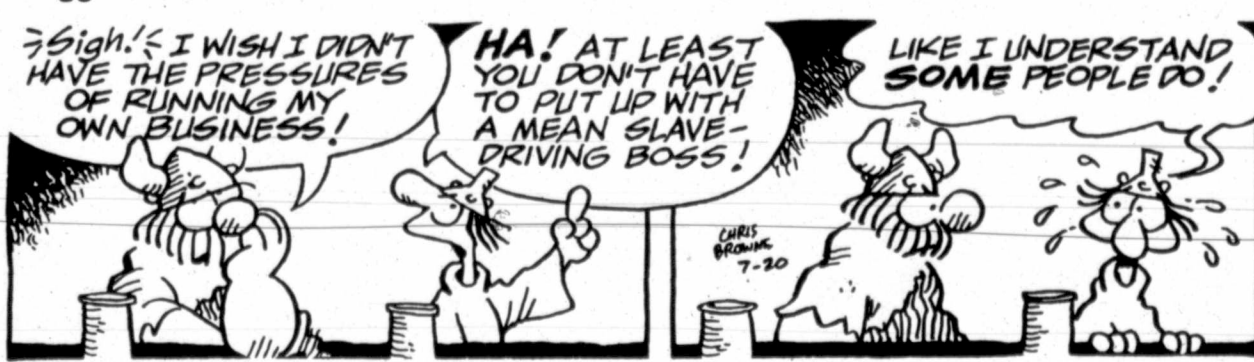
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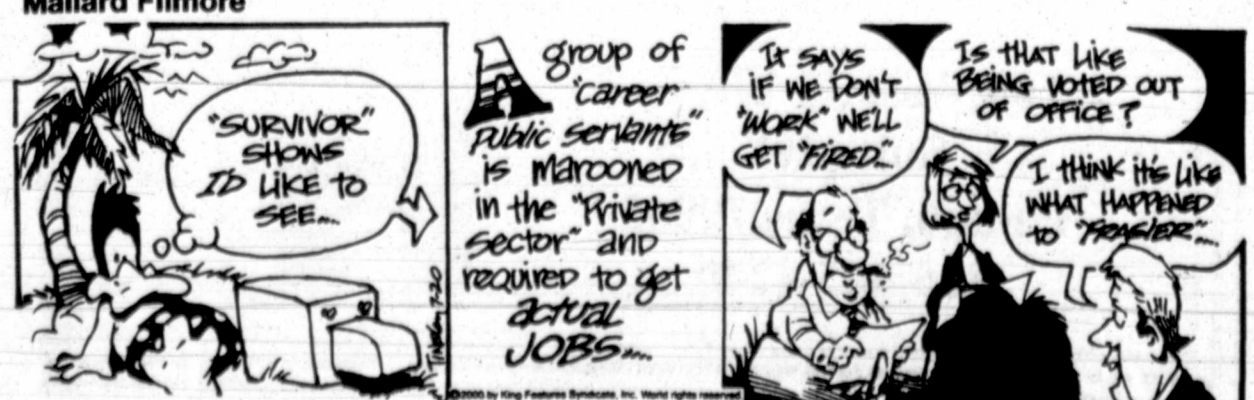
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GOP sending Clinton less costly marriage tax cut

WASHINGTON (AP) — Upping the ante in their tax cut confrontation with President Clinton, congressional Republicans have agreed to send him a less costly version of their bill to eliminate the marriage penalty tax in hopes of making a threatened veto more difficult.

"I want to get something on his desk that's signable," said House Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., said Wednesday.

Under the agreement, which the House and Senate are aiming to pass Thursday, millions of married couples would get some tax relief this calendar year, but their total tax cut would be lower than the amounts in earlier GOP bills.

Preliminary estimates put the bill's total revenue cost at about \$89 billion over five years. That

compares with a 10-year, \$248 billion version passed Tuesday by the Senate, and the House's competing bill costing \$182 billion over 10 years. A 10-year estimate for the compromise was not available, but the agreement is closer to the House version.

If the compromise passes both houses of Congress this week, the president would be forced to decide whether to sign or veto the bill before the end of the Republican National Convention, which starts July 31.

Clinton had made his approval conditional upon Congress passing an acceptable prescription drug benefit plan for Medicare.

Vice President Al Gore, in Iowa on Wednesday campaigning for president, said he remained opposed to the Republican measure.

"I support eliminating the marriage penalty but what this bill does goes way beyond that and cuts taxes on people who are not affected by the current provisions of the law and affects people who are not married at all and is very, very expensive in terms of the amount of money that would have to be made up in other ways that would end up raising taxes in the future on people who can least afford to shoulder that burden," Gore said in a KCRG-TV forum with voters.

Elimination of the tax code's marriage penalty, in which an estimated 25 million couples pay more than they would if single, is the centerpiece of the GOP's election-year tax cut agenda. The Republicans' decision to send Clinton a less costly bill comes as the White House has stepped up

criticism that huge GOP tax cuts could rapidly deplete the budget surplus even as government revenue projections rise.

The White House chief of staff, John Podesta, said in a letter Wednesday to Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., that an estimated \$700 billion in GOP tax cuts and spending bills that exceeded Clinton's request represented a "huge spending binge" in an election year.

"Now is not the time to abandon responsible budgeting by spending money before it even comes in the door," Podesta said. "We can cut taxes for the middle class, while maintaining fiscal discipline and making critical

investments in our future."

The agreement gradually would enlarge the bottom 15 percent income tax bracket for all married couples so that it is equal to that of two single people. Under current law, two single people pay the lower 15 percent rate on a greater share of their income than a married couple.

The Senate-passed enlargement of the next-highest 28 percent tax bracket was dropped, partly to reduce White House claims that the bill is skewed toward higher-income couples.

That change would be effective on Oct. 1 of this year, much quicker than in either of the previous versions and a month

before this year's election.

Another change taking effect Oct. 1 would be adjustment of the standard income tax deduction for married couples so that it is equal to that of two single people. This year, that would increase a married couple's deduction from \$7,350 to \$8,800.

The agreement would also lift the income cap by \$2,500 for lower-income couples who claim the earned income tax credit, and ensure through 2004 that married couples could claim personal tax credits, such as the \$500 per-child credit, without getting entangled in the complex alternative minimum tax.

Because the bill is governed by

Auto industry urged to work on 'smart car' technology

WASHINGTON (AP) — The federal government is challenging the auto industry to step up efforts to develop vehicles that use technology to help drivers avoid accidents.

More than three-quarters of all accidents are due to driver error, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. Better technology would dramatically reduce that number, Transportation Secretary Rodney Slater said Wednesday.

High-tech cruise control, crash-avoidance systems, night-vision enhancements and other types of smart technology already are available as add-ons to some high-end vehicles.

Slater set a goal of 10 years for the auto industry to install the technology in at least 10 percent of all passenger vehicles and 25 percent of commercial vehicles sold in the United States.

Smart technology "means real possibilities not just for reducing injuries and fatalities from crashes, but eliminating them all together," Slater said. "What it means for transportation in America and around the world is literally something we cannot fathom."

Bob Lange, engineering director of the General Motors Corp. Safety Center, said it is possible to reach Slater's goal.

"That probably is not unreasonable, and it may even be possible to exceed that goal if we as manufacturers are able to make them affordable," he said. "We think there is consumer demand for them."

Toyota, Ford, Mercedes and Jaguar now offer "adaptive cruise control" on some vehicles. It tracks the car ahead, slowing down and speeding up automatically to maintain a safe distance in variable

highway traffic.

Eaton Corp.'s VORAD — Vehicle Onboard Radar — detects stationary objects through fog, rain, snow, darkness and smoke. It is in use on some commercial trucks.

General Motors Corp. offers a night vision system as an option on its DeVille Cadillacs that uses infrared technology to detect people or animals in the darkness or past the glare of an oncoming car's headlights. The images are projected in black and white on a small screen that is projected on the windshield.

Honda has said it is developing an Intelligent Driver Support system to "see" the road through a tiny camera on the windshield and help steer the car down the middle of its lane. A computer picks out lines on the highway surface and nudges the car's steering wheel in the right direction.

Smart technology is not confined to vehicles. Communication systems at intersections, perhaps in the road or traffic signals, could detect the position and motion of vehicles. The system would alert systems in oncoming vehicles so they could avoid dangerous situations.

"This will soon become the norm for people traveling in areas that are more congested," said Roger King, spokesman for the Intelligent Transportation Society of America. "This relies on relatively inexpensive, albeit sophisticated technologies that are going into vehicles now."

Slater was the keynote speaker at a Society of Automotive Engineers meeting dedicated to the Intelligent Vehicle Initiative, a 9-year-old government-industry program aimed at improving automobile technology.

Drama at Camp David: In late-night turnabout, failed summit revived

THURMONT, Md. (AP) — In a wild diplomatic roller-coaster ride, Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat and Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak agreed to return to the bargaining table at Camp David, reviving tumultuous peace talks that had been declared a failure only a short time earlier.

With the fate of Jerusalem the main hangup, the Mideast summit entered a 10th day Thursday minus President Clinton, who was traveling to Japan — after a day's delay — for a weekend summit of leading industrialized nations.

"The gaps remain substantial, but there has been progress," Clinton said of the marathon effort to end 52 years of conflict. "And we must all be prepared to go the extra mile."

Secretary of State Madeleine Albright was taking the reins of the talks Thursday, as she did a week earlier during a daylong absence by Clinton. She was starting the day with a meeting with the U.S. team, a State Department official said.

Bleary-eyed and haggard from days of sometimes round-the-clock negotiations at the secluded presidential retreat in Maryland's Catoctin Mountains, Clinton himself delivered the dramatic news that the parties would push on with their peace effort after all.

"Nobody wanted to quit, nobody wanted to give up," the president hoarsely told reporters at a hastily convened news conference held after midnight in the small-town elementary school that has served as the summit press center. Only a short time earlier, the White House had tersely declared that the summit had ended with no accord.

However, Clinton, who had shuttled back and forth between the two leaders for nine straight days trying to bridge the gaps between them — sometimes working the entire night through — cautioned that "there should be no illusion about the difficult task ahead."

Bush says he's on the verge of picking running mate

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — George W. Bush says he's getting close but hasn't decided yet who

will be his running mate, but he has decided on a top priority for that choice. "You want somebody who's not going to hurt you," Bush said.

Twelve days before the opening of the national convention that will formally make him the Republican presidential candidate, Bush told reporters at an impromptu news conference on Wednesday: "I will make up my mind soon."

A number of Republicans are urging the Texan to sit on his lead in polls and make a "safe" pick, giving greater weight to a candidate's potential to do harm than his or her prospects for bolstering the ticket.

Oklahoma Gov. Frank Keating and even Dick Cheney — head of Bush's search — have emerged as favorites of the take-no-chances crowd, though Bush himself has not said whether either is a candidate.

Others mentioned as potential running mates include Govs. Tom Ridge of Pennsylvania and George Pataki of New York; Sens. Chuck Hagel of Nebraska, and Fred Thompson and Bill Frist, both of Tennessee; and Rep. John Kasich of Ohio.

The two-term Texas governor has wonnowed his list and has shared his thoughts with a small number of advisers, all sworn to secrecy. He could announce his decision as early as Monday, though he has not ruled out waiting until the July 31-Aug. 3 Republican convention in Philadelphia.

In an interview aboard his campaign plane Tuesday night, Bush openly ruled out two potential candidates — retired Gen. Colin Powell and Senator Connie Mack of Florida — but stopped and smiled when Cheney's name was mentioned.

Handheld computers explode in popularity as functionality increases

WASHINGTON (AP) — Brett Bendickson, a Web site developer at the University of Arizona, says he couldn't get along without his handheld computer. He reads magazine articles on it, writes down ideas and downloads every piece of interesting new software he can find.

"I've used it while on the road to log in and check e-mail and even to restart production systems," he boasts of his Palm IIIe. With faster, more expandable

and more useful handheld computers on the market, more Americans are opting for a pocket-size gadget costing a few hundred dollars rather than lug around a laptop computer that can cost a hefty \$2,000.

Finding one to buy may be the hardest part of all.

Palm Inc., the nation's largest manufacturer of handhelds, is exceeding its own rosy sales projections, and is experiencing nationwide supply problems because of the demand.

"Even with our strong performance, demand for Palm products still outstripped supply in an environment of industry-wide component shortages," Carl Yankowski, Palm's CEO, said in an earnings briefing.

The explosion in popularity of handheld computers has closely tracked the devices' increased functionality.

After civil rights for gays, the transgendered step up

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — Dana Rivers isn't just a member of a minority group. She's more like a minority within a minority.

The former teacher who underwent a sex change operation to become a woman said she and those in the transgendered community are often ignored — even in the gay world.

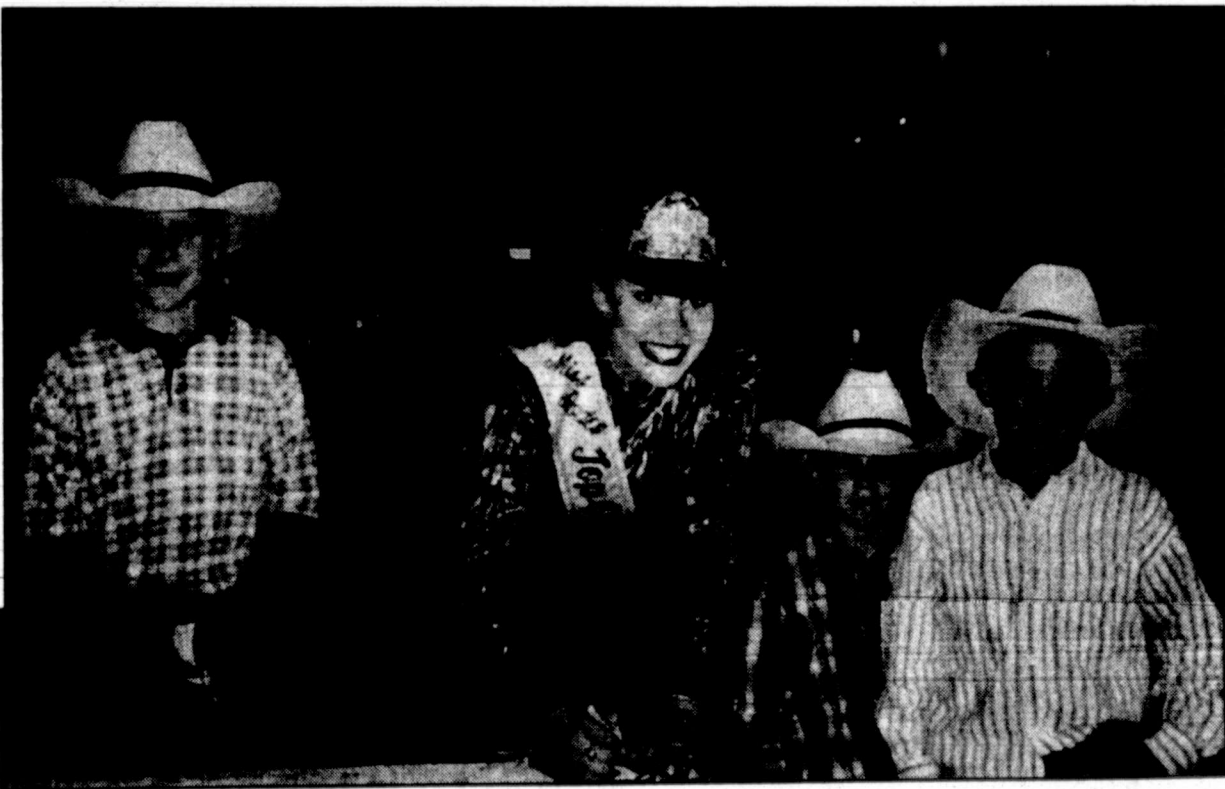
"We're feeling a little marginalized," she said. "The movement is struggling to find a place."

Hoping to move beyond the stereotype of the drag queen, a growing number of transgendered people like Rivers are trying to make others — including gay activists — feel more at ease. They want the those who feel they were born the wrong sex to become an accepted part of a movement that began 31 years ago, when drag queens and gay men held five days of protests to fight police harassment outside Stonewall Inn in New York.

The Stonewall Riots became the catalyst for the modern gay rights movement, and the anniversary is still marked with gay-pride parades at the end of June.

"After the Stonewall riot, it was a gay movement and pretty much about gay men. Then the lesbian movement kicked off. Then the bisexual community wanted in and that was accepted," said Rivers.

Miss Rodeo Top O' Texas 2000



(Special photo)

Jodi Seeley, newly crowned Miss Rodeo Top O' Texas 2000, signs her first autographs for Nathan McLaughlin, 10, Kory McLaughlin, 7, and Gatin Duncan, 7.

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SPORTS

Optimist Cal Ripken teams beat Randall Both 9-10, 11-12 All Star teams move up after state tournament series

By JOHN W. WARNER
For The News

TULIA — It was no contest. After all, the North Randall Red team had won 28 straight games this season including two in the West Texas Cal Ripken 9-10 State Tournament.

After all, they had only given up two runs in the tournament. After all, they had shut out Randall Blue, a 6-4 victor over Pampa on Sunday.

After all, they had already made motel reservations in Van Buren, Arkansas for the Cal Ripken 9-10 Southern Regional Tournament expecting to face state champions from Oklahoma, Arkansas, Mississippi, Louisiana and other regions of Texas.

It was no contest. Pampa came back through the losers' bracket playing every day to get to the championship games. They won the first game 7-2 and prevailed in the nightcap 10-3 to win the state championship and the right to play in the Southern Regional Tournament. It was their second double header victories in two days.

Pampa finished the state tournament with a 6-1 record. North Randall Red was 2-2.

The Pampa All Stars made a statement in the first inning of the first game. Darius Kimberling walked. Shavius Kelley attempted to sacrifice him to second base but all hands were safe when the throw to second was too late to get Kimberling. Colby Greenhouse tripled both runners home and continued on to score on a throwing error as Pampa took a 3-0 lead. They scored more runs in that inning than North Randall Red had given up in the entire tournament.

North Randall Red was brimming with confidence in the bottom of the first inning as they faced Pampa's Mark Stone. Stone got off to a slow start on the mound. North Randall Red's lead-off hitter, J. Paul Dodson, walked and advanced to third on wild pitches. He trotted home on a solid double by Paul Pulley.

Pulley took third on a passed ball. The situation was tense with a runner on third and no outs. Colden Fortenberry made the defensive play of the game by diving to his right from his third base position and backhanding a foul ball for the first out. Stone then got into his rhythm and struck out the next two batters. Pampa led 3-1 after one inning.

With one out in the second inning, Kimberling slammed an inside-the-park home run to deep right center field. An out later, Greenhouse boomed a hit to

center and ran through a stop sign at third to slide under the throw home for another home run. Pampa's lead was 5-1.

In Pampa's half of the fourth inning, Kelley doubled and Greenhouse walked. They each advanced a base on a wild pitch. Aaron Carr came through with one of his three hits of the game, a two-run single, making the score 7-1.

Stone was breezing through the North

"I really thought I had messed up in the first inning of the second game," confessed Manager Ron Carr.

Kimberling led off Pampa's half of the inning with a walk. He stole second and went to third when the catcher's throw went into center field.

"I had Shavius (Kelley) bunt," Carr said.

The pitcher held Kimberling at third

Kimberling walked and went to second on a passed ball. Kelley's sharp single to right center brought in both runners making the score 8-0 in Pampa's favor. Kelley had three hits and four RBI in the game.

North Randall Red nicked Kimberling for an unearned run in the top of the fourth. Zach Rule singled. After a strikeout, Ethan Leslie hit back to Kimberling. A bad throw to first scored Rule and left Leslie on second base. Kimberling recovered quickly striking out the next two batters.

Aaron Carr got the run back for Pampa by himself in the bottom of the fourth. He singled and moved to second on a passed ball. He alertly took third on a wild pitch and scampered home when the catcher's throw got by the third baseman. Pampa was ahead 9-1.

Kimberling, who had thrown 90 pitches the day before in defeating North Randall Blue and who ultimately threw 78 pitches in the championship game, began to tire in the fifth inning.

Brad Balke and Tyler Willard opened the inning with consecutive singles and moved up a base on a passed ball. Cody Dudding hit back to Kimberling, who threw home rather than getting an out at first. The runner slid under the tag. The pressure intensified as Willard sped home on a wild pitch. Kimberling struck out the next batter and hit the following batter putting two on base, two runs scored and one out. He struck out the next two batters to end the rally.

Stone relieved Kimberling in the sixth. He struck out two and walked one allowing no hits or runs to end the game and present Pampa with the state championship.

Kimberling scattered five hits and two earned runs. He struck out nine, did not walk a batter and hit one batter in winning his fourth game of the tournament.

The Pampa All Stars will travel to Van Buren, Arkansas next week to compete in the Cal Ripken 9-10 Southern Regional Tournament.

"We're going to take a couple of days off," said Carr, whose team played seven games in five days. "We start practice again Saturday at 6:30 p.m."

"This is really great," said Robbie Dixon, the catcher for the Cal Ripken 11-12 All Star team which won the state tournament in Pampa this week.

He cheered the 9-10 all stars on and summed up this week in Pampa Optimist baseball by saying, "We double dipped North Randall to win the championship. The 9-10 All Stars double dipped them, too."

"We double dipped North Randall to win the championship. The 9-10 All Stars double dipped them, too," said Robbie Dixon, catcher for the Cal Ripken 11-12 All Star team.

Randall Red lineup mixing his pitches and mixing his speeds well. He did not walk another batter after the lead-off hitter. He allowed only three hits in the game and struck out seven. He tired in the fifth inning. He hit a batter, who stole second, went to third on a wild pitch and scored on a sacrifice fly. The next batter singled making the Pampa fans uneasy.

Kelley came to the rescue. The next batter hit what should have been a single to center field. Kelley charged the ball and threw to shortstop Kimberling covering second to force the runner coming from first. That play took the wind out of North Randall Red's rally sails. Stone got the next batter to ground Jacob Davis at first base to end the inning.

Kimberling relieved Stone and retired the North Randall Red in order in the bottom of the sixth with two strikeouts and a fly out to Kelley in center field.

In the second game, Pampa won the flip and chose to be the home team, but they elected to stay in their "lucky" dugout along the third base line. The first North Randall Red batter hit a sky high chopper which the shortstop was unable to handle.

Kimberling picked him off first for the first out. They played saved a run. Although the next batter struck out, the third batter singled to center and went all the way to third base on an error. Kimberling threw the next batter out at first to escape damage in the opening frame of the second game.

Notebook

CYCLING
LAUSANNE, Switzerland (AP) — Lance Armstrong moved closer to retaining his title in the Tour de France.

Armstrong finished 35th in the 17th stage, clocking the same time as winner Erik Dekker of the Netherlands. Jan Ullrich, the only rider with a remote chance of catching Armstrong, remained in second place, still 5 minutes, 37 seconds behind the American with just four stages left.

BASEBALL
CHICAGO (AP) — Chicago Cubs general manager Ed Lynch resigned. Team president Andy MacPhail will now assume the GM duties himself, less than two weeks before the trade deadline.

TORONTO (AP) — The Toronto Blue Jays acquired pitcher Esteban Loaiza from the Texas Rangers for two minor leaguers, right-hander Darwin Cubillan and second baseman Mike Young.

DENVER (AP) — Colorado Rockies outfielder Brian Hunter and Cincinnati Reds reliever Scott Sullivan were suspended for three games and fined for fighting last weekend at Coors Field.

FOOTBALL
GREEN BAY, Wis. (AP) — Tight end Bubba Franks signed a five-year \$6.45 million contract with the Green Bay Packers, putting the first-round pick in training camp just one day after it began.

DETROIT (AP) — Oakland Raiders cornerback Charles Woodson was placed on probation for a year for driving while impaired after a charity golf event.

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — First-round draft pick Keith Bulluck, a linebacker out of Syracuse, signed with the Tennessee Titans, who also released defensive lineman Mike Jones.

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Chiefs free agent Eric Hicks, who started all 16 games last season at defensive end, signed a four-year contract to stay with Kansas City. Hicks had four sacks among his 70 tackles and recovered two fumbles last season.

CHICAGO (AP) — Dick Butkus, the Hall of Fame Chicago Bears linebacker, was introduced as the head coach of Chicago's NFL team. The new league debuts in February.

HOCKEY
BUFFALO, N.Y. (AP) — Defenseman Alexei Zhitnik accepted the Buffalo Sabres' qualifying offer of a one-year, \$2.5 million deal. Zhitnik, a restricted free agent, turned down a chance to file for arbitration. He had two goals and 13 points in 74 games last season.

BASKETBALL
NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Kentucky assistant Shawn Finney was hired as Tulane's basketball coach, taking over a team that went 20-11 last season. He replaces Perry Clark, who became coach at Miami after 11 years at Tulane.

The 37-year-old Finney has been an assistant to Kentucky coach Tubby Smith since 1992. He followed Smith to Georgia and then Kentucky, where he helped guide the Wildcats to a national championship three seasons ago.

SOCCER
GATTINGEN, Germany (AP) — Mia Hamm scored with five minutes remaining to give the United States a 1-1 tie with China in the DFB Jubilee Tournament.

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina (AP) — Argentina beat Ecuador 2-0 to remain unbeaten and atop the standings in qualifying play for the 2002 World Cup. In other games, Bolivia beat Chile 1-0 in La Paz, Bolivia, and Colombia defeated Peru 1-0 in Lima, Peru.

OLYMPICS
UNDATED (AP) — U.S. Cycling awarded Olympic team berths to Mari Holden of Colorado Springs, Colo., and Karen Kurreck of Los Altos, Calif., on the women's road cycling team for the Sydney Olympics. Nicole Freedman of Stanford, Calif., earned a spot in May by winning the road race at the Olympic trials.

Never too young to golf ...



(Community Camera photo)
Cooper Brazile (left) and Daniel Heuston have both qualified for the State Wescott Tournament of Champions Jr. Golf Tournament to be held in Dallas Aug. 7-8. To qualify, each golfer must place first in at least four tournaments in the northern Texas PGA Wescott Jr. Tour. Daniel has received eight firsts in the 14-15 age group and Cooper has received six firsts in the 12-13 age group. They will also be playing July 24-25 in Midland at the West Texas Area Jr. Championship.

Athletes in the Freer Independent School District to receive drug tests

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas (AP) — Athletes in one South Texas school district must soon submit to drug tests, a move thought to make the system the first in that region to conduct such review.

Within a month, athletes in the seventh through 12th grades in the Freer Independent School District will each take at least one drug test a year, beginning July 31, Superintendent Carlos Lopez told the Corpus Christi Caller-Times in a story on its web site Thursday.

Despite concerns about privacy and constitutional rights, the number of high schools using drug testing have increased, especially since a U.S. Supreme Court ruling five years ago upheld testing of student athletes.

Officials with the University Interscholastic League and Texas Education Agency told the Caller-Times they believe Freer is the first South Texas school district to begin drug testing.

Random testing in the Freer district will be done in three phases throughout the school year. Those tests will be given to athletes — a minimum of 30 each time — who will be selected at random by a computer. The tests will detect use of amphetamines, cocaine or marijuana, Lopez said.

"Eventually, a lot of schools will go with this," Lopez said. "I don't

care what anybody says, but every place has a little drug problem."

The Freer district received input on the drug testing policy from law enforcement officials, clergy and parents, Lopez said, as well as from other school districts around the state that already test athletes.

Freer athletes contacted by the newspaper Wednesday generally favored the policy but questioned why it was being directed solely at athletes and not other students or those involved in extracurricular activities like band, drill team or speech.

"It will be beneficial more than anything, but I think if they are going to drug test, they should drug test the whole school and not just the athletes," said Sam McAnear, a senior offensive lineman.

The Freer decision comes at a time when the Lockney Independent School District is embroiled in a controversy over mandatory drug testing for all students and one family's refusal to participate.

"I think it's a good idea," said senior Richard Alan, who also plays football. "I haven't talked to many teammates this summer to see what they think about it, but I think if they do athletes, they should do everybody."

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House approves legislation raising contribution limits for IRAs, 401(k)s

WASHINGTON (AP) — Trying to get more Americans to save, the House passed a bill that would raise contribution limits for individual retirement accounts and 401(k)s while encouraging more businesses to offer pensions.

"By expanding retirement savings options, we'll be helping those workers who need the most help in saving for retirement," said Rep. Rob Portman of Ohio, the prime Republican sponsor.

The House voted 401-25 to send the measure to the Senate, with 182 Democrats joining nearly all Republicans in favor. Senate supporters say they will push for action in early September, but it is unclear if President Clinton would sign it into law.

The U.S. savings rate recently dropped to zero as a percentage of after-tax income, even as the aging baby boom generation faces a Social Security system in future financial jeopardy — and 75 million Americans have no employer-sponsored retirement plan.

The bill, which would reduce government revenue by \$52.2 billion over 10 years, would gradually raise annual IRA contribution limits from \$2,000 to \$5,000 and boost annual 401(k) plan contributions from \$10,500 to \$15,000.

People over age 50 would have accelerated "catch-up" limits, which would particularly benefit women who left the work force temporarily to care for children. Several changes would be made in federal pension rules to encourage more employers to offer pensions and permit workers to carry retirement plans from job to job.

"This encourages employers to continue to put money on the table to help lower-wage workers," said Rep. Ben Cardin, D-Md. "It's a well-balanced approach."

IRAs were authorized in 1974 but contribution limits have been increased only once, by \$500 in 1981. More than 36 million people now participate in 401(k) plans — roughly a third of the U.S. work force — but the average account balance is only about \$37,300, the Employee Benefit Research Institute says.

At the same time, traditional employer-provided pension plans have dropped from 114,000 in 1987 to 45,000 in 1997, and only

about half of people over age 65 receive income from pensions.

"The work force has changed, our retirement needs have changed, and the pension system has changed," said Rep. Bill Archer, R-Texas, chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee. "This is the right legislation at the right time."

Despite the lopsided bipartisan vote, the White House released a statement saying the president "strongly opposes" the bill because it would mainly add to retirement tax benefits for higher-income people rather than the lower-income workers most in need of help saving money. The statement did not use the word veto, however.

"A better approach is to enact pension and retirement savings incentives to reach tens of millions of working Americans who do not participate in employer-provided pension plans and have little or no retirement savings," the White House statement said.

A Democratic alternative modeled after government-subsidized retirement savings account proposals made by Clinton would provide a 50 percent federal tax credit — a maximum of \$1,000 — for lower-income worker contributions of up to \$2,000. The credit would phase out above \$75,000 income for a married couple, \$37,500 for a single taxpayer.

"The problem isn't so much what's in" the main bill, said Rep. Earl Pomeroy, D-N.D. "The problem is what's left out."

But the House voted 221-200 to defeat the Democratic alternative. Republicans insisted their bill would help lower-income workers by making it easier for employers to provide pensions in the first place.

"Employers maximize their benefits and, in fact, it maximizes the employees' savings capability," said Rep. Bill Thomas, R-Calif. "It fits our needs today."

Senate Finance Committee Chairman William Roth, appearing with House supporters at a news conference before the vote, noted that the Senate endorsed a similar approach in votes last week and said he would push for final passage this fall in the waning days of the congressional session.

New York family fights to keep 'endangered' pet monkey

NEW YORK (AP) — If that didn't come up until two years ago, Flikshtein said a professional animal handler sent a letter to the state Department of Environmental Conservation reporting that a diana monkey, kept as a family pet, had bitten someone.

The Flikshteins said the bite allegation was false but it triggered the chain of official actions.

Flikshtein applied for a permit to keep the monkey but was rejected. A DEC letter said the state did not issue licenses to keep endangered or threatened species as pets.

DEC attorney Gail Hintz said the agency did not want to seize Cookie, preferring the family gave the monkey up voluntarily. But "it depends on how cooperative the family is," Hintz said.

"We'll go anywhere, do anything, to save Cookie," Roman Flikshtein said. "I can't imagine being without her."

On the Net:
 Detroit Zoological Institute: <http://detroitzoo.org>
 Wisconsin Regional Primate Research Center: <http://www.primatere.wisc.edu/pin/factsheets/cercopithecus-diana.html>

Cookie — a *Cercopithecus diana* — could be packed off soon to an animal rescue center at the Detroit zoo. Having such a pet violates federal and state law and courts have ruled that state officials can remove the rare monkey from the family's home.

"I'm ready to go to jail, but I won't give my baby up," Inna Flikshtein said Wednesday.

Roman Flikshtein, who owns a Queens dental laboratory, bought Cookie at a pet store in 1995. To the animal lover who always wanted a monkey, the exotic-looking African simian seemed perfect.

Pet store owner Dennis Borghese said the monkey came from a Florida breeder.

"It wasn't imported, and it wasn't from the black market," Borghese said. "I felt that it needed nurturing, and I wanted it to have a good home."

Both men said they were unaware then that the species was endangered.

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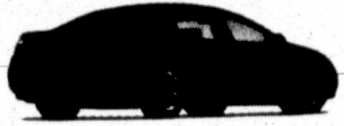


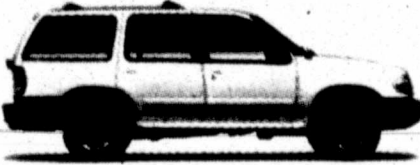

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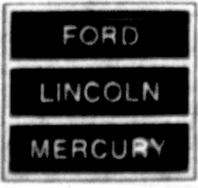



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