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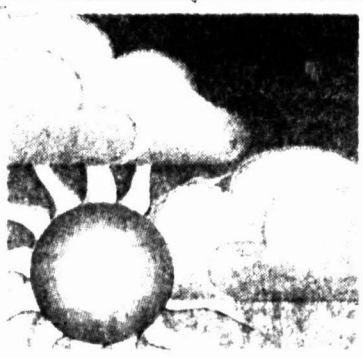
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PAMPA — Friday is the sign-up deadline for the Kid's Pony Show which is Sunday at 4 p.m. and again Monday and Tuesday, July 11, 12, as part of the Top O' Texas Rodeo, said rodeo secretary Jane Jacobs. Also, donations are being accepted at the rodeo office, 200 N. Ballard, that will enable children from the Cal Farley Family Program in Borger to participate in the Kid Pony Show. The rodeo office is open from 9-5 daily.

AUSTIN (AP) — George W. Bush says he will forgo his gubernatorial salary — \$316.01 a day — when he campaigns outside Texas for the Republican presidential nomination. When Bush is out of state for an entire day, Republican Lt. Gov. Rick Perry becomes acting governor and receives an additional \$316.01 a day. "Because the Lt. Governor is paid in my absence, I don't think it's appropriate for the taxpayers of Texas to pay my salary twice," said Bush, who receives \$115,345 a year as governor. Perry only gets the additional salary if Bush is out of state the entire day — from midnight to midnight, said the governor's office. The change announced Monday is retroactive. Bush, the front-runner for the GOP nomination, will reimburse the state \$2,212.07.

- James Vernon Barker, Sr., 73, oil field operator.
- Dorothy Brown, 66, homemaker
- Harry C. Cooke, 74, U.S. Navy retiree.
- Chester Arthur Klein, 82, meat cutter, custodian.

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Officer Corey Powell straightens the new Pampa Police Department flag that hangs in the department's squad room.

Police department spurs move to get new city flag

By DAVE BOWSER
Staff Writer

It all started when the police officers began talking about forming a mounted patrol.

With an equestrian unit, Officer Corey Powell suggested they make a flag. When questioned about what to put on it, the answer was simple. "What better emblem," Powell said, "than our patch."

Pampa City Secretary Phyllis Jettens said if they could come up with a design, she would get it made.

The result is a flag the department can use for official ceremonies. The city seal as it appears on police uniform patches is centered on a field of blue, trimmed with red.

A companion piece, saddle blankets, were designed for the mounted patrol. The saddle blankets feature a police badge or shield on the rear quarter on both sides. Again, they chose a field of blue, but this time trimmed it in yellow.

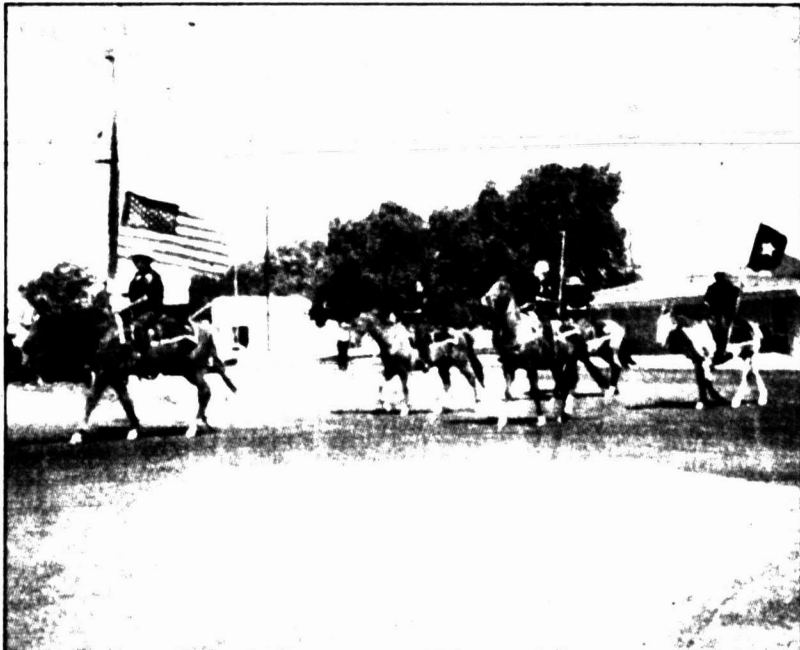
"Each horse has one of these," Powell said, displaying the saddle blanket.

While the flag was done by Sew What Embroidery, Powell's wife, Sonya Powell, made the saddle blankets.

"I helped where she told me I could," Powell volunteered.

The first outing for the flag and saddle blankets was Saturday at the Deutchess Fest parade in Darrrouzett.

The five riders who make up the mounted patrol rode in a "V" formation with the lead rider carrying the Stars and Stripes of the United States flag. The two behind him and on either side carried the Lone Star flag of Texas and the new City of Pampa flag.



Woman killed in 6666 Ranch home explosion

By NANCY YOUNG
Managing Editor

One person was killed early this morning and another injured in an explosion at a ranch hand's home on the 6666 Ranch in Carson County. A natural gas leak appears to be the cause of the explosion.

Department of Public Safety Trooper Don Johnson said the explosion completely destroyed the home saying, "It looked like a tornado do hit it."

He said a 2-year-old child was airlifted by Life Star team to the ranch scene to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

Hutchinson County Sheriff Mickey Blackmon told *The Pampa News* this morning the deceased victim was the wife of a cowboy on the 6666 Ranch. Her name has not been released.

Blackmon said her husband was already at the barn when the early-morning explosion occurred. He said he has been told that the 2-year-old girl is in stable condition at the Amarillo medical facility.

A natural gas leak appears to be the cause of the explosion, according to Blackmon. The state fire marshal's office has been notified.

Trooper Johnson said the explosion occurred at 5:20 a.m. and said (See EXPLOSION, Page 2)

Two jail escapees caught after chase

CANADIAN — A 27-year-old Oklahoma jail escapee was in Hemphill County jail today facing charges in connection with a stolen car.

Kevin Leon Miller, 27, and Runo Dewayne Rantila, 28, escaped from the Ellis County jail in Arnett, Okla., Sunday, officers said today.

Hemphill County Deputy Sheriff Jay Moseley said his office was notified of the escape about 6:30 p.m. Sunday.

The escapees reportedly overpowered a jailer about 5 a.m. Sunday and took a couple of walkie-talkies and some pepper spray. They apparently also took a pickup truck belonging to the cleaning woman at the Ellis County courthouse and headed west on U.S. 60.

Oklahoma officials said the 1995 Chevrolet Silverado was found abandoned in Ellis County Sunday morning.

Officers today accused the pair of stealing a maroon Ford F-350 diesel pickup in Higgins and continued down U.S. 60 to Canadian.

"When they got to our town," Moseley said today, "one of our officers tried to stop them."

Moseley said both men bailed out of the pickup. One man escaped (See ESCAPEES, Page 2)

Today's Horseshoe clue

The latest clue in the Golden Horseshoe Treasure Hunt can be found at a local jewelry store.

The contest is being held in conjunction with Top O' Texas Rodeo to be held July 15, 16 and 17. Clues will be given each day that will help locate the horseshoe.

The lucky person who finds the horseshoe will receive a box seat to all three performances of the 53rd Annual Top O' Texas Rodeo. Value of the box seat is \$1150. The winner will also be able to ride in the rodeo parade on Saturday, July 17.

The clues will be placed in selected stores in Pampa and can only be obtained by going into that store. The kind of store will be listed daily in *The Pampa News*. The name of that store will be listed the next day along with the kind of store for the current day's clue.

Additional information may be obtained by contacting Jane Jacobs at the rodeo office, 669-0434.



Quite frankly... How are you keeping cool this summer?



"I'm trying to stay in the house as much as I can with the air conditioner on."
— Norris Tollerson



"I'm not. I'd rather be in Alaska or at the Arctic Circle."
— Gynelle King



"Most of the time I'm staying close to the air conditioner."
— E. W. Totty

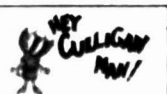


"I'm staying under the air conditioner. I just got back from Germany where it was much cooler. I wish I could have stayed..."
— Marie Hacker



"I bought two air conditioners. I didn't plan on it being hotter than it was last summer, but just in case it is I'm going to be ready."
— Doug Locke

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Services tomorrow

BROWN, Dorothy — 2 p.m., McCullough Street Church of Christ, Pampa.

Obituaries

JAMES VERNON BARKER, SR.

McLEAN — James Vernon Barker, Sr., 73, died Tuesday, July 6, 1999. Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday in First Baptist Church with the Rev. James Martindale and the Elder Norman Jones, minister of Primitive Baptist Church of Elk City, Okla., officiating. Burial will be in Hillcrest Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Barker was born July 23, 1925, at Sayre, Okla. He had been a McLean resident most of his life. He married Patsy Egleson on June 29, 1947, at Amarillo. He was an oil field operator for Barker Drilling Company in Shamrock.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy, serving during World War II.

He was a member of First Baptist Church of McLean.

Survivors include his wife, Pat, of the home; a daughter, Janice Bible of Savannah, Ga.; a son, Jim Barker of Amarillo; and four grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to BSA Hospice of the Panhandle, Box 2795, Pampa, TX 79066-2795.

DOROTHY BROWN

Dorothy Brown, 66, of Pampa, died Sunday, July 4, 1999. Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at McCullough Street Church of Christ with Frankie Lemons, minister, officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Brown was born Jan. 6, 1933, in Childress and moved to Pampa in 1952. She was a past member of the Oklahoma Street Church of Christ and was currently a member of the McCullough Street Church of Christ.

Survivors include four daughters, Barbara Hughes of Oklahoma City; Vivian Brown and Joyce Brown, both of Pampa, and Donna Brown of Arlington; two sons, Lynn Brown and Kenneth Adkiss, both of Pampa; three sisters, Willie Owens and Hazel Cole, both of Denver, Colo., and Rachel Brown of Altus, Okla.; four brothers, Nathaniel Brown of Bristow, Okla.; W. B. Brown of Denver, J.D. Brown of Garland and William Brown, Jr. of Amarillo; 21 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

HARRY C. COOKE

PENSACOLA, Fla. — Harry C. Cooke, 74, brother of a Pampa resident and the "Mayor of Henry Street," died Sunday, June 27, 1999. Services were June 30 in St. Thomas Moore Catholic Church with Father John Cassidy officiating. Burial was in Pensacola Naval National Cemetery with full military honors. Arrangements were under the direction of Oak Lawn Funeral Home.

Mr. Cooke was a native of Dallas. He had been a Pensacola resident since 1963, moving from Newfoundland. He was a U.S. Navy retiree who served during World War II and the Vietnam War. Following his retirement from the Navy, he was a purchasing agent for the U.S. Navy Commissary System stationed at Main Side, NAS Pensacola.

He participated in the organ and tissue donation program.

Survivors include his wife, Mary, of Pensacola; a daughter, Susan M. Garbarino of Pensacola; three sons, Robert E. Cooke of Pensacola, Richard D. Cooke of New Port, Ore., and David A. Cooke of Ona, W.Va.; three sisters, Phyllis Hunter of Pampa, Ann Clemens of Irving and Glenda Coffee of Paradise; two brothers, John E. Cooke of Tyler and Richard L. Cooke of Palestine; and five grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be in lieu of flowers to the Renovation Fund at St. Thomas Moore Catholic Church.

CHESTER ARTHUR KLEIN

LaCROSSE, Kan. — Chester Arthur Klein, 82, died Monday, July 5, 1999. Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Friday in Memory Gardens Cemetery at Pampa with the Rev. Barry A. Loving, associate pastor of First Christian Church of Pampa, officiating. Burial will be under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Klein was born Aug. 20, 1916, at Weatherford, Okla., to Ludwig A. Klein and Elizabeth Kathryn Hamburger Klein. He graduated from LaCrosse High School. He married Odessa Elizabeth Rice on Dec. 24, 1940, at LaCrosse; she died Dec. 25, 1972. He was a meat cutter at several grocery stores and was custodian of First Christian Church of Pampa. He returned to LaCrosse in 1990 from Pampa.

He was a U.S. Army veteran, serving during World War II. He belonged to American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars. He enjoyed fishing and gardening.

He was preceded in death by a son, Mike Klein, and by two brothers, Eldon Klein and Ervin Klein.

Survivors include two daughters, Patricia Collins of LaCrosse and Pam Rogers of Amarillo; a son, Dr. Ronald D. Klein of Brady; two brothers, Albert Klein of Hoisington, Kan., and Duane Klein of Hays, Kan.; seven grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to Rush County Memorial Hospital Long-Term Care, LaCrosse, Kan., or to First Christian Church of Pampa.

The body will lie in state from 9 a.m. Thursday until service time at Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Home.

Police report

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

Monday, July 5

Jesus Manuel Perez, 34, 906 Wilcox, was arrested on municipal warrants.

Thomas Lynn Ham, 17, 224 N. Wells, was arrested on charges of injury to a child, resisting arrest and terroristic threats.

Jerry Lee Hicks, 33, 817 N. Dwight, was arrested on charges of public intoxication and disorderly conduct/language.

Sheriff's Office

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

Monday, July 5

Tawana Burrow Hext, 32, 117 N. Sumner, was arrested on charges of public intoxication.

Thalamus Malone, 22, 509 Harlem, was arrested on a bench warrant.

Accidents

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

Friday, July 2

Donald Ross Haynes, 35, 628 N. Roberta, was cited for failure to control speed when his 1982 GMC van rear-ended a 1996 Dodge pickup driven by Monte Roy Almanza, 41, Rt 2 Box 75C, as they were both making a right turn in the 900 block of Alcock. No injuries were reported.

Sunday, July 4

An unknown vehicle backing out of 1309 N. Christine struck a legally parked 1993 Mercury Cougar owned by Mark and Nasha Qualls, 2200 Lea, around Sunday afternoon. The residents at 1309 N. Christine said they did not know who was responsible.

Ambulance

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

Monday, July 5

9:15 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the area of Starkweather and Foster and transported one to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

12:56 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Interstate 40 mile marker 110 and transported two to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

3:58 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported one to Baptist Saint Anthony in Amarillo.

4:18 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 200 block of North Wells and transported one to PRMC.

7:12 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 800 block of South Sumner and transported one to PRMC.

Tuesday, July 6

6:40 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 700 block of Front in Groom; transport status not listed.

Fires

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

Monday, July 5

2:30 p.m. — One unit and two personnel responded to the 1100 block Neel Road on a trash fire.

6:31 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 500 block of Graham on a water heater fire.

9:05 p.m. — One unit and two personnel responded to the 900 block of Buryl on a suspicious odor.

Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by Attebury Grain of Pampa.		
Wheat	2.12	
Milo	2.63	
Corn	3.02	
Soybeans	3.41	

The following show the prices for which these mutual funds were bid at the time of compilation		
Occidental	21.15/16	up 3/16
Magellan	131.36	
Puritan	20.84	

The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. Stock Market quotations are furnished by Edward Jones & Co. of Pampa.			
Amso	115 1/16	up 3/16	
Arco	89	up 2/34	
Cabot	24 15/16	up 1/16	
Cabot O&G	18 5/8	NC	
Chevron	97 7/16	up 1/16	

Coca-Cola			
Coca-Cola	63 9/16	dn 1/16	
Columbia/HCA	22 7/16	dn 7/16	
Enron	81 1/2	up 1/4	
Halliburton	45 5/8	up 1/8	
IRI	41 5/16	up 1/16	
KNE	13 3/16	dn 1/8	
Kerr McGee	52 1/8	up 5/8	
Limited	46 1/8	up 9/16	
McDonald's	40 7/16	dn 5/8	
Mobile	101 13/16	up 3/16	
New Atmos	25 1/16	up 1/8	
NCE	37 7/8	dn 1/16	
Pennsylvania	48 7/16	dn 1/16	
Phillips	51 5/16	up 1	
Pioneer Nat Res	31 9/16	up 3/16	
SLB	63 5/8	up 1/12	
Tenneco	24 1/4	dn 3/8	
Texasco	64 5/8	up 1/8	
Ultramart	22 1/2	up 1/16	
Wal-Mart	49 7/16	up 1/16	
Williams	45 5/8	up 1/16	
New York Gold	263.35		
Silver	5.34		
West Texas Crude	19.69		

Emergency numbers

Ambulance	911
Crime Stoppers	669-2222
Energas	665-5777
Fire	911
Police (emergency)	911
Police (non-emergency)	669-5700

Firefighters gaining upper hand in four wildfires in West

Firefighters have nearly contained four blazes that blackened more than 83,000 acres across the West in less than a week.

The largest, a 61,400-acre Utah blaze burning through pinyon pine, cheat grass and juniper trees in steep mountain areas about 55 miles south of Salt Lake City, drove residents from their homes over the weekend. No one was injured and only three abandoned sheds burned.

The wind-fanned fire, which began in grass along railroad tracks and then spread when a 11,000-gallon diesel tank truck exploded, was 90 percent contained early today. Full containment was expected by Wednesday night.

However, today's temperatures were expected to be 10 to 12 degrees higher than on Monday — up to 99 degrees, with wind gusts to 20 mph — and there was a threat of lightning-producing thunderstorms.

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all persons have been accounted for at the scene. He said Carson County Sheriff Gary Robertson is coordinating the investigation. Robertson was unavailable for comment this morning.

Borger Fire Chief Gayland Darnell said two fire department units and three fire personnel received a call at 5:31 a.m. He said the firefighters arrived at the ranch, which is located 10 miles south of Borger, at 5:42 a.m.

The Panhandle Fire Department responded to the early morning fire scene after receiving a call at 5:33 a.m., according to a fire department spokesperson. Both fire departments referred all inquiries to the Carson County Sheriff's Department as did the Carson County Justice of the Peace.

Rural Metro Ambulance Service of Borger responded to the scene. Personnel did not transport any patients from the scene, according to supervisor Mike Barter.

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ESCAPEES

on foot, and the other is accused of stealing another vehicle.

Miller was arrested shortly before midnight Sunday in Canadian by Deputy Sheriff David Pearson and charged with unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.

Rantila is suspected of taking a GMC Astro van from a residence in Canadian early Monday morning, officers said.

He is thought to have driven south on U.S. 83 until he had a blow out near the intersection of U.S. 83 and FM 277. About the same time, Grant Meek, who lives near the intersection of FM 1268 and U.S. 83, reported a Chevrolet Beretta missing from his home.

Oklahoma officials said Rantila was in Custer County jail today in Oklahoma following his arrest Monday after a chase and a fight. Officers said Rantila was arrested about 4:30 p.m. Monday between Clinton and Arapaho, Okla., on U.S. 183. Officers said the chase ended after Rantila crashed the 1991 Chevrolet Beretta into a tree.

Oklahoma Highway Patrol officers and Clinton police tried to stop Rantila on Interstate 40. He turned off on U.S. 183 with police in pursuit.

Officers said after crashing the car into a tree,

Rantila tried to escape on foot. When he was captured, officers said Rantila was armed with a .25-caliber automatic pistol and three cans of pepper spray.

Authorities said Miller and Rantila were state prisoners being held in the Ellis County jail at the time of the escape. The charges on which they were being held before the escape were not immediately available.

Oklahoma officials said both men appeared to be unharmed. Officers said the jailer the pair reportedly overpowered was not seriously injured in the attack.

"She suffered a few bumps and bruises," said Juanita Bohlman, spokesman for the William S. Key Correctional Center in Fort Supply, Okla., "but she wasn't injured. The two suspects appear to be okay as well."

Bohlman said the two men were armed with homemade knives when they escaped.

Both Miller and Rantila were Oklahoma Department of Corrections inmates serving their sentences in Ellis County. Miller was serving a five year sentence on a grand larceny of an automobile charge from Custer County. Rantila was serving a 10-year sentence for unauthorized use of a motor vehicle after a former conviction on a felony in connection with a stolen car in Creek County.

Man holding boy runs through hot coals, falls, both burned

An Independence Day accident has two local residents in the University Medical Center Burn Unit in Lubbock.

At Approximately 10 Sunday night several families were having a barbecue at property owned by Lee Dillman.

One of the guests, Bradley Smiley, 47, apparently decided to run through the coals that were lying on the ground, Dillman said. During one run Smiley picked up a child at the party, Joe Soliz, 8, and start-

ed to run through the fire while holding the boy.

It was then Smiley slipped and fell on the coals while holding the boy, Dillman said.

Smiley then grabbed the 8-year-old, rolling him off the coals. Doing so caused Smiley to land on the coals on his back, burning his back.

Smiley was airlifted directly to the Lubbock burn unit while Soliz was transported by ambulance.

Smiley is listed in serious condition this morning while Soliz is listed as satisfactory.

RV popularity surges

MANASSAS, Va. (AP) — In an age of conspicuous consumption, nothing says rest and relaxation like a behemoth RV.

Thanks to a roaring economy, baby boomers with money to spend and Americans' love affair with sport utility vehicles, more people are buying the lumbering vacation homes on wheels.

"You have the ability to go anywhere," said Gayle Putt, 42, who traverses America's byways with her 48-year-old husband, three children and dog. "It's great family time."

RV ownership is at an all-time national high. There are 9.3 million on the road, accounting for nearly 10 percent of all vehicle-owning households in the United States, according to the Recreation Vehicle Industry Association.

Once viewed largely as housing for seniors, RVs are now being sought by a younger set. The average age of an RV owner is now 48 and RV-owning boomers with families now outnumber the traditional core market of those older than 55, the industry group said.

A park near Gettysburg, Pa., is one of a handful that features Civil War-themed activities such as battlefield visits, while Frontier City, an RV park in Ocean City, Md., has built an amusement park with a Wild West flavor.

In Florida, Arizona and other winter roosts for seniors, RV parks are marketing themselves as a cheaper alternative to vacation homes.

RV parks also cater to city lovers. Cherry Hill Park in College Park, Md., just off the Washington Beltway, has its own Metro train stop.

For those who dislike RVs, hold on for a long ride: Celente doesn't see an end to the trend.

"As the baby boomers age, the roads are going to be flooded with these things," he said. "It's no longer looked upon as unhip to hog the road."

City Briefs

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FAREWELL PARTY for Coaches David & Tyler Pink, Thurs., July 8, 7-9 p.m. at MK Brown Pool.

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Weather focus

PAMPA — Partly sunny with less than a 20 percent chance of showers and a high in the lower 90s. South to southwest wind 10-20 mph.

STATEWIDE — Isolated showers fell overnight in North Texas, but a persistent high-pressure system was keeping most rainfall away from the state.

Rainfall totals were generally less than one-tenth of an inch. Yesterday's high was 91; the overnight low 69.

PANHANDLE — Tonight, partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms. Low in the middle 60s. Southeast

wind 5-15 mph. Wednesday, partly sunny with a high in the lower 90s. South to southwest wind 10-20 mph.

Some low clouds and fog developed in Southeast Texas. High humidities were the rule across the state.

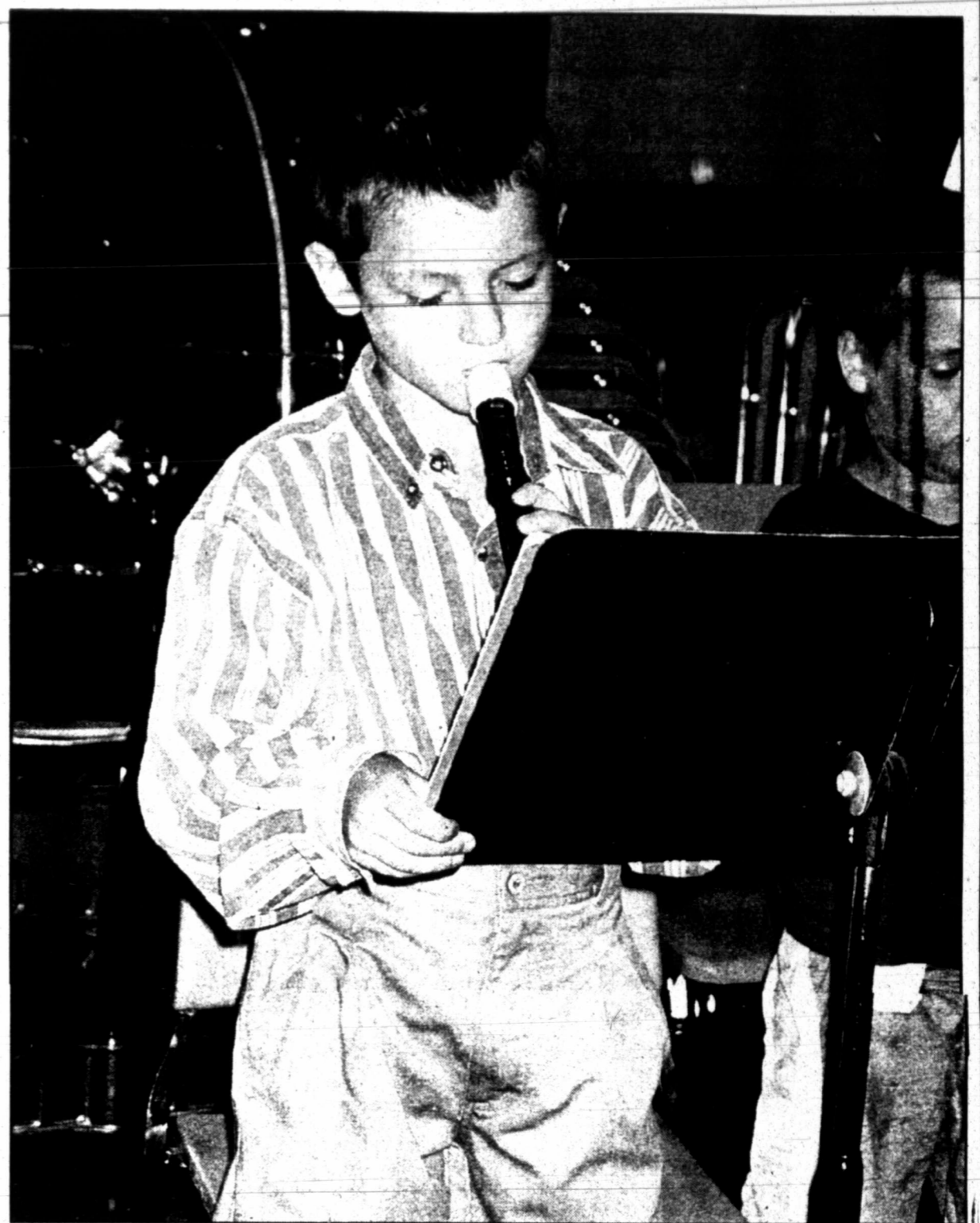
Skies should be partly cloudy through Wednesday with a chance of showers and thunderstorms over all but the South Plains and the eastern half of the Panhandle.

Highs through Wednesday will be mostly in the 90s, except for near 105 in the Big Bend. Lows will be in the 60s and 70s.

PFAA Summer Arts Program



Pampa Fine Arts Association recently conducted week-long classes as part of its Summer Arts Program. PFAA expanded the program this summer to include youth classes in Miami and adult classes in Pampa. Youth classes were recently taught in Pampa and, for a second year in a row, youth classes will be taught in



McLean this week. Photo at left: (left-right) Alyne Grantham and Keely Adams practiced a piece of music learned during Kimberly Wellborn's recorder class in Miami. Photo at right: Jesse Mulligan concentrates on a piece of music he learned during Wellborn's class.

(Community Camera photos by Emily Elliott)

Calendar of events

PAMPA CHESS CLUB
The Pampa Chess Club meets every Tuesday night at Yummie's Pizza in the Pampa Mall at 7:30 p.m. We offer casual yet competitive games, free instruction, and a quarterly newsletter. For more information contact James A. Shook at 669-0227.

TOASTMASTERS
The Toastmasters will meet every Wednesday night from 5:45 to 6:45 p.m. at the Furr's Cafeteria.

TRALEE CRISIS CENTER FOR WOMEN
Tralee Crisis Center for Women is offering an in-house support group for victims of family violence. Meetings will be Tuesday's from 11 a.m.-12 noon and on Thursday's from 7-8 p.m. For more information call (806) 669-1131. All calls are kept confidential.

PAMPA PRISON MINISTRY
The Pampa Prison Ministry meets the first Tuesday of every month at Central Baptist Church located at Francis and Starkweather at 7 p.m. sharp. For further information call Bob Andersen 665-4252 or J.B. Walker at 669-2266.

PANHANDLE ALLIANCE FOR THE MENTALLY ILL
A support group for the mentally ill and family members meet the second Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. at 218 N. Russell. There is no charge. For more information or if you need a ride call Sharon King, 665-2818.

ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR
Pampa Chapter No. 65, Order of the Eastern Star, has changed their meeting nights from the first and third Tuesdays to the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month. Meeting starts at 7:30 p.m. at 420 West Kingsmill.

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 fill 1 p.m. no smoking, and Tuesday and Thursday 8-9 p.m. call 665-9702 for information.

HARRINGTON HOUSE
The 1999 tour season for Harrington House, 1600 Polk Street in Amarillo, is currently underway. The house is open to tours from 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays through mid-December. Each tour, limited to four people over 14 years of age, is 50 minutes long. For more information or to arrange a tour, call (806) 374-5490.

CC SUMMER HOURS
Clarendon College summer

office hours will be 7:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Monday-Wednesday and 7:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Thursday. All offices will be closed on Fridays. Regular office hours will resume Monday, Aug. 2. For more information, call (806) 874-3571.

LVN PROGRAM
The Licensed Vocational Nursing Program at Clarendon College is currently accepting applications for the 1999-2000 school year. The program will be offered at the main campus in Clarendon and Shamrock. For an application, call Vickie Moore at (806) 874-3571 in Clarendon or Ethel Perez in Shamrock at (806) 256-2114.

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Texas Editorials

By The Associated Press

A sampling of editorial opinion from Texas newspapers:
 Fort Worth Star-Telegram on a European security force:
 A European security force to handle regional conflicts could be both good and bad for U.S. interests.
 The European Union will begin creating a security force to take care of regional disputes without the help of the United States. This is either the double-edged sword of the new millennium's geopolitics or the last sign that the Cold War is over — or maybe both.
 EU leaders say the crisis in Kosovo was the latest catalyst to spur movement on the security force issue. Given the majority of non-U.S. troops serving as NATO peacekeepers in Kosovo, the European Union is well on its way to putting its soldiers in the forefront of the region's conflicts.
 That is not to say that these EU countries are ready to wave goodbye to the American forces that have stood ready to protect Western Europe against potential attack from Russia for 40-plus years.
 For one thing, European nations do not have large troop transport planes to ferry soldiers to points of conflict. Those nations have previously preferred to depend on U.S. C-5s and C-17s.
 That dependence seems to be leading this charge on the diplomatic front.
 "We... are resolved that the European Union shall play its full role on the international stage. To that end, we intend to give the European Union the necessary means and capabilities to assume its responsibilities regarding a common European policy on security and defense," reads a draft statement by EU members.
 It was probably always likely that the European Union's members would seek to form this type of force. A common monetary union and open borders are natural steps that would seem to lead to the formation of some sort of army. (For the record, this force is being structured to handle regional disputes and not as a global policeman — up to this point, that has been America's job.)
 The official U.S. response has been positive.
 "We welcome the commitment of our European friends and allies to enhance their military capabilities, both as a contribution to the alliance and for autonomous European military actions when NATO is not engaged," said State Department spokesman James P. Rubin.
 All is not sunshine between the U.S. and the EU, though. Trade disputes about various commodities (beef, bananas, eggs) are various boiling points between the United States and the united states of Europe. Wars have started over lesser issues.
 In many ways, this is what some average Americans have been saying for years: It's their conflict — let them work it out, and keep our boys out of it. But sometimes the only thing worse than playing the world's police officer is being asked to 'not' be the world's police officer.
 The Dallas Morning News on banking and privacy:
 Until recently, insurance, banking and brokerage interests pretty much had their way on privacy issues in Congress' banking modernization debate.
 The Senate's modernization measure that passed earlier this year didn't address whether a financial institution's banking, insurance and brokerage affiliates could share sensitive customer files. Similarly, the House Banking Committee's version tepidly mandated companies to disclose their privacy policies.
 But the House Commerce Committee recently voted to allow customers to block companies from sharing sensitive, nonpublic financial customer information with affiliates or nonfinancial third parties for marketing purposes.
 But even this provision, loudly opposed by financial institutions, has a big loophole that allows banks to use information as long as the customer hasn't instructed to the contrary. Requiring institutions to obtain prior customer approval, as is commonly the case in Europe, would offer better consumer protection.
 At last, Congress has nabbed the industry's attention on privacy, an issue that until now had been on the edge of modernization deliberations. Mega banks and financial service firms amass a vast inventory of personal financial information that warrant more than industry promises of protection.
 Customer privacy is no small matter, in part, because modern technology makes timely financial information extremely valuable. Many financial service companies already sell credit card and checking account information, birth dates, addresses and telephone numbers to outsiders.
 Worried by the trend, Comptroller of the Currency John D. Hawke Jr has repeatedly criticized the sale of customer information as "seamy" and legally questionable. In Minnesota, the state's attorney general is locked in a lawsuit with U.S. Bancorp, which it accuses of selling customer information to telemarketing firms in violation of the bank's own privacy policies. There are also allegations in the case that some telemarketers may have used credit card information to sign up customers for products and services they didn't order.
 To its credit, Bank of America has promised to stop sharing certain customer information with telemarketers. Several other banks also are looking at their policies and procedures.
 Reforms to end regulatory fire walls between banks, insurance companies and securities firms are long overdue. Financial institutions need additional flexibility and muscle to compete globally. Consumers, however, must regain some rights to determine how their financial histories are used, and must have reasonable assurances that confidential information will not be abused.

The flaw of Luddite thinking

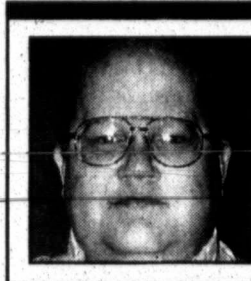
There's another interesting thing about the movie "You've Got Mail". (If you missed the first thing about the movie last week's review is still on sale.)

The movie showed a fairly realistic Luddite. I think they even used the term. Now I'm sure you're all familiar with the term Luddite. From the 18th century guy Ned Ludd from Leicestershire (No, I don't think that a dirty word but I'm not sure.)

For the one or two who may have forgotten, let me explain. Ned Ludd started a political movement at the beginning of the industrial revolution in England: He was afraid the machines were going to take all the jobs away from people who would then starve. So he broke the machines and stuff like that there.

Ever since then people who appear to be opposed to the latest technology, (because it will end life, civilization, the weekend, as we know it), are called Luddites. I didn't know how to spell it until I looked it up at the on-line Webster's dictionary. I found out while I was there that modern Luddites have web-sites (yeah, it seemed odd to me, too).

Well, anyway, in the movie Greg Kinnear,



Jeff West

Pampa News staff

who played Meg Ryan's boyfriend Frank, admitted that he hated technology.

"Name one good thing technology has done?" he said to Meg.
 "How about electricity?" she answered.
 "Well, yeah, one thing"

(By the way the quotes here may not be exact quotes, that's a difference between columns and news stories.)

He then shows her he bought another typewriter to help fight the demons of technology, it was an electric typewriter. And thereby he lost Meg Ryan and showed the flaw with Luddite thinking.

Now, losing Meg Ryan's bad, although she's

no Sandra Bullock, but he couldn't have gotten her in real life anyway. There are really quite a few Luddites out there. The unbomber was a Luddite railing against technology. But the flaw in the argument is the timeline, which era of technology starts the bad part. Frank was badmouthing computers (which is a capital offense in parts of California and my house) preferring the "old ways" with his electric typewriters. But I have heard older writers who bemoaned electrics replacing manuals. I have read of writers who cried out against the first typewriters, because it would destroy the creativity of writing words by hand. Ted Kaczynski hated technology when it came to genetic research but thought the U.S. Mail and high-powered explosives (never a good mix) were both just fine.

There are Luddites around here, too, I'm afraid. Of course you're not one I know but you may know one. Remind them that while you don't have to run after every new thing, like a dog after a car, standing in front trying to stop it never works well either.

Be good to one another and be good to yourselves.

Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, July 6, the 187th day of 1999. There are 178 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

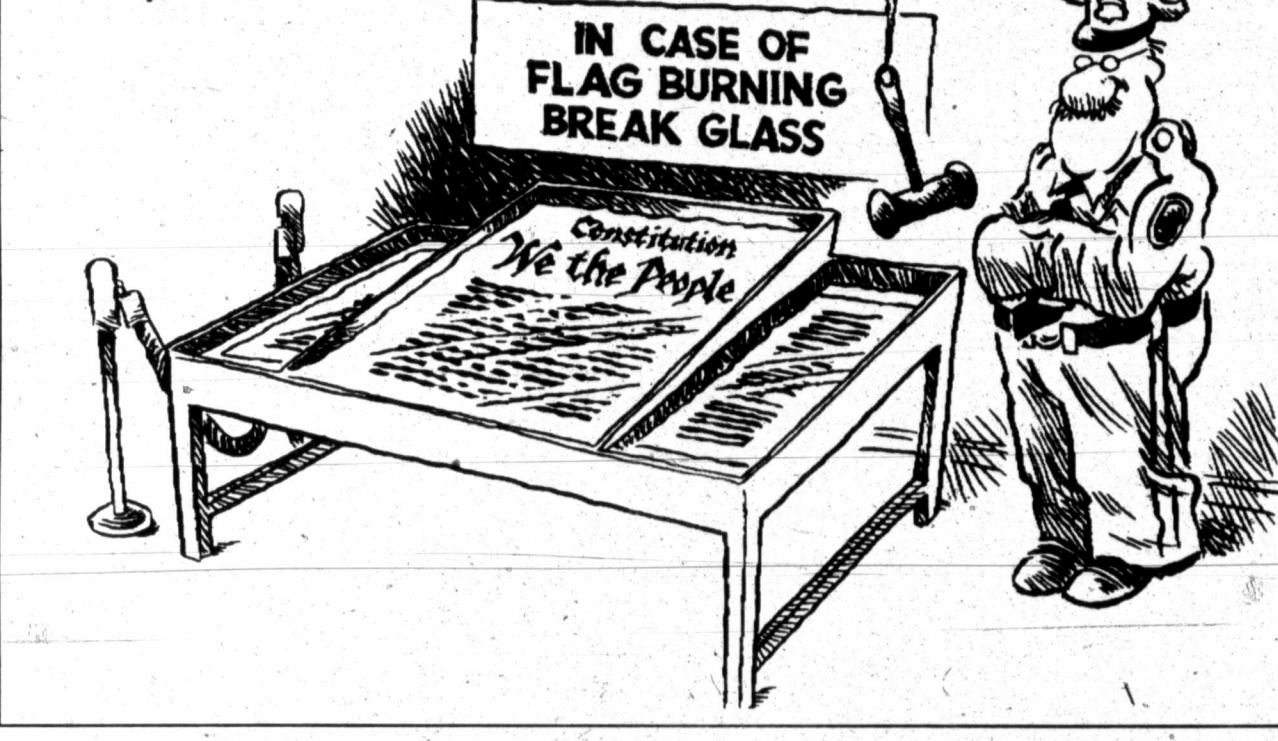
On July 6, 1944, 169 lives were lost in a fire in the main tent of the Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus in Hartford, Conn.

On this date:
 In 1483, England's King Richard III was crowned.
 In 1535, Sir Thomas More was executed in England for treason.

In 1777, during the American Revolution, British forces captured Fort Mifflin.

In 1885, French scientist Louis Pasteur successfully tested an anti-rabies vaccine on a boy bitten by an infected dog.

In 1917, during World War I, Arab forces led by T.E. Lawrence (of Arabia) captured the port of Aqaba from the Turks.



Bedtime game unites brothers

Wedged under David's bed, hidden by the trundle, I lie in the dark listening to the pattering of my three sons. We are playing hide and seek — not everyone's idea of a good way to settle the children before bedtime — but it's our way. Rarely during the day do I witness the kind of brotherly cooperation and elan that the three boys demonstrate when searching for Mom. Jonathan, 7, attempts to take command of the operation.

"OK," he announces, in his best platoon-leader voice, "she's not in here. We need to split up. David, you go that way. Ben, you check in there. I'll go this way."

Benjamin, at 3, is chary of hunting around for a missing mommy all alone. "I think we need to work together as a team," he advises Jonathan. Jonathan is willing to let Ben tag along, just so long as the action continues and the talking is kept to a minimum. David follows. So much for Jon's plan.

When they do eventually find me, the moment is one of surpassing excitement and delight. There are shrieks and war whoops and victory dances. But while David and Ben are enjoying the moment, relishing their discovery, Jonathan is already chasing out of the room, shouting, "Let's do it again!" He is a man of action.

It confused me mightily, when Jonathan was younger, that he didn't like to be read to. Later, we discovered that he has difficulty understanding spoken language. Thirty or 40 percent of the words he hears don't get



Mona Charen

Syndicated columnist

processed, which is frustrating for him and for those around him. Add to that the physical need to be active — this is a child who does cartwheels while putting on pajamas — and you have a challenge.

Now that he is reading, his innate preference for visual learning can open the world to him. If he can hold still long enough to find it...

But at bedtime, asking Jonathan to read quietly to himself is like asking the bullet train to pull cargo. Only after he has discharged some of his rocket thrusters can he imagine settling into bed.

The oldest child sets the tone for the family in very many ways. And though David and Benjamin love to read and be read to, they soak up Jonathan's energy when he's around. Many is the night when I stand in the kids' bathroom, a Barney toothbrush in hand, while a blur of children flits by. I announce, with varying degrees of exasperation, "There will be no 10 minutes tonight if I don't see three boys in this bathroom by the time I count to

3." ("Ten minutes" is code for the special playtime before bed. It is also wildly inaccurate, since it always stretches to at least 30 minutes.)

Good cheer and a sense of humor are vital tools in the parental arsenal. It is so easy to feel persecuted by children, annoyed by their dawdling, exasperated by their lack of forethought, appalled by their table manners. But if you can manage to keep your sense of humor, you can assert authority without feeling or acting churlish.

And let's face it, children are incredibly easy to entertain. We do our own version of Fractured Fairy Tales, in which I tell a familiar story using the wrong words ("Little Red Riding Wood") or mispronounced words ("If you give a moose a muddle"). This reduces the younger two to such paroxysms of hilarity that tears roll down their dewy cheeks and they gasp for breath. With adults, I can make the occasional (OK, once in a blue moon) witty riposte, but with children, I am Bill Cosby.

They are all beyond babyhood now. None in diapers. The bottles have all been stored away. The crib stands empty, as Ben has decamped permanently for David's trundle bed. Ben is still round and diminutive, but the older two are beginning to look like little men. David is planning to be a paleontologist and president of the United States (his platform: He will not lie). Jon is going to be an athlete. Ben is thinking of becoming a fireman/astrophysicist/cowboy. I am savoring their evanescent youth.

Your risk of being murdered is slim

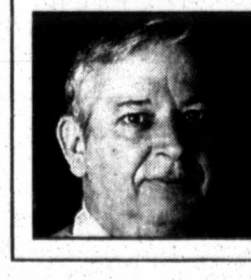
Your risk of being murdered is .00006. Actually, for most Americans, it is much less than that. The majority of American homicides involve one low-life killing another low-life.

Thus, if you stay out of the drug business, which most Americans do, and if you don't hang out with low-lives or foolishly wander into bad neighborhoods, your chances of becoming a homicide victim are very small.

In short, the danger of firearms is greatly exaggerated by politicians and press alike. In 1997, for example, 15,551 Americans were killed by firearms, compared with 28,400 who died in their homes as a result of accidents, only 1,000 of which involved firearms. Total deaths from firearms accidents were 1,500. Compare that with the 43,200 killed in vehicle accidents; the 14,900 who died in falls; the 8,600 who were killed by accidental poisoning; the 4,000 who drowned; the 3,700 who died in fires; and the 3,300 who died from the ingestion of food or some other object.

In other words, eating poses more than twice the risk of a gun in causing an accidental death.

In 1997, whereas homicides with a gun took 15,551 lives and 1,500 died from firearms accidents, 88,000 died from pneumonia and flu, 91,000 from accidents (I've subtracted the 1,500 firearms accidents), 110,000 from lung diseases, 159,000 from strokes, 537,000 from cancer and 725,000 from heart disease.



Charley Reese

Syndicated columnist

Deaths related to firearms — including murder, accidents and suicides — amount to a hair more than 1 percent of the annual deaths in the United States. Yet both politicians and press distort and exaggerate the danger of firearms to the point of hysteria.

If this two-headed demagogic monster would devote half the energy to cancer and heart disease it devotes to firearms, far more lives might be saved. Your diet and lifestyle are far more dangerous than a loaded firearm in terms of the likelihood of your being done in.

The two biggest threats to the future of American self-government are an irresponsible press and demagogues in public office. If we cannot discuss a public issue without being subjected to a totalitarian-style propaganda campaign, then we cannot really govern ourselves.

I wanted to put firearms deaths in perspective

so you can recognize that you are being subjected to a deliberate propaganda campaign.

If the politicians and the press were really interested in crime, then they would face the race factor in crime — but they both are scared to address it. The race factor is, simply stated, a hugely disproportionate amount of violent crime committed by blacks. That is not to say that race causes the crime; I'm merely pointing out that a disproportionate amount of the violent crime is being committed by blacks.

For example, I happened to have an analysis performed by the Chicago Police Department of the homicides in Chicago in 1991. There were 927 homicides. Of the offenders arrested, 702 were black, three were black Hispanics, 128 were white Hispanics and only 51 were white. Only 38 of the victims were white. Clearly, Chicago's homicide problem that year was not uniformly distributed but localized among blacks and Hispanics. Few of the homicides, by the way, involved drugs.

To back up what I said about low-lives, 61 percent of victims and 77 percent of the offenders had prior criminal offenses on their records.

So don't worry too much about being murdered, but be careful in that supermarket, restaurant and your own kitchen. Those are dangerous places. As for keeping a firearm in the home, it's safer than a car in the driveway or a swimming pool in the back yard.

Celebrating in Canadian

Agnes Adams helps herself as she goes through the serving line at the Canadian Old Timers Reunion barbecue Saturday before returning to her duties at the River Valley Pioneer Museum. "I'm going back to work as soon as I'm finished eating," she said. The museum, which had two special exhibits for the community's 111th Fourth of July celebration, enjoyed large crowds.



Heat exposure kills 2 children, 2 adults

Heat exposure is being blamed for the deaths of two children who climbed into cars as they played with siblings over the Fourth of July holiday.

Two adults died Monday of heat-related causes in Philadelphia and the deaths of a mother and daughter in Newport, Pa., were believed to be due to the weather.

In Omaha, Neb., 2 1/2-year-old Arnold Guzman died Monday after his 5-year-old brother helped him into a car, shut the door and went off to play. Authorities don't know how long Guzman was inside before his mother found him. The windows were up and temperatures inside were over 100 degrees.

"A 2 1/2-year-old can't easily get out of the car, and the kids were apparently playing in the backyard and forgot about him," police Sgt. Dan Cisar said.

In Masontown, Pa., on Sunday afternoon, a 2-year-old boy died while ducking down in the passenger seat of the family car during a game of hide-and-seek.

When Cody Britt's sisters, age 6 and 3, could not find him, the family began searching for him. On a second check of the car, they opened the passenger door and the boy tumbled out.

Cody had been inside the car for at least an hour, with outside temperatures in the high 90s, and the boy's asthma condition made the heat particularly dangerous, Fayette County Coroner Phillip Reilly said.

Philadelphia officials said 85-year-old Alice O'Malley and a 67-year-old man whose name was not immediately released died Monday as the heat reached 100 in the city.

Pennsylvania state police said Helen Mae Freet, 80, and her daughter, Rose Marie, 54, were found dead Monday in their home in Newport, about 25 miles northwest of Harrisburg.

Relatives found the women, who lived in a house that had no air conditioning and only one small fan in a window. Both also had medical conditions that may have contributed to their deaths, police said.

Railroad killer may have been in New Mexico

MOUNTAINAIR, N.M. (AP) — Two people, including a National Park Service ranger, reported seeing a man resembling the so-called Railroad Killer — the FBI's "Public Enemy No. 1" — near a New Mexico rail line Monday.

Rafael Resendez-Ramirez, 39, was placed atop the FBI's 10 Most Wanted list last month.

The initial sighting around noon Monday was near railroad tracks in the Mountainair area 40 miles southeast of Albuquerque, Torrance County Sheriff Pete Golden said. A driver traveling on a highway near the tracks reported seeing the man, Golden said.

A similar sighting was reported five miles away and 1 1/2 hours later by a park ranger at Abo, the ruins of a 379-year-old Spanish convent near Mountainair. The ruins are part of Salinas National Monument.

Golden said the Abo ranger told him: "You know, I saw a person exactly that same height and build, and he was over in an arroyo running."

The man wore no shirt and had tattoos, he said, and was running southwest down the arroyo.

"That was of concern to me. The park ranger — I know him; he's very credible," Golden said.

About 1 1/2 miles down that arroyo, heading southwest, investigators found a shirt hanging on some brush, he said.

"Where we found the shirt was right under the railroad," he said.

The Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad informed sheriff's dispatch that as many as 90 trains a day pass along those tracks, Golden said.

"The train traffic through there is incredible," he said, adding the man could easily have caught a train.

But there was no clear evidence Monday that the man was Resendez-Ramirez, a drifter from Mexico charged in two murders and linked to six others around the country.

Albuquerque FBI agent Doug Beldon said his agency is not helping in the Mountainair search.

"We have been getting a number of supposed sightings. We look into those that have the most credibility. There is no indication that this is him right now," Beldon said.

Last week, police in Las Cruces received reports of four possible sightings of Resendez-Ramirez on June 26 and 27.

One caller reported seeing him riding a train June 26, a Saturday, then jumping off near the Dona Ana County sheriff's headquarters in Las Cruces. The second sighting was at a convenience store.

On June 27, callers reported seeing him on a train and near a car wash close to New Mexico State University in Las Cruces, which is about 200 miles south of Mountainair.

Las Cruces police followed up but found no trace of him. Resendez-Ramirez has had several brushes with U.S. law enforcement officials since 1976.

Under the name of Antonio Martinez, he was arrested for burglary in Las Cruces in March 1992. At that time, he told authorities he worked in Juarez, Mexico, across the border from El Paso, at the loading dock of a trucking company.

He had been caught fleeing the home of an elderly couple where he took a gun. He pleaded guilty and received a three-year term in a New Mexico prison.

Most recently, Border Patrol agents arrested him last month at Sunland Park, N.M., adjacent to both El Paso and Las Cruces. Not realizing Resendez-Ramirez was wanted for murder, the agents deported him to Mexico.

But two days later, authorities believe he killed a 73-year-old woman west of Houston. And the following day, they believe he killed a 26-year-old Houston schoolteacher at her home.

The INS announced an investigation last week into why Resendez-Ramirez has been able to cross the border so easily and so often.

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Annual Caprock Roundup and Old Settlers Reunion in offing at Claude

CLAUDE — The 68th annual Caprock Roundup and Old Settlers Reunion will get underway with a reception and opening of Goodnight Hall from 5-8 p.m. Thursday, July 8 at Armstrong County Museum. The Hall, a new addition to the museum, will tell the story of Col. Charles Goodnight and his wife Mary Ann. Many original photographs and documents pertaining to the formation of the JA Ranch and the establishment of Goodnight's buffalo ranch will be on display in this new addition along with an original painting by Amy Winton. Prints of the painting will be on sale as a fundraiser.

The rodeo will be held at 7:30 p.m. July 9 and 10. There will be a calf scramble for the children and a Wild Mare Race each evening in addition to cowboy competition in all other rodeo events.

The Hall, a new addition to the museum, will tell the story of Col. Charles Goodnight and his wife Mary Ann.

A dance will follow each rodeo performance. The Old Settlers Registration will be Saturday, July 10. Prizes will be given for the oldest man and the oldest woman registering, the person traveling the longest distance to attend and the person who has lived in Armstrong Co. the longest. A street parade will be at 10 a.m. followed by Little Miss and Mister Pageants beginning at 11 a.m. The Junior Miss Pageant is slated at 11:30 a.m. A free barbecue will be served at 12 noon followed by Pre-Teen Pageant at 1 p.m. and Miss Armstrong County Pageant at 1:30.

At 2:30 p.m., the Gem Theatre will present Robert Joe Vandygriff who recently appeared in "Walker Texas Ranger." Vandygriff will present a special matinee performance of "The Cowboy Ain't Dead Yet." All seats are \$5 and must be reserved. Children under 12 get in for \$3.

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Just a few minutes. That's really all it takes a mobile, inquisitive child to investigate a bucket of bleach or an open bottle of medicine.

That's about the time it takes a parent or babysitter to begin to panic, trying to see if the child is injured and figuring out what to do.

"Call 1-800-POISON-1," said Dennis Perrotta, chief of the Bureau of Epidemiology at Texas Department of Health. That toll-free number will link a caller anywhere in Texas to a regional Poison Control Center. At the answering end will be a nurse or pharmacist — a person specially trained in poison information — to help 24-hours a day, any day of the year.

For more than five years, the centers — set up by the Texas Legislature at sites in Amarillo, Dallas,

El Paso, Galveston, San Antonio and Temple — have been supplying assistance and information to people whose poison problems include everything from over-the-counter and prescription drugs to paints, pesticides, chemicals, plants, snake and insect bites.

Callers do not even need to know where their regional office is, Perrotta said. "The system automatically routes the caller to the closest center. But if that center is busy, the call is rolled to another. Callers just need to hang on. They will not get a busy signal."

That's good news to the more than 350,000 callers the system serves yearly, more than half of whom have poison exposure problems. There were 717 poisoning deaths in Texas in 1997, the last year for which complete statistics are available. The question sometimes arises, then, of whether to call the poison control hotline and/or dial 9-1-1 for emergency services.

"Both will work," Perrotta said. "If the person is unconscious," Perrotta said, "get emergency help right now." Otherwise, he said, phone 1-800-POISON-1 (1-800-764-7661).

"These are the poison experts. They will know if someone needs to go to a hospital." For the best help, be able to tell the age and weight of the victim, the substance involved, how much was taken, when the exposure occurred, symptoms, any existing health conditions and your name, telephone number and location.

"The poison specialist can refer the caller to the nearest hospital, if needed, and then call that hospital with the necessary information," Perrotta said. "If the person is treated at home, the center specialist calls back, often as many as three times, to check on the patient."

The main drug exposure calls are about pain relievers such as aspirin, cold and cough preparations, ointments, sedatives and vitamins. Household cleansers, cosmetics, bites, plants and foreign objects bring the most calls about general poison concerns. Other problems arise from common household items such as perfume and aftershave, cosmetics, eye drops, furniture polish, laundry soap, alcoholic beverages and broken plaster.

Poison-proofing a home can begin with locking away potentially harmful products and medica-

tions. Store products only in their original containers. Never transfer contents to other containers, especially cups, bottles or dishes. Use child-resistant caps on medications and never give or take medications in the dark. Always put products away immediately after use. And never leave children alone with household products — even for just a few minutes.

Although many calls concern children, others come from people who may have been bitten or come in contact with a poison themselves or are calling about an elderly person. Information also is available in several languages and for the hearing impaired.

The Texas Poison Control Network, a joint effort by TDH and the Advisory Commission on State Emergency Communications (also known as the 9-1-1 Commission), is funded through a surcharge on long-distance telephone calls within Texas. The specially trained team at each site includes, along with nurses and pharmacists, paramedics and medical toxicologists on call to provide up-to-date information and education.

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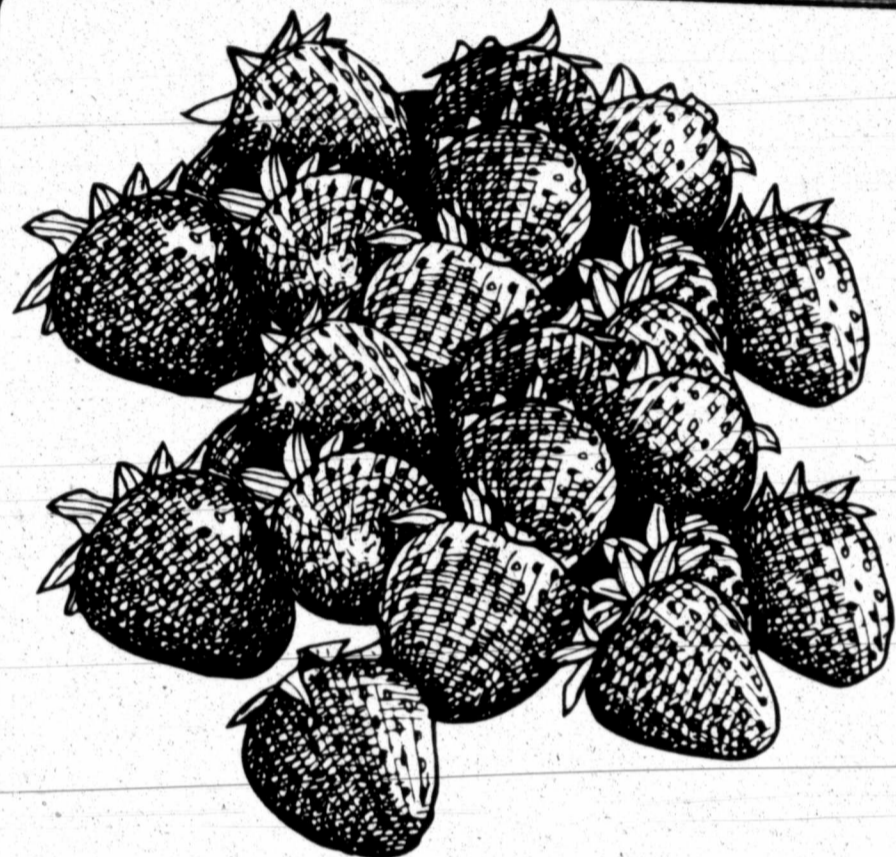
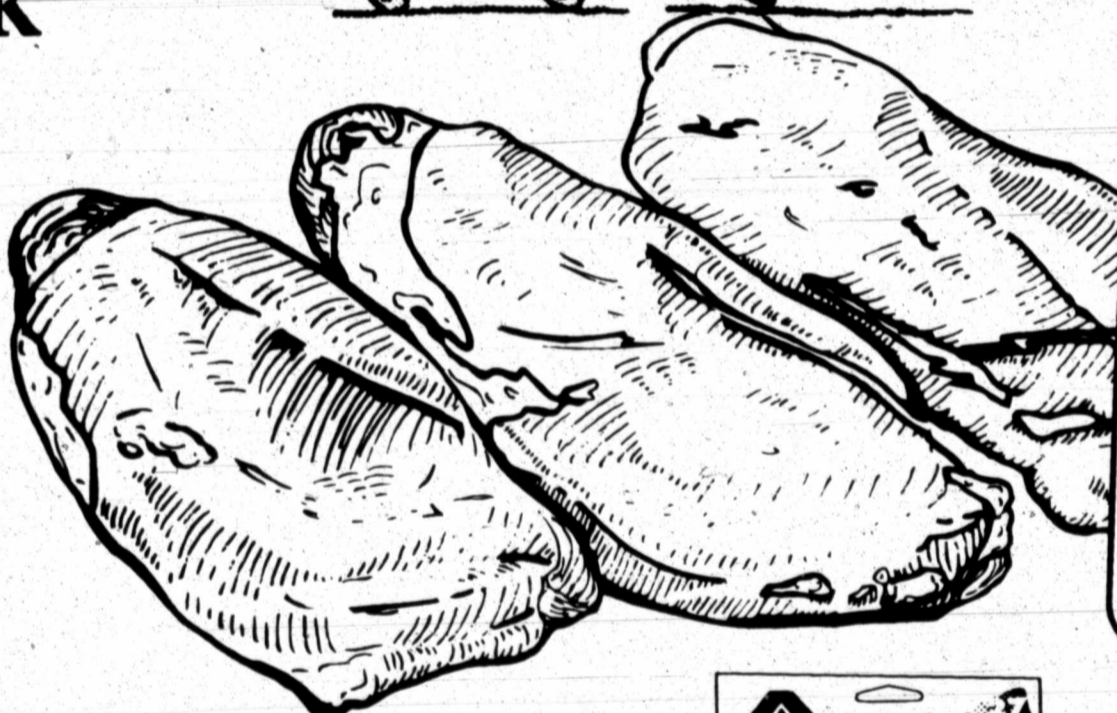


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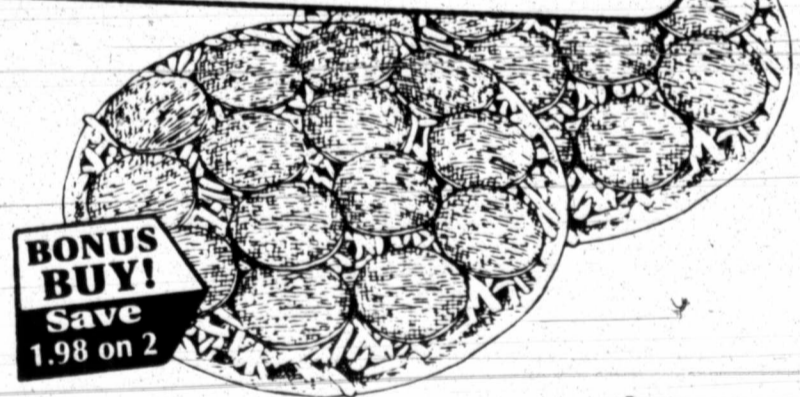


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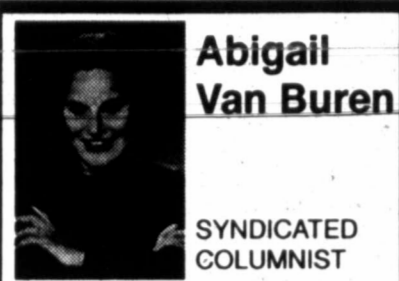
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Wife Seeks Way to Cut Off Harassment by Other Woman

DEAR ABBY: I have been married for 11 years. My husband began working the night shift, and after about 10 months of his throwing a co-worker and her family and me and my child together for barbecues, parties, etc., I found a love letter to him.

My husband and I are living in the same house until we can afford to get divorced or separated. The woman keeps calling here saying ugly things to me and calling me names. My soon-to-be-ex has told me they had only a one-time fling and they are "just friends" now. What should I do about the other woman? I want to be left alone, but it will be another month or so before I can move out.



Abigail Van Buren

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they are "just friends," tell him that you want the harassment to stop or you will ask the woman's husband to stop it. He'll see that she gets the message. If the calls continue — keep your word.

expected to do the same. It is still commonly felt that girls are regarded as "sluts" if they participate in sexual activities, but men are admired because they are "players" or "studs."

If a family has both a son and a daughter, they should instill the same morals in both of them. If their daughter should save sex for marriage, so should their son.

Abby, your comment took us back to the age of the double standard — something this generation is desperately trying to do away with.

ANONYMOUS IN NEW JERSEY

DEAR ANONYMOUS: Guilty as charged. Old habits die hard. Of course I agree there should be no double standard. I apologize for the slip of the pen and will try hard not to repeat it.

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She is married with children and her husband is willing to work it out with her, but I am pretty sure he doesn't know she is still calling here, and my husband is still calling her. I believe their affair is still going on, because once you catch a liar you never know what the truth is.

DEBBIE IN MEMPHIS

DEAR DEBBIE: It appears the "other woman" is trying to harass and stampee you. Are you sure that separation or divorce is what you really want? Perhaps counseling for you and your husband could help to heal your marriage. It has worked in countless other cases.

Since your husband says

DEAR ABBY: I'm responding to the letter from "Proud Mother in Illinois," who wrote that her daughter asked for, and received, a promise ring. I agree that these rings are a good idea. They promote conversations about serious topics such as sex, drugs and alcohol.

Abby, in my high school, men as well as women wear these rings as a symbol of their morals and beliefs.

What I wish to comment on is your statement that this custom allows parents and daughters to discuss and reinforce their family values. That comment is a stereotypical example of something my age group is trying to overcome and terminate. Girls should not be the only ones expected to abstain from premarital sex; boys should be

logic. You make headway financially and come out on top. Be careful with an important relationship. You could feel pressured by another. Focus on your ideals. You have many choices. Tonight: Where the gang is.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

Take your feelings about others into account. Be direct when dealing with bosses. Your ability to read between the lines adds to your desirability. Juggling your home and professional lives could leave you overwhelmed. Tonight: Listen to another's feedback — you may not have a choice!

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

One-to-one relating breaks a pattern this morning, allowing more caring into a key relationship. You may not always have the right idea, but you do care. Tempers flare when you least expect. Confirm plans and meetings. Detach. Don't be triggered by events. Tonight: Play on the Internet.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

Others do their share to let you know how much they care. You walk into work feeling like a winner. Be careful about spending; it could get way out of hand before you realize. Keep an even, steady hand with partners and co-workers. Tonight: Another surprise you!

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

You might not understand what another is trying to tell you. Don't let frustration get to you. Keep asking questions. Your good will and positive nature come out; others appreciate your good intentions. An offer seems too good to believe, so check it out. Tonight: Let others entertain you!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Use your creativity to come up with decisions that work. You might feel that another is not contributing his share of time and energy. Watch how you challenge this person. Be positive and find ways to charge his interest. Cut out of work early. Tonight: Take time for yourself.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

You wake up beaming. You could feel challenged by another and pulled in two separate directions simultaneously. Juggle different demands in your life. Tap into your ingenuity. Let another encourage you. A risk just might work. Tonight: Take a midweek break.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

Determine what works with a child or loved one. Your caring means a lot to another. You feel that you are making headway with a key project. Your sense of humor comes out with a family member. He might need you far more than you realize. Tonight: Let confusion prevail, and try to enjoy it.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

Make that important call or buy that special card. Though another might challenge you, you know exactly what you want. Remain upbeat. Keep communication flowing. Others respond to your gestures. Tonight: You don't have to know what or where, just go with the moment.

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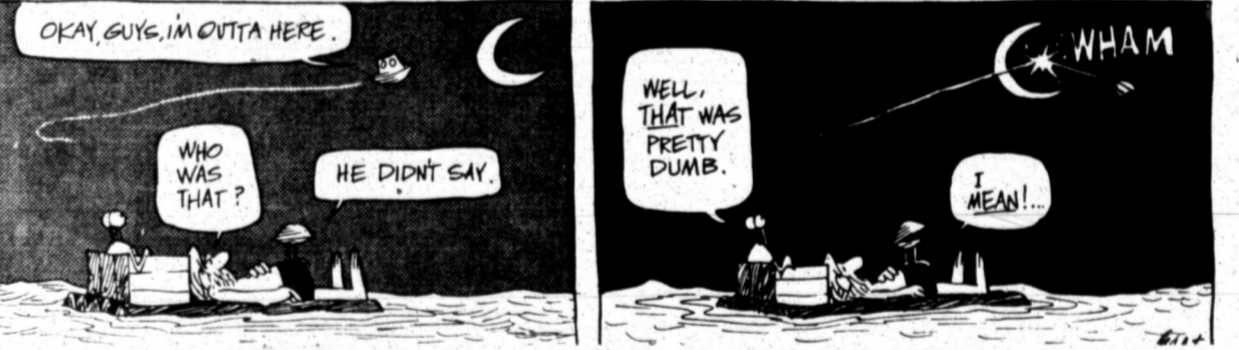
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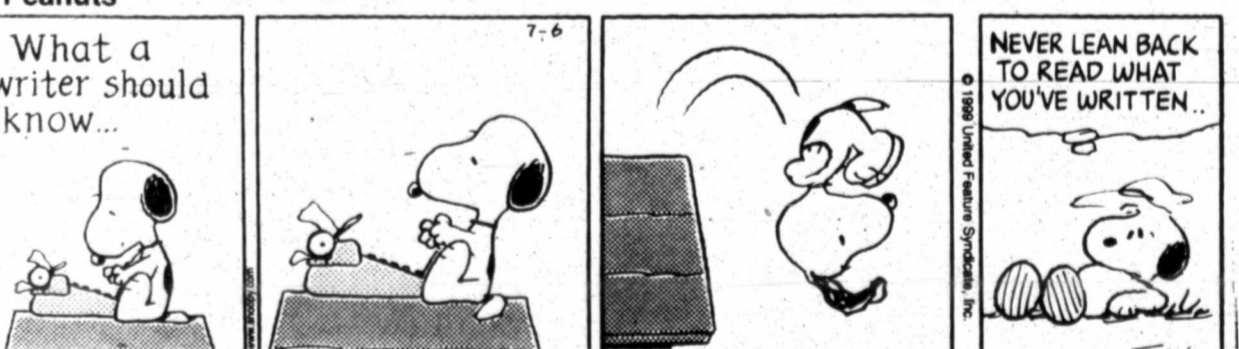
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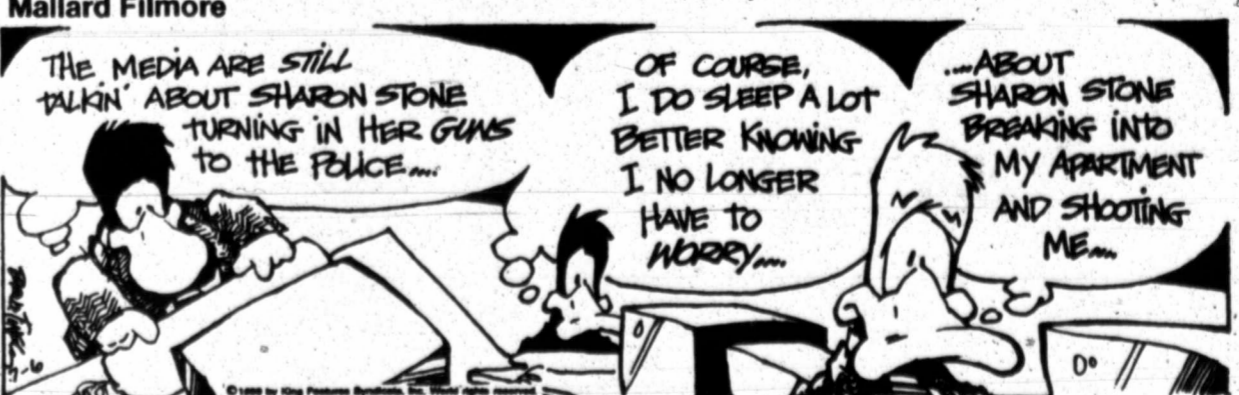
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Horoscope

WEDNESDAY, JULY 7, 1999

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 wake up on the right side of the bed and breeze into work. Problems with your hot temper still need tending, however. Others seem bent on irritating you. Seize the day; clear the air. Make new resolutions, rather than becoming self-destructive. Tonight: Balance your budget.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

Your smile and charisma speak volumes. Another's tantrum could actually come from feelings of neglect or jealousy. Be indulgent. Let a loved one know how much you care. You're in a rare position to pick and choose from many possibilities. Tonight: Shop for art, clothes, jewelry.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

Pull back and determine what you want. Though you have the best intentions and another clearly hears you, a misunderstanding may pop up out of the blue. Carefully evaluate what is going on. Make sure you know what you want. You land on your feet. Tonight: Take a break.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

Build on the existing status quo. A boss finally agrees with your

Crossword Puzzle

By THOMAS JOSEPH

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SPORTS

No-throw key as Rangers fall to A's

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — A play the Texas Rangers didn't make turned out to be the key play of the game against the Oakland Athletics.

Rookie Tim Hudson allowed only one run in seven innings and John Jaha drove in the go-ahead runs as the Athletics defeated the Rangers 4-2 Monday night.

Jason Giambi went 4-for-4 and Tony Phillips had two hits, including career No. 2,000, as the Athletics won for just the fourth time in 12 games.

The turning point came with two outs in the sixth inning and Oakland trailing 1-0.

With Ben Grieve on first, Phillips on third and Jaha at the plate, Grieve took off for second and the Rangers let him go without a throw.

Three pitches later, Jaha singled to put the A's in front 2-1.

Rangers manager Johnny Oates took the blame, saying he gave catcher Ivan Rodriguez the sign not to throw to second on an attempted steal.

"Pudge did exactly what he was told to do," Oates said. "I was trying to outthink the whole ballclub there."

Oakland manager Art Howe said the steal was called from the dugout.

"We took a shot at it and it paid off," Howe said. "I guess they felt (John) Burkett could get Jaha."

After Jaha's single knocked out Burkett, Matt Stairs added an RBI single off Mike Munoz, and Ramon Hernandez followed with an RBI single off Tim Crabtree.

"That was a big knock for Jaha," Howe said. "It put the momentum in our dugout and it

seemed to spread."

Burkett (2-4) got his first loss since May 17 despite pitching 5 2-3 strong innings. He had allowed only two runs in his previous 18 innings before the A's scored four times in the sixth.

"I thought I threw some good pitches. Jaha just doinked it out to left field," Burkett said.

Hudson (4-1) gave up five hits, struck out seven and lowered his ERA to 2.54.

"I was able to make some pitches when I needed to," Hudson said. "I'm giving up more hits than I'm used to, but I'm sticking to my game. It's worked for me so far."

The Rangers closed to 4-2 on Ivan Rodriguez's solo homer in the eighth off reliever Doug Jones, but Billy Taylor got the final four outs for his 20th save.

Oakland turned four double plays in support of Hudson, who made his sixth career start. His only loss came at Texas on June 24, when he allowed five runs in six innings.

"I'd rather not be in that situation, but any time you get double plays it makes it a lot easier," Hudson said. "The defense was solid."

Texas outfielder Juan Gonzalez, who asked not to be selected as a reserve for the AL All-Star team because he's upset, at not being voted a starter, got his 77th RBI when he singled home Mark McLemore in the first inning. McLemore opened the game with a double.

The Rangers turned two unconventional double plays behind Burkett.

After catching Stairs' fly ball in center field in the second,

Roberto Kelly threw out Giambi, who had tagged on the play, at second base.

In the fifth, Rodriguez threw out Giambi trying to steal after Stairs struck out.

Notes: The Rangers are leading their division at the halfway point for the fifth time in club history.

Rodriguez was voted the AL's starting catcher in the All-Star game for the seventh consecutive year.

Oakland outfielder Tim Lincecum needs to score one more run to move into 43rd on the career list ahead of Hugh Carey. Both are at 1,545. Giambi is hitting .520 (13-for-25) on the current home-stand.

Taylor has 12 saves against Texas, his most against any club.

Gonzalez has driven in 51 of his 77 runs on the road.

Notebook Correction

In the Monday edition of the Pampa News, a picture of Cabot Corporation baseball team, this year's Major Bambino City Tournament runner-up, did not include the names of Josh Reynolds and Larry Clark. Both Clark and Reynolds were members of the team, but were not pictured.

Softball

PAMPA — The City of Pampa Recreation Department will be offering the following leagues for Fall Softball: Men's Open, Women's Open and Mixed Open.

Entry fees or sponsor's fees for teams are \$200 per team (\$185 if team is already sanctioned). The player's fee is \$12 per player with a minimum of 11 persons for Men's Open, Women's Open and 12 persons for Mixed Open.

Entry deadline is July 9 at 5 p.m. and there will be no teams added after this date.

Schedules will be available after 1 p.m. on July 15 at the Recreation Office.

Play will begin on July 19, for Men's Open and Women's Open and July 20, for Mixed Open.

Tennis

The Pampa Open Tennis Tournament, originally set for July 10 and 11, has been rescheduled for July 31-Aug. 1.

The tournament dates were changed due to tennis court construction.

Those already signed up will be automatically entered in the rescheduled tournament.

For information, contact Carolyn Quarles at 655-9401.

Basketball

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. (AP) — Rudy Tomjanovich of the Houston Rockets is recovering from "extreme physical exhaustion" and won't coach the United States during an Olympic qualifying tournament this month.

Tomjanovich spent Friday and Saturday in the hospital, and Rockets team doctor Jim Muntz suggested that he take about a month off from work, according to team spokesman Tim Frank.

Philadelphia 76ers coach Larry Brown will replace Tomjanovich for the tournament in Puerto Rico on July 14-25, according to USA Basketball.

But Tomjanovich apparently will still coach the U.S. team at the 2000 Olympics in Sydney, Australia.

"We've been given no indication by USA Basketball that this will affect Rudy's status for 2000," Frank said.

At a news conference Monday night at the Rockets' training center in Houston, Tomjanovich looked healthy but was low-key.

"I'm disappointed and I'm going to do my best to recharge myself and get ready for the coming season," he said.

The USA team, which begins training Tuesday, includes San Antonio's Tim Duncan and New York's Allan Houston.

The United States, which has won gold medals at the last two Olympics, must finish among the top two teams in the 10-team tournament to earn a berth in the 2000 Olympics.

Brown, who along with Purdue's Gene Keady and Kentucky's Tubby Smith were named as assistants, has served on three USA Basketball coaching staffs.



Pampa's 11-12 year-old All-Star softball team includes (l-r): front row; Kellie Mullican, Samantha Cenicerros, Teryn Garner and Wendi Miller; middle row; Skye Niccum, Kari Terrell, Autumn Schaub, Amy Youree, Jennie Rogers and Jaclyn Spearman; back row; Doug Youree, James Schaub, Terry Garner and Jackie Gerber. Not pictured is Morgan Meharg.

11-12 All-Stars streak past Canadian

Pampa's 11-12-year-old softball team exploded for 22 runs in the first round of the area tournament against Canadian here in Pampa Monday night.

Canadian jumped to an early one-run lead in the top of the first inning, but Pampa pitcher Taryn Garner was able to strike out the side to end the early threat.

Pampa retaliated in the bottom of the first inning, notching 13 runs and sending 16 batters to the plate. Shortstop Wendi Miller's in-the-park home run highlighted the offensive flurry.

Pampa's defense held Canadian scoreless in the second inning, thanks in part to a highlight reel diving catch by catcher Jennie Rogers.

Pampa added six more runs in the bottom of the second, paced by the power hitting of Garner, who cashed in with an in-the-park home run, Miller, who smashed a triple, and doubles by Autumn Schaub and Skye Niccum. Jaclyn Spearman and Kellie Mullican added base hits during the inning.

Pampa added three runs in the

third inning. The fireworks were provided by Mullican, who clocked a triple before finishing the game on the mound.

Garner earned the win, striking out seven batters in three innings of work.

Amy Youree, Morgan Meharg and Jackie Gerber all scored runs for Pampa.

Dumas defeated Berger in the evening's other tournament game. Pampa will play Wednesday evening at 8 p.m. against either Stinnett or Spearman.

9-10 All-Stars blank Borger

The Pampa 9-10-year-old All-Star softball team blanked Borger 10-0 in the opening round of the district softball tournament Monday night at the Optimist Park.

Pitchers Stephanie McVay and Britteni Rice held Borger hitless while striking out seven.

The leading hitters for Pampa were: Nicole Clark, who posted a home run and a single; Cassidy Tice, who notched two singles; Erika Silva, who posted two singles; Rice, who nailed two singles; Krista McClelland, who hit a single and McVay, who also notched a single.

Pampa's leading defenders during the contest were Tice, Clark, McVay and Kenzi Nickell.

The squad will return to action this evening at 8 p.m. against Dumas in the second round of the tournament at the Optimist Park softball field.

Posada apologizes to umpires

NEW YORK (AP) — All Jorge Posada could do was apologize. So admitting he'd made a mistake, the New York Yankees catcher marched into the umpires' dressing room Monday and told Greg Kosc's crew he was sorry.

A day earlier, after Kosc left in the seventh inning because of heat exhaustion, Posada popped off about umpires and said, "The bottom line is the guys are not in shape."

When Posada woke up Monday morning and read his comments in the newspaper, however, he realized he was

wrong. "I said something I shouldn't have said," Posada said. "There was a lot of frustration built up. I'm going to tell the guy I'm

sorry. Hopefully, he's here today."

Kosc was not present when Posada made his apology before the Yankees lost to Baltimore 9-1.

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Pudge to appear in eighth All-Star game

NEW YORK (AP) — Nomar Garciaparra and four Cleveland Indians proved there are different ways to successfully campaign for an All-Star game.

The Boston Red Sox went to the Internet to get Garciaparra elected as the American League's starting shortstop Monday. The Indians used the highest attendance in the majors to send nearly half their lineup to Fenway Park on July 13.

"It's just that different cities do different things," said AL manager Joe Torre, whose World Series champion New York Yankees had no starters elected for the second straight year. "I think they do more politicking and lobbying in other ballparks."

The Indians, who also have the best record in baseball, will start Jim Thome (1,364,692) at first base, Roberto Alomar (2,793,891) at second, and Kenny Lofton (1,676,595) and Manny Ramirez (1,898,430) in the outfield.

They also had four second-place finishers and David Justice was the fourth outfielder.

But in the biggest shakeup of the final week, Garciaparra overcame a 30,655-vote deficit to pass the Yankees' Derek Jeter and Cleveland's Omar Vizquel.

"I'm probably as shocked as you guys," Garciaparra said. "It's an honor. It's nice when it's at home."

Paul Beeston, baseball's chief operating officer, said last Thursday none of the Internet votes had been counted until the last week. Fans were allowed to vote 22 times on the Internet — the average number of home games for each team during the balloting.

Garciaparra apparently benefited from Boston's aggressive campaigning on-line. Garciaparra finished with 1,089,974 votes, 20,466 ahead of Jeter (1,069,528). Vizquel was third with 1,038,362.

"The fans are going to vote for who they want to see," Jeter said. "I don't think you can go wrong with a number of shortstops in our league."

Ken Griffey Jr. is the leading All-Star vote-getter for the fourth straight year and seventh time overall. Elected to start for the 10th consecutive time in the outfield, he got 2,918,055 votes.

"Fans want to see their favorite players and guys they think are deserving of going. So when they choose you, it's an honor," Griffey said.

The rest of the AL starting lineup: Texas' Ivan Rodriguez (1,897,774) at catcher, Baltimore's Cal Ripken (1,285,728) at third base and Tampa Bay's Jose Canseco (1,664,282) at designated hitter.

"I've come full circle," said Canseco, who made the team for the first time since 1992. "I went from being the best baseball player in the world, hands down by far at one point, to more or less almost an outcast."

Six of the nine starters also were picked by fans last year. Ramirez took the place of Texas' Juan Gonzalez, who said he won't play this year because he is not starting, and Garciaparra made it ahead of Seattle's Alex Rodriguez. There was no DH last season.

Rodriguez will make his eighth straight All-Star appearance and Alomar was elected for the eighth time.

Ripken will make his 17th consecutive All-Star appearance and 16th straight start. Ripken, who led balloting in 1992 and '95, ties Rod Carew as the only players elected to start 15 times — in 1988 Alan Trammell was elected but got hurt and Ripken started in his place.

"There was a lot of uncertainty at the start of the year, with my father passing away and a major injury," Ripken said. "I was able to heal up physically, and it looks like I was able to heal up mentally."

Shortstop was the most competitive position, with the three teams actively campaigning.

Torre argued Jeter's case through the media, the Red Sox stumped for Garciaparra on the Internet and the Indians flashed nightly scoreboard messages at Jacobs Field urging fans to push Vizquel over the top.

In the end, it was the modern technique, and Garciaparra's performance, that won out. Garciaparra is hitting .366, with 14 homers and 57 RBIs.

Jeter is second in the AL with a .372 average and has 14 homers and 58 RBIs. Vizquel is batting .336 average with two homers, 35 RBIs and 17 stolen bases.

"Who's to say who should start," Garciaparra said. "When I look at Derek, looking at what he's doing this year, it's unbelievable. If you ask me, I believe he deserves to start."

Griffey gets \$100,000 bonus for getting elected and having the most AL votes, and will get an additional \$25,000 if he's the major league leader. Ripken also gets a \$100,000 bonus.

Alomar, Garciaparra, Canseco, Lofton, Ramirez, Rodriguez and Thome each get \$50,000.

NL starters will be released today and reserves for both leagues will be announced Wednesday.

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Reds streak past Astros 5-2

CINCINNATI (AP) — The Houston Astros left town hot, hurt and hanging on to second place.

It wasn't at all what they'd hoped for this weekend in Cincinnati.

The Reds gained a split of their broiling weekend series and regained sole possession of first place Monday with a 5-2 victory that hinted at interesting times ahead in the NL Central.

"We're right there with them," Reds manager Jack McKeon said. "It's going to be neck-and-neck between the two clubs. I think we're the best (teams) in our division."

The four-game series showed that for the moment, the Reds are in better shape. Ron Villone (4-2), who dominated the Astros in their climate-controlled dome two weeks ago, handled their lineup again Monday on a field akin to a skillet.

The left-hander allowed only six hits over seven innings and threw 100 pitches in heat so bad that players wore cabbage leaves soaked in ammonia under their caps to keep from melting down. A thermometer placed on the artificial turf in the sun registered 154 degrees before the first pitch.

Even skeptics decided to try

extreme measures like the cabbage leaves to keep from boiling over.

"They say that Babe Ruth did it," Cincinnati's Sean Casey said. "If the Bambino can do it, we can do it."

In the middle of the overheated diamond was Villone, who has made one of the major leagues' most amazing turnarounds in his last three starts. He made his first 162 major league appearances out of the bullpen and got the chance to start when the Reds' rotation was thinned by injury.

His first three starts were so bad — 13 runs in 10 innings — that the Reds nearly moved him back to the bullpen. Given one more chance, Villone has made three sensational starts — a one-hitter for seven innings in Houston, a two-hitter for eight against Arizona and Monday's sizzling performance.

"What a lifesaver he's been," McKeon said. "He's come out of nowhere and picked us up when we needed it. He's a guy who took an opportunity and ran with it."

Villone went 21 2-3 innings without allowing a homer before Matt Mieske hit a two-run shot in the seventh inning Monday. His three-game totals: 22 innings, eight hits, two runs, a

0.82 earned run average.

"All I wanted was a chance, an opportunity," Villone said. "I've got a lot more to accomplish and so do we."

"We've all got an idea of what we can do in the future."

After sweeping a seven-game trip through Arizona and Houston and then going 5-2 on a homestand against the same two teams, the small-market Reds are enjoying their metamorphosis into contender.

"It makes it fun when you can come in with a lot on the line and you're winning games," said Aaron Boone, who had three hits for the second consecutive game.

The weekend was hardly fun for the Astros. They lost the second game of the series 10-0, their most lopsided defeat in three years.

Worse, injuries left them scrambling to find pitchers throughout the series. Starter Sean Bergman went on the disabled list, reliever Brian Williams pulled a chest muscle and Mike Hampton missed Monday's start because of a sore wrist. Chris Holt (1-9) filled in and took the loss, giving up 10 hits and five runs in 5 1-3 innings.

"We came in here, we lost three pitchers on this trip and

we're going through some tough times because of that," interim manager Matt Galante said. "We ended up 2-2 here and we feel like we could've won three, but it didn't happen."

Instead, the Reds came away convinced that when the two teams meet for the final time on Sept. 28, the playoffs will be at stake.

"I think they went back home realizing, 'These guys can play with us. We're not running away with this thing,'" McKeon said.

Notes: Astros catcher Tony Eusebio left the game after a foul tip off his mask off in the seventh. X-rays found no fracture and he was taken to a hospital for a precautionary test to make sure there was no blood in his right eye. ... The Astros are 46-35 at the midpoint, not counting their suspended game against San Diego. They were 49-32 last season, when they won the NL Central for a second consecutive season. ... Mieske's homer was the first allowed by Villone this season. ... The only longer scoreless inning streak in the majors was by Reds reliever Scott Williamson, who put together 23 2-3 innings from April 30 to June 11. ... Barry Larkin singled in his first at-bat, extending his hitting streak to 15 games.

U.S. squad gets ready for China

By BARRY WILNER
AP Sports Writer

PASADENA, Calif. (AP) — After playing five World Cup games in two weeks, the U.S. and Chinese women won't be complaining about four straight days of practice.

They'll practically relish the break from competition. The Chinese, who have been the strongest team in the tournament, crisscrossed the country so often they probably have enough frequent flyer miles to get back home for free. The Americans didn't have such travel woes, but they had far more difficult knockout-round games.

Nor are these teams used to such a frenetic playing schedule. Indeed, the women will have played six games in three weeks to decide their title.

The men play seven games in more than four weeks in their World Cup.

"We weren't rested very often," China Coach Ma Yuan said. But they didn't seem to be dragging in a 5-0 victory over defending champion Norway in the semifinals. That rout was the most impressive win in what has been a terrific year for the Chinese.

So they've earned their respite, although Ma has promised their practices "will be like matches."

The Americans, whose advancement to the finals has featured some brilliant play and some very spotty moments, particularly on defense, did look exhausted in their 2-0 win against Brazil on Sunday.

Not surprisingly, coach Tony DiCicco canceled Monday's workout.

"We definitely were a little tired, and so was Brazil," U.S. star Mia Hamm said. "We weren't as sharp as we can be, and maybe that was a little fatigue playing a part."

"But we've got five days between games, and we'll be ready by Saturday."

While the Chinese, who also won the prestigious Algarve Cup over the Americans this year before splitting two games in the United States, don't appear to need much work on anything, Ma decided to nitpick.

"After we led 2-0, some of the team members were making constant errors," Ma said. "In the first half, there were two opportunities which the players didn't maximize. If we did, the game would have been easier."

DiCicco won't be nitpicking when he brings up the gaps in the defense that have given all but one U.S. opponent ample opportunity to score. Only the steady and sometimes spectacular work of goalkeeper Briana Scurry has kept the yield down to three goals.

He also will have the Americans working on shooting more quickly when they get into position. Hamm, the international career goals leader who hasn't scored in three games, was especially hesitant about shooting against the Brazilians.

"We have the players who can find the back of the net consistently," DiCicco said. "We'll be calling on them to do it one more time on Saturday."

Herschiser to pitch on one day of rest

NEW YORK (AP) — Eleven years later, Orel Herschiser has a chance to show whether he's still the "Bulldog."

Herschiser, who made five starts and one relief appearance during a 16-day span in the 1988 postseason, will have a career first tonight: starting with just one day of rest.

And he's doing it at age 40, on a night when it's expected to be close to 100 degrees with high humidity.

"It's exciting because you get to do something you never do," he said, "unless you get bombed as a starter and get right back out there."

On Sunday, Herschiser allowed four homers for the second time in 484 career appearances, giving up six runs and six hits in 2 2-3 innings during the New York Mets' 7-6 win over Atlanta. He made 52 pitches, and today would have been his regular day to throw.

Instead, Mets manager Bobby Valentine reshuffled his pitching rotation following Monday's 2-1 win over Montreal and Herschiser (8-5) will start tonight in place of rookie Octavio Dotel (1-1) against Carl Pavano (6-6).

Valentine said giving Masato Yoshii and his ailing knee an extra day between starts was the reason for the change, but it's logical to assume Valentine didn't want Dotel pitching

against the New York Yankees on Sunday in the final game before the All-Star break.

"Whatever Bobby says is what happened," Herschiser said.

While he's never started twice in three days, Herschiser started three times on three days' rest and once on two days' rest during the 1988 postseason, and even made a relief appearance the day after a start.

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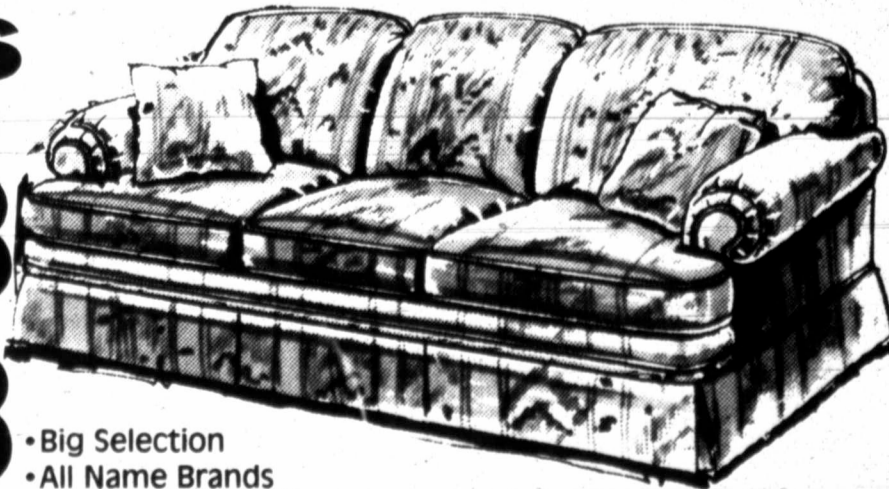
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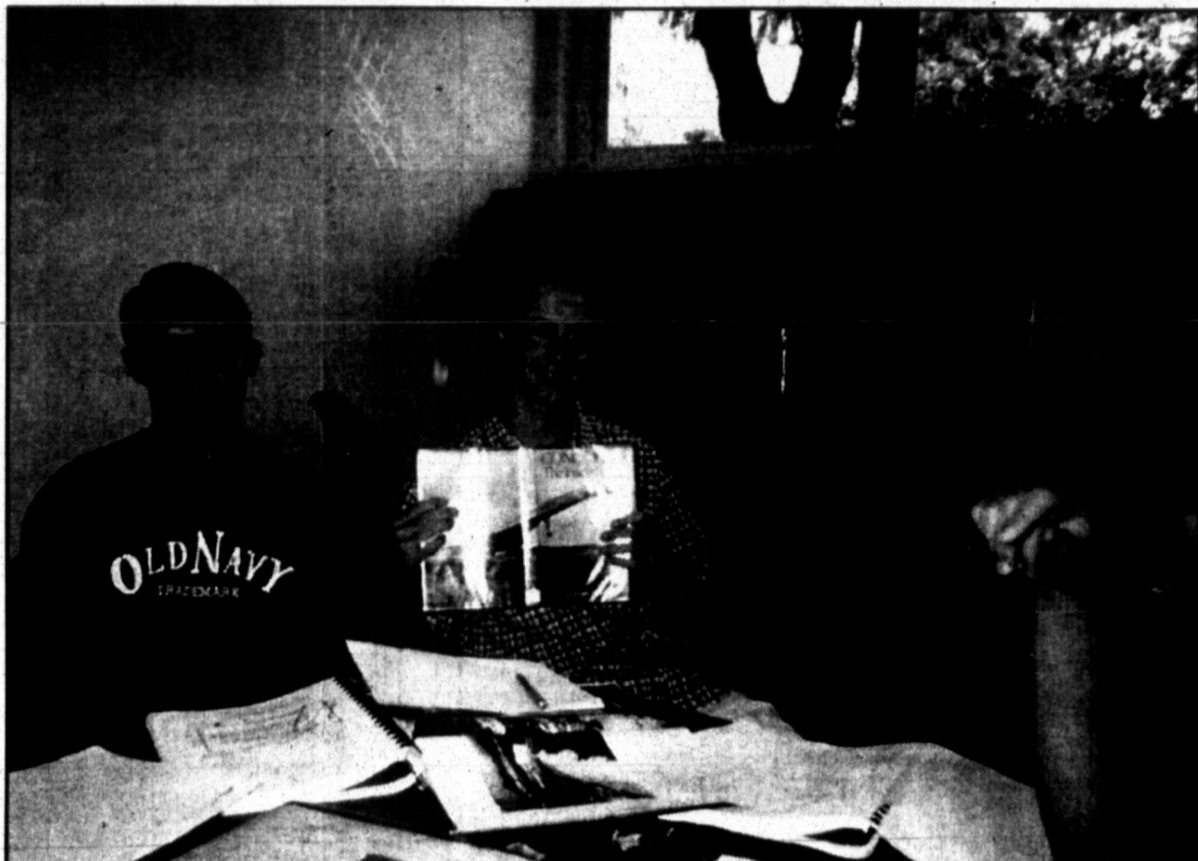
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Trivia Tracking



(Special photo)

Some incoming freshmen recently participated in Pampa High School's Superintendent Enrichment Program "Trivia Tracking: Session II" at Lovett Memorial Library. Above are Justin Haddock and Alex Slaybough explaining a possible trip to London on the Concorde. Also pictured is Eric Scroggins.

Physics is 'Phun'



(Special photo)

Some Pampa Middle School students recently participated in the Superintendent Scholar's Summer Enrichment 1999 Program "Physics is 'Phun.'" Constructing a roller coaster called "The Deadly Spider" are Collin Bowers, Stewart Curry and Nick Story.

Williams honors student-teacher duo

TULSA, Okla. — Ashleigh McWilliams, a 1999 graduate of Pampa High School, and one of her teachers, Beth Shannon, have been honored by Williams, an energy and communications company.

Williams sponsors an annual scholarship program through its Mid-America Pipeline subsidiary. Pampa High School has had a winner every year during the program's four-year history.

Ashleigh is the recipient of a \$1,000 college scholarship and plans to a pre-med degree at Texas Tech University in Lubbock. The award is based on academic performance, career goals and involvement in school activities.

The daughter of Betty and Dwayne Meadows and Jim and Martha McWilliams, Ashleigh was the chaplain for the marching band and a member of the National Honor Society, Color Guard and Fellowship of



Ashleigh McWilliams

Christian Musicians. She ranked seventh academically in a class of 262 students.

Scholarship winners also may name a teacher to receive a \$500 cash award from Williams, which honors educators for helping students excel in the classroom and in life.

McWilliams chose science teacher Beth Shannon, saying, "She pushes me to achieve things I never thought I could."

"Outstanding students and teachers deserve respect and appreciation. That's why Williams is happy to recognize Ashleigh and Beth for their talent and leadership," said Rick Archer, area manager for Williams. "Our company is committed to providing young people with opportunities to fulfill their potential."

Williams is presenting 23 scholarships and 23 teacher awards this year throughout the Midwest, Southwest and Rocky Mountain states. Ninety-seven students have received scholarships through Williams' Mid-America program since 1996.

Tulsa-based Williams operates a network of energy-distributing pipelines and high-speed fiber-optic cables that carry voice, data and video communications.

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POISON

About 80 percent of the time the victim does not need to go to the emergency room, saving time and money for the family and the health system. Perotta said that "estimates show that for every \$1 spent on the poison control center, about \$7 in treatment cost is saved."

Immediate emergency action for poisoning

•**Inhaled poison:** Immediately get the person to fresh air. Avoid breathing fumes. Open all doors and windows. If victim is not breathing, start CPR.

•**Poison on the skin:** Remove contaminated clothing and flood the skin with water for 10 minutes. Then wash gently with soap and water and rinse.

•**Poison in the eye:** Flood the eye with lukewarm (not hot) water poured from a large glass held about 3 inches from the eye. Repeat for 15 minutes. Have the person blink as much as possible while flooding the eye. Do not force the eyelid open.

•**Swallowed poison:** Medicines: Do not give anything by mouth until you have called for professional advice. Chemicals or household products: Unless the person is unconscious, having convulsions or cannot swallow, give a glass of water immediately. Then call for professional advice about whether the person should vomit. Have the label ready when you call.

•**Syrup of ipecac:** Always keep a 1-ounce bottle of syrup of ipecac on hand for each child in the house. Use only on advice of the poison control center, emergency medical service or physician.

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