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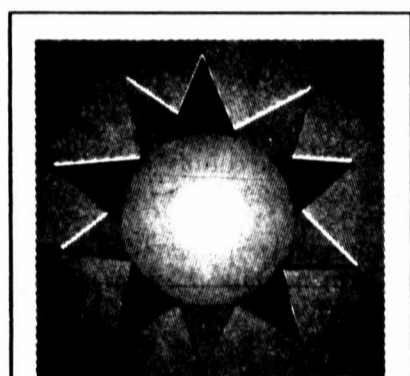
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Altrusa Style Show Saturday
 PAMPA — Altrusa International, Inc., of Pampa will hold its eighth annual style show at 10 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 5 in the Heritage Room of M.K. Brown Auditorium. The theme for this year's event is "A Taste of Fashion" and guests will be treated to various recipes prepared by local club members. A major fundraiser, proceeds benefit community service projects such as Adult Vocational Award, PHS Career Clinic and Salvation Army Angel Tree and projects at Lamar Elementary School, Tralee Crisis Center, Adult Sheltered Workshop, Senior Citizens Center and Schneider House. Models will be showing fashions from local stores including: Bealls, Dunlaps, Images, V.J.'s Fashions, Wayne's Western Wear, Kid's Stuff, Alco and Wal-Mart. Tickets will be available at the door or may be purchased in advance from any Altrusa member.

American Airlines settles lawsuit
 FORT WORTH, (AP) — American Airlines has agreed to pay up to \$500,000 to settle a government lawsuit claiming the airline engaged in discriminatory hiring practices, the airline announced Tuesday.

- **Everett Blackwell, 67**, owner-operator for Blackwell Office Machines.
- **Richard Wesley Fry, 40**, former Rural/Metro Ambulance employee.
- **Ethel McAllister, 97**, born in Indian Territory.
- **Calvin Barney Rogers, 92**, self-employed carpenter.
- **Hubert Leslie Smith, 79**, carpenter.

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Ya'll come! Street Party Saturday

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 Pampa's Downtown Business Association will host its second annual "Downtown Street Party" this Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
 The Amarillo Rattlers will conduct a hockey clinic for the Pampa youth again this year. "Last year there was a great turnout for the clinic and we hope to have even more people this year," said ReDonn Woods, DBA Street Party Chairman.
 Boys and girls who want to participate need to go downtown (in front of the Bank of America drive through) at 10 with roller blades or tennis shoes. Children will learn about

hockey from a few of the Rattlers. This program is sponsored by Kenneth H. Cargill CPA at 106 E. Francis Ave.
 Tarpley Music Co. will organize the band program as well as a guitar, bass, drum, and harmonica contest. Plus, over a 100 ping pong balls will be dropped from the top of Tarpleys building at 1 p.m.
 Each ball represents a prize to be given away by several participating stores.
 To feed Street Party goes The Pampa Area Chamber of Commerce is hosting a fund-raising fish fry. All you can eat fresh catfish and all the extras will be prepared by Dyers. The

cost is \$10 per adult and \$7 per child under 10 years of age. This lunch will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the center of downtown Cuyler Street.
 Don't miss the Pampa Band Boosters Dunking Booth and the many sidewalk sales and discounts offered by participating stores.
 And don't forget many stores are also participating in the tax free weekend that will help many back-to-school shoppers. Many stores, individuals and non-profit organizations will also be on the streets of downtown with sale items, food, games, and lots of information. Plus, Amarillo radio station Z-93

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will host a live two-hour remote from the streets of Downtown.
 There are also several events going on in Pampa on the same day for everyone to enjoy. Tax Free Weekend, the Altrusa Style Show and the Water Garden Show are other enjoyable attractions available. Watch *The Pampa News* for more information about those.
 Schedule of the Downtown stage:
 10—Gary Allen Bruce
 11—Larry Murphy
 Noon—Turning Point
 1—Gospel Chords
 1—Bass Contest
 2—Mojo Filter
 2:45—Guitar Contest

Mootilda takes a bow



(Pampa News photo by Dee Dee Laramore)
 Mootilda, Pampa's very own inflatable cow, takes a bow after spending a week recently welcoming visitors participating in the Tri-State Seniors Golf Tournament. She'll be stabled at the Chamber of Commerce office until her next public relations assignment which hopefully will come Saturday at the Street Festival. The CofC is working to determine if Mootilda can be properly anchored Downtown.

Deputies to get new rifles

By **NANCY YOUNG**
 Managing Editor
 Gray County Sheriff's deputies will soon get six new rifles, and they are long overdue.
 Sheriff Don Copeland told the county commission Tuesday the 30-30 rifles his deputies are using were purchased in the 1960s.
 He hopes the deputies don't have to use the rifles but said they might need all six of them today. He said deputies will become proficient with the rifles and meet the standards of qualification with the firearm once a year.
 Six Ruger mini-14-223 caliber stainless steel rifles were approved for purchase at a cost of \$400 each. Twelve 20-round magazines were also approved at a cost of \$20.29 each. Total cost will be

approximately \$2,650.
 The old rifles will be placed in a future auction of surplus equipment in which Gray County participates.
 A new repeater station for the sheriff's department two-way radio system was also approved. Sheriff Copeland told the commission the current repeater on Celanese tower was built out of used parts years ago, and is not adequate for the sheriff department's current communication needs.
 "Sometimes we get transmissions, sometimes we don't," said Copeland. The new repeater will have an additional 100 feet in height.
 He said another factor to be considered is to allow deputies access to walkie-talkies. The new repeater system is expected to enhance the

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County oks funding pact; picks restoration overseer

By **NANCY YOUNG**
 Managing Editor
 After a lengthy discussion, Gray County Commissioners Court voted 3-1 Tuesday morning to participate in a funding agreement with the state of Texas with regard to funding restoration of the Gray County Courthouse.
 Voting against the proposal was Precinct 2 County Commissioner Jim Greene. Commissioners voting in favor were Joe Wheeley, precinct 1; Gerald Wright, precinct 3; and James Hetley, precinct 4.
 As the commission prepared to vote, Commissioner Greene attempted to ask a question concerning the funding project. County Judge Richard Peet told him all questions should have

been asked before that time because the county commission follows Robert's Rules of Order.
 After the meeting Greene said he voted against the motion because he had asked questions that were not answered to his full satisfaction and he wanted them answered before he voted.
 Several issues were addressed during the meeting. Commissioner Wright questioned if there is a need for employees to move out of the courthouse for repairs to be made. He said he had contacted an independent electrician who said there is no need for the employees to do so.
 Peet said an employee move will only be necessary during the replacement of the electrical wiring and plumbing. Expressing concern about the

moving expense and the cost of maintaining two buildings, Wright said the electrician he spoke with said the work can be done one floor at a time.
 The moving expense would not be reimbursed by the grant funding as it is not an allowable cost. If the courthouse is evacuated during the restoration, Gray County will have to absorb the costs.
 Peet said removing the employees will be necessary because there will be boring of the walls creating dust that could damage computers.
 He said he contacted Southwestern Bell Telephone Co. about the expenses to move to the old Baker School and was told the cost for hooking up telephones and computers would be

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Child injury trial starts Thursday

A 40-year-old Pampa man is to be tried in 31st District Court this week on charges that he hit the 10-year-old daughter of his live-in girlfriend, the first trial for newly-appointed Assistant District Attorney Phil Pendleton.
 Rocky Carl Bynum, 426 N. Cuyler, is to be tried on charges of injury to a child, third degree at 9 a.m., Thursday, in the third floor courtroom of Gray County Courthouse.
 A Gray County grand jury indicted Bynum on the charges, alleging he struck the child on the right cheek with his fist on May 26, 1999. The child was treated by a physician for her injuries, according to District Attorney John Mann. Court records indicate the child now lives in Lubbock with her father.
 Bynum remains free on bond in a second indictment alleging aggravated assault against the girl's mother Lenora Goldthrite, 33, on April 4, 2000.
 According to sheriff's reports, Goldthrite received facial injuries and neck injuries after an argument with Bynum the night of April 4. During the fight, Bynum allegedly struck the victim in the head with a three-quarter full beer can, then threw her to the floor in a wrestling hold called "DDE."
 Investigating officers said Goldthrite was left lying on the floor at the home on Cuyler Street, unable to move or walk until she was discovered by friends later that night.
 Goldthrite was first taken to Pampa Regional Medical Center and then airlifted to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo for further treatment of her injuries.
 District Attorney Mann said today that he plans to prosecute Bynum on the aggravated assault charges, also.

Grand jury indicts Rufe Jordan inmate, another for assaults

By **DEE DEE LARAMORE**
 Staff Writer
 Grand jurors for the 223rd Judicial District handed up two indictments Tuesday involving two separate assaults, one that occurred at the local prison and another against a city police officer.
 An inmate at the Rufus Jordan Unit of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ), David Meza, 36, was indicted on felony charges of carrying a deadly weapon in a penal institution, aggravated assault causing serious bodily injury and aggravated assault with a deadly weapon. All are enhanced charges.
 The indictments against Meza stem from an alleged incident on Feb. 1, 2000 at the Jordan Unit east of Pampa. According to the indictment, Meza used a plastic pitcher and a mop handle to attack another inmate Reynaldo Gaytan. Gaytan suffered cuts on his head and a compound fracture of the left arm as a result of the attack, the indictment states.

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John Kiehl was selected project manager of the courthouse restoration project. Carolyn Law, deputy county clerk, keeps minutes.

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Services tomorrow

BLACKWELL, Everett Monroe — Graveside services, 2 p.m., Memory Gardens Cemetery, Pampa.
FRY, Richard Wesley — Memorial services, 1 p.m., St. Mary's Catholic Church, Amarillo. Graveside services, 3:30 p.m., Fairview Cemetery, Pampa.
McALLISTER, Ethel — 1 p.m., Church of Christ, Shamrock.
SMITH, Hubert Leslie — 2 p.m., Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel, Pampa.

Obituaries

EVERETT BLACKWELL
 Everett Blackwell of Pampa died Monday, July 31, 2000, at Amarillo. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday in Memory Gardens Cemetery with the Rev. J.C. Burt, pastor of Barrett Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.
 Mr. Blackwell was born July 21, 1933, at Eldorado, Ark. He lived in Canadian as a youth, moving to Pampa in 1954. He worked for Cabot Corporation in the late 1950s and early 1960s and owned-operated Blackwell Office Machines.
 He married Maurita Turner on Feb. 3, 1979, at Las Vegas, Nev.
 He was a U.S. Army veteran, serving in the 101st Airborne Unit "Screamin' Eagles" during the Korean Conflict.
 Survivors include his wife, Maurita, of the home; a daughter, Debra Ann Kline of Corpus Christi; a son, Kenneth Everett Blackwell of Amarillo; three grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.
 The family requests memorials be to American Lung Association, P.O. Box 26566, Austin, TX 78755; or to American Heart Association, 2404 W. 7th, Amarillo, TX 79106.

RICHARD WESLEY FRY
 EGAN, La. — Richard Wesley Fry, 40, a former Pampa resident, died Sunday, July 30, 2000. Memorial services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday in St. Mary's Catholic Church in Amarillo with the Rev. Ken Keller officiating. Graveside services will be at 3:30 p.m. in Fairview Cemetery at Pampa. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.
 Mr. Fry was born July 25, 1960. He was raised in Pampa and attended Clarendon College and Amarillo College, receiving a degree in paramedicine. He worked for Rural-Metro Ambulance in Pampa and Amarillo Nursing Center in Amarillo prior to moving to Egan in 1997.
 Survivors include a sister, Mia Hunter.
 The family requests memorials be to St. Mary's Catholic Church of Amarillo or to a favorite charity.

ETHEL McALLISTER
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 She belonged to the Church of Christ.
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HUBERT LESLIE SMITH
 Hubert Leslie Smith, 79, of Pampa, died Monday, July 31, 2000, at Amarillo. Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday in Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel with the Rev. Robert Stewart, a retired Baptist minister of Dumas, officiating. Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.
 Mr. Smith was born Aug. 21, 1920, at Quanah. He married Martha Stewart on Aug. 22, 1938, at Quanah. He had been a Pampa resident since 1956, moving from Lubbock. He was a carpenter and a U.S. Navy veteran, serving during World War II.
 He belonged to Grace Baptist Church and Pampa Senior Citizens.
 Survivors include his wife, Martha, of the home; two daughters, Jeanetta Stover of Skellytown and Linda Newton of Pampa; three sons, Charles Smith of Plainview and John Smith and Jim Smith, both of Pampa; a brother, James Jay Williams of Fresno, Calif.; 13 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; and eight great-great-grandchildren.
 The family requests memorials be to Pampa Senior Citizens Center, 500 W. Francis, Pampa, TX 79065.

Police report

Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents and arrests during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.
Monday, July 31
 Criminal mischief under \$50 was reported in the 300 block of Starkweather. Sometime between 5 p.m., July 30, and 2 p.m., July 31, a swamp cooler was moved.
 Injury to a prisoner was reported in the 200 block of North Russell. Charles Gustave Chandler, 43, reportedly suffered a minor contusion to the left eye at 11:30 p.m. while being transported to Gray County Jail after being arrested for public intoxication and disorderly conduct.
 Domestic assault with bodily injury was reported in the 600 block of North Wells.
 Theft of a check for \$107.31 was reported in the 1000 block of South Love.

Tuesday, Aug. 1
 Criminal mischief under \$50 was reported in the 1100 block of Darby. Damage to a glass window and aluminum screen was estimated at \$25.
 Simple assault was reported in the 300 block of North Ballard.
 Domestic assault was reported in the 500 block of South Reed.
 Assault by threat was reported in the 400 block of West Browning.
 Burglary was reported in the 900 block of Varnon. Damage was estimated at \$245. Property valued at \$2,005 was reported stolen.
 Threats were reported in the 1900 block of North Christy.

Sheriff's Office
 Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.
Tuesday, Aug. 1
 Brandi Kay Badia, 27, 1005 Kiowa, was arrested for issuing bad checks and a Randall County warrant for theft over \$20 and under \$500.
 Joe Lewis Franklin, 39, Letors, was arrested on a parole violation.
 Mary Elizabeth Norman, 22, Amarillo was arrested for theft by check.

Ambulance
 Rural/Metro responded to the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.
Tuesday, August 1
 9:05 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 2400 block of Mary Ellen on a lift assist.
 11:55 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to Pampa Regional Medical Center for a transport to Veteran's Administration Medical Center.
 12:02 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 500 block of East Kingsmill and transported one to PRMC.
 4:12 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo and transported one to a local nursing facility.
 10:15 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1200 block of North Wells and transported one to PRMC.

Accidents
 The Pampa Police Department reported the following accidents during the 72-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.
Friday, July 28
 A 2000 black Chevrolet driven by David Jonathan Plourde, 26, 801B N. Nelson, hit a fence shortly before 3 a.m. Friday near the intersection of Price Road and Gwendolyn. Plourde was arrested for driving while intoxicated.
 A fence in the 500 block of Doucette sustained about \$250 in damages when it was struck by a vehicle sometime between 10:30 a.m. Thursday and 4:30 p.m. Friday. The driver of the vehicle drove off, officers said, without leaving any liability information.
Saturday, July 29
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GRAND JURY

Enhanced charges were filed by Candace Norris of Amarillo, TDCJ special prosecutor, because of a previous conviction for aggravated robbery in Hidalgo County on Feb. 24, 1992.

"Maybe this will help other inmates not go there," commented Warden Reynaldo Castro of the Jordan Unit when he learned of the indictments against Meza. "Maybe they'll see that society is not going to tolerate behavior like that out in the free world or inside the prison."

Castro said the assault was one of five separate fights that had occurred in the unit over a 24-hour period. "We had to go to lock down because of it," he said.

Requests were put in to move Meza and several other inmates from the unit as a result of the fights, he said.

"Several inmates were requested to leave because they were causing so many problems. Assault is not the caliber of inmate we're designed to hold," Castro explained.

Glen Castlebury of the TDCJ's public information office in Austin said Meza entered TDCJ on Aug. 6, 1993 from Hidalgo County to serve concurrent 10-year terms for six convictions on aggravated robbery with a deadly weapon and burglary. Meza was assigned to the Jordan Unit, he said.

Meza is presently at the high security Smith Unit in Lamesa, Castlebury said.

RESTORATION

\$20,000. He said the total moving cost would be about \$60,000.

Commissioner Greene thinks the overall restoration cost would go much higher while Peet thinks costs would go down if the building is vacated.

Pampa Independent School District has offered the use of the school building for the county offices. Peet said he recently toured the building and said it will be adequate for the county's needs.

Commissioner Wheeley expressed concern about establishing priorities for completing the project in phases. He said he previously understood the most pressing structural needs would be handled first. He also said the commission had discussed the possibility of permanently moving the tax office out of the courthouse. He said that issue should be addressed and decided to avoid excessive cost to the county.

Also at the meeting was Darlene Birkes, who is with the Gray County Historical Commission.

Birkes asked: "What is the problem?" Wheeley said if he was doing a project on his own he would want to know the expenses first.

Commissioner Greene said the county needs to have someone to guide them and oversee the project.

Commissioner Hefley said, "There's probably not any county that's going to be happy with all of it and there are going to be complaints."

Judge Peet said he met July 24 with Texas Historical Commission and governor's office representatives in Austin.

The discussion centered on whether the county will have 10 years or three years to complete the project. He reported Representative Chisum's office had researched the funding requirements THC set forth and could not find the three-year

back in the requirements. Peet said he told the THC representative along with a representative of

RIFLES
 deputies' mobile to mobile and portable communications, said Copeland.
 He said the current repeater system doesn't allow McLean to have access to Gray County Sheriff channel. "I think this will solve the problem," he said.
 The new repeater will be primarily for law enforcement use, but will be available to county commissioner precincts in case of emergency, said the sheriff.
 The equipment needed for the new system will consist of a new VHF repeater, external duplexer (due to narrow frequency spread of frequencies), feed line, and antenna.
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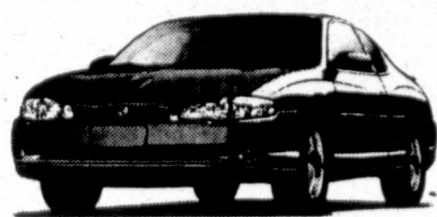
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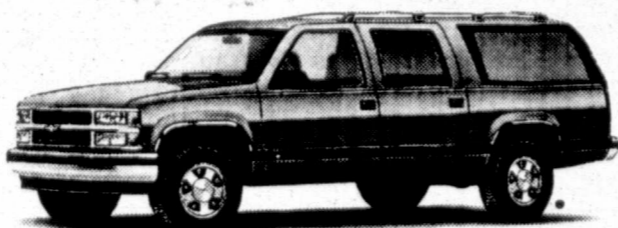
He has had numerous disciplinary actions taken against him, however none that would rise to a level of a crime until the assault incident," Castlebury said.
 Grand jurors also indicted Brian Keith Arnzen, 21, 434 Hill, for assault on a public servant as a result of an alleged attack on a Pampa police officer in June.
 Arnzen was arrested on June 23 after he ran from police who wanted to question him regarding an early morning burglary of the Taylor Mart, 404 N. Ballard. Police reports state an officer investigating the burglary saw a car matching the description of the suspect vehicle. When he tried to stop the 1989 Oldsmobile Cutlass, it sped away.
 The car stopped in front of Arnzen's house on North Hill Street, officers said, and the driver jumped out and ran across the yard and down the alley.
 Pampa Police Officer Andy Alaniz blocked the alley with his patrol car and then searched the backyards along the alley in the 300 block of North Houston. A man found crouching in one of the backyards surrendered when officers shown their flashlights on him and ordered him out of his hiding place.
 Police said that while the man was being handcuffed, he kicked Alaniz and a scuffle ensued. Officers Shawn Waters,

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Calendar of events

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

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

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

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

PHS EXAMS
 Pampa High School students wanting to earn credit by examination may test Aug. 4. Those students planning to take the exam need to register with their high school counselor immediately, according to Billie Lowrey, 669-4800.

CITY-WIDE GARAGE SALE
 The City of McLean will hold its second annual city-wide garage sale from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 5. Free maps of all sites are available at the McLean Post Office, Texaco Country Corner or Taylor Mart. For more information, call the McLean Chamber of Commerce at (806) 779-0000.

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

HIGH PLAINS FOOD BANK FUND-RAISER
 The First Annual Wedding/Travel Expo, to benefit the High Plains Food Bank, will be from 1-4 p.m. Aug. 6 at the Amarillo Civic Center Grand Plaza. The wedding portion of the show will include the following vendors — wedding cakes,

bridal gowns, limousines, tuxedos, photography and much more. A silent auction and a drawing for a Sandals Honeymoon Land Package will also be held.

STAGE RIGHT THEATRE
 Stage Right Theatre will present "Hamlet" in its third annual "Shakespeare in the Park" performance beginning with pre-show entertainment at 7:30 p.m. followed by the regular performance at 8 p.m. Aug. 9-12 in Sam Houston Park in Amarillo. For more information, call Karen Robertson, (806) 353-7888 or (806) 355-0914.

EVENING UNDER THE STARS
 The White Deer Land Museum Foundation will hold "Evening Under the Stars V" from 7-11 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 26 on Cuyler Street north of the railroad tracks. The dinner and dance will include music by Magic City Cowboy Band and The Rocking Chair Cowboys and will feature a tour of the museum's newest exhibit, "As Time Goes By 1900-2000."

CLARENDON COLLEGE
 Clarendon College is accepting applications for its Licensed Vocational Nursing Program of the 2000-01 school year. Early applications are encouraged to insure prospective students get a place in the fall class. Students may attend nursing classes on either the Clarendon or the Shamrock campuses. For an application, contact CC (806) 874-3571. For more information, call Director Vickie Moore on the CC campus or 1-800-687-9737.

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

Inc., 2000 N. 14th St., Suite 800, Arlington, VA 22201.

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

ANCH ESTATE PLANNING SEMINAR
 The Agricultural Economics Department at Texas A&M University will sponsor a "Ranch Estate Planning Seminar" Aug. 6-7 at College Station Hilton. For more information, call (979) 845-2226 or write: 315 Blocker Bldg., Department of Agricultural Economics, 2124 TAMU, College Station, TX 77843-2212.

IMMUNIZATION CLINIC
 The Texas Department of Health will be offering immunization clinics for vaccines that give protection against several childhood diseases including polio, diphtheria, lock jaw (tetanus), whooping cough (pertussis), measles, rubella, mumps, HIB (haemophilus influenzae Type B) and chickenpox (varicella). The TDH will charge money to help with the cost of keeping the clinic open. The amount charged will be based on family income and size, and the ability to pay. The following clinics will be offered: 10 a.m.-12 p.m., 1-4:30 p.m., Aug. 2, 9 and 12, Family Health Care, 600 W. Kentucky, Pampa; 1-4 p.m., Aug. 22, Family Clinic, McLean.

ART CONTEST
 Arts and Kids will award \$38,000 in prizes and scholarships in this year's Annual Art Competition. The deadline for entry is July 31. The contest is open to youth 17 and younger. To participate, send one original work in any style and medium to: Arts and Kids, Suite 101-2111, 3600 Crondall Lane, Owings Mills, MD 21117. Entries must be postmarked by July 31 and must include the child's name, address and age on the back. For more information, visit www.ArtsandKids.com on the Internet.

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

POWER WHEELCHAIRS
 Miracle on Wheels is offering Power Wheelchairs to non-ambulatory senior citizens (65 years and up) usually at no out-of-pocket expense if they qualify.

No deposit is required. The chairs are provided to those who cannot walk and self-propel a manual wheelchair at their home or independent living quarters and who meet additional qualifications of the program. This service may also be available to the permanently disabled of any age. For more information, call 1-800-749-8778 or visit www.durablemedical.com on the World Wide Web.

ANIMALPRINTS.COM
 AnimalPrints.com has dedicated \$1 from each sale of a newly released series of artist's prints to benefit animals in need. For more information or to view the prints, go to AnimalPrints.com on the Internet.

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

AIFS
 Academic Year in America program, sponsored by American Institute For Foreign Study Foundation, is seeking host families for foreign exchange students from Brazil between the ages of 15-18 1/2. The students will arrive in August. For more information, call 1-800-322-4678, ext. 5164 or e-mail carpino@aifs.com.

FREE ENTERPRISE INSTITUTE
 Free Enterprise Institute in Washington, D.C., has published "Free Money — Winning the Government Giveaway Game," a

booklet which offers information concerning free money, free advice and free services from the government. Consumers may receive a copy by sending \$5 to cover the cost of printing and postage/handling to: Free Enterprise Institute, Government Giveaway Booklet Offer, Dept. GGB-407-1, P.O. Box 96071, Washington, DC 20090-6071 or at www.FreeEnterpriseInstitute.org on the World Wide Web.

TUITION ASSISTANCE
 U.S. Commission for Scholastic Assistance — College Bound is an organization with a listing of over 700 different private scholarship sources for college students. Many scholarships pay the entire tuition; other can be applied towards tuition, living expenses and/or other fees. Most scholarships can be used at junior colleges, career and vocational schools, 4-year colleges, graduate schools, medical and law schools. For more information, send a SASE (business size, #10) to: The U.S. Commission for Scholastic Assistance, P.O. Box 668, O'Fallon, IL 62269.

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

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

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

VFW CHARITY BINGO
 The Pampa Veterans of Foreign

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

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

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

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

PAMPA PRISON MINISTRY
 Pampa Prison Ministry will meet Aug. 8, the second Tuesday in August instead of the first Tuesday of the month. The group will resume its normal meeting time in September.

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AUGUST 2000

Bush comes to town to claim GOP prize

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — After two days of tempered warm-up speeches, Republicans eagerly welcome Texas Gov. George W. Bush to award him the GOP presidential nomination. He will formally clinch the prize Wednesday night when the roll call of states hits the magic mark of 1,034 delegates. Bush's mid-morning arrival quickens the pace of the 37th Republican National Convention. Former Defense Secretary Dick Cheney takes the stage Wednesday night to accept his assignment as running mate. Bush will stand at the same podium Thursday night to accept the top spot on the ticket.

Some convention protesters desire police battle

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — After a day marked by angry brawls with police, protesters licked their wounds and began drawing up plans to disrupt traffic for the remaining two days of the Republican National Convention.

Commissioner John Timoney was slightly injured Tuesday in clashes between police and protesters. Some protesters acknowledged that they baited police into fighting and will continue to do so. Police said 280 people were arrested throughout the city Tuesday, most for misdemeanors, but 10 were charged for assaulting police.

Kansas voters favor evolution candidates

TOPEKA, Kan. (AP) — Sending a strong signal in the debate over how to teach about the origin of life, voters chose three candidates for the Kansas Board of Education who promised to back science standards with a greater emphasis on evolution. Two incumbents and another candidate who support the state's current standards that play down the importance of evolution were defeated in Republican primaries Tuesday. The lone incumbent survivor, Steve Abrams, helped write the standards. The elections pave the way for a potential reversal of the

board's 6-4 vote last year that put the standards in place. In the Nov. 7 election, the four primary winners will face Democrats who also want to scrap the guidelines.

Rain helps California firefighters

RIDGECREST, Calif. (AP) — A bit of moisture helped firefighters make headway against a persistent Sierra Nevada wildfire, but scores of lightning strikes elsewhere ignited more blazes across already scorched Western states. Forty-two large fires were burning close to 660,000 acres in Arizona, California, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Texas, Utah and Wyoming, according to the National Interagency Fire Center in Boise, Idaho. In California's Sequoia National Forest, firefighters aided by rain increased the containment level of a 67,000-acre blaze — one of the region's largest and most destructive — from 15 percent to 40 percent, U.S. Forest Service spokeswoman Geri Adams said Tuesday night.

Attacks in India's Kashmir leaves 84 dead

PAHALGAM, India (AP) —

Suspected Islamic guerrillas opposed to a cease-fire in Kashmir carried out seven attacks that killed 84 people in the territory disputed by India and Pakistan, police said Wednesday. Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee blamed the attacks on Pakistan-backed guerrilla groups, saying it was in reprisal for the cease-fire declared by the main guerrilla group in Kashmir, the Hezb-ul Mujahedeen. The attacks Tuesday night and Wednesday morning came as the Indian government prepared to talk to the Hezb-ul Mujahedeen to end violence in Kashmir, where more than 25,000 people have died during an 11-year Islamic insurgency.

Israel's foreign minister resigns as coalition unravels

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israeli Foreign Minister David Levy submitted his resignation Wednesday over the government's peace policies, serving another blow to Prime Minister Ehud Barak's unraveling coalition. As Levy made the announcement, parliament began debate on legislation to call early elections. It was expect-

ed to pass an initial reading Wednesday but needs three more readings in sessions that won't take place until the Knesset reconvenes in October. Levy is the most senior Cabinet minister to leave Barak's government. His resignation delivered another blow to Barak in a week rife with political embarrassments.

Woodstock to hold film festival

WOODSTOCK, N.Y. (AP) — The town best known for rock music is about to focus on film. The Woodstock Film Festival will be held from Sept. 21-24, with a theme of music in film. It will include concerts, workshops, documentaries and films from around the world. Workshops will include adapting books to film and creating music documentaries. Speakers are expected to include actor Aidan Quinn, author Warren Adler and "Philadelphia" screenwriter Ron Nyswaner. James Earl Jones is scheduled to emcee the Maverick Awards, which will include four categories: feature, documentary, short and student film.

Consumer spending up in June

WASHINGTON (AP) — Americans went back to shopping in June, especially for big-ticket items like cars, pushing up consumer spending by the largest amount in three months.

The 0.5 percent gain in consumer spending, which accounts for two-thirds of all economic activity, was the best showing since a similar increase in March. Spending had slowed to tiny increases of just 0.2 percent in April and 0.3 percent in May.

Many economists viewed the new report as another sign that the economy is still feeling few effects from a string of six interest rate increases engineered by the Federal Reserve starting last summer.

They said the rebound in retail activity and other signs of newfound strength raised the likelihood of a seventh rate increase by the Fed when the central bank next meets on Aug. 22.

"The consumer has not dropped shopping," said Paul Taylor, chief economist for the National Automobile Dealers Association.

He noted that much of the strength in June came from a rebound in auto sales which drove the durable goods category of spending up by 0.9 percent, after removing the impact of inflation, the first advance in this key sector since February.

On Wall Street, the Dow Jones industrial average finished the day up 84.97 to close at 10,606.95 while the technology-heavy Nasdaq index fell 81.49, giving back much of Monday's gain.

"Consumer confidence remains high and that is propelling robust consumer durable sales," Taylor said, predicting that new vehicle sales would hit 17 million units this year, giving the auto industry back-to-back record breaking years.

However, two other reports Tuesday did provide hints of a slowdown. The National Association of Purchasing Managers said its production index remained at 51.8 percent in July. That matched the June level and was the lowest this key gauge of manufacturing activity has been since January 1999 when manufacturing was still reeling from the impact of the Asian financial crisis.

Additionally, the Commerce Department said Tuesday that construction spending fell 1.7 percent in June, marking the third consecutive monthly decline as the Fed's previous interest rate increases continued to take their toll on home building.

Some analysts said they believed the Fed would use these signs of a slowdown as justification for keeping interest rates unchanged this month despite last week's surprisingly strong report of overall economic growth in the second quarter.

The first look at the gross domestic product — the economy's total output of goods and services — showed it rising at an annual rate of 5.2 percent in the April-June quarter, confounding expectations of a slowdown from the first quarter rate of 4.8 percent.

Merrill Lynch economist Andrew Groat said the decline in construction activity in June, information not known when the GDP was released last Friday, would likely shave 0.4 percentage point from the initial 5.2 percent estimate when the figure is updated later this month.

He said the various reports were consistent "with the reality of a soft landing," in which growth slows in line with the Fed's desires to keep inflation under control but not enough to threaten a recession.

Some analysts who are forecasting a rate increase this month said one reason for this view is that the Fed would prefer to wrap up its credit-tightening campaign in August before its next meeting on Oct. 3 when the fall presidential campaign will be in full swing.

After 21 years, Santa Fe sculpture squirt gun set to disappear

SANTA FE, N.M. (AP) — The boy and girl, slightly crouched, take aim at one another. She has a hose. He brandishes a water pistol.

For Linda Strong, it was an image that captured all the joy of being young.

When the sculptor was asked to create a fountain for a city park, it was a natural. Using her children as models, she caught in bronze their many water fights.

That was 21 years ago. Today — to some observers who have watched gun violence escalate and children bleeding on school yards — the piece evokes something more sinister.

So Strong is about to alter her sculpture in this art-savvy city. She plans to chisel off the boy's hand Thursday and give him a new one, holding a garden hose rather than a gun.

"I think it's the right thing to do," she said.

Last year, following the deaths of 14 students and a teacher at Columbine High School in Colorado, there were letters to a local newspaper and calls to City Hall objecting to the fountain.

"At first I didn't consider doing anything about it," said Strong, sitting in her studio south of Santa Fe. "I just went, 'Oh, listen to these people.'"

But then her fountain was vandalized. The boy was smeared with green paint, and someone wrote "no gun" on his legs. The artist became intent on protecting her work.

"And so I capitulated. I thought, the times have changed," she said. "I am open-minded enough to change with the times."

Strong went to the city, and the Santa Fe Arts Commission recommended the change.

"I don't like revisionism in art, but I think art in public places has another responsibility," said commission chairwoman Letitia Frank.

Strong, 58, is the first to admit that when no water is running through the fountain — frequently, during this summer's drought — the boy's pistol doesn't look like a squirt gun.

"I want people to look at it and enjoy it. It's not being enjoyed," she said.

Not everyone agrees with the revision.

"I don't think there's anything wrong with it," said Diana Beilman, 15, glancing over at the sculpture from a nearby skateboard park. "Little boys hold guns all the time."

A gift to the city from Strong's late mother, the fountain was dedicated in October 1979, the International Year of the Child.

There were objections even then. In a yellowed letter-to-the-editor in one of Strong's scrapbooks, Charlene Neel refers to a recent shooting over a traffic dispute, and writes that there is "quite enough (violence) on television and on the streets of Santa Fe."

The writer — now Charlene Neel Dye of Oxford, Miss. — recalls that at the time, she wouldn't allow her young son to play with guns or war toys.

When she saw the fountain, "I was shocked. The little boy was in such an aggressive stance, and he had a gun." She remembers other friends sharing her concern.

But Jack Samson, who moved to Santa Fe in 1930, blames "self-appointed guardians of our morality" for the planned alteration.

Backyard Ministry



(Community Camera photo)

Junior high and senior high youth from First United Methodist Church have teamed up with the church's Backyard Ministry Team to help in local mission work. Both youth groups have participated in annual mission trips outside of Pampa and are more than willing to help out locally. Backyard Ministry is a local mission program to help people right here in our own backyard. The primary purpose is to improve housing for people in need by providing free home repairs, roofing, painting, cleaning up, etc., using donated funds and voluntary labor showing God's love to our community. Above: Sherry McCavit, Backyard Ministry volunteer.

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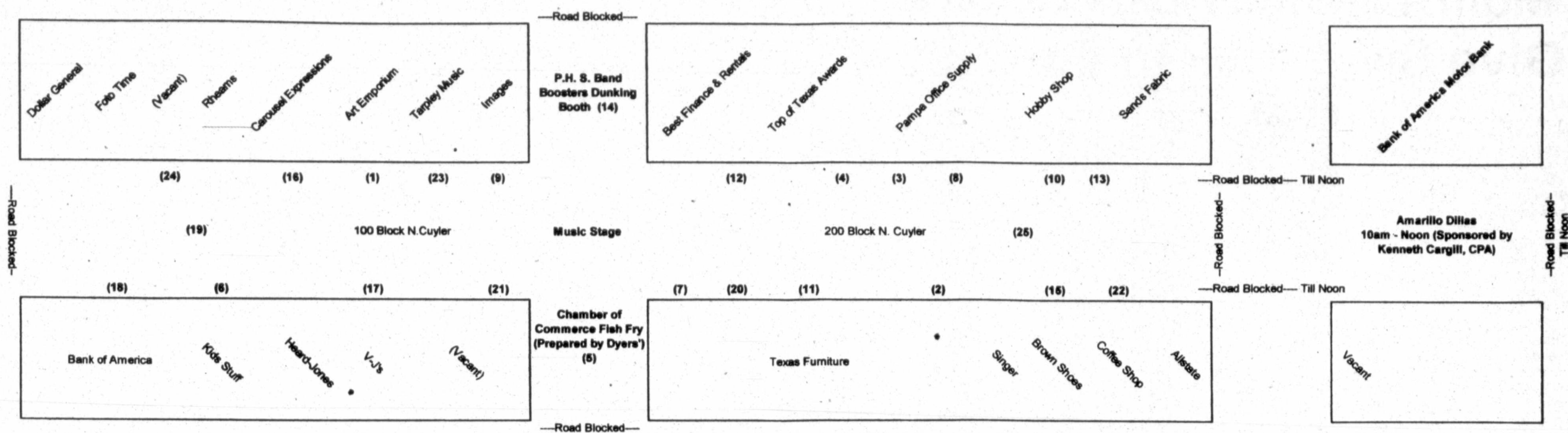
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- 13 - Pampa Take Down Club
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- 15 - Pregnancy Support Ctr.
- 16 - Sheltered Workshop
- 17 - Sherwin-Williams
- 18 - Southwestern Bell Residential
- 19 - St. Paul United Methodist Church
- 20 - Trinity Women's Group
- 21 - Music Competition
- 22 - Coffee Shop (Tables)
- 23 - Ping Pong Ball Drop (1:00pm)
- 24 - Pampa Chapel
- 25 - Z-93 Live Remote
- ? - (More to be expected...)

Police say woman was tortured

CAMP VERDE, Ariz. (AP) — An adopted woman was tortured and forced to live in a storage shed by her birth mother and stepfather after she spent years searching for them, police said.

Jennifer Simmons, 19, found Elizabeth M. Katrini after a long search, but what Simmons thought would be a happy reunion allegedly turned into a terrifying year of torture.

Katrini, 38, and her husband, Paul Padilla, 41, were arrested on multiple felony counts of aggravated assault and vulnerable adult abuse.

Police said the couple forced the young woman to live in a

storage shed and tortured her repeatedly with electric shocks, knives and sticks, police said. They also said Simmons was forced to eat her own feces.

Simmons contacted authorities after escaping from the shed on July 26, said Wendy Escoffier of the Camp Verde Town Marshal's Office.

"We are talking here about a continued pattern of abuse, and her being watched at all times to keep her from escaping," Escoffier said.

Paul and Mary Padilla, the parents of the stepfather, said Jennifer made up the accusations. Both Padillas said that they had seen the woman as

recently as Father's Day and that she appeared normal.

"She was treated just like the rest of the kids in that household," Mary Padilla said.

Mary Ellen Simmons, the victim's adoptive mother in Mesa, said her daughter is mentally ill, which led to the charge of vulnerable adult abuse. She said she sensed all was not well while her daughter was with Katrini, but in short phone calls she was assured the young woman was doing well.

"Why didn't I go up there and knock on the door?" she said. "She (Katrini) told me, 'You had Jennifer all these years, let me have a chance.'" She said the woman also threatened to have her arrested if she went near the property.

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Mom's Memory Lets Smoker Give Swift Kick to the Butts

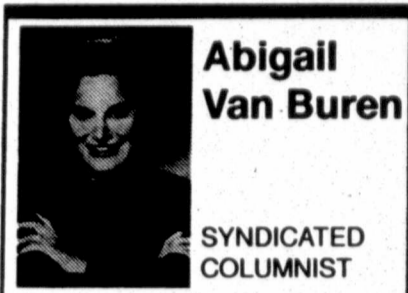
DEAR ABBY: I quit smoking today. It may not seem like a great accomplishment to most people, but I'm 37 years old and have smoked since I was in seventh grade. Like many others, I tried for years to kick the habit, but I guess I never really had the proper motivation to do it.

I was looking at some photographs I took while my family was home last Christmas, and came to the last picture I ever took of my mother. We lost her just after New Year's. It was something none of us in the family ever expected. She had a massive heart attack.

Burying my mother was the toughest thing I have ever done. I don't want my kids to see me in a casket before I reach retirement age. Mother had very high blood pressure, for which she had been treated. We thought she was doing pretty well. Her treatment included quitting smoking a year ago. Unfortunately for her, she quit too late.

Please remind your readers that cancer isn't the only possible result of smoking. Smoking can also lead to high blood pressure that leads to heart trouble.

SMOKE-FREE IN INDIANA
DEAR SMOKE-FREE: I offer my sympathy for the untimely loss of your mother. It's sad to say, but sometimes it takes the death of someone near and dear to convince us that we're not immortal. I commend you for your decision to finally quit



Abigail Van Buren

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smoking. If someone is looking for a reason to quit, your letter may provide an incentive.

DEAR ABBY: A fifth couple in our circle of friends recently ended their marriage. When I asked the husbands what happened, each said much the same thing: "When we were first married, I was the most important person in my wife's life. With each child, my place was shifted farther and farther back until I felt totally forgotten."

These husbands told me that "neglect" made them vulnerable to someone who did show them some attention. You know the rest.

When I asked the wives what happened, they said they didn't know — but guessed that they "just drifted apart and their interests changed." None of them knew how their husbands felt.

I have also heard women say that their affair was the result of not feeling important at home. If only both spouses knew how important a little TLC is to his or her

partner, there might be more lasting marriages. Abby, please warn your readers not to take their spouses for granted. Their partners should never feel they are at the bottom of the priority list.
HAPPILY MARRIED HUSBAND

DEAR HAPPILY MARRIED: While doing your research, you picked up valuable information about the demise of many marriages: When children arrive, it's a given that life becomes busy and complicated. However, couples must make finding time for each other a priority. Both spouses need to remember that one day "the kids" will fly the nest, and for a marriage to survive, it must be infused with the necessary nutrients — love, attention and respect, to name a few.

DEAR ABBY: The letter from "Troubled in Connecticut" about what to call her in-laws reminded me of a funny story.

After my husband and I were married, he asked my mother what he should call her. Her reply was, "Your Majesty will do."

HAPPY IN HUNTINGTON BEACH, CALIF.

DEAR HAPPY: I like her sense of humor. Apparently your "Queen Mother" recognized a prince when she saw one.

money matter. Don't worry so much about a personal matter. A trusted partner stretches and finds a solution. Tonight: Put your feet up.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
**** Use a strong hand when dealing with finances. You understand what is needed at work. Another does defer. Experiment with different communication techniques later in the day. You intuitively know how to move another and get him to change his position. Tonight: Return a friend's call.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
**** Avoid another's negativity; you don't need to start your day like that. Indulge and treat yourself to a new item that will make you feel good. Work flows on an intuitive level. Listen to a co-worker, but understand the true message behind his words. Tonight: Do only what you want to do.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
**** Steer clear of the negative personality in your life. Your personality radiates. You allow others to express their creativity and imagination. Draw others together. Network. Brainstorm. Spread good news and allow others to celebrate with you. Tonight: It's your call.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
*** Use the morning to move a key project. The sooner you get moving, the more successful you will be. Ask questions. Your investigations might not be complete for several days. Explore the Internet. The boss gives you a strong sense of direction. Don't negate his advice. Tonight: Answer backed-up mail.

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on you. You know how to clear out what they can't. Your work brings you to others' attention. Seize the moment and direct your energy toward key goals. You know exactly what to say to a loved one who might be frayed at the collar. Tonight: Celebrate. It's almost the weekend.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
**** A child or loved one delays your workday — if not physically, certainly mentally. Take charge, especially when your finances are in question. Ask for what you feel is right. Recognize that others could see you as extremely materialistic. Tonight: In the limelight!

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
**** Designate quality time for an important partner. You might not have the control you want with this person. Don't get uptight; just go with the flow. Call an attorney if you're questioning a legal matter. Find experts when you're not sure of yourself. Tonight: Rent a movie.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
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Horoscope

THURSDAY, AUG. 3, 2000

BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
*** You could be entrenched in figuring out a money matter. Make an effort to socialize and network more. Feeding your work comes in many different forms. Allow more variety, and you will enjoy your professional life more. Others reveal what they haven't been saying. Tonight: Say yes.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
***** Your creativity surges. Others seek you out. They want feedback. Your personality comes off as a little more stubborn than usual. A boss means well, but he has an odd way of directing your energy and attention. Focus on getting the job done. Tonight: Treat another to dinner.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
**** Your mind works overtime. You could be unusually tired and withdrawn. Carefully think through family decisions. Use your imagination with work. Your resourcefulness always puts you a step ahead of others. Explore ideas on the computer or with a brainy pal. Tonight: Get a head start on the weekend.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
**** Make calls early, when others seem more responsive to your energy. Try as hard as you can to calculate a

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Crossword Puzzle

By THOMAS JOSEPH

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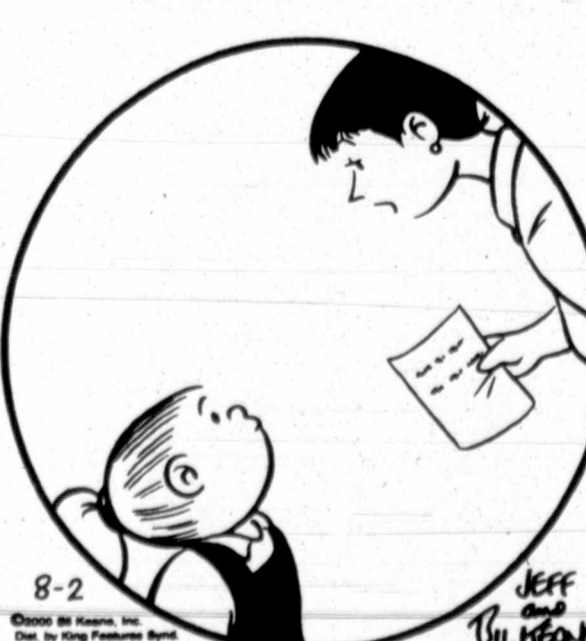
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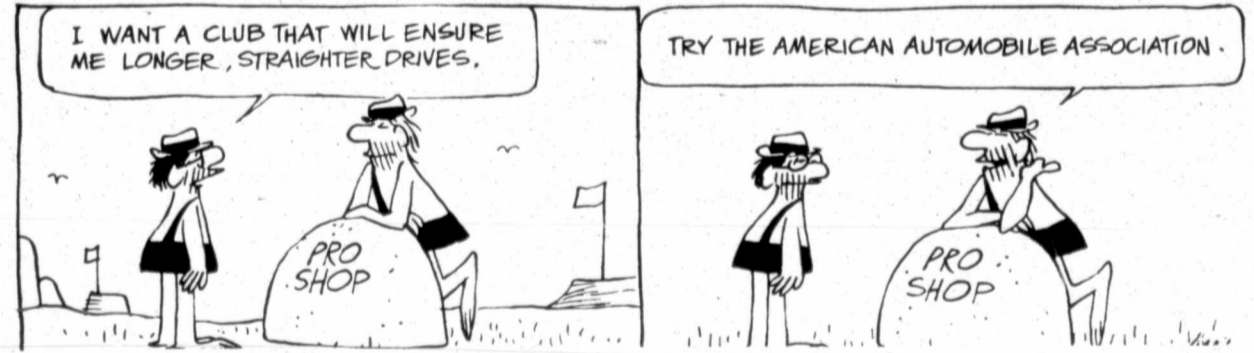
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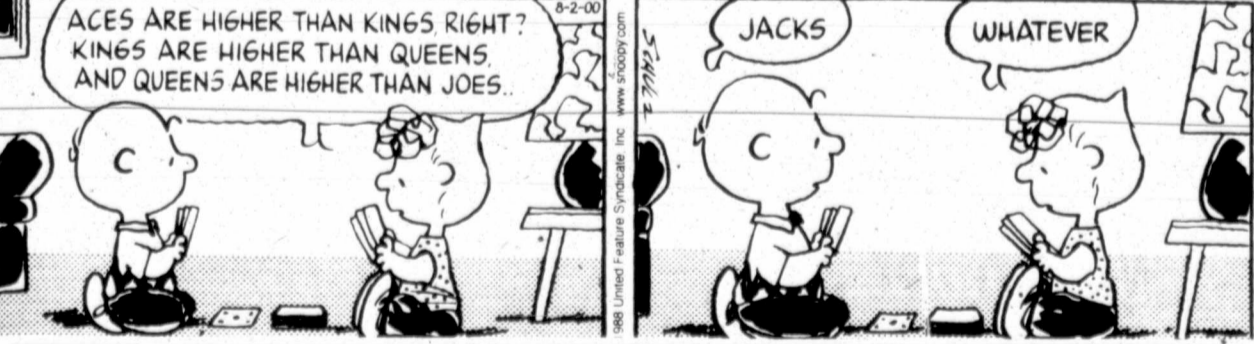
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U.S. drug agents dismantle nationwide trafficking ring

By MICHAEL J. SNIFFEN
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Federal agents have arrested 140 people and searched scores of sites from coast to coast as they dismantled a nationwide ring allegedly supplying pseudoephedrine to clandestine labs that turned it into methamphetamine.

The distribution ring was headed by a group of 10 people, who called themselves "the Commission" and shipped their profits to the Middle East, Drug Enforcement Administration officials said Tuesday.

Agents arrested eight of those 10, including Hassan Zaghmot of

Denver. They found \$650,000 in cash in Zaghmot's safe deposit box, which he intended to use to finance a quick escape, according to DEA officials, who requested anonymity. They said one of the 10 was out of the country and the other may have fled after the latest round of arrests began last Friday with Zaghmot's arrest after a federal grand juror allegedly tipped him off about the sealed indictment against him.

The federal grand juror, Mark J. Hinckley, 37, of Evergreen, Colo., was arrested Monday night in Denver night on charges that he told Zaghmot last Thursday that the grand jury had returned a sealed indictment against him. Federal agents watching Zaghmot on a court-approved concealed camera saw and heard Hinckley ask for

\$50,000 for details of the indictment, the government said.

"This was the first time that U.S. law enforcement has been able to connect a major group of pseudoephedrine distributors directly to U.S.-based, Mexican-controlled methamphetamine laboratory operators," said Joe Keefe, chief of DEA's special operations division. These traffickers were charged with intent to manufacture methamphetamine; previously pseudoephedrine traffickers had largely faced only civil penalties for diversion of regulated substances, Keefe said.

Attorney General Janet Reno told a news conference, "This operation should send a message to anyone involved in methamphetamine production and distribution that we are continuing the fight in every way we know how so that this problem won't be treating communities of America as crack did in the 1980s."

Reno and DEA Administrator Donnie Marshall announced that Operation Mountain Express, begun in December 1999, had seized \$8 million in cash, 10 metric tons of pseudoephedrine, capable of producing 18,000 pounds of methamphetamine, 83 pounds of finished methamphetamine, two pseudoephedrine extraction laboratories, one methamphetamine laboratory and 136 pounds of processing chemicals.

Some 100 of the arrests came over the course of the investigation; another 40 were made since last Friday. Agents searched 66 locations and used civil and administrative enforcement actions to close down 18 pseudoephedrine companies, most controlled by the commission.

In April, agents seized 1,200 pounds of pseudoephedrine and several million dollars in cash and arrested 14 couriers, which officials said sent a shock wave through the organization. Using informants, electronic surveillance and undercover agents, the investigators learned that the commission called an emergency meeting May 18 in Kissimmee, Fla.

From informants at the meeting, agents learned that the commissioners had decided to use only white Americans as couriers to avoid law enforcement suspicions, to shift their use of unwitting commercial courier companies regularly for fear some would develop links with law enforcement and to assemble money and devise plans for quick escapes from this country if there were further raids.

DEA officials said the commission set prices, determined the methods of transportation, sent profits to Israel, Jordan, Syria and Saudi

Postal Service testing variety of e-services for Americans in effort to stay competitive

WASHINGTON (AP) — The folks who deliver mail the old-fashioned way want to help you use the Internet to track that Mother's Day card — or simply e-mail it to Mom's house.

Worried that e-mail and online bill-paying could take a fatal bite out of first-class mail in coming years, the Postal Service is testing a variety of e-services for Americans, including one that would assign virtually everybody an e-mail address.

Customers could be notified by e-mail about an incoming bill or package, which they could then reroute to another street address.

Another service, set to begin a three-year consumer test next month, would allow customers to send e-mails to a post office to be printed and delivered as first-class mail — much like a service already provided by a private company.

A third program, already available, lets customers pay bills online through the Postal Service's Web site.

Benjamin Franklin, the nation's first postmaster, would be amazed.

Postal Service spokeswoman Sue Brennan called the e-projects "a way for customers to choose how they want to get their correspondence."

The post office predicts that in 2003, first-class mail, now a \$35 billion business and its top revenue-producing service, will begin an unprecedented decline at the hands of booming e-mail and online billing services.

Under its own online bill system, the Postal Service charges customers \$6 per month to send 20 electronic transactions, or \$2 per month and 40 cents apiece for unlimited transactions.

The e-mail-to-paper system would cost about 41 cents per message — eight cents more than current 33-cent postage.

Under the e-mailbox proposal, virtually every American would be assigned a free e-mail address corresponding to their street address. Customers could simply link the service to any present e-mail address they have, or opt for a special online postal box. Customers could then get an e-mail address using their initials, followed by their nine-digit ZIP code and the last two numbers of their street address — with "usps.com" tacked at the end.

For instance, Bill Clinton (1600 Pennsylvania Ave., Washington,

D.C., 20500-0003) would get the e-mail address: bc20500000300(at)usps.com.

Not the sort of thing you'd rattle off at a cocktail party, but it's tough to replicate.

It's no news that Americans are avid e-mailers. A new study by the Pew Internet and American Life Project found that more than 90 million people have Internet access. Of those, about 84 million use e-mail regularly, while 16 million have used some sort of online banking service.

But followers of e-commerce had mixed reactions to the postal e-mail proposal.

"They're in catch-up mode," said Donald Heath, president of the nonprofit Internet Society, based in Reston, Va. "It sounds like they're not in touch with the reality of the Internet at this point."

Heath said most people who would use the service already have e-mail — and that the rest probably wouldn't log on for the tracking service.

"As schemes go, this one isn't bad," said Rob Enderle of Giga Information Group, a Santa Clara, Calif.-based technology research firm. "It absolutely makes sense — they are in the business of delivering mail, and e-mail is a form of mail. So ignoring that mode is a way of making yourself obsolete."

The Postal Service already waded into the brave new world of e-mail in 1998, when it began testing a kind of certified e-mail service called PostECS, which sends electronic receipts for contracts and other important documents transmitted over the Internet.

Last year, it rolled out its heralded online postage system. The Postal Service says 280,000 customers have printed \$22.6 million worth of "online stamps" since July 1999, but the service has yet to deliver a profit.

Gene Johnson, chief executive officer of Mail2000, a Bethesda, Md., company that translates e-mail messages into first-class mail, said customers would probably find little use for the Postal Service e-mail tracking system, but insisted that reports of the death of first-class mail are greatly exaggerated.

"We really don't see where it's going to disappear," he said.

"Even our customers who want their messages delivered electronically, they want to see the hard copy."

UT at Austin seeking control of tuition from legislature

HOUSTON (AP) — With backing of powerful alumni, University of Texas System officials want state lawmakers to give them the right to set tuition and eventually boost rates at The University of Texas at Austin.

"There's a great demand for that institution and it's becoming more expensive to provide excellent service," UT Interim Chancellor Dan Burck told the Texas Journal of The Wall Street Journal in Wednesday's editions.

University System officials contend that the current tuition of \$600

a semester at UT Austin is not enough to provide high-quality education. The Legislature currently sets tuition rates.

But, as the country's largest public university campus with more than 37,000 undergraduate students, some key legislators argue that UT Austin is responsible for providing low income Texans with a high-caliber education.

University officials have not said how much tuition would increase.

"We're not going to have a two-tier system of schools with the rich

going to one school and the poor going to the other," vows Rep. Rob Junell, chairman of the House Appropriation Committee.

Though a tuition hike would not be popular, university officials maintain it is justified, since over the years state funding has covered less of the school's budget. This year the state has paid for 24.8 percent of the school's budget, compared to a high in 1981 of 53 percent.

To compensate for the shortfall, UT and other public universities in Texas have become increasingly

dependent on other resources, including gifts, grants and fees. In-state residents currently pay \$587 in mandatory fees—about as much as tuition costs. That is a 38 percent jump from \$425 last year.

Still, UT Austin is a bargain compared to similar institutions in other states and the university expects to enroll a record 7,500 new students this fall.

Burck said any proposal will contain provisions for increasing scholarships and grants, but a tuition hike still worries some students.

"We don't want to see tuition skyrocket," says Daron Roberts, UT Austin's student-body president. "It's good to have legislators check on that for us."

Four alumni on an informal ad hoc committee have begun talking to lawmakers and business leaders.

The alumni are George Christian, former press secretary to President Lyndon Johnson; John Fainter, president of the Association of Electric Companies of Texas Inc.; Larry Temple, an Austin attorney; and Kenneth Jastrow II, chairman and chief executive officer of Temple-Inland Inc., a Daboll-based conglomerate.

Exxon Mobil shares dropped 19 cents Tuesday to close at \$80.

"A share buyback would serve as a catalyst to revive investor interest in the stock," said Gheit. Exxon executives, who had repurchased 1.2 billion shares between 1983 and 1999, had discontinued the buybacks because of the Mobil merger.

Thousands of job cuts in offing for oil giant

DALLAS (AP) — Executives of Exxon Mobil Corp., who had already planned to slash about 15 percent of their work force by the end of 2002, now want to cut 3,000 more jobs following a merger that is saving the petroleum giant billions of dollars.

With the latest announcement, the world's largest publicly traded oil company will reduce its combined workforce by 19,000 employees. In a separate move, the Irving, Texas-based corporation plans to buy back an unspecified number of its shares.

Annual savings from merging the former Exxon Corp. and Mobil Corp. will exceed the previously estimated \$3.8 billion, Lee Raymond, Exxon Mobil chairman, said Tuesday.

"Our new, leading-edge global organization is in place and already beginning to deliver sig-

nificant productivity improvements," he said in a prepared statement. "Projected near-term merger synergies of \$4.6 billion before tax are 65 percent higher than we originally projected and have grown by 20 percent from the numbers we announced last December."

Last month, the energy company announced that it more than doubled its net income for the second quarter, fueled by continued high oil and gas prices and a healthy global economy.

On Tuesday, company executives met with Wall Street analysts in New York on what they believe are benefits of the merger, which received Federal Trade Commission approval at the end of November.

Despite the \$85 billion merger and steep petroleum prices, Exxon Mobil's stock price has

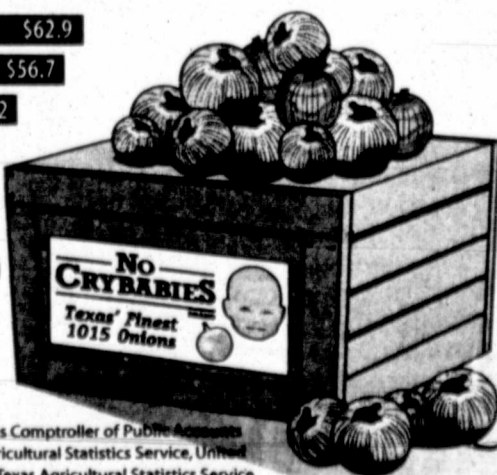


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Top Ten Vegetables Produced in Texas, 1999
(value in millions)

Spring onions	\$62.9
Cantaloupes	\$56.7
Cabbage	\$41.2
Summer onions	\$30.8
Carrots	\$30.6
Watermelons	\$29.6
Honeydew melons	\$17.1
Sweet corn	\$7.7
Spinach	\$6.7
Bell peppers	\$6.2



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BASKETBALL
MIAMI (AP) — The Miami Heat and Charlotte Hornets completed a nine-player trade that sent All-Star guard Eddie Jones and forward Anthony Mason to Miami for forward P.J. Brown and guard Jamal Mashburn.

Also traded were Otis Thorpe, Tim James and Rodney Buford to Charlotte, and Ricky Davis and Dale Ellis to Miami.

Jones averaged 20.1 points and 4.2 assists per game last season.

UNDATED (AP) — On the first day that NBA free agents were permitted to sign new contracts, the Chicago Bulls agreed to terms with former Orlando guard Ron Mercer, who averaged 16.9 points per game last season.

Phoenix signed a player away from Sacramento, getting guard Tony Delk with a six-year, \$19 million contract, while the Kings agreed to terms with guard Bobby Jackson.

Several teams re-signed their own free agents. Tim Thomas stayed with Milwaukee for just under \$67 million for six years, Kurt Thomas re-signed with New York, Anthony Carter re-signed with Miami, and Sam Perkins re-signed with Indiana.

Also, Scot Pollard stayed with the Kings, Dallas re-signed Hubert Davis and Gary Trent, Denver kept Tariq Abdul-Wahad, and John Starks said he was ready to sign with Utah for two years.

OLYMPICS
UNDATED (AP) — A number of prominent athletes, including tennis stars Anna Kournikova and Pete Sampras, and NBA All-Star Tim Duncan, turned down trips to the Sydney Olympics next month.

Tennis player Jan-Michael Gambill also declined a chance to play, as well as European 200-meter champion Doug Walker, who decided he was not in good enough shape to compete at the British Olympic trials.

Jelena Dokic, Australia's top-ranked tennis player, said she would only play if organizers met a handful of demands, including letting her stay at home instead of in the Olympic Village.

Vlade Divac of the Sacramento Kings and star guard Aleksandar Djordjevic will not play for their Yugoslav team.

UNDATED (AP) — Fresh off his second straight victory in the Tour de France, Lance Armstrong leads the five-member U.S. men's road squad for the Sydney Olympics, announced by U.S. Cycling.

Also on the team are Antonio Cruz of Long Beach, Calif.; George Hincapie of Greenville, S.C.; Tyler Hamilton of Boulder, Colo.; and Fred Rodriguez of Piedmont, Calif. Armstrong, of Austin, Texas, and Hamilton will race in the individual time trial. All five will compete in the road race.

Pampa has a boxing club after many years of going without one. Until the mid-60s Pampa hosted a Golden Gloves Chapter but somewhere along the way the chapter fell by the wayside.

Recently Pampa's J.R. Moreno had a dream and along with that dream and lot of hard work he made some headway.

Moreno founded J.R.'s Youth Survival Club, which was directed at helping boys stay away from street drugs by giving them a goal to achieve. This was accomplished by teaching them the sport of boxing.

Moreno began to suffer health problems and finances for the club were sparse. The progress was slow, so with this in mind Moreno approached the Pampa Kids Club about the possibility of a merger of the two clubs.

The Pampa Kids Club had the extra support needed and Moreno had the required license. When the two merged things began to happen. One of the first things was a badly needed boxing ring was obtained. The ring was needed to use in tournaments and to establish a boxing chapter. With no ring the Pampa boxers could go to out of town tournaments but the towns visited could not return the visit for tournaments in Pampa.

Danny Martin, who is no stranger to boxing, and vice

president of The Pampa Kids Club, began to make contacts with commissioners and people he knew. Soon the donations and interest began to grow and more boys began to join and learn about boxing.

The Pampa Kids Club Board of Directors along with Moreno have organized a full-fledged boxing tournament to be held in Pampa. The tournament will be August 12 at the National Guard Armory in Pampa at 6 p.m.

There will be exhibition matches preceding the tournament. These matches will include such "famous" boxers as Pampa Chief of Police Charlie Morris, Lefors City Marshall John Worthington, and deputies from the Gray County Sheriff Department. These "celebrity" boxers will box for donations to help the combined clubs. Also, donations can be made at the Gray County Sheriff Office, Pampa Police Dept., or by contacting Danny Martin at 835-2906 or J.R. Moreno at 665-1197. Also, Martin or Moreno may be contacted by anyone wanting to join the boxing club.

The Pampa Clubs will host boxing clubs from Oklahoma City, Lubbock, Hereford, Amarillo and other locations. There is an admission charge of \$5 for adults, \$3 for children 5-years to 12-years and children under 5-years are free.



Light Fly Weight boxers (from left) Alex Torres, sponsored by Liquid Recovery Systems; Joshua Perez, sponsored by Triangle Well Service and Bobby Sanchez, sponsored by Raymond Swaney, are among those who will compete in the tournament.

Miller shows promise, 'MNF' rating doesn't

When ABC decided to put an irreverent comedian on "Monday Night Football," the thinking was it would freshen a stale show and improve ratings that have been slipping for five seasons.

The early returns are in, and while Dennis Miller added flavor to the program, the national rating for his preseason debut plummeted 28 percent from what the network drew for last year's Hall of Fame Game.

Monday's game between San Francisco and New England earned a 7.3 rating with a 13 share, well shy of the 10.1/18 for last year's matchup between Dallas and Cleveland, which was also on a Monday night.

Bringing aboard a love-him-or-hate-him lightning rod didn't electrify viewers in the largest markets, either. New York produced a 5.9 both years, while Los Angeles dropped 23 percent from an 8.2 to a 6.3.

The 1999 game had the advantages of starting an hour later, at 8 p.m. EDT, and of featuring "America's Team" and the return of the Browns.

Even so, the big difference in ratings can't be comforting to ABC. Miller's 7-10 p.m. EDT broadcast peaked with a 7.8 rating from 9-9:30, indicating people tuned in even when no-names were playing and the outcome wasn't in doubt. But that was clobbered by CBS' "Everybody Loves Raymond," which drew a 9.0 in that time slot.

Each rating point represents 1 percent of the nation's estimated 100.8 million TV homes. Share is the percentage of in-use TVs tuned to a given show.

While Miller was laugh-out-loud funny at times, and by the end of the show was working smoothly with boothmates Al Michaels and Dan Fouts, he has improvements to make.

His timing was often wrong. His one-liners sounded scripted, if wonderfully esoteric. His forays into statistical analysis were cloudy, poorly stated or just trailed off.

At least once he got going — he didn't utter a sound during the 49ers' opening drive — Miller was rarely drab. He kept viewers on their toes with references to everything from the Vatican to Mesopotamia to Socrates to the Rosetta stone.

The comedian's next test comes Aug. 14, when the Titans and Rams play a preseason rematch of the Super Bowl. And the good news for ABC is that there are still five weeks until the regular season starts.

By then, Miller, Michaels and Fouts will have had more time to work out some kinks, as will new sideline reporters Eric Dickerson and Melissa Stark.

NASCAR rule aimed at avoiding sticking throttles

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — While investigators are still trying to determine what caused the crashes in which Adam Petty and Kenny Irwin Jr. died, NASCAR has taken steps to help drivers avoid sticking throttles.

The stock car sanctioning body Tuesday told its Winston Cup teams to install a stop on the car's throttle assembly and an on-off switch on the steering wheel, within reach of the driver's thumb.

The new rules take effect with the opening of practice on Thursday at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway for the Brickyard 400.

Although no conclusions have been reached, there has been considerable speculation that crashes on the same turn at the same track in which Petty and Irwin were killed were the direct result of stuck throttles.

Petty, a 19-year-old fourth-generation race driver, died May 12 in a crash in Turn 3 at New Hampshire International Speedway during a practice for a Busch Grand National race.

Irwin, a regular in the Winston Cup series, was killed in a crash during practice on July 7 at nearly the same spot on the one-mile Loudon, N.H., oval.

Kevin Triplett, director of operations for NASCAR, stressed that investigators are still looking for the cause of both accidents.

"We continue to look at things, to go through things and talk to

people," Triplett said Tuesday. "We continue to try to piece things together. It's a difficult thing to recreate following an accident what happened because of damage to this piece of the car and that piece of the car."

But Triplett said talks with crew chiefs, drivers and car owners led to Tuesday's rule changes, which he said were at least a step in the right direction.

"In trying to find something that was effective across the board and comfortable across the board, these were the two areas that could be done, and easily be done, before this weekend," he said.

Triplett pointed out that a number of cars already have a throttle stop, which keeps the rod that controls the throttle from going past the point where it can stick open even if the gas pedal is released.

NASCAR has previously required a shutoff switch on the dash of each car, and a few teams already had them on the steering column or steering wheel, Triplett added.

"These teams are run by competent, intelligent people and we have been getting a lot of feedback," he said. "It's a difficult process, but it's one you go through to try to find the answers. It's one we do every day, and not just because of these two tragic accidents, but, hopefully, so no more occur."

Winston Cup driver Jeremy

Mayfield said the new rules make good sense.

"They don't take anything away from the race cars, they don't affect competition, but they can save you from a pretty hard crash," he said. "You have to applaud NASCAR for taking steps like these."

"Let's face it, it's not how fast you go, it's how fast you stop. If you can hit something at a slower speed, that's got to be good. If you have more time when you're having problems — say you're aimed at the wall or something like that — to correct a little bit, then this is a good thing. Even if you hit at a better angle, then that's got to be good, too."

Triplett said NASCAR will continue to look at more ways to increase driver safety.

Some drivers have suggested the use of a toe clip to manually pull a stuck throttle back, but Triplett said, "There is a point in time when a toe clip is not effective. Some crew chiefs have told us you couldn't bring it back with a sledge hammer when it gets beyond a certain point."

Several energy-absorbing wall systems also have been suggested to NASCAR. But Triplett said, "A lot of things we've been presented with are still just ideas. There's nothing to show how effective they are."

"We're not 100 percent convinced what's available right now that we've seen is the right answer."

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Spurs' Duncan might miss Olympics Games

Tim Duncan isn't sure if he'll be able to play in the Olympics. Duncan, who only recently began rehabilitating his left knee after undergoing surgery May 24 to repair torn cartilage, has told USA Basketball that he might not be ready in time for the Olympics.

"We had a conversation, and we agreed to have another conversation in the next couple of days," said New Jersey Nets president Rod Thorn, who also serves as chairman of the selection committee for the U.S. team. "There's a possibility he may not be able to play, but as of now he's still on the team."

If Duncan is unable to play, it would leave the U.S. team with a serious shortage of big men. There is only one center, Alonzo Mourning, on the roster, and the only other players who can play power forward are Vin Baker, Kevin Garnett and Shareef Abdur-Rahim.

The logical choice to replace Duncan would be Shaquille O'Neal, but he has been unwavering in his stance that he does not want to play for the Olympic team this summer.

O'Neal's agent, Leonard Armato, did not return a call seeking comment.

Other possible choices — assuming the selection committee would go after another big man — include Antonio McDyess of Denver, David Robinson of San Antonio and Karl Malone of Utah. Duncan originally expected to be recovered in time for the start of Olympic training camp on Aug. 25.

The Olympic roster does not have to be finalized until Sept. 15, two days before the United States plays its first game against China, although the selection committee would replace Duncan well before that date if he is unable to play.

Duncan is expected to re-sign with the San Antonio Spurs in the next few days. Duncan, a free agent, turned down an offer from the Orlando Magic in favor of signing a three-year deal with the Spurs. The 24-year-old forward led the Spurs to their only NBA title.

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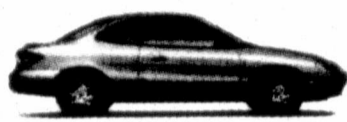
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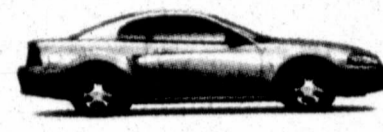
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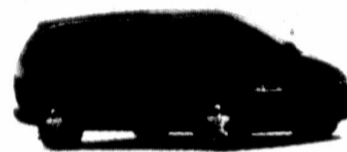
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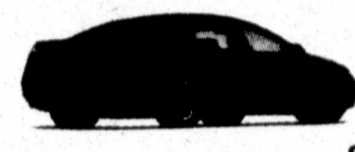
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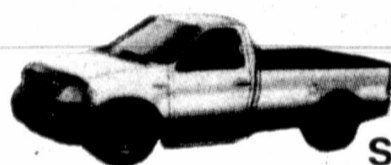
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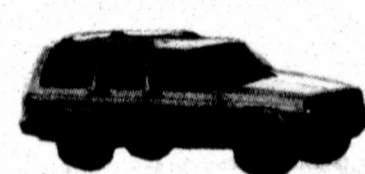
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