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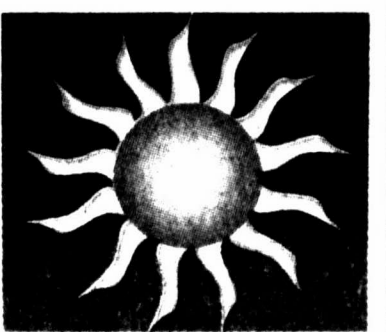
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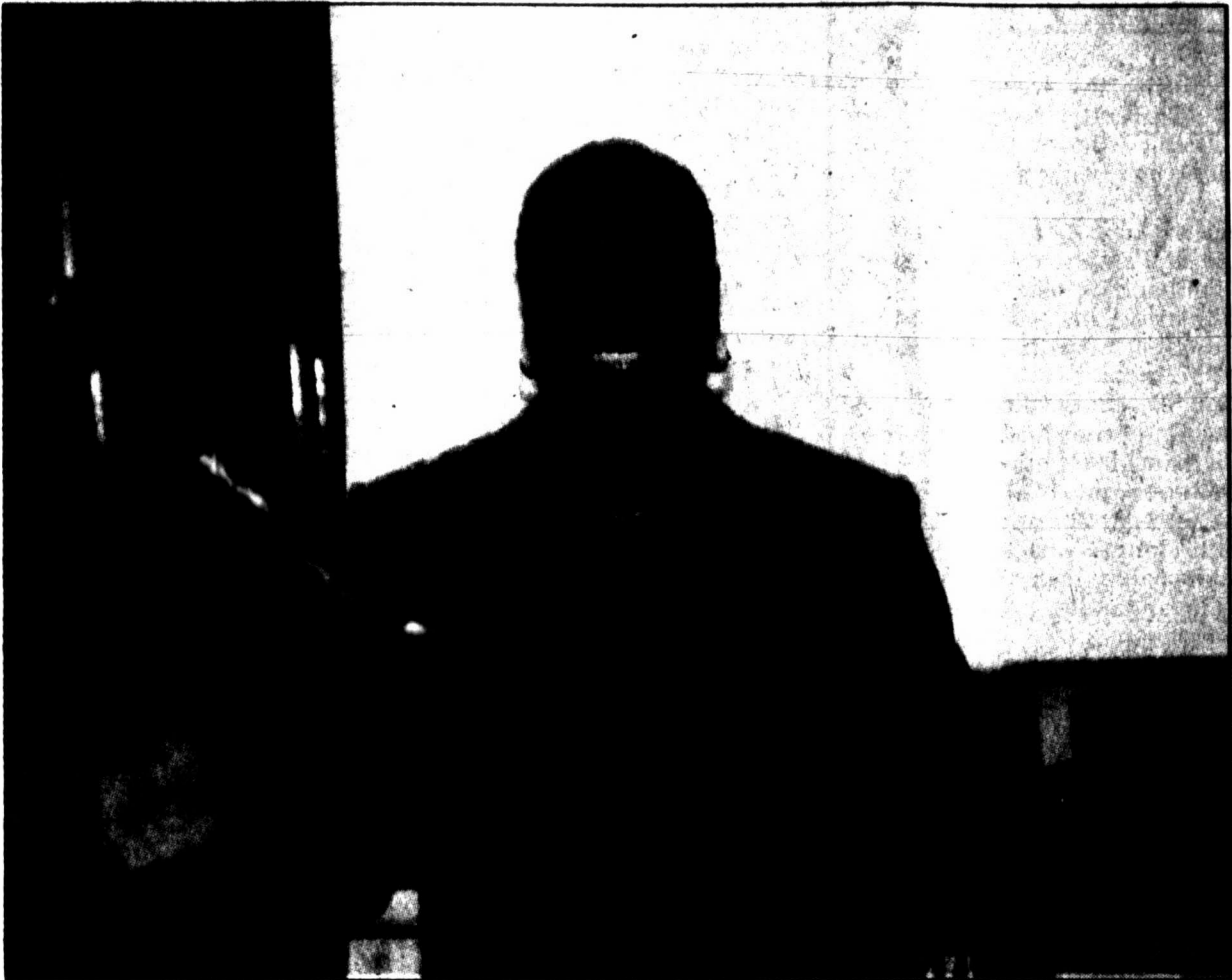
Veteran's Hall of Honor Friday
 PAMPA — The four inductees into the annual Panhandle Veteran's Hall of Honor will be recognized Friday at 7 p.m. at the V.F.W. Post home at 105 S. Cuyler. The four are: Raymond Reid, Pampa; Floyd Adams, Pampa; Golden Jones, PAAE, Amarillo; and James Roland Wheat of Higgins.
CC-PC accepting stipend applications
 PAMPA — Clarendon College-Pampa Center is accepting applications for fall 2000 semester scholarships in the amount of \$500 now through Aug. 21. Scholarships are also available to students attending CCPC Aplech Center, a certified machinists school. Students must complete the application form and provide three recommendations along with a copy of their last grade transcript. Applications may be obtained at CCPC campus, 1601 W. Kentucky, or by calling (806) 665-8801. Completed applications should be mailed to: Pampa Center Foundation, c/o Clarendon College-Pampa Center, 1601 W. Kentucky, Pampa, TX 79065.

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'Worth the Wait'



(Pampa News photo by Dee Dee Laramore)
Dr. Rene' Rochester, health educator and teen abstinence proponent, speaks to a group of parents and interested adults at the "Wisdom To Wait" workshop at Pampa High School Monday evening.

Long-time values play important role for teens

By DEE DEE LARAMORE
 Staff Writer

Dr. Rene' Rochester, Austin educator and teen abstinence proponent, emphasized a holistic approach to teaching teens about sexual responsibility at a parent/adult workshop Monday evening.
 Sponsored by the local Worth the Wait program, Dr. Rochester is also scheduled to speak at a Pampa Independent School District teacher in-service today.
 Approximately 30 parents and interested adults attended the workshop Monday evening at Pampa High School library.
 "A child's heart and mind are crucial targets," Dr. Rochester said. "Mom and Dad play a crucial role in what goes into the heart and mind of a child."
 Research shows that long-term values are instilled early in life by those who raise children "not their peers," she said.

"Once you bring a child into the world, you become the base source of knowledge for this child — because they come home to you every day," she told the group.
 "I wish I could say every family is wholesome, but you and I know we live in a world that is not like that," she said. "Still we do the best we can with what we have. The teacher is very important. The community is very important. The clergy is very important."
 Rochester identified risks within the family such as lack of supervision, lack of love, abuse — emotional, physical and substance. School-related risks might be low expectations, low grades, being behind in school, she said. In the community, risks could be poverty, gangs, access to weapons and "the boredom syndrome," she added. Peer influence and a feeling that they "don't fit in" could pose risks on an individual level.
 "The number one factor to help at-risk children (See TEENS, Page 2)

Police gather more evidence in death case

By DAVE BOWSER
 Staff Writer

Pampa police were questioning witnesses today in the death of a 21-year-old Amarillo man and are making headway on the case.
 Samuel Arthur Demerson II, 21, of Amarillo, was shot to death shortly after 1 a.m. Monday in the driveway at 1164 Varnon.
 Pampa Police Chief Charlie Morris said today that officers combing the area surrounding the shooting Monday afternoon had found additional evidence.
 "We are continuing our investigation," Morris said today. "We feel we are very close to identifying a potential suspect or suspects in the shooting."
 Preliminary autopsy results indicate that Demerson was shot once in the right side, just below

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the rib cage. The bullet angled up, hitting his heart.
 Gray County Justice of the Peace Bob Muns, who ordered the autopsy, said today that officials were awaiting the complete autopsy report, including tissue and toxicology tests that are routinely performed in such a case.
 The autopsy on Demerson was performed Monday afternoon in Lubbock.
 Pampa police officers arrived to find Demerson lying in a pool of blood at the rear passenger (See POLICE, Page 2)

Pampa's ALCO out of business

Store closure effective today

By KATE B. DICKSON
 Associate Publisher

Pampa's ALCO store has closed its doors after having been in operation here since 1977, district manager Bob Chambers announced today. While the local ALCO had remained a "viable" company store, Chambers said it did not make the profit margins that the publicly-owned company makes in its typical stores which are of smaller size and located in smaller towns of 5,000-to-7,000 population.
 If Pampa was growing, Chambers said the store may have remained open.
 "I know what it does to Pampa," Chamber said of the closing. "I've fought against it [but] slowly but surely we had to get on to the main thing."
 Chambers, who lives in Pampa and formerly managed the local store, was referring to the smaller-store, smaller-market business model Duckwall-ALCO Stores adopted in the mid-to-late 1980s.
 He said the Pampa store "is too big for what we do" and said most ALCO stores are half or less than half the size of the store here.
 There was a time, however, — during the oil boom of the 1980s — when the Pampa store enlarged and was ranked in the top 10 percent of ALCO stores, Chambers said.
 (See ALCO, Page 2)

Troopers make 1,200 pound marijuana bust

PANHANDLE — A New Mexico man remained in Carson County Jail today on felony drug possession charges after Texas Department of Public Safety troopers seized more than a half ton of marijuana during a traffic stop on Interstate 40 Monday.
 James Lee Baker, 52, of Albuquerque, N.M., is in Carson County Jail at press

time today awaiting arraignment for possession of marijuana over 50 pounds and less than 2,000 pounds, said Carson County Sheriff Gary Robertson.
 Baker's arrest followed a traffic stop Monday morning on I-40 near Conway, said L.B. Snider of the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) in Amarillo.
 A Borger trooper stopped a Volvo tractor trailer for speeding on I-40 East near Conway at 8:55 a.m., Snider said. The trooper noticed the driver appeared nervous — too nervous for someone who was getting a speeding ticket.
 "The trooper, through his training, became suspicious and asked the driver if he could search the vehicle," Snider said. "The result was a seizure of 1,200 pounds

of marijuana. We've estimated the street value at \$685,000."
 The marijuana was found in the trailer of the vehicle, officials said.
 "They opened the back door and there it was. They didn't make any attempt to hide it," Sheriff Robertson said.
 "It's as big (a drug seizure) as we've (See MARIJUANA, Page 2)

Quite frankly... What do you think of gasoline prices?



"I think they're awful."
 -- Megan Bowes



"I think they're still too high."
 -- Louisa Black



"They're horrible."
 -- Beverly Wolverton



"For people on welfare, it's really hard to go any where with gas this high."
 -- Tammie Knight



"Gasoline prices have not kept up with inflation over the years."
 -- Steve Thomas

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Daily Record

Services tomorrow

CURTIS, Marjorie — Graveside services, 11 a.m., Fairview Cemetery, Pampa.
DAVIS, Opal Ernestine "Teen" — 2 p.m., Heald

Obituaries

MARJORIE CURTIS
SPEARMAN — Marjorie Curtis, 80, died Monday, Aug. 14, 2000, at Pampa. Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday in Fairview Cemetery at Pampa with Dr. Edwin Cooley, pastor of First Presbyterian Church, officiating. Burial will be under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors of Pampa.



Mrs. Curtis was born Sept. 18, 1919, at Pampa and graduated from Pampa High School. She had been a Spearman resident since 1931 and was a homemaker and a member of First Methodist Church of Spearman.

She was a past member of 20th Century Club and Gladiola Flower Club. Survivors include a son, Terry Curtis of Durango, Colo.; and a granddaughter.

The family requests memorials be to Hospice of Spearman.

OPAL ERNESTINE DAVIS

McLEAN — Opal Ernestine "Teen" Davis, 81, died Sunday, Aug. 13, 2000, at Amarillo. Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday in Heald Methodist Church with the Rev. Thacker Haynes officiating. Burial will be in Hillcrest Cemetery under the direction of Lamb Funeral Home of McLean.

Mrs. Davis was born July 20, 1919, in Wheeler County, to Jack and Stella Pennington Sparlin. She married William Arthur "Ott" Davis on Jan. 2, 1937 at Elk City, Okla.; he died in March 1999. The couple farmed.

She had been a lifelong resident of the McLean area and was a longtime member of Heald Methodist Church.

Survivors include three daughters, Jacqueline Younger of Amarillo, Jana Davis of Canyon and Rhonda Graham of McLean; two sisters, Gwyn Clement of Pampa and Claudine Thomas of Albuquerque, N.M.; two grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

The family will receive visitors at Mrs. Davis's home and requests memorials be to Heald Methodist Church.

VERDIE LEE NOEL

KEENE — Verdie Lee Noel, 88, died Aug. 11, 2000. Graveside services will be at 4 p.m. Wednesday in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Verdie Lee Noel was born Dec. 13, 1911, in Wheeler County. She married Walter H. Noel on Sept. 6, 1936, at Mobeetie. He preceded her in death in 1982. She was a homemaker and a member of Cleburne Seventh-Day Adventist Church and the Potpourri Doll Club. She was preceded in death by one son, Duane Noel, in 1984.

Survivors include two daughters, Jessie Lee Borg of Cleburne and Doris Jeannie Grant of Corning, Calif.; one sister, Lillie Ford of Santa Paula, Calif.; nine grandchildren, 14 great grandchildren and two great great grandchildren.

Family requests memorials be sent to Town Hall Estates, 207 South Old Betsy Road, Keene, TX 76059.

ANNA LEA O'GRADY

BORGER — Anna Lea O'Grady, 103, a former Pampa resident, died Aug. 13, 2000, at Amarillo. Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday in Highland Park Cemetery, Resthaven Garden, with the Rev. Alan Williamson officiating. Burial will be under the direction of Minton/Chatwell Funeral Directors.

Mrs. O'Grady was born in Dekalb County, Mo. She had been a Borger resident for 45 years, moving from Pampa. She was an artist and belonged to the Christian Church. She was living in Amarillo at the time of her death.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Lee O'Grady, in 1956; and by a daughter, Colleen McMullen.

Survivors include a daughter, Rosalie Johnson of Amarillo; two grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and six great-great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to Baptist St. Anthony's Foundation.

Emergency numbers

- Ambulance.....911
- Crime Stoppers.....669-2222
- Energas.....1-888-Energas
- Fire.....911
- Police (emergency).....911

Police report

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

Monday, Aug. 14

A tool box was reported found in the 300 block of Canadian.

A Pampa tire store reported the theft of two Goodyear tires, valued at \$63.99.

An 18 speed girl's bicycle was reported taken from a home in the 200 block of North Dwight.

A boy's bicycle was found in the alley in the 1100 block of South Hobart.

Carson County Sheriff

Carson County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests during the week of Aug. 7 through Aug. 13. Currently, 10 persons are incarcerated in Carson County Jail and nine additional prisoners are being held in other jurisdictions.

Week of Aug. 7 - 13

Toby Phillips, 29, of Pampa was arrested on traffic warrants - Panhandle police
Cheryl Lord, 26, Lansing, Ill., was arrested for possession of marijuana more than 50 pounds but less than 2,000 pounds.

Arturo Castellano, 37, Blue Island, Ill., was arrested for possession of marijuana more than 50 pounds but less than 2,000 pounds.

Paul Denas, 35, Albuquerque, N.M., was arrested on a bond surrender out of Potter County.

Jeremy Halvei, 19, Pampa, was arrested on a Department of Public Safety traffic warrant.

Clinton Walker, 33, Panhandle, was arrested on a Potter County warrant.

Jeremy Ackors, 19, White Deer, was arrested for possession of controlled substance and driving while intoxicated.

Accidents

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

Friday, Aug. 11

A tractor-trailer rig, driven by Melvin Burl Cunningham, 70, of Delta, Colo., backing up in a parking lot in the 700 block of North Hobart struck a light pole.

Saturday, Aug. 12

A 1983 white Cadillac Fleetwood four-door sedan, owned by Larry Wayne Chaffin, 728 Bradley, and parked in front of his home, was struck by a hit and run driver.

Ambulance

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

Monday, August 14

1:06 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to Pampa Regional Medical Center for a transport to Baptist St. Anthony West.

4:38 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 400 block of South Houston on lifting assistance.

Fires

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

Monday, Aug. 14

9:33 a.m. - One unit and two firefighters responded to a trash fire in the 700 block of South Henry.

Stocks

Table with 4 columns: Stock Name, Price, Change, and Date. Includes entries for Columbia, Halliburton, KMI, Kerr-McGee, etc.

ALCO

Local employees are being offered transfers to other ALCO stores and the manager, Ed Ringering, will be transferred to another ALCO, Chambers said, "after he and his family have time to think about this and where they'd like to go. Ed has been a good manager."

Meanwhile, though the sales floor is closed, customers may pick up their layaways and film

developing purchases from 10 a.m. through 2 p.m. Monday through Saturday at the front of the store through Aug. 26.

Store associates will be working in Pampa for about the next month while they pack up the merchandise and remove store fixtures, Chambers said.

"The Pampa store has been very good to our company and we wish to express our thanks to the man friends that we have served over the past 23 years and best

wishes to the many employees that have served our company faithfully..." he said.

Overall, the district manager said, Duckwall-ALCO Stores Inc. continues to grow at a rapid pace throughout the mid-section of the country.

The company has 268 locations in 20 states. There are 45 other stores in Texas.

The closing of the Pampa store marks the company's third store closing this year, Chambers said.

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TEENS

is a healthy attachment to a caring adult," Rochester explained. This helps foster independence and competency, she said, and thus helps a child be able to "say no" to sex until marriage.

"I believe there's a right time for everything, a time to laugh, a time to smile and a time to say 'no,'" she said.

Young people today are bombarded by media and advertising that promotes sexual behavior, she said. These outside influences can be countered by strong principles taught at home, at church, and in the community, she said.

Parents and adults need to "encourage our kids to be the best they can be," and to instill high aspirations. "We need to teach young people how to discern," she added.

"Some of the things that are holding kids back today are poor self-esteem, rejection and abandonment," Rochester said. "Abandonment issues are very real to these kids."

Rochester pointed out that knowledge is important, but without a strong self esteem and the wisdom to use the knowledge, young people will still

make choices that could lead to sexually transmitted diseases and teen pregnancies.

"Wisdom comes from the Hebrew word that means the ability to make a right choice at an opportune time," she explained.

Rochester said what she teaches spans cultural and social boundaries. "I can tell you right now there are parents in the heart of the Chicago projects that are just as concerned, just as caring as you are tonight," she said.

"When you cut us, we all bleed the same," she said.

Rochester said that if young people are taught such things as the roots of words related to sex, it would influence young people. For example, the root of gonads is "seeds - potential," gametes (sperm and ovum) means "spouses", and hymen originally stood for the Gred god of marriage, she said, adding that "intimate comes from the word 'interus' which means the womb, the core of a person's being."

"Teach this to young people and they realize sex is for marriage," she said. "Teach them how to communicate - to affirm, not arouse; to be focused, not flirt; to encourage, not entice."

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MARIJUANA

gotten here in quite awhile," Robertson said. "We've kept a lot of marijuana from hitting the streets," Snider said.

The truck driver told officers that he had started in California and was on the way to Indiana with

truck parts. "In my estimation 40 percent of the whole stop is the officer's training and intuition when talking to the driver. That's what they have to go on," said Sheriff Robertson.

"The other 60 percent is what is found by the drug dog and, or, the search. There's a lot that gets by. This time, it didn't."

Man freed by DNA evidence awaits pardon

By MARY LEE GRANT Associated Press Writer

CONROE (AP) — A 35-year-old man imprisoned for a decade for a rape conviction debunked by DNA evidence was freed Tuesday morning in a 'vance of an expected pardon from Gov. George W. Bush.

A subdued and teary Roy Wayne Criner walked out of the Montgomery County courthouse after State District Judge Mike Mayes granted him a personal recognition bond. The bond would become null once the pardon was signed.

"The first thing I'm going to do, I'm going to take a hot bath," Criner said as he met his jubilant family as a free man.

In the brief hearing before his release, Mayes complimented the one-time East Texas logger.

"Undaunted men and women have triumphed over adversity," Mayes said, comparing Criner to George Washington and Abraham Lincoln. "Imprisoned for 10 years for a crime he did not commit, we have Roy Wayne Criner."

Mayes then asked Criner to "refrain from anger and bitterness" over losing nearly a third of his life to confinement. Criner remained calm throughout the

hearing. Monday, the Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles voted 18-0 in favor of pardoning Criner, who was convicted of raping 16-year-old Deanna Ogg. Her naked and bludgeoned body was found in September 1986, about 20 miles northeast of Houston in New Caney.

The board's recommendation was immediately forwarded to Bush, who was expected to sign the pardon Tuesday, spokeswoman Linda Edwards said.

"I agree with the Board of Pardons and Paroles that credible new evidence raises substantial doubt about the guilt of Roy Criner, and that he should receive a pardon," Bush said in a statement.

Criner originally was charged with murder, a count dropped for lack of evidence. He was convicted of aggravated sexual assault.

Criner's attorney, Michael B. Charlton, successfully argued DNA evidence found on a cigarette butt matched semen found in Ogg's body but neither matched Criner.

On July 28, Montgomery County District Attorney Michael McDougal, Sheriff Guy Williams and Mayes asked the parole board to recommend the pardon.

"He'll be coming home to a big steak and a big, happy family," his mother, Jackie Criner, said Tuesday at the courthouse. "There's a lot he hasn't seen before, like the Internet."

The family hopes to collect \$25,000 from a state fund for the wrongfully convicted. Criner cannot sue the state over his incarceration.

Besides Criner, Bush also said Monday he would pardon Ronnie Mark Garipey, 41, convicted in Hutchinson County of sexual assault. The board recommended Garipey's pardon in February.

The pardons Bush announced Monday bring to 18 the number he has issued since taking office nearly six years ago. Five of those pardons, including the latest two, are "pardons for innocence."

In all five cases, the district judge, district attorney and sheriff from the prosecuting county all recommended the pardon.

City Briefs

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

NEW PLAINSMEN Quartet, Sat. 7 p.m., Pentecostal Holiness Church, 1700 Alcock.

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ST. VINCENT'S is accepting applications for enrollment for Pre-K, 3-5th grade. Space is limited. Call 665-5665 for info.

Heart Association simplifies guidelines

WASHINGTON (AP) — The American Heart Association announced streamlined emergency procedures for aiding heart attack victims on Tuesday, changes it hopes will save lives.

The guidelines for emergency cardiopulmonary resuscitation were changed for the first time since 1992 in an effort to "focus on skills that make a difference," said Mary Fran Hazinski of Vanderbilt University Medical Center.

The new guidelines drop the requirement that the layperson providing emergency CPR check for a pulse, she said, because studies found that some 35 percent of the time people were wrong about whether the victim had a pulse. The result could be not giving aid to someone who needs it.

"We recognize that it is very difficult for the layperson to assess whether a patient has a pulse within the first few seconds" of an emergency, said Dr. Rose Marie Robertson, AHA president. Instead, people assisting victims are urged to check for other signs of circulation such as breathing, coughing or movement when deciding whether to perform CPR.

The new guidelines also drop the differing ratios of chest compressions to rescue breaths that had been recommended depending on how many people were assisting in giving CPR. Now they simply recommend 15 chest compressions alternating with two breaths until emergency defibrillation can be administered.

Among other changes were using chest compressions to help clear the airways of a choking

victim, using two thumbs rather than two fingers to perform CPR on infants and on what drugs should be used by emergency care professionals.

Robertson also said the association is pressing a campaign to get automatic heart defibrillators installed in places like sports stadiums, airports and other public buildings.

In some bases the heart begins fibrillating — beating randomly — and needs an electrical shock to restore normal rhythm. These machines can automatically assess whether a victim's heart needs to be shocked and provide that shock if necessary.

Heart attack survival chances fall by 7 percent to 10 percent for every minute between collapse and defibrillation, Hazinski said, so having these machines widely available can save many lives.

Weather focus

PAMPA — Sunny skies today with a high of 102 and south winds at 10-20 mph. Tonight, clear with a low of 70 and south winds at 5-15 mph. Tomorrow, sunny with a high in the upper 90s and south winds to 15 mph. Yesterday's high was 98; the overnight low 68.

STATE — Tattered remnants of Tropical Storm Beryl are bringing rain and cooler, overcast skies to South Texas, while there's still little relief from the heat for northern sections of the state.

Thunderstorms increased early Tuesday over the southern tip of Texas, mainly south of a line from Port Aransas through Beeville and Freer to Zapata, after Beryl made landfall in northeastern Mexico.

Early-morning temperatures ranged from the 60s and 70s to rain-cooled lower 80s along the Gulf of Mexico.

Extremes were 61 degrees at Marfa to 83 at Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport. Also, it was 71 degrees at Austin, 75 at Paris and Childress, 77 at Odessa and 82 at Galveston.

Winds in North and West Texas were mostly southerly and southeasterly at 5 to 15 mph in the deep south, gusting over 30 mph in thunderstorms. Elsewhere, winds were light and variable.

The tropical storm's influence should be felt through Wednesday, with small craft advisories in effect for coastal waters and scattered to numerous showers and thunderstorms, some with heavy rain-

fall, in South Texas, the Hill Country and along the Rio Grande. Gusty winds can be expected in squalls.

Daytime highs should range from the 90s to near 108 along the Rio Grande, with 80s in the Davis and Guadalupe mountains. Lows overnight were expected in the 60s and 70s, except for a few 50s in the southwestern mountains.

In North Texas, only high clouds from the tropical storm were evident. A slight chance of a few scattered thunderstorms was expected in southerly and southeasterly portions of North Texas.

Also forecast was a slight chance of thunderstorms across the Panhandle and Permian Basin through Wednesday night.

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Calendar of events

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.

MACEDONIA BAPTIST

Macedonia Baptist Church, 441 Elm, conducts prayer services at 7:30 a.m., 12 p.m. and 6 p.m. daily for the citizens of Pampa - the churches, the schools, etc. All are cordially invited to come and pray. For more information, call 665-4926.

OPEN DOOR ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

Open Door Alcoholics Anonymous at 910 Kentucky (across from Albertson's) meeting schedule - seven days a week - two meetings a day - noon till 1 p.m. no smoking, and Tuesday and Thursday 8-9 p.m. call 665-9702 for information.

TRALEE CRISIS CENTER

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

MONTHLY GOSPEL SINGING

First Pentecostal Holiness Church, 1700 Alcock, hosts a Gospel Singing from 2-4 p.m. every second Sunday of the month. Pastor Albert Maggard and the congregation of First Pentecostal cordially invites the public to attend. Singers and musicians from area churches participate in this informal congregational singing and enjoy various special vocal and instrumental presentations.

PAMPA LEARNING CENTER

Pampa Learning Center is currently accepting applications for the 2000-01 school year. The forms are available from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. in the basement of the old Clarendon College building, 212 W. Cook. Prospective students must return applications and come to interviews between 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Aug. 14. Acceptance lists will be posted by 5 p.m. Aug. 15. Orientation for students and parents is scheduled Aug. 16. Orientation schedules will be posted with the acceptance list. Classes will begin Aug. 17.

MUSEUM OF THE PLAINS

Museum of the Plains is currently exhibiting "Panhandle-Wide Panoramic Photography" by Louise Daniel and Jim Jordan through Labor Day. The museum is located at 1200 N. Main in Perryton.

TEXANS CARING FOR TEXANS

Texans Caring for Texans will hold a Public Employee Recognition from 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Aug. 24 at Amarillo College Business and Industry Center, 1314 S. Polk, Amarillo.

GREG LAIR BLOOD DRIVE

Greg Lair will sponsor a Coffee Memorial Blood Center Blood Drive Aug. 19 at the dealership in Amarillo. CMBC encourages everyone to participate and make the blood drive a success.

CMBC GOLF TOURNAMENT

The Second Annual Coffee Memorial Blood Center Golf Tournament fund-raiser is slated Friday, Aug. 25 at Arrowhead Course at Comanche Trail Golf Course. The four-person scramble will begin at 1:30 p.m. The entry fee is \$50 and will include green fees, cart, goody bag,

beverage tickets and a dinner donated by Haffbrau Steaks. Only 32 teams may enter. The deadline for entry is Friday, Aug. 18. For more information call, Linda Guthrie at (806) 358-4563.

PPQG

Panhandle Piecemakers Quilt Guild will meet at 6:30 p.m. Aug. 24 at Pampa Senior Citizens Center, 500 W. Francis. The program will be "Quilt Labels" and members may participate by bringing their own ideas, instructions and demonstrations on labels to share with the group. Visitors are welcome. For more information, call (806) 779-2115.

ACT DEADLINE

The next ACT Assessment test will be administered Sept. 23. College-bound students must register for the college admissions and placement exam by Aug. 18. There is a late registration postmark deadline of Sept. 1 but an extra fee is charged for late registrations. Students can register for the ACT via their high school counselors or on-line at www.act.org. The website has sample tests and other helpful information.

PALO DURO BENEFIT

Palo Duro Canyon State Park Endowment Fund will present Western singer and poet Red Steagall and friends Don Edwards and Andy Wilkinson in a benefit performance at 8 p.m. Sept. 9 in Palo Duro's Pioneer Amphitheater. Tickets - to be available at the door - are \$30 per person and may be purchased in advance at all First American Bank locations, at Palo Duro Canyon Visitor Center or by mail. For more information, call Larry Scruggs at (806) 488-2222, ext. 0.

HEIFER PROJECT INTERNATIONAL

First Presbyterian Church, 525 N. Gray, is currently accepting aluminum cans for recycling. Proceeds will benefit Heifer Project International, an Arkansas-based service organization which provides livestock (chickens, pigs, sheep, cattle) along with training and support services to families and communities worldwide. For a limited time, donations will be matched 3-1 by a private foundation. HPI is a non-denominational not-for-profit agency. For more information, call the church office at 665-1031. Office hours are 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m.-12 noon, Friday and before 10:45 a.m. Sunday. For more information about HPI, call 1-800-422-0474 or visit <http://www.heifer.org>, on the Internet.

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TEXAS WILD BUNCH

The Calvert Chamber of Commerce will co-sponsor the second annual Texas Wild Bunch Fine Art Show and Sale from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 26 and from 12 noon-4 p.m., Sunday, Aug. 27 in the Historic Old Town, Calvert, Texas. A dinner and dance will also be held in conjunction with the show and sale from 6-10 p.m. Saturday. Tickets are \$7. For more information, call Sandy Hudson at (979) 364-2868.

HARRINGTON CANCER CENTER

The Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center will hold "Dialogue," a patient/family education support group sponsored by the cancer center and the American Cancer Society, Thursdays from 12 noon-1:30 p.m. this month. For more information, call Gerry Kelly at (806) 359-4673, ext. 235 or Stan McKeever at (806) 359-4673, ext. 141 or toll-free at 1-800-274-4673.

LIFE AFTER LOSS

American Cancer Society and Crown of Texas Hospice will sponsor a four-week "Life After Loss" seminar for those who have recently suffered the loss of a loved one from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Aug. 7, 14, 21 and 28 at Crown of Texas Hospice, 10000 S. Jefferson, Amarillo. To register or for

more information, call (806) 353-4306.

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.

HAPPY CELEBRATION

The 34th Annual Happy Days Celebration will be Aug. 18-20 at Happy. The event will include: Craft shows, a parade, an Old Timers reunion and barbecue, Top of Texas Cloggers, a barbecue, Little Britches Rodeo, Washer Pitch, "Introduction to Bull Riders," and a team roping. For parade inquiries, call (806) 558-2231. For booth space information, call (806) 558-2121. Call (806) 995-4646 about the bull ride event and (806) 558-3381 about the team roping.

MISS TEEN ALL-AMERICAN

Miss Teen All-American pageant officials are seeking applicants for the Miss Texas Teen All-American 2000 pageant to be held Dec. 2-3 at Dallas-Fort Worth Lakes Hilton in Grapevine. Contestants will compete in the following categories: Personal Interview, Evening Gown and Swimsuit. To qualify, a young woman must be 13-19 years of age as of Aug. 1, 2000; must never have been married; and must be a U.S. resident. To apply, send a recent photo along with name, address, telephone number, date of birth and short bio either by fax, 1-304-242-8341, or mail: Dept. D - Miss Texas Teen All-American, 603 Schrader Ave., Wheeling, WV 26003-9619.

FAMILY CHRONICLE

Family Chronicle magazine is seeking genealogy success stories. The publication plans to collect a "1,000 brickwall solutions" for inclusion in a special publication of the same name. Stories can range from 50 to 800 words. Submissions should be mailed to: "Brickwall Solutions" Family Chronicle, Box 1201, Lewiston, NY 14092.

AIYSE

American International Youth Student Exchange Program is seeking host families for 25 high school students from France, Germany, Belgium, Spain, Denmark and other foreign countries for the upcoming school year. The students, age 15-18, will arrive late in August and return home in June. The students are screened and have spending money and medical insurance. Host families may deduct \$50 per month for income tax purposes. For more information, call 1-800-347-7575.

LAMAR SCHOLARSHIPS

Students accepted into the Texas Academy of Leadership in Humanities, a two-year residential honors program at Lamar University in Beaumont, are eligible for full tuition scholarships for up to 15 credit hours per semester. Enrollment is currently underway for the fall 2000 semester. For more information, call (409) 839-2995, fax (409) 839-2991 or e-mail TALH@hal.lamar.edu.

COAF WEBSITE

The Children of Alcoholics Foundation, an education-prevention arm of Phoenix House, recently launched a website (www.coaf.org) for children of substance abusers of all ages. The website is designed to help educators, physicians, social workers and other professionals. The site includes sections for teens and adults who have grown up with an alcoholic or drug addicted parent as well as information for teachers, social workers and others.

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.

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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.

MONTHLY GOSPEL SINGING

First Pentecostal Holiness Church, 1700 Alcock, hosts a Gospel Singing from 2-4 p.m. every second Sunday of the month. Pastor Albert Maggard and the congregation of First Pentecostal cordially invites the public to attend. Singers and musicians from area churches participate in this informal congregational singing and enjoy various special vocal and instrumental presentations.

FIRST ASSEMBLY

First Assembly of God Church will present the ministry of LaVerne and Edith Tripp at 7 p.m. Sept. 11. The Tripps host their own TV show and are frequent guests of TBN Television ministry. All are invited to attend and enjoy an evening of gospel music and ministry.

PPQG

Panhandle Piecemakers Quilt Guild will meet at 6:30 p.m. Aug. 24 at Pampa Senior Citizens Center, 500 W. Francis. The program will be "Quilt Labels" and members may participate by bringing their own ideas, instructions and demonstrations on labels to share with the group. Visitors are welcome. For more information, call (806) 779-2115.

TEXANS CARING FOR TEXANS

Texans Caring for Texans will hold a Public Employee Recognition from 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Aug. 24 at Amarillo College Business and Industry Center, 1314 S. Polk, Amarillo.

PAS DANCE

Pampa Area Singles will hold a dance from 8-11 p.m. Aug. 26 at M.K. Brown Auditorium. Indian Summer will perform. Cost is \$6 per person. The event will be alcohol and smoke free. For more information, call 665-7059.

FREE TREES

The National Arbor Day Foundation will offer 10 free Colorado Blue Spruce trees to individuals joining the foundation prior to Aug. 31, 2000. The free trees are part of the nonprofit NADF's Trees for America campaign. The trees will be shipped postpaid at the right time for planting, between Oct. 15-Dec. 10, with enclosed planting instructions. The 6- to 12-inch trees are guaranteed to grow or will be replaced for free. To receive the free trees, send a \$10 membership contribution to "Ten Blue Spruces," National Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Ave., Nebraska City, NE 68410, by Aug. 31. Or join on-line at www.arborday.org.

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PDCSP PROGRAMS

Palo Duro Canyon State Park will host a series of evening programs throughout the month at Lone Star Theater near Watercrossing 1. Topics and dates are as follows: "Canyon Critters," 9 p.m., Aug. 11, 25; "Canyon Chat," 9 p.m., Aug. 12, 18, 26; "Long Bow: Trader, Trapper, Teacher," 8 p.m., Aug. 13; "Wildflower Safari," 9 p.m., Aug. 19; "PANSAR K-9 Rescue," 8 p.m., Aug. 20; "Night Noises," 9 p.m., Aug. 27. For more information, call (806) 488-2227, ext. 49.

MINI BAZAAR

Waka Church of the Brethren will sponsor its 11th annual Mini Bazaar fund-raiser from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Oct. 28 at the Ochiltree County Exposition Building in Perryton. Booths will include: arts and crafts, small entrepreneurs, antiques, collectibles, stamps, coins, rocks guns - even cars. Anyone interested in booth space may call (806) 435-4515.

Texas receives favorable ratings from Wall Street

AUSTIN — Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander recently announced, "Texas received the highest possible ratings from Wall Street bond analysts on our upcoming Series 2000 tax and revenue anticipation note sale."

"Wall Street analysts are obviously pleased with the Texas economy and our ability to use Texas taxpayers money wisely and efficiently," Rylander said. "I was delighted to take our actual, accurate numbers and the recent revenue update to New York City ... The state's budget is very sound as we told the analysts and at the end of ... (the) month we will have a

\$1.409 billion surplus — cash in the bank. High bond ratings mean lower interest rates for our short-term notes that we sell every year at this time. That means we will save millions of dollars in decreased debt service cost for Texans."

Standard and Poor's, Moody's and Fitch IBCA analysts all gave Texas' Series 2000 Tax-Revenue Anticipation Notes their highest rating. Rylander will sell FY 2001 notes for \$3.9 billion on Aug. 24.

"Texas uses the money from these notes to do things such as funding Texas school districts at the beginning of the year, rather than strapping school districts

for cash until all tax payments are complete," she said.

Fitch IBCA reported: "Texas has an excellent record of cash management, and revenue estimation tends to be conservative. Operations in recent years have surpassed expectations, and this year the comptroller has recently projected revenues to be \$1.4 billion over estimates for the fiscal year ending Aug. 31, 2000."

"The Texas economy has been performing strongly, with employment and personal income growth exceeding the national rates."

Several years ago, the state began making payments to public school districts earlier in the year to discontinue the need for school districts to have hundreds of separate, small, cash-note issues, saving time, trouble and money. By doing a single note issue, the state has the advantage of huge economies of scale. The state's franchise tax revenue is received in May each year.

PPQG to hold 'Quiltfest 2000'

Quilts wanted! On Saturday, Sept. 30, and Sunday, Oct. 1, Panhandle Piecemakers Quilt Guild of Pampa will present "Quiltfest 2000" at M.K. Brown Civic Auditorium located at 1000 N. Sumner in Pampa. This is the sixth biannual show to be held by the guild, and members look forward to showcasing the many talents of regional and local quilters.

Area quilters are encouraged and invited to enter items in the show in one or more of 17 categories, including: applique-hand quilted, applique-machine quilted, pieced-hand quilted, pieced-machine quilted, combination pieced and applique, novelty, special technique, miniatures, kit quilts, first quilt juvenile, made by child, wearable, holiday and wall hanging. Group quilts and antique quilts may be shown but will not be judged. No entry fees will be charged and cash prizes as well as first, second and third ribbons will be awarded for each of the categories.

Entry forms are available at Sand's Fabrics and Quilt Corner in Pampa, R&R Quilts in Amarillo, The Needle's Point in Elk City, Okla., Al-Bar Fabrics in Canton, Okla., or from PPQG member Susie Edwards (806) 665-4268.

Deadline for entry is Sept. 18. Quilts must be turned in by Sept. 26 at Sand's or by contacting Susie Edwards for pick-up. For more information, call Connie Parks at (806) 665-4867 or Edwards; e-mail: ppqg@hotmail.com.

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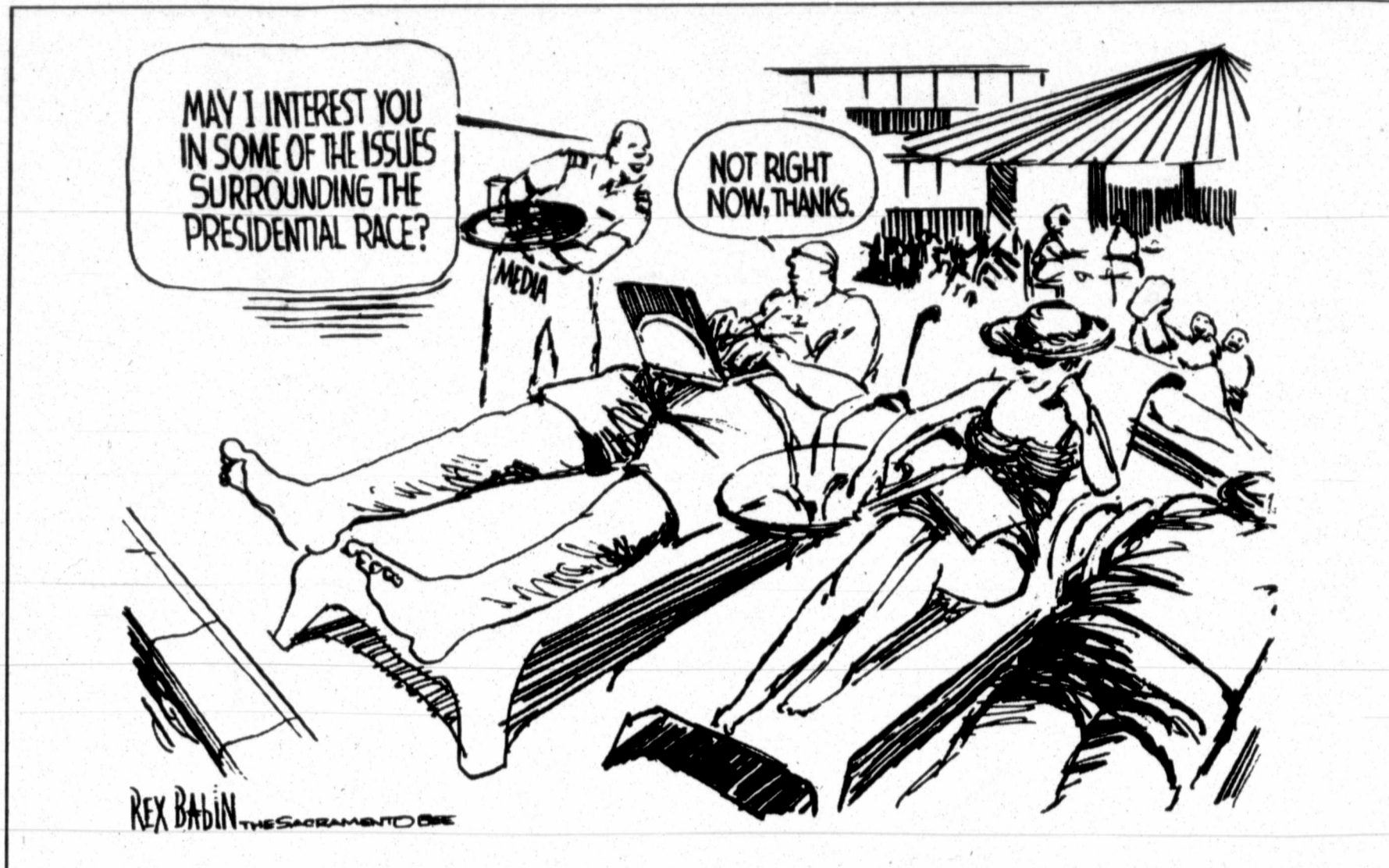
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Opinion

Ruling on HMO's holds little value

■ A couple of Supreme Court decisions made little impact. It is difficult to find a consistent rationale — or to envision a huge impact in the real world — in two decisions handed down by the U.S. Supreme Court.

In one case (Pegram v. Herdrich) the court ruled that under current federal law a patient cannot sue an HMO in federal court for paying financial bonuses to keep treatment costs down — but might be able to sue in some state courts. In the other (Reeves v. Sanderson Plumbing) it ruled that a plaintiff doesn't necessarily have to prove actual intent to discriminate to win a job-discrimination lawsuit.

In the HMO case, Justice David Souter, writing for a unanimous court, at least took the opportunity to remind people, if only indirectly, of the abiding hypocrisy of elected politicians. "The fact is that for over 27 years the Congress of the United States has promoted the formation of HMO practices," he wrote, adding that everybody involved knew that HMOs were an effort to reduce health-care costs by rationing health care.

Now that problems have cropped up with HMOs, he might have added but didn't, all the politicians want to demonize HMOs and pretend they had nothing to do with promoting them. He also might have noted that medical costs have risen as government involvement in medicine has increased, and that HMOs were a desperate effort to paper over the problem without getting to the root of it. But he didn't.

Souter did correctly decide that it wasn't the court's job to fix HMOs through lawsuits, but noted that if patients or their self-appointed advocates wanted to authorize lawsuits they would have to go to Congress, which is what is happening.

The odd thing about the decision is that it leaves open the possibility of lawsuits against HMOs under state laws if state laws permit them. If congressional policy would be undermined by allowing federal lawsuits, wouldn't it be undermined by allowing state lawsuits? Perhaps this is part of the high court's current effort to return power to the states, but that effort has hardly been a unanimous one on the part of the court.

As to the job discrimination case, it arose because a 57-year-old supervisor in a Mississippi toilet plant was fired after 40 years and replaced by a younger person. He sued under laws outlawing discrimination on the basis of age, won an award from a jury, but had his case overturned by an appeals court.

The appeals court acknowledged that he had proven the original reason given for firing him was phony, but hadn't proven it was grounded in intentional bias against older people.

A unanimous court ruled he didn't have to prove that to get a hearing from the jury. "In appropriate circumstances the trier of fact can reasonably infer from the falsity of the explanation that the employer is dissembling to cover up a discriminatory purpose," wrote Justice Sandra Day O'Connor.

Maybe it's best to let a jury decide, but one would prefer that a law be broken intentionally before somebody is punished. In practice, however, this decision is not likely to make a big difference in how employment discrimination suits are handled.

—Odessa American

By The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, Aug. 15, the 228th day of 2000. There are 138 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: Aug. 15, 1945, was proclaimed VJ Day by the Allies, a day after Japan agreed to surrender unconditionally.

On this date: In 1769, Napoleon Bonaparte was born on the island of Corsica.

In 1935, humorist Will Rogers and aviator Wiley Post were killed when their airplane crashed near Point Barrow, Alaska.

In 1939, the MGM musical "The Wizard of Oz" premiered at the Grauman's Chinese

Theater in Hollywood.

In 1944, during World War II, Allied forces landed in southern France.

In 1947, India became independent after some 200 years of British rule.

In 1948, the Republic of Korea was proclaimed.

In 1969, the Woodstock Music and Art Fair opened in upstate New York.

In 1971, President Nixon announced a 90-day freeze on wages, prices and rents.

In 1994, Ilich Ramirez Sanchez, the terrorist known as Carlos the Jackal, was jailed in France after being captured in Sudan.

In 1998, 29 people were killed by a car bomb in Omagh, Northern Ireland; a splinter group calling itself the Real IRA claimed responsibility.

Ten years ago: In an attempt to gain support against the U.S.-led coalition in the Persian Gulf, Iraqi President Saddam Hussein offered to make peace with longtime enemy Iran.

Five years ago: The Justice Department agreed to pay \$3.1 million to white separatist Randy Weaver and his family to settle their claims over the killing of Weaver's wife and son during a 1992 siege by federal agents at Ruby Ridge, Idaho. Pioneering TV journalist and Timex

watch pitchman John Cameron Swayze died in Sarasota, Fla., at age 89.

One year ago: President Clinton and his family went house hunting in Westchester County, N.Y. (They later settled on a house in Chappaqua.) Tiger Woods won the PGA Championship, becoming the youngest player to win two majors since Seve Ballesteros.

Today's Birthdays: Cooking expert Julia Child is 88. Actress Dame Wendy Hiller is 88. Conservative activist Phyllis Schlafly is 76. Actor Mike Connors is 75. Jazz musician Oscar Peterson is 75. R&B singer Bill Pinckney (The Drifters) is 75.

Today in history

Making history at GOP convention

It is important for us to take a day of rest each week to reflect on where we have been and what we have been doing for our future. As I sit on the outskirts of Washington, D.C., in the midst of beautiful green trees and gardens where I have the good fortune of living with wonderful relatives during my fellowship, I am caught watching the rain fall gently down the rolling hills of a wonderful sub-section village lost in a huge metropolitan city. I am reflecting upon a week that has already been deemed as historical.

For the past few weeks, I have been in Philadelphia, Pa., participating in the Republican National Convention. My role was to help the RNC chairman do his job. His responsibility, along with his office, was to oversee the entire operation of the convention — an event that has been in the works for over five years. Behind the scenes of what appears on television, there is a tremendous effort in making this national event successful. Imagine this: 45,000 people traveling into one city for a four-day conference including 15,000 reporters, 10,000 volunteers, 4,100 delegates and alternates, an estimated 10,000 protesters, and many other special guests of the convention. Needless to say, there was a lot of planning to do.

At different times during the convention, I was able to go down to the floor where the delegates sat. The Texas delegation was full of lively characters and most of them were wearing cowboy hats. Of the notable panhandle folks, I saw Sen. Teel Bivins, Sue Hershey of Amarillo, Tom Mechler of Pampa, and I even saw U.S. Sen. Phil Gramm.



J.B. Horton
Guest columnist

Most of my time at the convention was spent in Chairman Nicholson's suite where I met some incredible people. Some of his guests included: Arnold Schwarzenegger, Henry Kissinger, Gov. Keating of Oklahoma, Jack Kemp, Ambassador Robinson, Kevin Johnson of the Phoenix Suns, Lt. Gov. Joe Rogers of Colorado, Sen. Olympia Snow of Maine, and many other incredible people.

I talked to Larry King on the phone while helping him get his hotel room situated and I coordinated a trip on Thursday night (the night George W. Bush spoke) for Rush Limbaugh.

Other than helping the chairman with the guests, I helped the RNC security team check people's credentials that were required for entrance into the chairman's suite. One of my more embarrassing moments was when the chairman's son came up to me for entry into the suite and I said no because he did not have the right credentials. He looked at me, smiled, and said, I'm the chairman's son. Then I realized he looked exactly like the chairman. Oops! One of my co-workers stopped Mary Matalin, a famous Republican political pundit, and insist-

ed that she show the correct pass to get in the chairman's suite. When he finally realized who she was, he turned beet red and let her in without any other words. Embarrassing, but funny.

The convention speakers were tremendous and the Republican Party was unified. According to many participants, this convention was the most positive, most unified, and most successful national convention since at least 1980. George W. Bush was nominated and he gave a dynamite acceptance speech. Even Democratic proponent Eleanor Clift gave his speech an "A."

In his speech, Gov. Bush touched on reforming Social Security, cutting taxes, improving education and touted his ability to lead the country in a theme called "Prosperity with a Purpose."

As a result of the convention, Bush had a four-point bounce in the CNN/USA today polls. Recently Gov. Bush led Vice President Al Gore by 17 points. However, there are three full months left in the campaign world and anything can happen between now and Nov. 7. As my dad puts it so well, no poll matters but the Nov. 7 poll.

In my week's reflection, I realize how blessed I have been to have had this opportunity. As far as what my future holds, I don't know, but I do know I can look back on this week with a special sense that I was a small part of history.

J. B. Horton is the former 1997-1999 student body president of West Texas A&M University and is currently serving an Eisenhower Fellowship for the Republican National Committee in Washington, D.C.

The ploys, strategy of propagandists

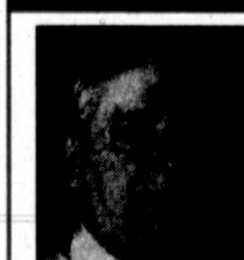
In this age of propaganda, it's useful now and then to review some of the techniques a propagandist uses to further his or her political agenda.

One of the most prevalent ploys these days is to equate prejudice, criticism or moral disapproval with hatred. The reasons for doing this are obvious. One, it attacks the critic. Who, after all, likes a hater? Secondly, it avoids answering the criticism or dealing with the moral issue.

Prejudice is a belief about a group (usually a generalization) that is fallacious. For example, the belief that all Chinese are natural-born math wizards or that all blacks are natural-born dancers is a prejudice. No doubt there are some Chinese who are not gifted in math and some blacks who have as much trouble keeping time to music as I do.

Nevertheless, these are what might be called harmless prejudices and provide no evidence of hatred. True haters are pathological individuals, and fortunately, they are relatively rare in our society, much rarer than you would think given all the people who make a living practicing divisiveness.

Even dislike is not hate. For heaven's sakes, we can't all like everybody else. I'm sure that Will Rogers, who used to say he never met a man he didn't like, would have if he had lived long enough. For dislike to become hatred, it must be so intense that it creates a desire to



Charley Reese
Syndicated columnist

cause harm or death.

The homosexual lobby always equates moral disapproval of homosexuality with hatred, though that is simply not true. Christians who believe that the Bible is the divinely inspired word of God have no choice in the matter, since the religion itself condemns homosexual behavior along with a number of other behaviors like adultery and fornication. No one ever accuses Christians of being misanthropic just because they condemn adultery as a sin. Christians are admonished to hate the sin but love the sinner. Admittedly, that's easier for some to do than for others.

There are, of course, some people who do hate homosexuals (often latent homosexuals themselves), but they have nothing to do with ordinary Christianity. I think that most homosexuals know this. As a group, they are certainly among the least afflicted and most prosperous of the minorities in America. The main

killer of homosexuals is their own lifestyle, or at least the promiscuous lifestyle practiced by too many. There again, promiscuity is the problem because it can lead to a bad end regardless of sexual preference.

Whether it's divinely inspired or not, diseases transmitted by sexual activity tend to be those that are particularly nasty and lethal. It might not be fair, but since Eve ate the apple, life hasn't been fair.

The main thing is to remember that no one has a right to be liked or approved of. We only have a right to be left alone or treated with common courtesy. In more enlightened times in the South, people knew how to be polite even to people they intended to kill.

Another common propaganda technique is to draw a fallacious conclusion from a numerical difference. If there are more blacks on death row than whites, one possible reason might be racial prejudice. Another possible reason might be a higher murder rate among blacks. Blacks, in fact, do have a far higher homicide rate than whites. In 1993, the homicide rate for white males was 8.6 per 100,000, and for black males it was 69.7 per 100,000. Still a third possible explanation for a disproportionate number of blacks on death row might have to do with income and an inability to hire a fancy lawyer.

The only answer is to examine each individual case. Discrepancy in numbers alone does not prove racism.

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Clinton receives roaring, sentimental sendoff

By WALTER R. MEARS
AP Special Correspondent

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Heralding Al Gore as "one strong leader," President Clinton got a roaring, sentimental send-off from the Democratic National Convention as he yielded the political stage to the man he wants elected his successor.

Clinton's vice president watched the convention farewell on television, preparing to join the president Tuesday in Monroe, Mich., to dramatize the passing of the Democratic mantle.

"It's a symbolic message that's more important than most of the words we'll be using," Gore said, calling Clinton's Monday night speech a great one. "It's a handoff, a passing of the torch."

Clinton, speaking aboard Air Force One Tuesday en route to the Michigan campaign stop, said of his speech, "I said what I wanted to say. I hope it helped, maybe it did. The main thing is that I just wanted to thank the people."

The convention is Gore's show now, adopting his platform on Tuesday and installing his vice presidential running mate, Sen. Joseph Lieberman of Connecticut. Lieberman was meeting Tuesday with black Democrats, some of whom are concerned about his stance on affirmative action.

Delegates will formally vote Gore the Democratic presidential nomination Wednesday night. Then it's Gore's turn to take the convention salute as he accepts the nomination in its final Thursday night.

First, it was Clinton's turn, a 41-minute nationally televised address celebrating his eight years in the White House and urging that Gore be elected to take over.

"In the most challenging moments, when we faced the most difficult issues, of war and peace, of whether to take on some powerful special interest, he was always there," Clinton said. "And he always told me exactly what he thought was right."

"I can tell you personally, he is one strong leader," the president said.

He saved a slap for Republican presidential nominee George W. Bush saying that ticket stands for policies that would "spend every dime" of budget surpluses on giant tax cuts, shortchanging needed programs the Democrats would deliver.

The Bush camp had an instant retort. "Instead of passing the baton, Bill Clinton used it to beat his own drum," said spokesman Ari Fleischer. "The vice president remains in Bill Clinton's shadow."

Clinton's speech drew wave after wave of convention cheers, in a standing room-only Staples Center sports arena, the floor and galleries a sea of red placards — "Thank you President Clinton."

Arkansas delegate Harry Truman Moore of Paragould called Clinton's exit from the presidency "bittersweet," but added, "now it's time for people to start focusing on Al Gore."

In his remarks, Clinton recited his record first, saying he'd matched the promises of his two winning campaigns and proven Republican critics wrong with the longest economic expansion in history. "Harry Truman's old saying has never been more true," he said. "If you want to live like a

Republican, you better vote Democratic."

When he turned to the election ahead, Clinton prefaced his boost for Gore with a word for Hillary Rodham Clinton, "a great first lady" campaigning for the Senate in New York. She spoke first, for herself and for Gore and Lieberman. "They have what it takes, and they'll do what it takes," she said.

The president said they "will keep our prosperity going," deliver on Democratic commitments across the board. "The best is still out there, the best is yet to come, if we make the right choices this election year," Clinton said.

Then his farewell line, three slogans echoing his own campaigns:

"When you think about me, keep putting people first, keep building those bridges. Don't stop thinking about tomorrow."

That was the anthem of his 1992 campaign, and the crowd sang it back to him.

Earlier in the evening, Democrats offered a special tribute to former President Jimmy Carter.

Carter, speaking Tuesday on CBS' "The Early Show," responded to comments that the tribute was long overdue. "For a few years after I left the White House, and I was a fairly young man, I felt I needed some validation. But you know, now it has been 20 years or so... and I think my administration has been validated adequately. So I don't have that uncomfortable feeling that I need to prove myself."

Carter also pointed to a long-standing friendship with Gore when citing his support for the vice president. "I've had some problems with the Clinton administration on occasion, but when I have, I've just called Al Gore and he was kind of my eye to Washington. We enjoy a very good relationship."

The Democrats' curtain: "Seventy-Six Trombones," with a brass band and the cast of the Broadway revival of "The Music Man."

In jarring contrast, a concert for protesters in their fenced corral outside the convention hall turned violent as the Clintons spoke. Demonstrators threw chunks of concrete and fired slingshots at police, who used paper-spray balls, rubber bullets and a horseback charge to herd them away.

The violence came as a crowd of about 8,000 began to leave a concert by the band Rage Against the Machine. Hundreds of them clashed with riot-gear, and quickly reinforced police. At least four people were hurt and 10 arrested.

Thirteen people had been arrested earlier in the day after protesters blocked a downtown intersection about six blocks from the convention site.

Clinton wasn't finished when the convention recessed. He went on to deliver an encore to thousands of Democrats at a mass party on a Hollywood movie lot. "The best way to validate all the work we've done is to win again," he said.

He parted into the night with current and former White House aides, before his dawn flight East to join Gore.

The platform the convention ratifies Tuesday echoes Gore's positions and campaign speeches. While it draws sharp lines against Republican policy on tax cuts, Social Security changes, abortion

and other points, the platform also plays to the center with promises to balance budgets, combat crime, develop a limited national missile defense and promote free trade.

Former Sen. Bill Bradley of New Jersey, the primary election challenger who once scared the vice president but never beat him, released the delegates he did win, 359 by his count, to support Gore on the nominating roll call.

"He's got an agenda that is the agenda of the Democratic Party," Bradley said in an interview with The Associated Press. "It's also my agenda. He's moved toward positions that I espoused in the campaign in a number of areas, and so there's

not a close call for me."

Bradley, who once accused Gore of a campaign of attack, attack, attack, and of distorting his positions, said he will be an active campaigner for the Democratic ticket, and wasn't thinking about another presidential bid of his own.

"All of my efforts and thoughts are directed toward November, not beyond that," he said.

Bradley was addressing the convention Tuesday. Also on the agenda were Caroline Kennedy, daughter of the assassinated John F. Kennedy, nominated in Los Angeles 40 years ago; Sen. Edward Kennedy of Massachusetts, his brother; and civil rights leader Jesse Jackson.

Poll: Gore's big job ahead to prove likability, leadership

LOS ANGELES (AP) — With the Democratic National Convention spotlight all to himself, a new poll suggests Al Gore's biggest job will be to convince voters he can be a likable and strong leader.

Democrat Gore had an edge on key campaign issues like the economy, Social Security and health care in a Los Angeles Times poll released Tuesday. But Republican presidential rival George W. Bush held a double-digit lead on the questions of likability and leadership.

A recent poll, by CNN-USA Today-Gallup, suggests that a candidate's stand on issues is now seen as more important, by a 10-point margin, than leadership skills and vision. For much of the year, leadership skills were valued more than where a candidate stood on the issues.

Democratic pollster Celinda Lake said it's important for Democrats to shift the focus of the election to issues, instead of personality. Gore is viewed as stronger than Bush on issues.

"This is one of the central goals of the convention, and it's already happening," she said.

Ray Sullivan, a Bush campaign spokesman, said the Texas governor "offers strong leadership and strong positions on the issues."

The increased emphasis on issues has not yet translated into an advantage for Gore however, said Frank Newport, executive editor of the Gallup poll.

"We have not seen a shift toward Gore in our poll," he said, referring to the 16-point lead Bush held among likely voters in the CNN-USA Today-

Gallup survey released last Friday.

One problem for Gore is the public's intensely mixed feelings about President Clinton, who delivered his farewell address to the convention Monday night.

Six in 10 said Clinton deserves credit for the good economy, and nine in 10 said the economy is doing well. About four in 10 said Gore deserves any credit for the economy.

But Clinton is unpopular, with six in 10 of those surveyed saying they dislike him personally.

While poll results have ranged from a dead heat among registered voters to the 16-point lead among likely voters in the Gallup poll, several surveys have suggested Bush has a lead ranging from about 9 points among registered voters to a slightly higher margin among likely voters.

The Times poll had Bush ahead 49-38 in a four-way matchup, roughly the same as polling by the television networks and ICR, a polling firm in Media, Pa. When the Bush-Dick Cheney ticket is matched against Gore and Joseph Lieberman, the margin was 49 percent to 43 percent.

Gore led on handling Social Security-Medicare, the economy, and health care, as well as on having a better grasp of the issues overall. Bush led on providing a strong military defense and was tied with Gore on the issues of education, gun control and abortion.

The Times poll of 1,227 registered voters was taken Friday through Sunday and has an error margin of plus or minus 3 percentage points.

Bush fund raising moves within reach of \$100 million mark

LOS ANGELES (AP) — George W. Bush is the first \$100 million man of politics.

The Texas governor will report to the government later this month that he has moved within reach of that fund-raising mark, one that was unimaginable a quarter century ago when Congress enacted donor limits in the aftermath of Watergate.

Making it all the more impressive, Bush reached the figure on the strength of 350,000 different

donors to his presidential campaign in all 50 states — three quarters of whom gave \$100 or less, his campaign told The Associated Press.

"That really exceeds anything we've ever seen, even if you were to put two or three presidential campaigns together," said Herb Alexander, a professor emeritus at the University of Southern California who has studied political fund-raising for four decades.

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Complete Travel – new name, same business

It has a new name, but it is still the same business owned and operated by the same people.

Complete Travel, Inc. was formerly known as Uniglobe. The locally owned travel business cele-

brated their 10th year in Pampa in July.

"Nothing changed but the name," said owner Dana Terry. "We opened as a franchise 10 years ago, and all that changed

was that we dropped the franchise."

The business is celebrating 10 years of personal service to their customers in Pampa.

Terry said the business is built

on long-term relationships with their customers. "We're more than just order takers," she said. "We're professionals who make our living by consulting with our clients and providing the best service available. We're here for the long haul and we want our customers to come back to us."

"We arrange every facet of a trip," she said. "We handle charters, tours, cruises, airline trips, train trips—everything with the exception of bus reservations." She said the agency books trips for individuals to large groups.

Travel arrangements are also made by the four additional employees of the agency—Maxine Cox, Marjie Rogers, Susie Spoonemore and Danetta Conn.

Terry said that while the internet has become a competitor, she feels the knowledge and experience of local travel agents are still very valuable. "If there is a problem with a trip, all the customers have to do is call me. I will handle it," said Terry. "The internet doesn't provide that."

She said the local agency has senior rates for customers 62 and older, and the major airlines also offer senior rates.

Terry emphasized the price of tickets is based on availability. She said many people believe they will get a better price by making their reservations directly with the company. She said that was not the

case, that the price was the same.

Travel agents book 60 percent of all travel, said Terry. Agents can get good prices because they know the business. Some companies will give an array of discounts. The professional agents receive commissions based on hotels, air travel and car rental agencies.

Terry said her most interesting travel reservation was several years ago. A Pampa resident of Lithuanian descent was attempting to honor his father's last wishes by scattering his ashes throughout Lithuania.

While trying to iron out the details of the trip, Terry said she made countless phone calls. She said the trip occurred shortly after the Iron Curtain came down, and that was an interesting element. She also said she was in contact

with several embassies and consulates as she worked to finalize the travel plans.

Terry said an interesting side bar to the travel story was that several of the Lithuanian family members were wanting blue jeans from the United States. She said it was quite a learning experience for her.

Terry said her last big trip was to the Panama Canal which she really enjoyed. She said two of the agency employees, Rogers and Spoonemore, have traveled to New Zealand and Australia, and that Spoonemore is planning a trip to the Antarctica in February.

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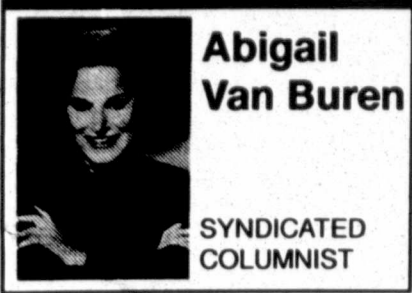

Dress Code Helps Swimming Instructors Avoid Embarrassment

DEAR ABBY: I'm sure you'll get a lot of mail about the letter from the man who was accused of sexual harassment after he commented that the bathing suit his child's instructor was wearing had become transparent.

I agree the father should have discussed the transparent suit with his wife or another woman for guidance. You are right; the woman would have nipped the "problem" immediately. However, as a former water safety instructor for the American Red Cross, and a former pool manager at the Piedmont Park Pool for several years (1983-86), I feel the need to comment.

Certified swimming instructors take their jobs seriously. If they do not, they should be dismissed. Their job is to teach water safety to children, adolescents and adults. Women and men learn at a young age which colors become transparent due to contact with water; it is safe to say that light-colored suits (white, tan and yellow) are inappropriate for lifeguards or swimming instructors.

All of that said, I blame the parents (today's society always blames the parents) for allowing their 17-year-old daughter to wear a transparent suit while teaching. Second, I blame her employer for not providing guidance — a dress code — as to what is acceptable swimwear. Young women on my staff knew to wear dark-colored suits. The suits had to be functional, not cut high at the legs or low at the chest. The



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uniform code helped to prevent distraction due to dress — or lack of it. This would have saved the well-meaning parent, who happened to be male, embarrassment.

My advice to the father: Find another instructor for your daughter and another aquatic facility with a swimming program where safety is the No. 1 job description.
LAURA E. DEMARS, ATLANTA

DEAR LAURA: You have written a sensible letter — and believe me, I received fire and brimstone from readers who thought my answer was sexist for not taking the young woman to task. However, one letter in particular did not. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: I would like you to know that the young swimming instructor was *not* wearing a transparent suit, but rather a Speedo one-piece. It is the type worn by almost all girls who take part in swimming competition or instruction. The "problem" was not the suit — it was that she was cold. Even

though the dad distorted the facts, he still didn't get the verification he was seeking. His actions were inappropriate and humiliating to the girl. In the future, he should pay attention to his daughter instead of the instructor. Thank you.
PROUD UNCLE IN WISCONSIN

DEAR PROUD UNCLE: Thank you.

DEAR ABBY: My husband's late wife died of pancreatic cancer in 1987. We were married in 1989 and have enjoyed a wonderful life except for one thing: He carries two pictures of her in his wallet.

It's been gnawing at me. Should I just ignore it as I have for the past 11 years, or ask him to remove the pictures? I will do as you advise.
JUST JULIE IN CALIFORNIA

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Horoscope

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 16, 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)

***** Pressure builds. Take a risk and venture out of present thinking. Wild ideas come from left field. Don't sit on plans. Take action. Success only happens if you are willing to try. A co-worker appreciates what is happening and lets you know. Tonight: Take a break.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

***** Aim for what you want. A disruption serves the purpose of helping you see where change is needed. A stubborn pattern could block your path. Stay centered as ideas fly. Curb sharp words. What appears to be an excellent idea needs to be tested. Tonight: Let go of work and enjoy a partner.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

***** All eyes turn to you. You could easily become frustrated with a boss or co-worker. Stay centered as you receive a glut of information. You will be able to digest all that is coming down. Reach out for trusted associates. They have a totally different view. Tonight: Work late.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

***** You're challenged by news and a financial development. Get past present thinking. You know you don't have all the answers. Seek out another's

help, especially with work. You could be surprised by another's perspective. Teamwork guarantees success. Tonight: Rent a movie on the way home.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

***** You could be spewing out information without thinking. Evaluate what is happening with a partner. By walking in another's shoes and tapping into your creativity, you find answers. Indulge a partner, associate or loved one who helps you out. Tonight: Make nice.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

*** Others clearly hold the cards. You might not like information that is forthcoming. Understand another better by exploring his sensitivities. Express insecurities and how your feelings can be hurt. Another makes overtures. Do the peacemaking dance. Tonight: Accept an invitation.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

*** Focus on your performance at work. Listen to others, even though you might find their words difficult. Get past anger or hurt feelings and concentrate on the job at hand. Friends knock on your door. Children and loved ones also need your attention. Tonight: Indulge a loved one.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

***** Call upon your creativity to answer a money issue. A risk looming ahead is probably a bad bet. A boss proves to be verbal, yet erratic. Understand how much you flex or need to flex for others. Network. A meeting produces enviable results. Tonight: Treat another as you would like to be treated.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

*** You easily sense another's pressure, but you need to make your own

decisions. Let another know that you hear him loud and clear. Ideas fly, and sarcasm could blossom in this hot atmosphere. Seek out answers. Use traditional means of exploring options. Tonight: Let another indulge you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

***** Speak your mind in a manner that another can hear. Sometimes you become tense and reactive. Let go of that behavior today. By expressing ideas and brainstorming with a partner, you discover alternatives. Take another's lead. A call brings good news. Tonight: Munchies at a favorite spot.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

*** Experiment with new ideas. Determine limits with associates. Ask questions and explore options. Another could be as frustrated as you are with a money problem. How can you help each other? A friend comes through for you. Express your gratitude. Tonight: Treat a friend to dinner.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

***** You stir up more activity than you might intend. Another takes a hard look at your job performance. What initially seems like bad news reverses itself. Don't let anxiety interfere with positive suggestions. Take a suggestion. Another appreciates you and lets you know. Tonight: Whatever makes you smile.

BORN TODAY

Singer Madonna (1958), talk-show host Kathie Lee Gifford (1953), football legend Frank Gifford (1930)

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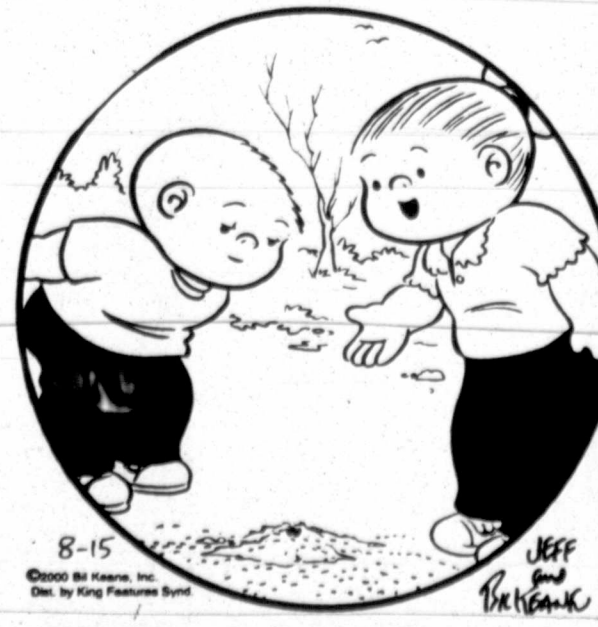
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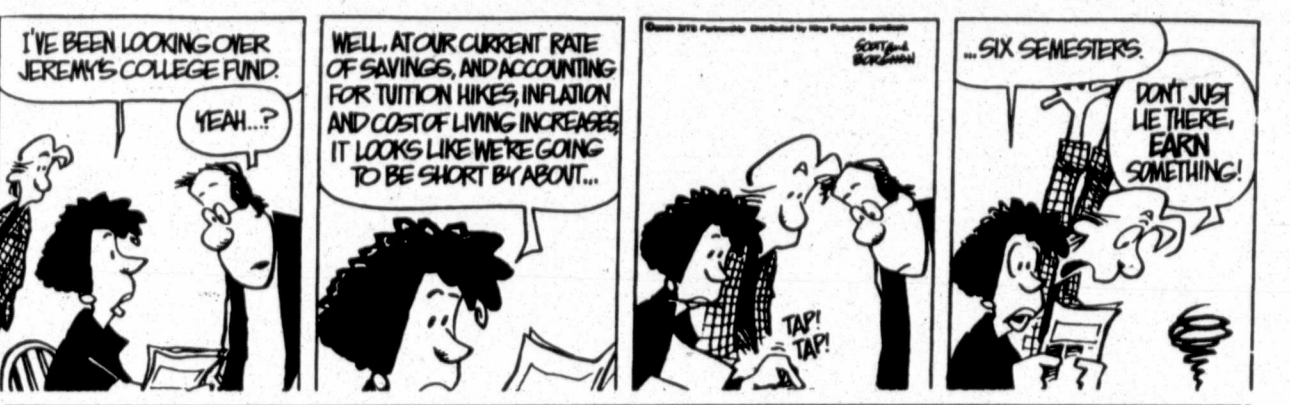


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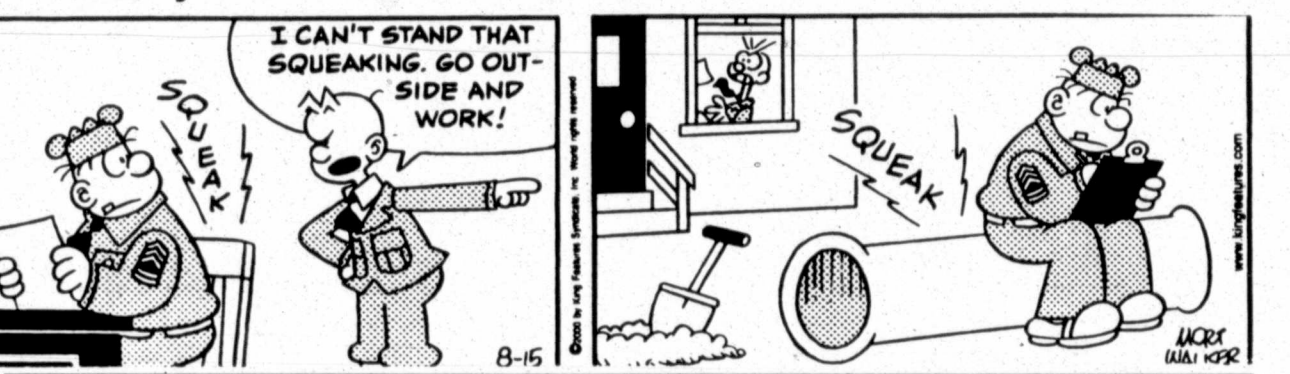
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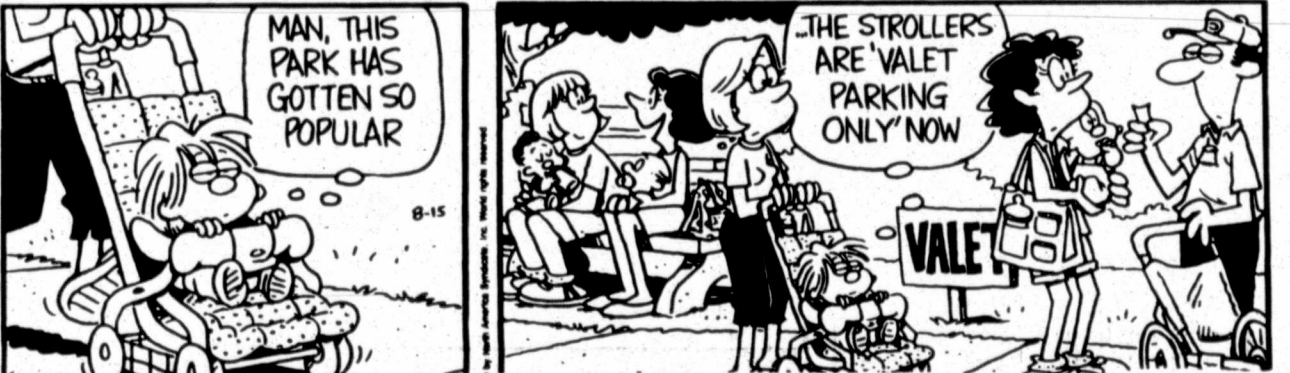
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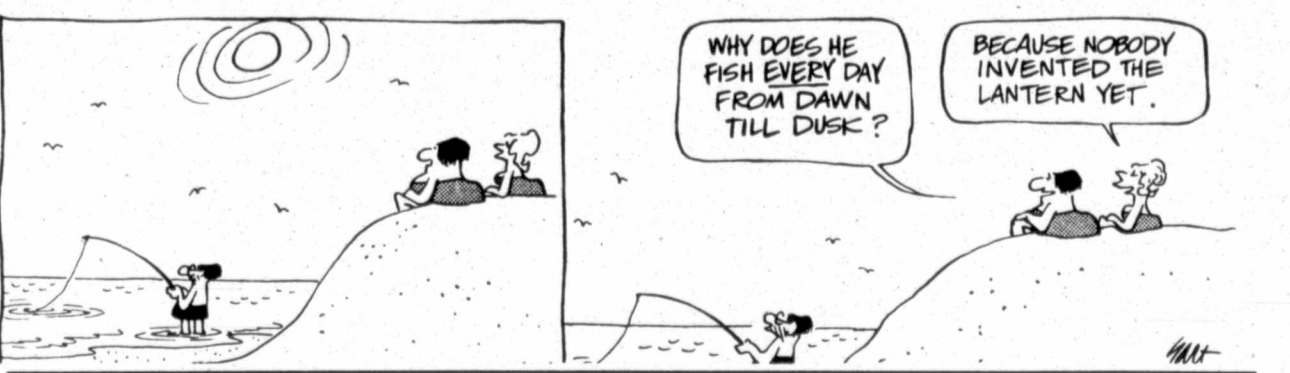
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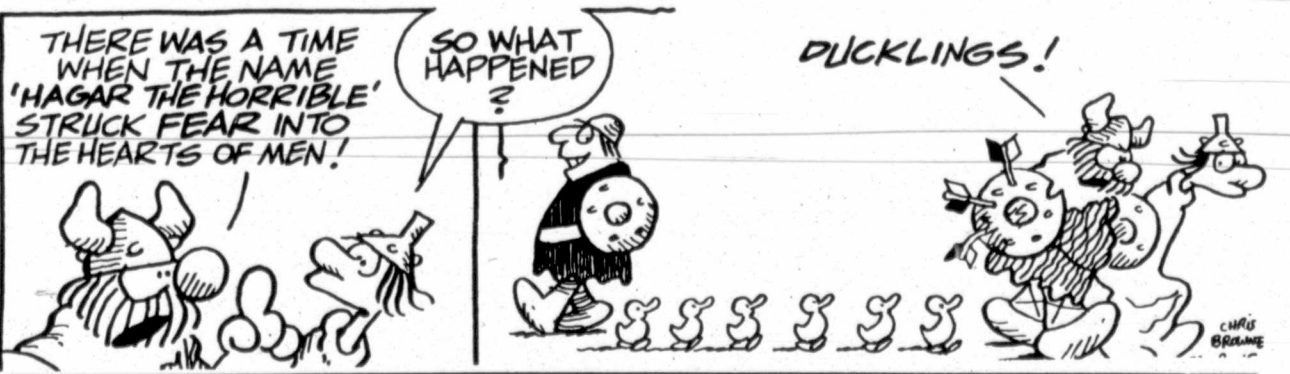
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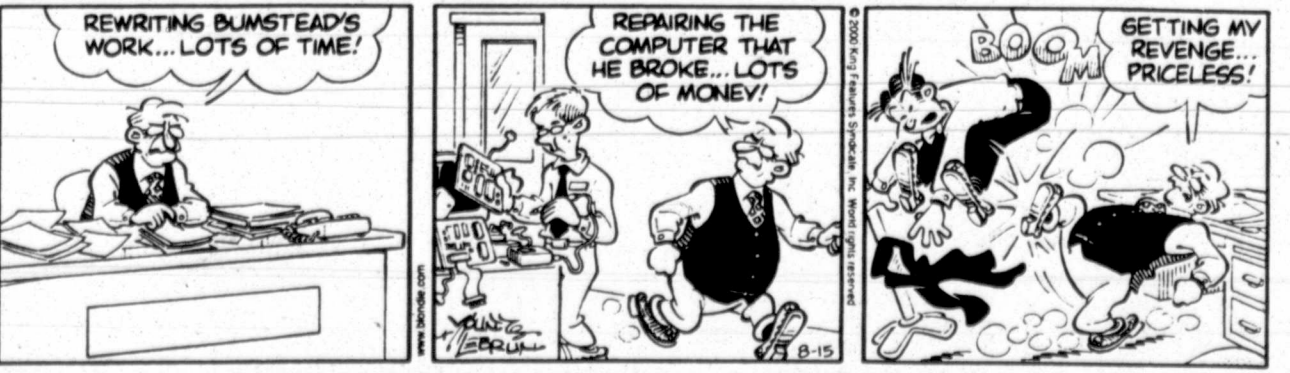
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FOOTBALL

DALLAS (AP) — After three preseason losses with a patchwork, battered offensive line, Erik Williams is on his way to training camp Tuesday with the Dallas Cowboys after a three-week holdout.

"We were told he is in the car with (defensive lineman) Leon (Lett), and they're heading up to Wichita Falls as we speak," owner Jerry Jones said Monday.

Over the last three games, the Cowboys have been outscored 79-29, had 43 first downs, had 226 yards on 70 carries and been sacked 6 times for 39 yards.

On Sunday against the Oakland Raiders, Dallas rushed for only 19 yards on 10 carries in the first half, and finished the game with only 58 yards rushing on 24 attempts.

Sure, wide receiver Michael Irvin's retired, running back Emmitt Smith's nursing a leg injury and Troy Aikman's still adjusting to speedy receiver Joey Galloway. And it is, after all, only the preseason.

But the return eight-year veteran right tackle, who is coming off his third Pro Bowl selection in four years and the fourth of his nine-year career, will shore up a problem-plagued line.

Only one Cowboys offensive lineman has been playing in position, left tackle Flozell Adams. Starting right guard Solomon Page had been bumped to play right tackle and backup guard Jorge Diaz filled Page's spot.

Pro Bowl left guard Larry Allen is also nursing a fractured hand.

"This is great news," Jones was quoted as saying on dallascowboys.com, the team's official Web site. "Erik can really help us."

The Pro Bowl right tackle didn't report to camp four weeks ago amid rumors he was considering retirement.

Some suggested the eight-year veteran, who is coming off his third Pro Bowl selection in four years and the fourth of his nine-year career, was holding out for more money.

Williams is due \$1.85 million this season and next under a six-year deal he signed after the 1995 season. Cincinnati's right tackle Willie Anderson recently got a six-year deal that averages \$5.1 million, slightly more than Philadelphia tackle Jon Runyan's \$5.08 million per year deal.

If Williams wasn't holding out for more money, it could have been to avoid some of the grind of training camp in Wichita Falls, which has been in constant high 90- and 100-degree weather.

It's unlikely Williams will play in Saturday's preseason game in Denver, but he could be ready for the preseason finale against the St. Louis Rams Aug. 24.

BASEBALL

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Andy Pettitte pitched seven strong innings before tiring in the eighth, getting his fifth straight win as the New York Yankees continued their dominance over Texas with a 7-3 victory Monday night.

Pettitte (14-6) allowed just four hits while shutting out Texas the first seven innings, but the Rangers started the eighth with three straight singles, the third by Chad Curtis driving home a run. Pettitte was pulled after he hit Rusty Greer to load the bases with no outs.

Jorge Posada and Derek Jeter both hit long, two-run homers.

New York led 2-0 after just two batters were up. Jeter was hit on the leg by a pitch and Posada followed with his 22nd homer of the season, a 424-foot blast to left.

Jeter, who had a leadoff double in the fifth, hit a 412-foot homer to left-center when the Yankees scored three runs in the sixth.

Fight night



(Photos by Grover Black)

Pampa boxer Jerry Ruiz lands a left to the mid-section of Mark Price of New Deal at the Amateur Boxing Tournament last weekend at the National Guard Armory. The next tournament for the Pampa boxers will be in Amarillo on Aug. 26. Celebrity boxer Charlie "Chainsaw" Morris (inset) get some advice from David "Lobo" Russell during one of the exhibition matches. Morris is the Pampa Police Chief and Russell is a Gray County Sheriff Chief Deputy.

Optimists to have 7-9 tournament

PAMPA — Pampa Optimist Youth Club will be holding a 7 through 9 year-old Boys Baseball Tournament Aug. 25-27 at Optimist Park. It will be pitching machine only.

First and second place trophies will be awarded. It will be a double-elimination tournament.

There will be a \$100 entry fee per team. Entry deadline is Aug. 21.

For more information, call Jeff Skinner at 665-8120 (leave a message), Joe Skinner at 669-2769 or Mando Ramirez at 665-1248.

A copy of a birth certificate is required for each player. No player can turn 10 years old before July 31.

Coffee Memorial plans scramble

AMARILLO — The second annual Coffee Memorial Blood Center Golf Tournament will be held Friday, Aug. 25 at the Arrowhead Course at Comanche Trail Golf Course. It will be a four-person scramble with a 1:30 p.m. shotgun start.

Entry fee is \$50 per player and includes green fees, cart, goody bag, beverage tickets and a dinner. Entry deadline is Friday, Aug. 18 and is limited to the first 32 teams to enter.

Coffee Memorial Center will use the proceeds from the tournament for donor recruitment and retention.

"With fewer people giving blood than ever before and the demand increasing, recruitment and retention of donors are critical to the fragile balance of the community's blood supply," said Linda Guthrie, Development & Communications Director at Coffee Memorial.

Guthrie said 500 units of blood are needed weekly by patients in the Panhandle, Guthrie said.

There will be several tournament prizes offered, including a two airline tickets and a golf car.

For more information or to enter the tournament, contact Guthrie at 358-4563.

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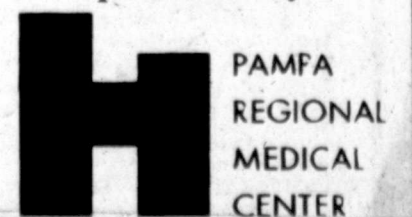
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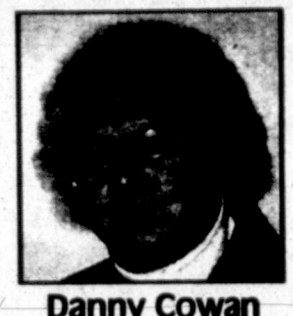


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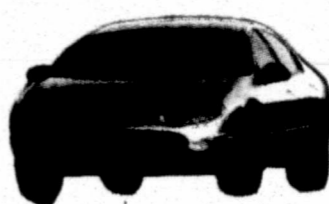
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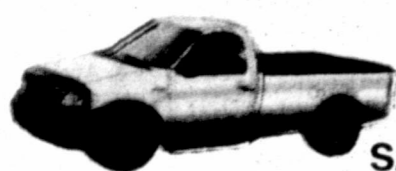
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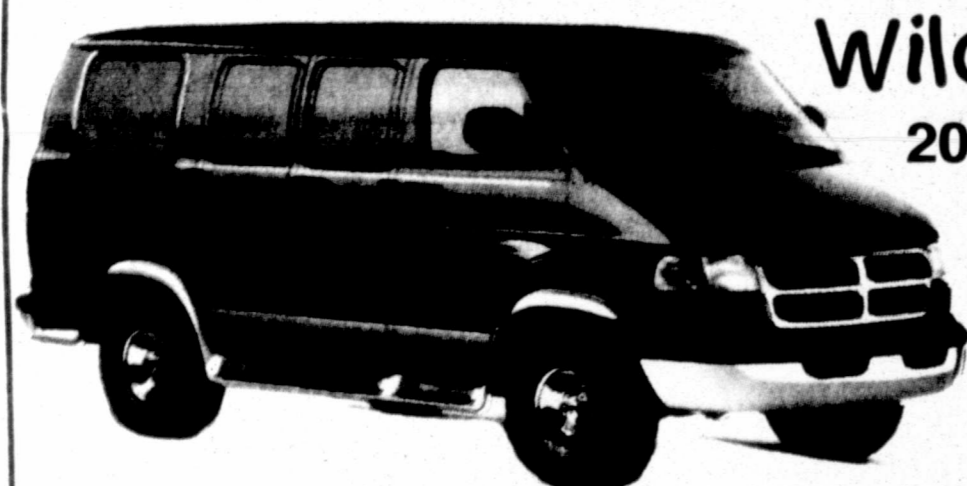
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