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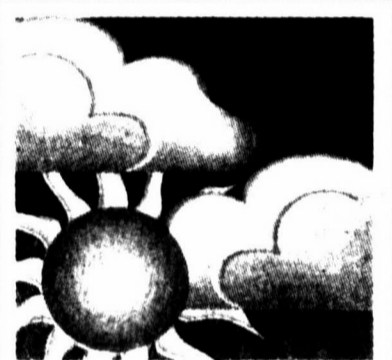
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High today low 90s  
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 For weather details see Page 2

**CLARENDON** — Marshall Clayton Johnson, wanted in the aggravated assault of a Pampa man, awaited arraignment at press time today following his arrest this morning at Lake Greenbelt.

Gray County Sheriff Don Copeland said Johnson, 35, was arrested at the lake by Donley County Sheriff's deputies, a Texas Ranger, Brand Inspector Kelly Rushing, and a Gray County deputy.

T. Terry Young with the Pampa Police Department said Johnson was arrested at approximately 10:30 a.m.

Details of the arrest were not available at press time. Copeland said Johnson was at Clarendon awaiting arraignment.

Local authorities searched for Johnson since Thursday, June 8. A warrant for his arrest on felony charges of aggravated assault was issued Friday morning.

Pampa police said Monday that Johnson is also suspected in other assaults, threats, and burglaries that occurred over the weekend.

**HUNTSVILLE, (AP)** — Melinda Mason stood trembling in the corner of the Texas death chamber, two relatives comforting her, as her ex-husband was strapped to a gurney, denounced his prosecutors and insisted he didn't kill her mother and grandmother.

Thomas Mason, 48, was condemned for the killings 8 1/2 years ago of Marsha Brock, 55, his former mother-in-law, and her 80-year-old mother, Sybil Dennis.

He became the 20th Texas inmate to be executed this year and the first of three set to die this week.

• Nancy Bowser Miller, 84, retired teacher, artist.

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## County hires lawyer to help with insurance

By NANCY YOUNG  
 Managing Editor

Failure of the county's former medical insurance provider to pay claims has prompted Gray County Commissioners to seek legal advice.

On Monday, the commissioners retained Pampa attorney Ken Fields to look at options the county and its employees have in connection with the non-payment of claims by West Texas Rural Counties Association.

**There is a sense of urgency regarding the unpaid medical claims to medical providers as employees are being hounded by creditors and collection agencies.**

— Ken Fields  
 Attorney

Gray County Judge Richard Peet said the county commission retained Fields to investigate and (See **INSURANCE**, Page 2)

## Burglars busy breaking in cars

City police today continue to investigate a recent rash of burglaries of cars and pickups in which CDs and CD equipment worth thousands of dollars has been taken.

Sgt. Alvin Johnson, shift supervisor, with the Pampa Police Department said most of the burglaries have occurred in central Pampa, primarily in the 600 and 700 blocks. Police are investigating the possibility that the burglaries are related.

"A lot of the vehicles were parked on the street and unlocked," Sgt. Johnson said. "This is a good time to remind people to be sure and lock their vehicles."

Police records show that on June 7, one or more persons broke into a vehicle parked in the 1800 block of Charles and stole 120 CDs, three CD holders, a pair of binoculars and cash with a total value of \$2,275.

On Saturday, June 10, a 1996 Dodge Avenger in the 300 block of (See **BURGLARS**, Page 2)

## Donations sought for Cal Farley riders

The Top O' Texas Rodeo Association has once again invited boys and girls from Cal Farley Family Center in Borger to participate in the Kid Pony Show slated July 9-11. However, the association needs the assistance of the people of Pampa and the surrounding area in order for these children to participate.

Sponsor donations are now being accepted at the Top O' Texas Rodeo Association office, 200 N. Ballard. The donations are to pay entry fees for these children which range from \$8-\$16 per event per child. Any donation is greatly appreciated.

These children would not be able to participate in the Kid Pony Show without the generous support of the people of this area. The boys and girls who have come in the past were excited and very appreciative of the caring donations that enabled them to participate.

Anyone wishing to make a donation may contact the rodeo office at 669-0434 or come by 200 N. Ballard. Please help provide a wonderful opportunity to these boys and girls who will not get to participate otherwise.

## Moovin' on up ...



"Moo-tilda," a 20-foot inflatable cow, seems to be happy with her new home near the intersection of Hobart and Somerville streets. She'll be reminding passersby of the upcoming Dairy Festival and Business Expo here this weekend. Purchased by the Pampa Economic Development Corporation, "Moo-tilda" is available for rent to other organizations.

## Dairy Festival, parade, Business Expo on tap

The first annual Dairy Festival and Business Expo will be Saturday at the M.K. Brown Auditorium. It is sponsored by the Greater Area Pampa Chamber of Commerce.

The morning will kick off with a parade at 9 a.m. The route will be from Atchison, right on Cuyler to Francis, left on Francis to Somerville and on to Coronado Center.

The fun will spill over into the M.K. Brown Auditorium parking lot, lobby and Heritage Room where over 50 businesses and organizations will display, from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m., what they have to offer consumers in Pampa.

Throughout the day Pokie the Clown will be on hand to entertain the children and the Chamber's new mascot, Moo-tilda, will make her public debut.

The highlight of the afternoon will be a drawing for all visitors to the Business Expo for \$1,000 in Pampa Bucks.

This new event is free to the

public and organizers are urging everyone to come out and see what Pampa has to offer.

For more information, call Clay Rice at the CoC office at 669-3241.

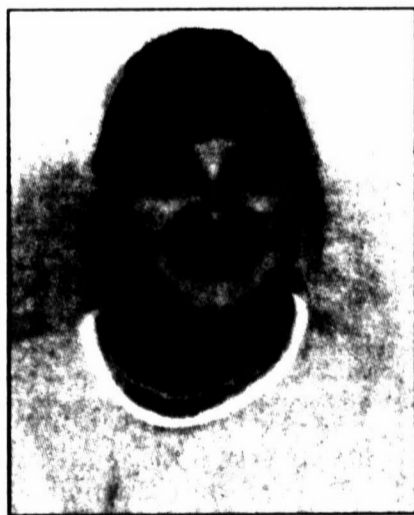


Bill Hildebrandt, City of Pampa; Blake Howard, Dairy Festival and Business Expo chair; and Bill Bridges, past president of the Pampa Chamber of Commerce, try to figure out what side is up as they prepare to inflate "Moo-tilda."

Quite frankly... If you could go anywhere on a dream vacation, where would it be?



"Having just recently married and knowing my wife has always wanted to go to Hawaii, ... We might go next year."  
 — Roy Orr



"I would love to take a cruise to the Bahamas. I'm getting married in August and we're hoping to go there on our honeymoon."  
 — Dana Peevey



"If I could I'd love to take a cruise to Alaska. My husband and I never had a honeymoon ... Besides, my sister lives there."  
 — Erica Allen



"My dream vacation would be to go to the Philippines to see my parents. If I could, I would go here. They live in Iloilo."  
 — Pablo Campos



"I would love to take an Alaskan Cruise into Glacier Bay. It would be so pretty to see that area just once."  
 — Sherry Day

 Come Watch The Dairy Parade, Saturday, June 17th, 9:00 A.M.  
 The Parade Route Begin At Atchison, Right On Cuyler To Francis,  
 Left To Somerville, Somerville To The Coronado Center!!



# Daily Record

## Services tomorrow

**MILLER, Nancy Bowser** — Graveside services, 11 a.m., Kress Cemetery, Kress.

## Obituaries

**NANCY ELIZABETH GLASGOW BOWSER MILLER**  
LUBBOCK — Nancy Elizabeth Glasgow Bowser Miller, 84, died Sunday, June 11, 2000, at Lubbock Hospitality House in Lubbock. Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday in Kress Cemetery with the Rev. Charles Schmidt, retired minister of Westmont Christian Church of Lubbock, officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Lemons Funeral Home of Plainview.

Mrs. Miller was born June 10, 1916, at Pontiac, Mich. She married Perry Bowser on May 19, 1941, at Sault Sainte Marie, Mich. She married Lloyd Miller on June 12, 1982, at Lubbock. She taught at Halfway and at Ash Elementary School in Plainview and operated the Little Red Schoolhouse. In addition, she assisted her husband, the late Perry Bowser, a farm editor and broadcaster at KVOP Radio for many years.

She was an artist, a clothing designer, a seamstress and enjoyed knitting. She belonged to First Christian Church, AAUW and Eastern Star of Plainview. She was a charter member of Kress Study Club.

Survivors include a daughter, Diane Bowser Madison of Valley Center, Kan.; a son, Pampa News staff writer David Bowser of Amarillo; two stepdaughters, Shirley Miller Thomas of Roswell, Ga., and Tooter Miller Gardner of Anderson, Mo.; three grandchildren, Angela Girtz of Valley Center, Teresa Lille of Wichita, Kan., and Brad Bowser of Lubbock; three step-grandchildren, Stephanie Gardner Smith and AnneMarie Gardner Campbell, both of San Antonio, and Lowell Gardner of Anderson; a great-grandchild, Emma Lee Girtz of Valley Center; and a stepgreat-grandchild, Emily Campbell of San Antonio.

The family requests memorials be in lieu of flowers to Hale County Literacy Guild or to Hospice of Lubbock.

## Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by Aitchery Grain of Pampa.

Wheat	2.42	Coca Cola	53 3/16	up 3/4
Milo	2.61	Columbia/HCA	28 1/16	up 29/128
Corn	3.09	Enron	74 3/8	up 1/16
Soybeans	4.12	Halliburton	49 15/16	up 1/8
		IRI	9 1/16	up 3/16
		KMI	33 7/16	up 3/8
		Kerr McGee	61 7/8	up 3/4
		Limited	22 1/16	dn 1/16
		McDonald's	32 1/16	up 1/16
		Exxon Mobil	81 3/16	up 7/16
		New Atmos	19 3/16	up 1/16
		NCE	33 3/16	up 3/16
		OKF	29 1/16	up 1/2
		Omni	17 3/8	dn 1/128
		Phillips	57 3/16	up 1/16
		Pioneer Nat.	13 7/8	NC
		SIH	78 4/16	up 2 13/128
		Tenneco	7 5/16	NC
		Texasco	57 13/16	dn 5/16
		Ullman	26 7/8	up 5/128
		Wal Mart	52 1/4	dn 1/2
		Williams	42 7/16	up 1/8

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

Amoco	57 1/16	up 7/16
Cabot	29 9/16	up 5/16
Cabot O&G	23 7/16	up 5/16
Chevron	91 5/8	dn 1/4
New York Gold	286.40	
Silver	5.01	

## Police report

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

**Monday, June 12**

A domestic assault was reported in the 1100 block of South Barnes.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 1200 block of South Banks. Twenty-two windows valued at \$300 were broken out of a trailer home.

A burglary was reported in the 200 block of North Wells sometime between June 8 and June 9. A CD changer valued at \$250 was reported taken.

A Nokia cell phone valued at \$70 was reported lost at Recreation Park.

Burglary of a 1965 Ford Mustang was reported in the 300 block of North Wells. A CD player valued at \$200 and 12 CDs valued at \$144 were reported taken.

## Sheriff's Office

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

**Monday, June 12**

Connie Elaine Oxley, 36, 449 Graham, was arrested on a violation of probation.

Michael Moreno, 26, 345 Miami, was arrested on a blue warrant.

## Fires

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

**Monday, June 12**

5:59 p.m. — One unit and two firefighters responded to a small grass fire at Farm to Market Road 2300 and Gray N.

6:08 p.m. — One unit and two firefighters responded to a medical assist in the 200 block of Tignor.

7:05 p.m. — One unit and four firefighters responded to a medical assist in the 400 block of North Dwight.

7:12 p.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to a medical assist in the 2100 block of Charles.

## Emergency numbers

Ambulance	911
Crime Stoppers	669-2222
Energas	1-888-Energas
Fire	911
Police (emergency)	911
Police (non-emergency)	669-5700
SPS	1-800-750-2520
Water	669-5830

## Ambulance

No report was available from Rural/Metro today.

## INSURANCE

Employees covered by the pool insurance carrier have reported difficulty for about a year getting claims paid by WTRCA. Commissioners changed insurance carriers for the county employees from WTRCA to a commercial carrier effective Jan. 1, 2000.

WTRCA is a self-funded group composed of several public entities including counties and school districts.

The claims have exceeded the insurance aggregate reinsurance deductible. The county has asked that I step in to evaluate and make recommendations as to what the county's options might be to speed up the payment of claims and attempt to assure that claims are paid in full," said Fields.

"I will be dealing directly with Kathleen Miller, Director of Pool Administration, for WTRCA," said Fields.

He said there is a sense of urgency regarding the unpaid medical claims to medical providers as employees are being hounded by creditors and collection agencies. He said, according to Miller, an audit based on facts released May 26 revealed WTRCA is basically underfunded.

Fields said Miller told him claims filed are reinsured by Lloyd's of London and are due for a review at the end of June. Lloyd's insures WTRCA. He said she has told him Lloyd's has indicated an audit of about 60 percent of claims at WTRCA. He also said Miller has indicated the audit will take about two-three weeks to complete, and she expects the funds to be available after Aug. 1.

Fields met with four members of the Gray County Commissioners Court during an approximate hour-long executive session. County Judge Peet along with Commissioners Joe Wheeley, Gerald Wright and James Hefley met with Fields in the executive session. Commissioner Jim Greene was out of town.

Fields will be paid \$175 an hour plus expenses for his evaluation and recommendations as to the county's options, said Judge Peet.

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## BURGLARS

North Wells was burglarized and a CD player valued at \$300 was taken. Police received a report of a 1988 Chevrolet pickup being burglarized on Sunday, June 11, in the 700 block of Nelson. A CD player, two CD cases and 25 CDs with a total estimated value of \$340 were reported stolen in this

burglary. Also on Sunday, a 1995 Ford was burglarized in the 600 block of North Zimmers. In this break-in, a CD player valued at \$120, two CD cases, valued at \$20 each and 25 CDs with a combined value of \$300, were taken from the vehicle.

Anyone having information regarding the burglaries and thefts can contact Crime Stoppers at 669-2222.

## Bowling alley overcrowded before teen's trampling death

DALLAS (AP) — A bowling alley was crowded with more than twice the number of people allowed by fire codes when a teen-ager was trampled to death at a weekend party, investigators say.

As many as 500 partygoers were fleeing from Mace used by security officers to break up a fight when Mayere Tilmon was trampled in a stairwell as the Saturday event ended.

A 239-person occupancy limit included the second-floor room at Don Carter's All Star Lanes-West, the city fire marshal told The Dallas Morning News in Tuesday's editions.

But Debra Carlin, also the Dallas Fire Department assistant chief, said the capacity sign was missing because of a recent paint job.

Mayere Tilmon fell down stairs about midnight Saturday while running from a fight by an under-estimated number of partygoers who had assaulted security officers. Three partygoers were injured.

Two suspects who had rented the room for the private party were cited Sunday for operating a dance hall without a permit.

James Brown and Joaquin Calbazana were held at Lew Sterrett Justice Center for about nine hours before their release, said police. Court records show that Brown, 25, has previously pleaded guilty to unlawfully carrying a weapon, evading detention and failure to identify a fugitive.

Tilmon, 15, was pronounced dead at Parkland Memorial Hospital. Her death was ruled as accidental by the Dallas County medical examiner, who listed the cause as traumatic asphyxia.

"We're looking for criminal acts," police Sgt. Larry Lewis, a homicide-unit supervisor, said.

He said law officers were still interviewing witnesses. The witnesses who were hurt were also taken to Parkland. But police said their injuries were not life-threatening.

## DOE releases test well results

AMARILLO, Texas (AP) — Four wells drilled to test the groundwater near the Pantex nuclear weapons plant found low levels of chemicals used to make high-explosives but no trace of trichloroethylene, a known carcinogen, the U.S. Department of Energy said Monday.

Tests of a well at the northern edge of Pantex property in the Ogallala Aquifer showed concentrations of acetone between 2 to 180 parts per billion, and toluene levels from 2 to 46 parts per billion.

The aquifer is a drinking water source for Amarillo and the High Plains.

The Environmental Protection Agency has not set a drinking water standard for acetone, but the state's environmental agency has set a limit of 3,700 parts per billion. For toluene, the EPA standard is 1,000 parts per billion.

"Although these new findings are far below established standards, we are taking immediate steps to insure that our neighbors living north of the plant have safe drinking water," said Dan Glenn, an area manager for the DOE.

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

The new tests were ordered by the DOE last month after levels of trichloroethylene, or TCE, were found in wells in the northern part of the plant known as the Burning Grounds. The chemical is used as an industrial solvent at the plant, located about 10 miles northwest of Amarillo.

The Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission cited Pantex in March for not properly notifying the state after finding TCE contaminating a monitoring well last year.

The EPA has identified TCE as a probable cancer-causing agent.

On the Net: Department of Energy: <http://www.doe.gov>  
Environmental Protection Agency: <http://www.epa.gov>  
Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission: <http://www.tnrec.state.tx.us>

## Census worker, 71, killed by pack of dogs

NASHVILLE, Ind. (AP) — A pack of dogs attacked and killed a 71-year-old Census Bureau worker who apparently walked past warning signs in an attempt to count the occupants of an isolated rural home.

An autopsy showed that Dorothy Stewart died from injuries sustained during the attack, Brown County prosecutor Jim Oliver said Monday.

"This really is terrible," Oliver said. "That as a way to die is just unthinkable."

When sheriff's deputies arrived at the home Saturday afternoon, they found Stewart's body about 3 feet from the front door of the one-story log cabin, surrounded by dogs. The dogs were chewing on Stewart's arms and legs, Brown County Sheriff Dan Huesman said.

Deputies counted more than 20 dogs.

The home is about a mile from Stewart's home along a winding, gravel road just within the boundaries of the state forest. The driveway is posted with "Beware of Dog" and "No Trespassing" signs.

"Some were on chains, some were loose and some were in the house," Huesman said. "We were able to capture at least 12 dogs. We captured as many as we could."

One dog was shot because it attacked an officer, Huesman said.

Investigators were not sure how many of the dogs belonged to the homeowner, Wayne Newton, and how many were strays.

"They have denied that the dogs were theirs," Oliver said. "We have reason to disbelieve that. Mostly because the complaints indicate there were always many more dogs there than the few that they claim to have."

Oliver said the investigation into Stewart's death will continue and he hasn't ruled out criminal charges. He said Newton was fined in 1994 for violating the leash law and numerous other complaints

had been filed regarding dogs running loose around the house.

The state of Indiana and Brown County have leash laws that require animals to be under the control of their owner.

A phone call to the only Wayne Newton listed was not returned, and Oliver was not sure if Newton had retained legal counsel.

Stewart was an active figure in the community and lived alone, said John Knight, the manager of a nearby gas station and grocery store. He said she could often be found walking along the side of the road picking up trash.

"Mrs. Stewart, I think she did a great deal for the community," Knight said. "Someone that takes the time to go out and pick up trash and stuff, that's a pretty good person."

Across the country this year, 440,000 Census Bureau workers have been following up on the 42 million households that did not return a questionnaire. Census employees are required to call on the houses to collect data, though during training they're told not to put themselves in danger.

"We put a premium on the safety of employees and respondents," said Census spokesman Steve Jost. "This and any other death of a census employee is a real blow to morale. The census family gathers together in this tragic instant."

Officials at the Census Bureau's national office in Suitland, Md., said six other fatalities of on-duty census workers have occurred since Jan., when operations for this Census began. Five died in traffic accidents and the other died of a stroke.

Numerous injuries have been reported, including one two weeks ago in which two census workers were seriously injured in a crash near Charlottesville, Va. There have also been several cases of workers being shot at or chased away by homeowners.

## Second body ID'd in barrel killings

HARRISONVILLE, Mo. (AP) — One of the five women whose bodies were found in barrels linked to a Kansas man was a former librarian at the prison where the suspect was an inmate, authorities say.

Beverly Bonner was identified Monday as one of three victims found last week in a Missouri storage locker. Two other bodies were found on a farm in Kansas.

"The operating assumption is that she's been there since the time of her disappearance in spring

of 1994," Cass County Prosecutor Chris Koster said.

Police say Bonner might have known John E. Robinson Sr. — who is suspected in the killings, but has not been charged — while she worked in the library at the Western Missouri Correctional Center in Cameron. Robinson was an inmate there until 1993, serving a theft sentence.

Koster would not comment on their relationship but said Bonner had quit the prison job just weeks before her disappearance.

## City Briefs

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## Weather focus

**PAMPA** — Partly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of thunderstorms today and a high in the low 90s with south winds at 10-20 mph. Tonight, mostly cloudy with thunderstorms likely, a low of 60 and winds from the south at 15-25 mph. Tomorrow, partly sunny with a high of 85 and winds from the north at 10-20 mph. High yesterday 85, the overnight low was 68.

**STATEWIDE** — Showers and thunderstorms developed over far West Texas Tuesday in advance of the latest cool front, which was forecast to bring more heavy rainfall and possibly violent weather to other parts of the state.

Early-morning temperatures ranged from the high 60s to around 80 degrees along the Gulf coast. It was 63 at Marfa, 69 at Conroe just north of Houston, 75 at Wink, and Odessa as well as 80 at Rockport on the coast.

Winds were mostly southerly to southeasterly at 5 to 15 mph statewide, except for southwesterly at 10 to 20 mph in the Panhandle.

Light fog shrouded the Lufkin area, with low cloudiness along the upper coast. It was also mostly cloudy in the South Plains and Big Bend.

Scattered thunderstorms moved along the upper Pecos River, in the Davis Mountains and over much of the Big Bend,

with a large cluster of storms southwest of Big Bend National Park.

Patchy fog was expected to continue in the east, with a chance of afternoon thunderstorms and windy in North Texas. The threat of storms and rainfall was likely in many areas by Wednesday.

Daytime highs should range from the upper 70s to 90s, with near 104 in the Big Bend valleys. Lows overnight were expected in the upper 50s to lower 70s — cooler in the north on Wednesday with the front's passage. Precipitation chances were expected to increase on Wednesday.



# Calendar of events

## TOASTMASTERS

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

## PAMPA PRISON MINISTRY

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

## PANHANDLE ALLIANCE FOR THE MENTALLY ILL

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

## ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR

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

## OPEN DOOR

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

## TRALEE CRISIS CENTER

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

## FPC SUMMER HOURS

Frank Phillips College in Borger will begin observing summer hours May 26. From May 26 through Aug. 11, the college offices will be open from 7:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Thursday and from 7:30 a.m.-12 noon Friday.

## PAMPA AREA CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

The Pampa Area Cancer Support Group for individuals, families and friends who have been touched by cancer will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday, June 15 in the cafeteria of the Pampa Regional Medical Center, One Medical Plaza. Program for this month's meeting will be "10 Principles of Healing" to be presented by Gerry Kelly, director of Supportive Care at the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center. Refreshments will be served after the meeting. The public is invited. For more information, call 665-4742 or 665-2654. For a ride, call Betty Whitson after 5 p.m. at 669-2198 or Linda Norris at 665-2654. In case of inclement weather, call ahead in case meeting is canceled.

## SCPA PROGRAM

Cowboy/girl poets, cowboy country singers and musicians, members of the Southwest Cowboy Poets Association will meet at 6:45 p.m., Thursday, June 15 at Barnes and Noble for its monthly program. Ten scheduled performers have 10-minute sessions and will include Jim Anderson, Charlie Bell, Pat and Richard Henry, Hershell Gates, Marianne Logan, Billie and Rusty Nichols, Hody Porterfield and Les Thornton. The event is free and open to the public. A special invitation is extended to working cowboys to attend and to participate in the program.

## GEM THEATRE

The Gem Theatre in Claude will present the Community Heritage Players at 7:30 p.m. July 16 and 17. The group is under the direction of Dr. Carale Manning-Hill. The entertainment will feature an old-fashioned melodrama. The cast will include Wayne Blodgett, Terresa Collins, Jeremy Collins, Terrill Conrad, Michael Green, Dixie Hunsaker, Kym Klarich, Carl Lansbury and Janet Westbrook. After intermission, Deanna Campbell will present a medley of musical favorites. Tickets are available at the door or in advance by calling (806) 226-5409.

## 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 (June). 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.

## 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., May 3, 17 and 1, Family Health Care, 600 W. Kentucky, Pampa; 12-4 p.m., May 22, City Hall, Canadian; 12-3 p.m., May 4, Miami School, Miami; 10 a.m.-12 noon, 1-3 p.m., May 8, Shamrock School, Shamrock; 10 a.m.-1 p.m., May-10, Wheeler School, Wheeler.

## CATTLEWOMEN SCHOLARSHIPS

Top O' Texas CattleWomen scholarships are available for the fall semester for qualifying college junior, senior or graduate students. Applicants should come from a ranching family and should plan to pursue a career associated with the beef industry. This scholarship is one of several made through Ivomec Generations of Excellence program sponsored by Merial and administered by the Texas Cattle Women. The local organization covers the following counties: Carson, Collingsworth, Gray, Hemphill, Hutchinson, Lipscomb, Ochiltree, Roberts and Wheeler. For more information, an application or rules write: Sandra Christner, P.O. Box 522, Wheeler, TX 79096; or call (806) 826-3572. The deadline is June 15. Applications are also available through Pat Youngblood, P.O. Box 424, Lefors, TX 79054, (806) 835-2904.

## YOUNG RANCHER'S SCHOLARSHIP

Top O' Texas CattleWomen is seeking applicants for the Ivomec Generations of Excellence Program's Young Rancher's Scholarship to Texas A&M's Beef Cattle Short Course slated Aug. 7-9. Deadline for applications is June 15. The forms must be turned in to Sandra Christner, P.O. Box 522,

Wheeler, TX 79096; or call (806) 826-3572. Applicants must be 20-39 years of age and must obtain one-half of their income from ranching. Applications are available from Pat Youngblood, P.O. Box 424, Lefors, TX 79054, (806) 835-2904.

## TEACHERS

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

## 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](http://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.

## 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.

## SUMMER STORY HOURS

Lovett Memorial Library Summer Story Hours will be at 10 a.m. Monday and Tuesday in the library auditorium through July 25. Shania Brookshire, children's librarian, is in charge of the free program. No registration is required. Groups interested in participating in the program may contact Brookshire to arrange dates and times. For more information, call the library at 669-5780.

## SUMMER READING PROGRAM

Registration for the Summer Reading Program at Lovett Memorial Library is currently underway for children of all ages. Participants may read or listen to books read to them by parents or other family members. The registration packet will include a reading log and a bookmark. A star will be added to the children's room bulletin board each week they read. After reading three hours, they may select a book. The library will keep track of minutes read and participants will be entered in a drawing for gift certificates. The library will accept entries in the bookmark contest until June 26. Two winning bookmarks from Pampa will be printed by the Texas Panhandle Library System and used next year at the library.



(Special photo) Kermit Harmon, left, a 1955 graduate of Pampa High School, receives a plaque naming him as a member of the Association of Energy Engineers (AEE) Energy Managers Hall of Fame from George R. Owens, 2000 AEE president. Harmon was honored for a lifetime of achievement in energy management.

## AEE announces new hall of famer

Kermit Harmon, a 1955 graduate of Pampa High School, was recently named to the Association of Energy Engineers' (AEE) Energy Managers Hall of Fame at the 22nd World Energy Engineering Congress in Atlanta, Ga.

The son of Ruth Harmon of Pampa, Harmon was one of three energy engineers honored for lifetime achievement in energy management at the award presentation. He presently serves as vice president - services and protection of the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas.

Harmon's achievements span four decades, primarily in the field of energy efficiency.

His career begins in 1959 when he designed, assembled and tested an energy efficient, smog-control automobile muffler for J.W. Sturdivant. Harmon's prototype was subsequently turned over to the Smog-Control Center in California.

In 1963, Harmon designed and supervised an energy efficient control system for artificial lighting for the world's largest skylighted shopping mall, the Northpark Center in Dallas, using specially-designed photoelectric controllers.

Harmon designed and built a low-energy linear actuator and low energy ways to reduce raw municipal sewage during the 1960s.

In 1971 he refined and deployed

the energy efficient fan-powered mixing box air condition systems for the Sam P. Wallace Company. At that time, he also prepared engineering application drawings and data for Lennox and Trane.

Seven years later, he designed an innovative air condition system for the 20-story Brookhollow II Office Building in Houston. The system was a double duct, low pressure VAV system with terminal heat, yet was controlled in a way that prevent reheat from occurring.

In 1980, he won an award for Energy Conserving Design for the air condition system he designed for the 14-story Brookhollow III office building.

His design for an air condition system for the 21-story Seafirst Financial Centers in Spokane, Wash., won the Consulting Engineers Council of Texas Engineering Excellence Award that same year.

Harmon is also recognized for developing the thermal comfort dynamic (TCD) process which optimizes thermal comfort while also saving energy. Tests He received his first U.S. patent for this in 1985.

He formed Texas Energy Engineers Inc., a consulting engineering firm specializing in energy conservation and environmental systems design. He owned and operated the company for nine years.



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(Special photo)

Third graders from Travis Elementary School recently participated in Pampa Nursing Center's annual Junior-Senior Games. Dorothy Crump and her Travis team member participate in the "toilet paper race."

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Inside the Beltway  
with  
Sen. Hutchison

## Railroad crossing tragedies can often be avoided

Texas still holds bragging rights to more miles of railroad and more miles of highway than any other state. Unfortunately, that means there is a greater chance for accidents and fatalities at our highway railroad crossings than in any other state.

Too many Texas drivers still gamble with fate by disregarding those flashing warning lights and crossing gates. I have been participating in Operation Lifesaver and similar awareness programs since 1978, when I was Acting Chairman of the National Transportation Safety Board, in hopes of changing such high-risk behavior and persuading everyone to be more cautious when approaching railroad crossings.

In 1999, Texas experienced 364 vehicle-train collisions, more than any other state; 41 people were killed and another 171 injured. That's way too many. The prevention of crashes between vehicles and trains needs to remain a high-priority public safety issue until the deaths and injuries are a memory, not an ongoing statistic.

Grade crossing collisions are preventable when drivers heed the advance warning signs and approach all grade crossings with caution. In addition to saving your life and the lives of your loved ones, heeding railroad warning lights can save you a ticket as well: Texas state law requires motorists to obey all signals indicating the approach of a train. Thirty-eight percent of Texas public grade crossings (4,679) are equipped with active warning devices (i.e., automatic gates and/or flashing lights and bells or coordinated highway traffic signals) to alert motorists that a train is approaching.

Here are the Federal Highway Administration's tips for safely navigating railroad crossings:

- Always expect a train.
- Be certain you can stop safely if you see a train approaching a crossing.
- Don't rely on the train whistle to warn you. Other noise may mask the train's warning.
- Don't attempt to cross the tracks unless you are certain the vehicle you are driving will clear on the other side.
- Never shift gears while crossing railroad tracks.
- Watch for obstructions which may block your view of an approaching train such as vegetation, buildings, stationary railroad cars, etc.
- Be alert to how the weather affects conditions at crossings; rain, sleet and snow can impair your vision and make it harder to stop.
- Look up and down the tracks. It is difficult to judge the distance and the approach speed of a train as it moves toward a crossing. If in doubt, be safe — stop and wait.
- Slow down and be prepared to stop at the first railroad warning sign. According to the U.S. Department of Transportation, a motorist is 40 times more likely to be killed if involved in a vehicle-train crash than in any other type of highway collision. I don't want one, single Texan to be a part of these grim statistics. Look, listen and live.

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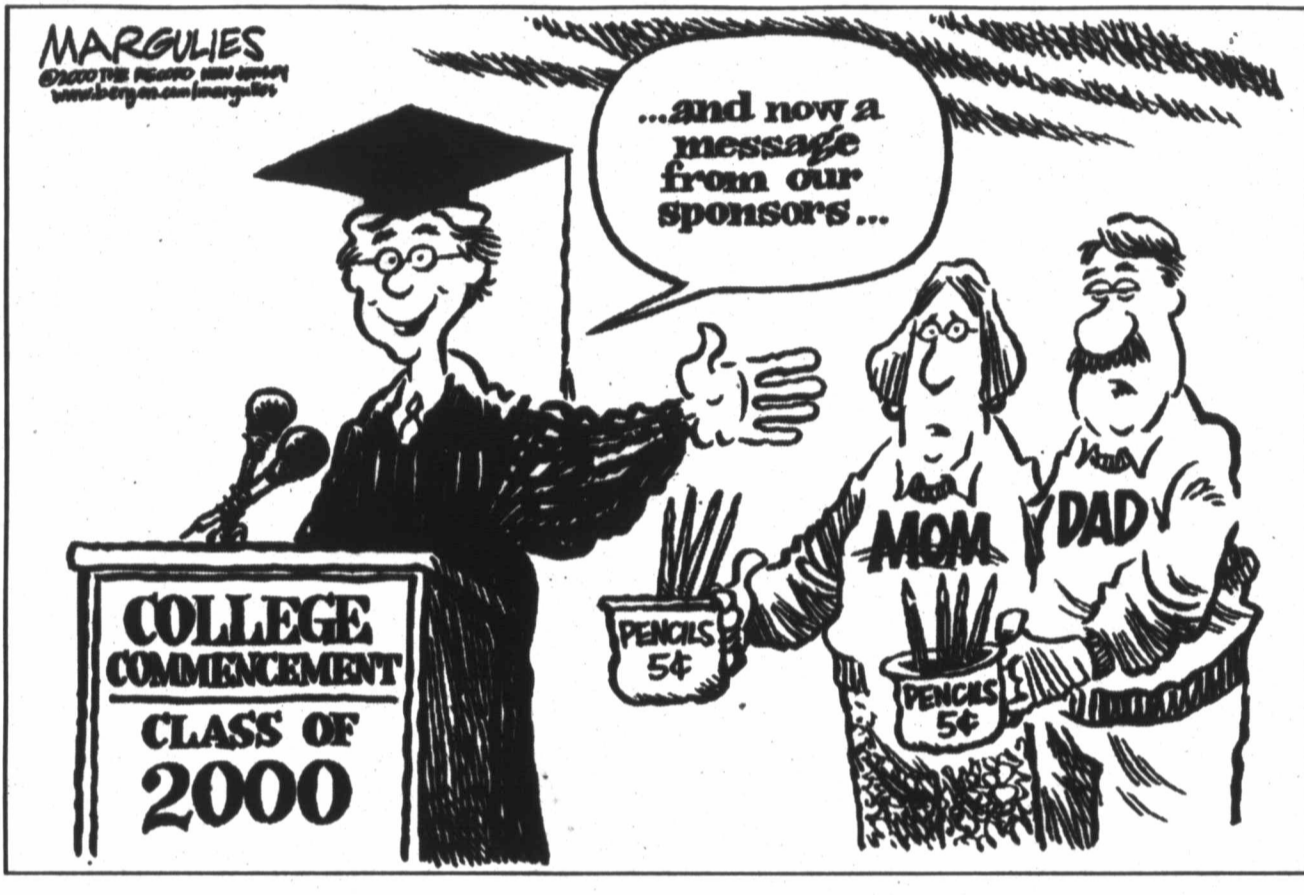
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## Today in history

By The Associated Press  
Today is Tuesday, June 13, the 165th day of 2000. There are 201 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:  
On June 13, 1900, China's Boxer Rebellion targeting foreigners as well as Chinese Christians, erupted into full-scale violence.

On this date:  
In 1886, King Ludwig II of Bavaria drowned in Lake Starnberg.

In 1888, Congress created the Department of Labor.

In 1898, the Yukon Territory of Canada was organized.

In 1927, aviator Charles Lindbergh was honored with a ticker-tape parade in New York City.

In 1942, President Roosevelt created the Office of War Information, and appointed radio news commentator Elmer Davis to head it.

In 1944, Germany began launching flying-bomb attacks against Britain during World War II.

In 1966, the Supreme Court issued its landmark "Miranda" decision, ruling that police had to inform suspects of their constitutional rights before questioning them.

In 1967, President Johnson nominated Solicitor-General Thurgood Marshall as the first black justice on the U.S. Supreme Court.

In 1971, The New York Times began publishing the Pentagon Papers, a secret study of America's involvement in Vietnam.

In 1977, James Earl Ray, the convicted assassin of civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., was recaptured following his escape three days earlier from a Tennessee prison.

Ten years ago, Secretary of State James A. Baker III, testifying before the House Foreign Affairs Committee, urged Israel to accept a U.S. plan for peace talks. (Baker gave out the telephone number for the White House switchboard, telling the Israelis publicly, "When you're serious about this, call us.")

## Civil War spurning much controversy

I read a disturbing story from the Associated Press yesterday. Two plaques with symbols of the Confederacy were removed from the lobby of the Texas Supreme Court building in the dark of night. One day they were there, the next day they were gone.

A quote by Confederate general, Robert E. Lee, the Confederate flag and seal of the Confederacy decorated the plaques.

It's important to know, I think, that the plaques were placed in the building originally to recognize the fact that the Confederate pension fund was used to construct it.

The new plaques do note this fact. There's been a lot of controversy concerning the use of the Confederate flag recently. In essence, it is considered "bad" because some people think it symbolizes a rebellion against the United States. Even more, some people think it means approval of slavery and the dominion of one race over another.

Members of the Texas chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) found the plaques offensive to minorities and asked Governor Bush to have them removed.

So, Friday night, the plaques were taken down by the General Services Commission "so the noise wouldn't disrupt court business," according to Associate Supreme Court Justice Alberto Gonzales. Plaques saying equal justice is available to Texans "regardless of race, creed or color" replaced the other ones.

No public hearings were held. Texans as a whole were given no say in the matter.



I think the "noise" Judge Gonzales referred to was the noise the public would make if they had known this was going to happen.

Already the Sons of Confederate Veterans and the Southern Legal Resource Center have filed a lawsuit against the General Services Commission.

This is one incident among many regarding displaying the Confederate flag. In Pampa, years ago, the issue arose regarding the mascot of Pampa Junior High, "the Rebels." For political and financial reasons, i.e., the school would lose state and federal funding if it did not change, the school mascot was changed to "the Patriots."

I am concerned because the Confederate flag is a part of my heritage. It is a part of the heritage of most Southerners. My great-great grandfather lost his left arm and all but two fingers of his right hand in the Civil War serving as a major in the Confederate Army.

We have a Confederate flag license plate on our 1969 GTX. I bought a large Confederate flag for my son to hang on the wall of his bedroom and I used it as an opportunity to teach him about his heritage.

I do not display the Confederate flag for any reason other than it is a part of my ancestry. I am proud to be the descendent of someone like my great-great grandfather, Hannibal Honestus Boone. He married the woman who nursed him while he recovered from his battle wounds. After the war, he went on to serve as the Attorney General of the State of Texas in 1870 during the difficult times of the Reconstruction. He had a long life as an attorney in Navasota County, upholding the laws of the United States of America.

Most people consider slavery as the main issue of the Civil War. The central issue was not slavery as much as the issue of state's rights. The South seceded from the Union because it felt the federal government trampled on each individual state's right to decide whether or not slavery would be legal. History shows that "state's rights" has been an issue since the inception of the United States of America.

I have ancestors who served in the American Revolution. I am a direct descendant of an Irish immigrant. I am a mutt. I am a hodgepodge of American culture.

I would never deny another person the right to display their heritage. I do not want anyone to take the right away from me.

If anyone feels the Texas Supreme Court is discriminating in any way, then review its legal opinions and take action if it is needed. Two plaques commemorating a time long passed and recognizing the sacrifices made by people who believed they were doing what was right are no threat.

## Global conformity needs contesting

It is an amusing truth that you could take a group of teenagers from the streets of Bratislava, Slovakia, and switch them with a group of teenagers from Chicago, and if the teens kept their mouths shut, people in either city couldn't tell that there had been a switch.

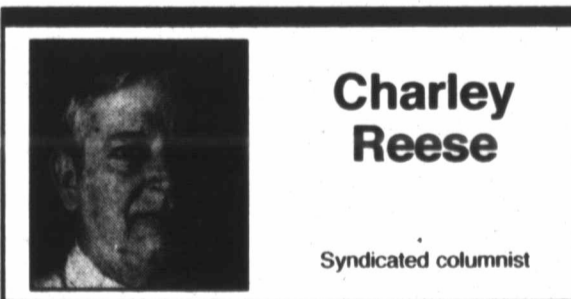
Globalism is most evident in the almost identical appearance of kids. Just as an aside, if I were a young man, I would think seriously about relocating to Slovakia. I've never seen a country with so many beautiful women and so many homely men.

At any rate, the forces of global corporatism are spreading like the great Nothing in "The NeverEnding Story." In that wonderful modern fairy tale, as more and more people lose their ability to believe in fantasy, larger and larger chunks of Fantasia, the land of imaginary people, disappear.

The idea of traveling the world and not being able to escape from McDonald's and Kentucky Fried Chicken is, to me at least, pretty horrifying. Nor is it particularly comforting to find yourself checking into a Holiday Inn in Munich, Germany, or into a Radisson in Budapest, Hungary.

The great corporations are everywhere, imposing uniformity. If we do not find a way to stop this trend, it will be pointless to travel because wherever we go will look exactly like wherever we came from.

Talk about your existentialist hell. It will be as if the whole world were to become one giant airport.



We would move along identical corridors to different pods that look exactly like the ones we left. And there would be no escape. As Charlie Brown would say, "Aaarrrggg!"

There is a great deal to be said for provincialism and parochialism. Both have been given a bad name by intellectuals. Intellectuals prefer cosmopolitanism, which might be defined as a form of universal treason to everywhere. People should realize that intellectuals are the least-reliable source of information there is. They are people who choose to live inside their heads without regard for the place where their body happens to be. They completely miss most of life. As the Buddhists say, such people are born drunk and die dreaming.

That's why I'm all for devolution, secession, particularism and anything that will combat the global conformity that the corporations are trying to impose on the planet.

The French are, so far, about the only people to put up a fight against global corporate uniformity. More power to them. Anybody who would fly to Paris and eat at a McDonald's and go to Disneyland Paris ought to be confined to a home for the mentally incompetent. People who prefer American fast foods and corporate fantasy don't have to endure six hours of confinement in an aluminum tube with motors attached to it. They can stay in the United States and gorge on corporate uniformity in franchise heaven.

This rebellion against corporate conformity has been festering in me for quite some time. It began, I believe, a few years ago when I turned off the interstate and went into a small Southern town in search of barbecue. Can you believe it? Not one local barbecue joint existed. There were just the usual national franchises. This, I thought, is the last straw. A small Southern town with no local barbecue joint is like a human being without a soul.

If this terrible condition cannot be remedied in what's left of this old republic, I might well move to Bratislava and open a barbecue joint. In honor of my favorite restaurant, the Georgia Pig, I might name my new business the Slovak Pig. I have a feeling Slovaksians would like Southern-style barbecue. If they didn't, I could eat it myself and then sit in the town square with a beer and watch the women. There are a lot worse ways to spend your days.



**FREEDOM MUSEUM, USA**, 600 N. Hobart is open from 12-4 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday. Revolutionary War to Kocovo. All branches of service are represented. For more information, call 669-6066.

**LOVETT MEMORIAL LIBRARY** Summer Story Hours will be at 10 a.m. Mondays and Tuesdays. The program, open to children 18 months to five years of age, is free and no registration is required. For more information, call 669-5780.

**LOVETT MEMORIAL LIBRARY** will offer a summer children's reading program in June and July. Children will receive a reading log to keep a record of the number of minutes they read. Every child who reads three hours in June and July may choose a book. Gift certificates will be given to children who read the most. For more information, call 669-5780.

**FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN COWBOYS** meet the fourth Saturday of each month at the Clyde Carruth Livestock Pavilion, 6:30 p.m. Pot luck supper. For more information contact Kevin Romines, 665-8547 or Jim Greene, 665-8067.

**RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION** meets at 2 p.m. the third Monday of every month at the Senior Citizens Center. For more information, contact Carolyn Smith, 665-5158.

**FIRST PENTECOSTAL HOLINESS CHURCH** hosts "Second Sunday Singing" from 2-4 p.m. the second Sunday of each month. Singers and musicians from all over perform congregational singing. The public is cordially invited to attend. For more information, call Mina Towey, 665-8529.

**WHITE DEER LAND MUSEUM** will celebrate its 30th anniversary in the Year 2000. A new exhibit, "A Season of Change, 1900-200," will go up in January to celebrate the anniversary and the millennium. The exhibit will run from January-September.

**WHITE DEER LAND MUSEUM** will be selling leaves and rocks to go on the new bronze Heritage which is in the Holland Wing. The items may be purchased all year as memorials and tributes to families, family members and friends.

**TRALEE CRISIS CENTER** support groups for victims of family violence — both women and children — meet every Thursday evening. For more information, call Diane about the adult support groups, 669-1788, and Nita about the children's support groups, 669-1131.

**TRALEE CRISIS CENTER** Coordinating Council meets once a month. For more information, call Ann, 669-1131.

**MEALS ON WHEELS** Garage Sale, 900 N. Frost, will be every Monday throughout February and April. For more information, call Cindy Gindorf, 669-1007.

**PAMPA YOUTH AND COMMUNITY CENTER** Water Aerobics class will be from 6-7 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. For more information, call Frankie Hildenbrand, 669-3713, or Lee, Betty or Liz at Pampa Youth Center, 665-0748.

**PAMPA AREA LITERACY COUNCIL** office will be open from 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Monday-Friday. PALC volunteers work with people who need basic reading/writing skills as well as English as a second language. For more information, call 665-2331.

**GRAY COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY HEAD-QUARTERS** located in the Combs-Worley Building, 120 W. Kingsmill, Suite 202. Open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. For more information, call 669-1276.

**OUTREACH HEALTH SERVICES/WIC** Nutrition education classes. Open to the public. For more information, call 665-1182.

**PANHANDLE ALLIANCE FOR THE MENTALLY ILL** will meet the second Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. at 218 N. Russell. For more information call Sharon King, 665-2818.

**AL-ANON** will hold weekly meetings on Mondays and Wednesdays at 8 p.m. at 910 W. Kentucky. For more information, call 669-7501.

**CLEAN AIR AL-ANON** will hold weekly meetings on Tuesdays and Thursdays at noon at 810 W. 23rd. For more information, call 669-7501.

**CLEAN AIR AL-ATEEN** will hold weekly meetings on Mondays at 7 p.m. at 810 W. 23rd. For more information, contact 669-3988.

**VFW POST #1657**, 105 S. Cuyler. Charity Bingo every Wednesday at 7 p.m. and Sunday at 1:30 p.m. Doors open one hour early. No one under 18 allowed. Public is welcome. License No. 1-75-6037422-9. For more information contact Edgar D. Carson, 669-0853 or 669-1264.

**WOMEN OF THE MOOSE** Charity Bingo every Monday at 7 p.m. at the Moose Lodge, 403 W. Brown. Doors open at 6 p.m. Public welcome. License #1-751616469-0.

**THE ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP** will have regularly scheduled meetings the first Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. at Shepard's Crook Nursing Agency, Inc. For more information contact Chry Smith at 665-0356.

# ~ Business Review ~



Sherry Day serves as president of Consulting & Testing, Inc., an oil field firm in Pampa. The company welcomes inquiries about the services their company provides.

## Consulting & Testing Inc.

"Consulting & Testing, Inc. serves all phases oil field work-from the cradle to the grave," says Sherry L. Day, president of the business.

Experienced personnel provides consultation from beginning to end. They will help companies stake, drill, pump or even abandon a well.

She said the local company provides consulting services in drilling, completion and workovers. Supervision of testing services as mandated by Federal and State Law such as one points, four points, GOR, H-5 and H-15 is also provided.

Complete bookkeeping services as well as chart processing and special audits are also available through Consulting & Testing, Inc. Royce Gee and Randall

Day are partners in the company in addition to Sherry Day.

Royce and Randy worked together at Tenneco before it was sold to Mesa, Inc.

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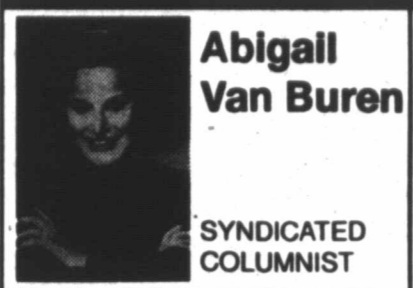
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## Horoscope

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14, 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)

\*\*\* Handle a situation or money matter directly. Extremes stretch you in different directions. You might not be sure which way to go. Under the circumstances, do nothing. Make calls; get more facts. Not everyone has to agree with you. Tonight: Explore the Web.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20)

\*\*\* Others touch base and want to share ideas. However, you might feel stretched to the max as you attempt to deal with everyone's needs. One-on-one relating helps open a door. Get down to the basics, and solutions will come. Tonight: Go along with a partner's plans.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20)

\*\*\* Be more direct when dealing with co-workers. You might be living in your head more than you realize. Pace yourself. Be more aware of what is limiting you. Clear out work. Schedule meetings and discussions for the afternoon. Mix work and socializing. Tonight: Beam in what you want.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22)

\*\*\* Just when you thought you had everything under control, you are pushed to make decisions you might prefer to postpone. Stay in touch with bottom

lines, and you'll do the right thing. Concentrate on work. Check in with an associate when you need feedback.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22)

\*\*\* Build, rather than tearing down. You could be frustrated by both work and personal demands. Juggle as best you can. Use the afternoon to brainstorm and find answers. Schedule a stress-busting tennis game or activity for later. When you relax, answers come forth. Tonight: Midweek break!

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

\*\*\* Ask questions and carefully check out news. You might find conflicting information. Study the possibilities. As you make inquiries, you discover many options. Make decisions carefully. Take your time. Walk to clear your mind, if need be. Tonight: Talk up a storm.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

\*\*\* Others challenge your financial decisions. You might not be comfortable with what is going on. Take another look at an alternative solution. Get suggestions from those you trust. Return calls; clear your desk. Tonight: Out and about.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

\*\*\* Others test your limits or ideas. You don't need to react; just listen and observe. You are more in control than you realize. Don't push others — let them see the light through their own processing. Take charge financially. Don't just wish for what you want. Tonight: Pay bills.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

\*\*\* Take a back seat and think through work pressures and requirements. Eliminate unnecessary demands. In the afternoon, you come out of the

doldrums and feel invigorated. Your charisma speaks. Zero in on what you want. Talk about long-term goals.

**TAURUS** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

\*\*\* Aim for what is important. Problems that appear can be used to empower you. You don't need to understand where others come from; just seek resolution. Free-associate and brainstorm. Take your time when making a decision. You are intuitive. Tonight: Time for you.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

\*\*\* Keep a high profile at work. Others clamor for more of your voice. Listen to opinions. Schedule meetings; make your feelings known. Use your intuition when dealing with a friend. Together you make quite a team. Network. Tonight: Where your friends are.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20)

\*\*\* Your questions need to be asked rather than put on hold. Take an overview. Taking care of details is equally important. Don't sell out to another. Understand that everyone has limits, even you. Take the lead this afternoon. Zoom in on what you want. Tonight: Work late.

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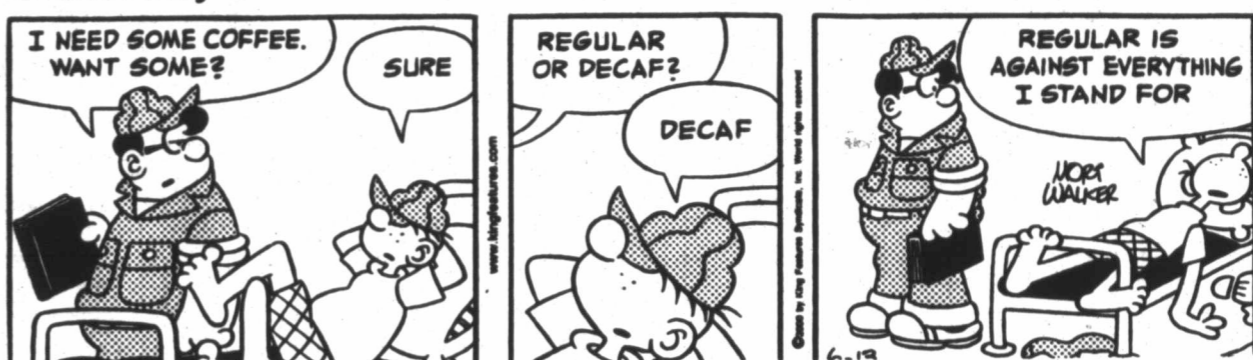
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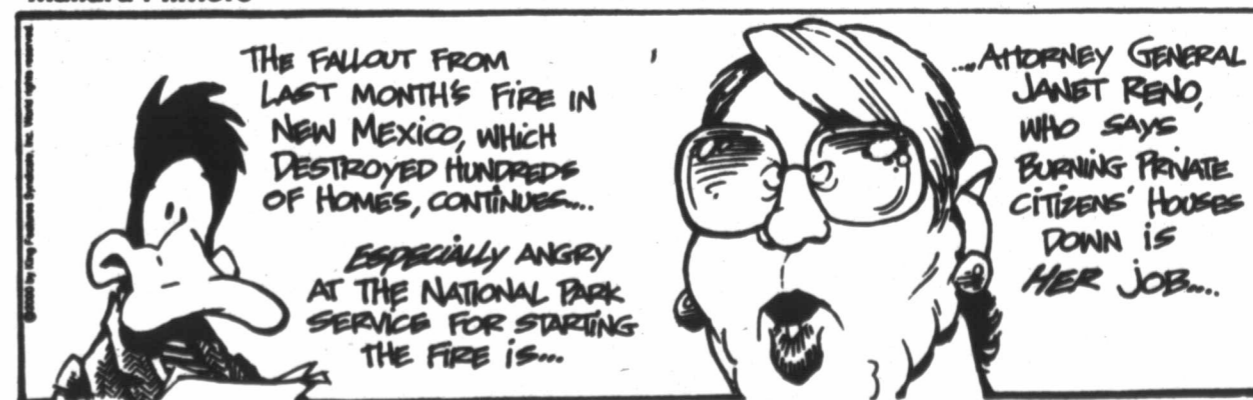
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## Crossword Puzzle

By THOMAS JOSEPH

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"Do birds have any other words to their songs besides 'tweet' and 'chirp'?"



# SPORTS

## Cunningham schooled in Cowboys lore

### Former Eagles' quarterback is in Irving to start minicamp

IRVING, Texas (AP) — Randall Cunningham has played against the Dallas Cowboys enough times that he knows all about his new team's traditions.

"Having a star on the side of my helmet, America's Team, God's team — all that good stuff," Cunningham said. "You've got the hole in the stadium so God can watch his team; I like that."

Cunningham joined his former rivals in person Monday

for the start of a three-day minicamp, the last get-together before training camp begins July 17.

He signed a three-year deal to back up Troy Aikman last week. Aikman greeted Cunningham with a hug and welcomed him to the team.

"He brings us stability at that position," Aikman said. "Randall has won a lot of games in this league. If he's called on to play, he's a guy the team can count on."

Aikman, a plodding runner,

joked that there could be other benefits of having the top-rushing quarterback in NFL history.

"I'm sure there's a lot of people hoping that maybe he can teach me how to run around back there in the pocket," Aikman said.

Cunningham has played 14 seasons in Philadelphia and Minnesota.

The Vikings released him June 2, making way for Daunte Culpepper to be their starter.

Had starting been the most important thing to 37-year-old Cunningham, he could've gone to Detroit to replace the injured Charlie Batch or Tampa Bay to push second-year quarterback Shaun King.

"I just like to know where I'm at," he said. "I went in as a backup in Minnesota, but I knew my role. So I was able to accept it. It's the same thing here."

Cunningham is a bit behind the curve in learning the timing-based system the Cowboys are installing. Quarterbacks coach Wade Wilson tried giving him a head start by sending him the playbook last week.

"My head is spinning a little bit," said Cunningham, who spent the lunch hour sitting at his locker with his playbook on his lap, highlighting play names and passing routes. "There's so much to learn in this offense. Now I know why I signed a three-year deal."

Coach Dave Campo is thrilled to have Cunningham.

"We felt this was an opportunity to get a guy who is a change of pace, who can do some things with the football himself under certain circumstances," Campo said. "He's going to be part of our offensive scheme."

Cunningham's most famous play against the Cowboys was in 1987, when Eagles coach Buddy Ryan had him fake a kneel-down and throw a touchdown pass, making a Philadelphia victory even more lopsided.

"Yeah, yeah, I still hear about that," Cunningham said. "It's been mentioned a few times."

## Notebook

### BASEBALL

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — Florida State staved off elimination at the College World Series with a 6-2 victory over Texas, sending the Longhorns home after two straight losses.

Also, LSU beat Southern California 10-4 to snap the Trojans' 16-game winning streak. The Tigers are one victory from advancing to the CWS championship game for the fifth time.

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Mark McGwire hit a towering two-run homer that broke a seventh-inning tie, and a controversial ruling helped the St. Louis Cardinals score two runs Monday night in a 7-3 victory over the San Diego Padres.

McGwire's 23rd homer, his second in two days, landed an estimated 451 feet into the second deck in left field. The home run off Matt Clement (5-6) followed a leadoff walk to Jim Edmonds, his third of the game.

Before Sunday, McGwire had just one homer since May 24. Monday's drive was his 545th, moving him within three of Mike Schmidt for seventh place on the career list.

Since joining the Cardinals, McGwire has eight homers in 12 games at San Diego.

Andy Benes (6-3) allowed three runs and six hits in six innings, and struck out a season-high 10 against his former team.

Clement allowed five runs — four earned — seven hits, six walks and a hit batter in six-plus innings.

### FOOTBALL

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## Hidden Hills claims win over Hall's

PAMPA — A strong first inning at bat led to victory for the Hidden Hills girls' softball team.

Hidden Hills scored eight runs in the first inning against Hall's in a 7-8 league game played earlier this week at Optimist Park.

Hayley Stegar, Mikaela Flores, Brooklyn Barker and Ashley Facio delivered some big hits for the winners.

Carlyn Teichmann and Kamie Doughty made some outstanding defensive plays for Hidden Hills. Teichmann scooped up a hard-hit grounder at first base to start the second inning of play. Then in the third inning, while playing right field, she fielded a ground ball and threw to Yesenia Flores at first base for the out.

Doughty was base at second base stopping two grounders and getting the ball to first base for both outs.

Barker and Whitney Wade split the catcher's position, and both played outstanding defense.

## Ducks Unlimited hires new host for outdoor show

MEMPHIS — Ducks Unlimited recently announced that Marc Pierce, co-founder and president of Big Sky Carvers, will be one of the new hosts of The World of Ducks Unlimited TV show this season. Beginning July 1, the show will air on TNN (The Nashville Network) on Sunday mornings.

Now in its fourth season, The World of Ducks Unlimited features hunting and other outdoor recreation across North America with an emphasis on the role that sportsmen play in conserving wildlife habitat and keeping outdoor traditions alive.

Pierce has worked with Ducks Unlimited for many years and has served on the board of directors since 1993. Pierce is an avid big game and bird hunter as well as fisherman, bird watcher, backpacker and conservationist. He has appeared on the show in the past as a guest, and his experiences with outdoor recreation have given valuable insight to viewers of The World of Ducks Unlimited.



(Pampa News photo)

Suntrol batter Cara Pryor gets set to bat in a recent Optimist girls' softball game. Suntrol is in first place in the 13-15 year-old league.

## Harper resigns

DALLAS (AP) — Former Dallas Mavericks star Derek Harper has resigned after four months as the team's vice president of business relations.

He declined to comment about the decision, but Mavericks owner Mark Cuban said the move related to coach Don Nelson being signed to a new contract May 27. That deal secures him as coach of the club for three more seasons and allows him to continue his general manager duties for three years after that.

Harper intended to learn how to be a general manager.

Harper "wanted to stay on the basketball side full-time and be in a position to be a general manager in the next couple years," Cuban told The Dallas Morning News in a story for Tuesday's editions.

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Young was married last spring to Barbara Graham and the couple is expecting a baby in December. He said he's now ded-

icating himself to being "the best father and husband I can be."

He noted he is the CEO of a fledgling high-tech firm that employs some 120 people in San Francisco, has entered into a business partnership with friend and former teammate Brent Jones on a Silicon Valley startup, and also oversees a variety of charity work through his Forever Young Foundation.

Also a lawyer, Young plans to start a public interest law firm to help disadvantaged families.

"In many ways, what lies ahead for me is maybe more important than what I leave behind," Young said. "The talent and skills that I have gleaned from football hopefully will enable me to help others pursue similar dreams."

The retirement news conference comes nearly nine months after Young took the devastating hit that left him unconscious on the turf with his fourth concussion in three years.

Before that, the seven-time Pro Bowler used his fearlessness, scrambling ability and passing accuracy to win two league MVP Awards. He also was the Super Bowl MVP in leading the 49ers to a 49-26 win over San Diego in the 1995 championship game. He won two other Super Bowl rings as a backup to Joe Montana and holds six passing titles.

Young, who leaves as the NFL's highest-rated passer, followed one of the toughest acts in league history when he took over in 1991 for Hall of Famer Montana. Young said the competition between the two helped them both.

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# Lakers' Rice 'unhappy over lack of playing time in Finals

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Glen Rice could have picked a better time to vent his feelings about being left out of the Los Angeles Lakers offense.

A day after the Lakers' NBA Finals lead was cut in half by a loss to the Indiana Pacers, Rice said he should be playing more minutes and getting more shots as Los Angeles tries to stay focused on getting two more victories and a title.

The target of his ire was coach Phil Jackson, who has shown through his actions rather than his words he doesn't agree with Rice's assessment of his importance to the team.

"I'm not going to go to him," Rice said. "I don't think anything's going to change. He's going to do what he's going to do. I've just got to be ready when I'm out there."

Game 4 in the series is Wednesday night. The Pacers, who lost twice in Los Angeles before winning 100-91 on Sunday night, can tie the series with a victory at Conseco Fieldhouse.

Rice is angry about being benched by Jackson during critical parts of the finals, including most of the fourth quarter in Game 3. Jackson, who largely used defense-minded Rick Fox in Rice's place, apparently sees him as a defensive liability.

"I definitely think we would have had a better chance to win with me on the floor," Rice said. "I really think I need to be in there for us to succeed. ... I'm trying to be as positive as I can. I'm not trying to be negative or be the bad apple in the bunch. I'm just asking to be involved a little more."

Rice played just 27 minutes and had seven points — none after halftime — in Game 3. While Indiana said its defense was the reason for Rice's failures, Rice blames Jackson for benching him in the fourth quarters of the last two games.

"I have no comment for that," Jackson said when told of Rice's statements. "That's the way he saw the game."

Kobe Bryant's sprained left ankle likely will be well enough for him to play Wednesday night. But even if Bryant returns, the Lakers showed in Game 3 they need several options on offense besides Shaquille O'Neal to win.

Rather than treating the complaints as a distraction, his teammates appear to be rallying behind Rice, who scored 21 points in Game 2 with Bryant out.

"I was disappointed a little bit

that our best shooter was on the bench," said O'Neal, who had 33 points in Game 3, but was harassed by double-teams. "I think we need to give him more shots, bring him off a couple more screens. When he gets the ball, he needs to be very aggressive."

Rice's role on the Lakers has diminished gradually this season. When he was acquired two years ago from Charlotte for Eddie Jones and Elden Campbell, the Lakers thought his offensive explosiveness would provide the outside counterpoint to O'Neal's dominant inside game.

But Rice doesn't believe he fits well in the Lakers' triangle offense. His favorite shots — quick jumpers taken off screens — don't often arise in the scheme.

"I know I can score, but I try to work within the offense," Rice said. "It's frustrating sometimes. If I'm involved, it's a much simpler game for us."

Rice, who will be a free agent at season's end, wouldn't touch the subject Monday. When asked whether his exclusion from the game plan against Indiana would influence his decision to return to the Lakers, he was mum.

"I'm just going to try to complete this mission, and I'll go from there," Rice said. "I don't

want to be a distraction. These things can easily be worked out if we win a championship."

While the Lakers struggled with egos, the Pacers took a day off and focused on tying the series. Indiana got 33 points from Reggie Miller and rediscovered the swagger they had during the Eastern Conference playoffs.

Miller and coach Larry Bird are also involved in a dispute, though it's much less serious. Bird is trying to convince Miller to spend less energy lobbying the officials and trash-talking his opponents. Miller says it's the only way he knows how to play.

"These are the finals, and this is the first time I've been here," Miller said. "My emotions should be high. I've played like that my whole career."

The Pacers also were pleased with their improved defensive effort against O'Neal. Bird used power forward Dale Davis as Indiana's primary defender against Shaq. Though Davis isn't nearly O'Neal's size, he is muscular, tough and clever enough to keep O'Neal at bay until the double-teams arrive.

"We pushed Shaq out of the block, we got better pressure on the ball, and we were quicker with the double-teams," Davis said. "That's really all you can do against him. He'll still get a bunch of points anyway."

## Jury finds Lewis' former co-defendants innocent

ATLANTA (AP) — District Attorney Paul Howard said he was "deeply disappointed" that a jury acquitted two friends and former co-defendants of football star Ray Lewis on murder and assault charges.

After three weeks of testimony, the jury deliberated less than five hours Monday before returning the verdicts in the trial of Joseph Sweeting and Reginald Oakley.

The verdicts came just hours after Lewis practiced with the Baltimore Ravens for the first time since pleading guilty to a misdemeanor charge and testifying for the prosecution in the murder case.

Oakley hugged his attorney, Bruce Harvey, who pumped his fist in exuberance when the verdicts were announced. Sweeting leaned over and put his head on the defense table.

Sweeting, Oakley and Lewis were charged with murder, felony murder and aggravated assault in the Jan. 31 deaths of Jacinth Baker and Richard Lollar, who were stabbed outside the

party in Atlanta's Buckhead entertainment district.

Lewis, the NFL's top tackler last season, reached a plea agreement with the district attorney's office last week. He pleaded guilty to a misdemeanor obstruction-of-justice charge, testified against Oakley and Sweeting, and will serve a year of probation, but no jail time.

"The irony of this case is the only person convicted in this case was Ray Lewis," Harvey said.

The Ravens' minicamp in Owings Mills, Md., was finished by the time the verdicts came down and Lewis was unavailable for comment. The Ravens said Lewis would have no comment on the acquittals.

Sweeting, a longtime friend of Lewis' from Miami, was charged with Lollar's death. Oakley, an acquaintance of Lewis from Baltimore, was charged with Baker's death.

Both faced life in prison if convicted, but the jury found them innocent on all counts.

## Swoopes nets 28 in Comets' rout

HOUSTON (AP) — Sheryl Swoopes and the Houston Comets didn't mess around this time.

After beating the Utah Starzz by just two points over the weekend, the three-time defending WNBA champion Comets routed Utah 107-85 Monday night.

Swoopes scored Houston's first nine points, finishing with 28 points and a season-high 10 rebounds, her first double-double of the year. Cynthia Cooper added 24 points and six assists, and Tina Thompson scored 17 points for the Comets, who scored 26 points off 17 Utah turnovers.

"It was a small statement," Cooper said. "Our fans deserved it. We started playing tough defense. Utah's

always tough. We respect them here, we respect them there. But the bottom line is to get the W. We got it there and we got it here."

Swoopes, who shot 10-for-17 from the field, including 3-for-4 from 3-point range, also had five steals as Western Conference-leading Houston improved to a league-best 7-1.

"I think we wanted to make a statement ... to our fans, especially since the last game," Swoopes said. "I think we had better team defense. Our approach was different."

Houston built a 52-34 half-time lead, its most points in the first half this season. The 107 points were the most by the Comets at Compaq Center.

Adrienne Goodson led the Starzz (3-4) with 24 points, while leading scorer Natalie Williams was held to four

points on 1-for-8 shooting. Korie Hleda added 16 points and four assists before fouling out.

"We came out in the first half flat and that put us in the hole early," Goodson said. "We had too many turnovers and we were just not ready to play."

The Comets announced at halftime that they will retire the No. 10 jersey of the late Kim Perrot, the point guard who died of cancer last year, on July 29 during halftime of a game against the Los Angeles Sparks at Compaq Center. It will be the first jersey retired in WNBA history.

"Kim Perrot has always had a special place in my heart," Houston coach Van Chancellor said. "I don't think we'd enjoy the success we've had without her."

# White Sox open three-game advantage on Indians

By The Associated Press

Maybe the Cleveland Indians won't blow away the AL Central this season.

Frank Thomas hit a two-run homer and Ray Durham had three RBIs as the first-place Chicago White Sox beat Cleveland 8-7 and opened a three-game lead.

"We need to keep pushing," White Sox manager Jerry Manuel said. "If people don't believe, fine. But we have to stay driven if we're going to have a chance and stay competitive for the long haul."

Cleveland, which has won five straight AL Central titles,

has been in first place just 17 days this season after being there for 360 of a possible 362 days the past two years.

"I don't think we're getting cocky," said winner Cal Eldred (7-2). "I think we go home at night realizing that this team has the ability to win."

Chicago has won 10 of 12 and Monday began a stretch of 14 games where it will play the Indians seven times and the World Series champion New York Yankees seven more.

Eldred allowed three runs and five hits in six innings and struck out seven as the White

Sox took an 8-3 lead and won for the 10th time in 12 games. After Jim Thome's ninth-inning homer, Keith Foulke retired Sandy Alomar Jr. on a game-ending double play for his 15th save.

The Indians, who left 14 runners on base Sunday, stranded seven more in the final three innings and went 1-for-9 with men in scoring position.

"We hit four home runs and all we needed was one single to win the game," Indians manager Charlie Manuel said.

In other games, Seattle beat Kansas City 5-3, Minnesota beat Oakland 7-2 and Toronto beat Detroit 4-2. Boston's game

## Scoreboard

### BASEBALL

National League Standings  
At A Glance  
By The Associated Press  
All Times EDT

East Division		W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlanta	40	22	645	—	
New York	34	27	557	5 1/2	
Montreal	32	28	533	7	
Florida	29	35	453	12	
Philadelphia	23	38	377	16 1/2	

Central Division		W	L	Pct.	GB
St. Louis	35	28	556	—	
Cincinnati	32	30	516	2 1/2	
Pittsburgh	27	34	443	7	
Chicago	26	37	413	9	
Milwaukee	26	37	413	9	
Houston	22	40	355	12 1/2	

West Division		W	L	Pct.	GB
Arizona	35	25	503	—	
Colorado	34	25	578	2	
Los Angeles	33	28	541	4	
San Francisco	29	31	483	7 1/2	
San Diego	27	35	435	10 1/2	

Sunday's Games

St. Louis 7, Detroit 3  
Toronto 8, Montreal 3  
Boston 5, Atlanta 3  
Tampa Bay 7, Florida 6  
Philadelphia 7, Philadelphia 2  
Milwaukee 5, Minnesota 3  
Chicago Cubs 6, Chicago White Sox 5  
Cincinnati 7, Cleveland 5, 13 innings  
Pittsburgh 10, Kansas City 6, 10 innings  
Colorado 9, Texas 8  
Oakland 6, Los Angeles 0  
Seattle 9, San Francisco 2  
San Diego 4, Houston 1  
N.Y. Mets at N.Y. Yankees, p.p.d., rain

Monday's Games

Atlanta 10, Pittsburgh 8  
Milwaukee 8, Montreal 1  
Arizona 4, Anaheim 2  
San Francisco 10, Cincinnati 3  
St. Louis 7, San Diego 3  
Florida 5, Philadelphia 2

Only games scheduled Tuesday's Games

St. Louis (Kie 9-5) at San Diego (Lopez 0-2), 5:05 p.m.  
Atlanta (Burkett 4-3) at Pittsburgh (Anderson 1-4), 7:05 p.m.  
Florida (Smith 0-0) at Philadelphia (Person 5-2), 7:35 p.m.  
N.Y. Mets (Reed 3-1) at Chicago Cubs (Tapani 4-6), 8:05 p.m.  
Montreal (Pavano 6-3) at Milwaukee (Woodard 1-4), 8:05 p.m.  
Houston (Reynolds 5-3) at Colorado (Arrojo 4-4), 9:05 p.m.  
Arizona (Morgan 1-0) at Los Angeles (Park 7-4), 10:10 p.m.  
Cincinnati (Fernandez 2-0) at San Francisco (Ortiz 3-6), 10:15 p.m.

Wednesday's Games

N.Y. Mets (Hamels 6-5) at Chicago Cubs (Lieber 5-4), 2:20 p.m.  
Cincinnati (Neagle 5-1) at San Francisco (Ruster 3-4), 3:35 p.m.  
Atlanta (Madux 8-1) at Pittsburgh (Schmidt 2-5), 7:05 p.m.  
Florida (Dempster 6-4) at Philadelphia (Wolf 6-3), 7:35 p.m.  
Montreal (Johnson 2-0) at Milwaukee (Woodard 1-4), 8:05 p.m.  
Houston (Holt 3-7) at Colorado (Astacio 6-2), 9:05 p.m.  
Arizona (Johnson 10-1) at Los Angeles (Perez 4-2), 10:05 p.m.  
St. Louis (Stephenson 8-2) at San Diego (Spencer 2-1), 10:05 p.m.

### TRANSACTIONS

Monday's Sports Transactions  
By The Associated Press

BASEBALL

**ANAHEIM ANGELS**—Activated RHP Mark Petkovsek from the 15-day disabled list. Optioned RHP Eric Weaver to Edmonton of the PCL.

**CLEVELAND INDIANS**—Agreed to terms with RHP Kyle Evans, INF Joe Inglett, RHP Tom Canale, C Jeff Hease, OF Ryan Church, OF Nathan Janowitz, RHP Luke Field, LHP Brandon Mathery, RHP Ryan Larson, RHP Steve Fagarino, INF James Pletro, RHP John Litman, RHP Steve Fitch, INF Damon Katz, RHP Robert Steer, OF Eric Crozier and RHP Ron Colvard.

**DETROIT TIGERS**—Activated 1B Tony Clark from the 15-day disabled list. Optioned C Javier Cardona to Toledo of the International League. Traded OF Karim Garcia to the Baltimore Orioles for future consideration.

**SEATTLE MARINERS**—Placed RHP Brett Tomko on the 15-day disabled list, retroactive to June 7.

**TEXAS RANGERS**—Agreed to terms with RHP Matt Meisenheimer, 3B Edwin Encarnacion, RHP Ruben Falciano, RHP Keith Stamer and OF Frank Sansone.

**TORONTO BLUE JAYS**—Signed RHP Dustin McGowan, RHP Michael Smith and SS William Rivera.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

**PITTSBURGH PIRATES**—Placed RHP Jason Schmitz on the 15-day disabled list. Recalled RHP Bronson Arroyo from Nashville of the PCL.

**ST. LOUIS CARDINALS**—Signed RHP Josh Axtell, RHP Nathaniel Meza, INF Justin Hileman and INF William Schmitz. Assigned Yorkston and Meza to New Jersey of the New York-Penn League, and Hileman and Schmitz to Johnson City of the Appalachian League.

**SAN DIEGO PADRES**—Signed 2B Lee McCool, RHP Justin Germano, 1B John Woodard, RHP Charles Lawton, 1B Jarrett Roenicke, OF David Day, 3B Jason Furmanik, RHP Edgardo Laureano, OF Kevin Reese, RHP Dennis Chapman, C Michael Bitter, OF Claborne Daniels, RHP Justin Williams and C Andre Gomez.

FOOTBALL

NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

**INDIANAPOLIS COLTS**—Named Bob Tepering executive vice president, Pete Ward executive vice president of administration and Ray S. Hamilton senior vice president of sales and marketing.

**PHILADELPHIA EAGLES**—Signed KR-RB Brian Mitchell.

**SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS**—Announced the retirement of QB Steve Young.

HOCKEY

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE

**ANAHEIM MIGHTY DUCKS**—Acquired D Patrick Traverse from the Ottawa Senators for D Joel Kwiatkowski. Traded RW Ed Ward to the New Jersey Devils for a 2001 seventh-round draft pick.

**ATLANTA THRASHERS**—Traded F-D Steve Staios to the New Jersey Devils for a 2000 ninth-round draft pick.

**COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS**—Named Harry Coder human resources manager, Brooks Jordan director of group sales and Jim Rankin team services coordinator.

Acquired F Jan Caloun and a 2000 ninth-round draft pick from the San Jose Sharks for future considerations.

**DALLAS STARS**—Traded G Manny Fernandez and D Brad Lukowich to the Minnesota Wild for a 2000 third-round and a 2002 fourth-round draft picks. Signed G Chad Alban to a one-year contract.

**LOS ANGELES KINGS**—Signed LW Tomas Vlasak.

**MINNESOTA WILD**—Acquired D Andy Sutton, a 2000 seventh-round draft pick and a 2001 third-round draft pick from the San Jose Sharks for a 2001 eighth-round draft pick and future considerations.

**NASHVILLE PREDATORS**—Traded F Patrick Cole to the Edmonton Oilers for a 2000 fifth-round draft pick. Re-signed LW Patrick Kellyberg.

**NEW JERSEY DEVILS**—Traded F Krzysztof Olwa to the Columbus Blue Jackets for a 2001 third-round draft pick and future considerations.

**PHILADELPHIA FLYERS**—Acquired C Mark Janssens from the Chicago Blackhawks for a 2000 ninth-round draft pick.

**ST. LOUIS BLUES**—Signed D Matt Walker, D Alex Khavanov and D Vladimir Chebuturkin.

**WASHINGTON CAPITALS**—Exercised their options on the contracts of F Cliff Dahlin and C Terry Yake for the 2000-2001 season.

### BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association  
Playoff Series Glance  
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Finals  
(Best-of-7)

Wednesday, June 7  
L.A. Lakers 104, Indiana 87  
Friday, June 9  
L.A. Lakers 111, Indiana 104  
Sunday, June 11  
Indiana 100, L.A. Lakers 91, L.A. Lakers lead series 2-1

Wednesday, June 14  
L.A. Lakers at Indiana, 9 p.m.  
Friday, June 16  
L.A. Lakers at Indiana, 9 p.m.

Monday, June 19  
Indiana at L.A. Lakers, 9 p.m., if necessary  
Wednesday, June 21  
Indiana at L.A. Lakers, 9 p.m., if necessary

### HORSE RACING

AQHA Poll

AMARILLO, Texas (AP) — The national quarterhorse poll conducted by the American Quarter Horse Association. Rankings through June 11, based on votes of industry and media representatives on a 10-9-8, etc. basis, with first-place votes in parentheses, records, and total points. (A-Age S-Sex, C-Colt, G-Gelding, S-Station, F-Filly, M-Mare):

A-SST-1-2-3PtsPvs	1	2
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2.Mrtlawfytouy	5-G4-3-0-1178	2
3.GoneKoolMan	3-G3-3-0-0181	3
4.HeskyDasher	4-G2-0-1-195	7
5.Separatist	3-C2-1-0-090	5
6.SVBlueTornado	3-G3-2-1-089	6
7.JoannaKate	5-M3-1-0-183	4
8.SecretCard	2-F3-3-0-056	9
9.JakesJockmo	4-M3-0-2-054	8
10.Caleb	2-C4-3-0-053	8

Other horses receiving votes: Southern Cash Man 39, Classified As Dash 25, Fightin' Jane 21, BCR Really A Jet 13, Sign Of Lanty 13, Worth A Look 11, Falling In Loveagain 10, Sambao Dancer 10, Dash For Popa 9, Heza Fast Dash 9, Heza Ramblin Man 8, Ganster 7, Southern Beduino 7, Coastal Memories 6, Marmet 5, Big On Charm 4, BK Runner 3, Check Em High 3, Rojo Dancer 3, PF Flyers 2, Toughest Test 2, War Colors 2, Gomez Adams 1, Valors Gold 1.

## Stars' backup goalie goes to Wild

ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP) — Manny Fernandez's apprenticeship is over.

The Minnesota Wild acquired the Dallas Stars' backup goalie Monday, when the expansion NHL team made its first two trades.

"I think it's great. We get to build something new and it's good for me," Fernandez said in an interview from Dallas. "I'm hoping to get to play more than I did."

As Ed Belfour's backup, Fernandez, who will turn 26 in August, played in 24 games for the Stars this season, posting an 11-8-3 record with a 2.13 goals-against average and .920 save percentage. He played nine games over four previous seasons with Dallas.

The Wild also acquired defenseman Brad Lukowich from the Stars in exchange for a third-round pick in next week's entry draft and a fourth-round selection in 2002.

Earlier, Minnesota general manager Doug Risebrough pulled off his first deal, acquiring defenseman Andy Sutton from San Jose.

The Wild also got a seventh-round selection this year and a third-round pick in 2001 from the Sharks for an eighth-round pick in 2001. The Wild agreed not to select Sharks goalie Evgeni Nabokov, who will be exposed in next week's expansion draft in Calgary.

Minnesota also unveiled its inaugural mark on Monday and announced that the United States Hockey Hall of Fame agreed to share its exhibits with the new Saint Paul Arena.

But the big news of the day was the acquisition of Fernandez, a 6-foot, 185-pound rookie who filled in nicely when Belfour was held out for several games after his arrest for fighting with a security guard at a hotel.

"We got a good read on him this year," Risebrough said. "I had zeroed in on this guy as the guy we wanted."

Despite little playing time, both Fernandez and Lukowich, 23, who had four points and 50 penalty minutes in 60 games, benefited from playing for a team that reached the Stanley Cup finals,

Risebrough said.

"They now have exposure. They know the team commitment it takes," he said. "They know what the thing looks like."

Fernandez didn't mind backing up Belfour and didn't want to leave Dallas.

"But if you ask anybody, the main goal is to play as often as you can. As you get into the flow, it gets easier," he said.

Fernandez has never played for a loser, so playing for an expansion team will be a new experience.

"I'm going to try to make it work. This year has been nothing but good. Watching Eddie has been a learning experience. You learn little things and I'm going to bring the whole package to Minnesota," he said.

Roman Turek, the main backup to Belfour in 1998-99, was traded to St. Louis before last season and led the Blues to the league's best regular-season record.

Sutton, 25, also was looking forward to more exposure in Minnesota.

Heredia (8-4) allowed five runs and four hits in four innings as Oakland lost for just the third time in 12 games. Jacques Jones had three RBIs. Blue Jays 4, Tigers 2

Frank Castillo (2-5) allowed two runs on five hits in seven innings at Detroit to win for the first time since May 2. Billy Koch got four outs for his 13th save.

Brad Fuller was 2-for-4, including a homer.

Hideo Nomo (2-6), who lost his third straight start, gave up four runs on seven hits with eight strikeouts in 7 2-3 innings. Bobby Higginson hit a two-run homer for the Tigers.

Twins 7, Athletics 2

Eric Milton (6-1) struck out a season-high 11 in seven innings at the Metrodome, and Butch Huskey hit a two-run homer off the glove of Ben Grieve for a 4-2 lead in a five-run fourth.

Minnesota pitchers struck out a season-high 16. Gil

at New York was rained out and rescheduled for Sept. 11.

At Jacobs Field, Paul Rigdon (1-1) gave up five runs and seven hits in five innings. Russell Branyan homered twice, and Travis Fryman, Kenny Lofton and Thome connected for the Indians.

Mariners 5, Royals 3

Edgar Martinez homered and drove in four runs for visiting Seattle, increasing his major league-best RBIs total to 68.

Martinez had three-run homer off Miguel Batista (2-6) in the first and an RBI ground-out in the third.

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 At the Taylor Mart at 1524 N. Hobart manager Jo Anne Koelzer changes the sign Monday to reflect another rise in gasoline prices. She said the eight-cent rise comes after a 10-cent per gallon increase only 10 days ago and speculates more price hikes may be on the way as crude oil prices climb. Higher prices are being felt all of the country.

# Gasoline prices soar

WASHINGTON (AP)—Federal officials met for two hours with refiners Monday, and the EPA's top air pollution official said he heard "no good explanation" for soaring gasoline prices in Midwest cities where new requirements require cleaner-burning gas.

The Environmental Protection Agency and Energy Department said field inspectors were sent to the Milwaukee and Chicago areas to investigate price increases in recent weeks of 30 to 50 cents a gallon. They focused on both refining and distribution, one official said.

At the White House, spokesman Joe Lockhart said the Midwest price hikes "seem to be out of whack," and any evidence of price gouging investigators find will be turned over to the Federal Trade Commission for further investigation.

Officials from eight major oil refineries sat in on the EPA and Energy Department meeting, and further sessions were held later with individual companies.

"We see no good explanation for why the (high) prices exist. ... We think the prices are unfair and inappropriate," Robert Perciasepe, the EPA's assistant administrator for air and pollution programs, told reporters after the meeting.

He said that while gasoline supplies are lower than normal, "there are adequate supplies" to keep prices in check. The additional cost of the cleaner-burning gasoline, called reformulated gasoline, costs only 5 to 8 cents a gallon more to produce, Perciasepe said.

The Energy Department released data that showed prices of reformulated gasoline were on average 9 cents a gallon higher as of June 5 than conventional gasoline nationwide, but 23 cents higher in the Midwest. The newly blended gas was required beginning this month in areas with severely polluted air.

Perciasepe and Melanie Kenderdine, a senior DOE official who also attended the meeting, would not characterize explanations given by industry officials except to say there was general discussion about supply and distribution problems.

"We're suspicious of gouging," EPA spokesman Dave Cohen said earlier.

Urvan Sternfels, president the

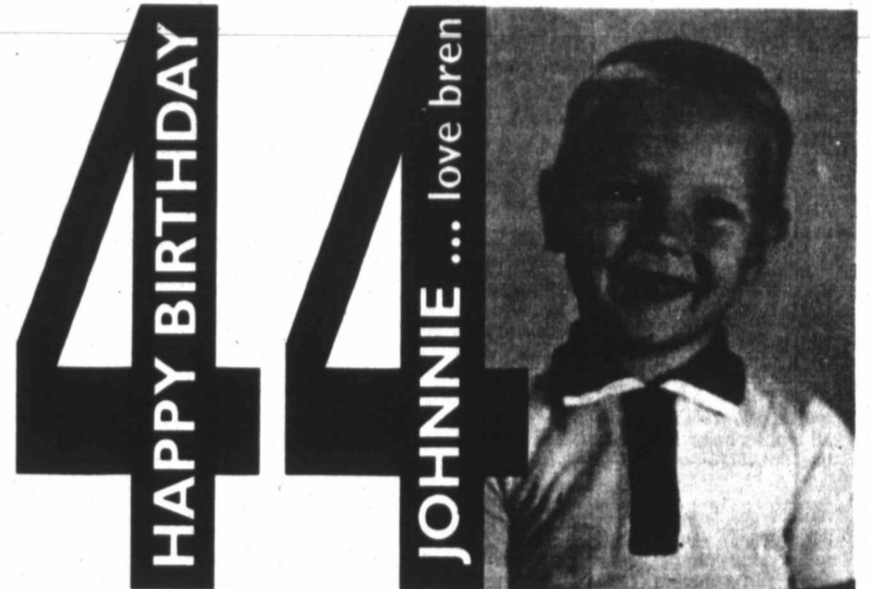
National Petrochemical and Refiners Association, said some of the price increases in the Midwest stemmed from unexpected problems refiners had with meeting the new, higher vapor-pressure requirements for the cleaner gasoline. Corn-based ethanol, used widely in the region as a fuel additive, reduces vapor pressure and complicates fuel blending, he said.

The Renewable Fuels Association, which represents the ethanol industry, blamed the refiners for not building adequate stocks of reformulated gasoline and the EPA for "failure to make

appropriate regulatory changes that would reduce the cost of producing RFG in Chicago and Milwaukee."

Gasoline prices have increased for five consecutive weeks nationwide with the beginning of the heavy summer driving season, but they soared in some parts of the Midwest — especially Illinois and Wisconsin.

But EPA officials said they were puzzled as to why the price difference between conventional and the cleaner-burning gasoline was as wide as it has been in the Midwestern areas requiring the cleaner gasoline.



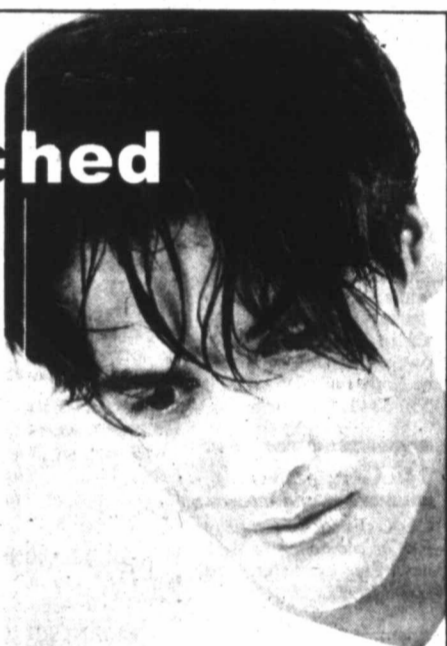
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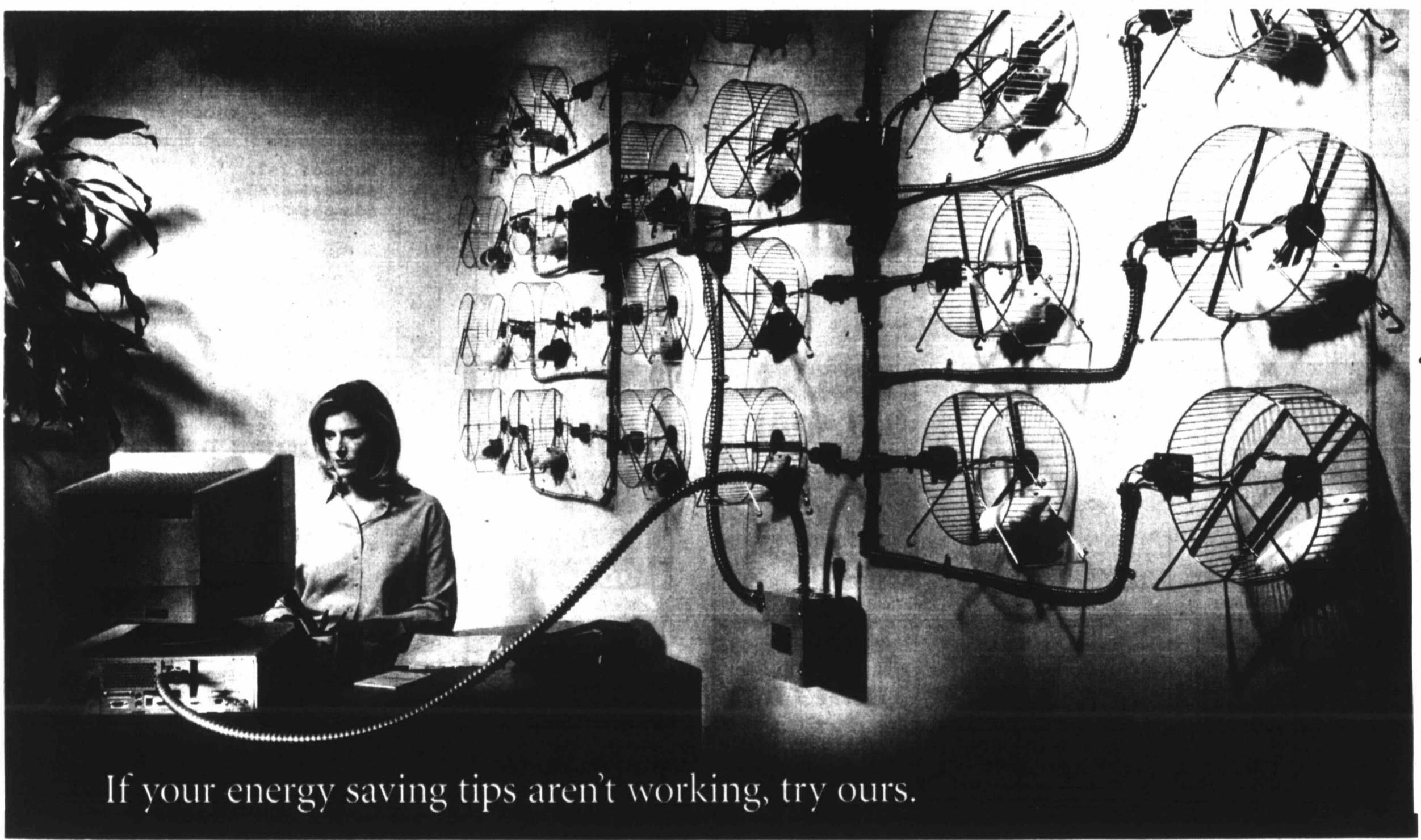
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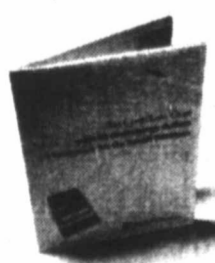
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