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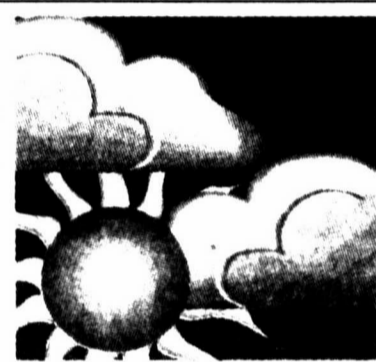
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Parks Board to meet

Pampa Parks and Recreation Advisory Board is to meet at 5:15 p.m., Thursday, June 22, in the City Commission Chambers, third floor of City Hall, 200 W. Foster.

Items to be considered at this meeting include the following:

- A gazebo for Dr. V.E. von Brunow Park;
 - Review of the Water Bill Donation Fund;
 - Projects list for the Parks and Recreation Department.
- Shane Stokes and Kimberly Lincycumb are to present staff reports at this meeting. A citizens request period is provided at the beginning of the meeting.

Councilwoman linked to lawsuit

DALLAS (AP) — Dallas City Councilwoman Barbara Mallory Caraway was accused in a lawsuit Tuesday of conspiring with her husband, Dwaine Caraway, to overtake a management company at Red Bird Airport in southern Dallas.

In the suit, Redbird Development Corp. officials contend that they lost the lease to manage the 960-acre municipal facility in October because they refused to do business with Dwaine Caraway and a business associate, Vernon H. Jordan. Jordan is not related to Vernon E. Jordan Jr., the Washington lawyer and adviser to President Clinton.

City officials said at the time that they were terminating the lease because the company consistently failed to meet its obligations. But Tennell Atkins, Redbird's chief executive officer, contends that Dwaine Caraway asked his wife to have the city cancel the contract after Atkins refused to cede control of his company.

Nancy Trussell, 60, teacher's aide, businesswoman.

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Pursuit ends in escapee's capture

By DAVID BOWSER and NANCY YOUNG

STINNETT — The Stinnett Police Chief, a Hutchinson County deputy and a Texas Department of Public Safety trooper captured an escapee out of Ochiltree County today following a high speed chase north of here.

Norman Brady Barker, 28, was in Hutchinson County jail late this morning following a high speed chase down a Stinnett highway and foot race across a panhandle wheat field.

Justice of the Peace Faye Blanks denied bond on Barker this morning. "I considered him a flight risk," she said. Blanks said he told her he had also evaded arrest out of several other states.

Ochiltree County authorities are to pick him up at the county jail in Stinnett this afternoon and return

him to Perryton.

Barker escaped from Ochiltree County jail in Perryton between 9 p.m. and 10 p.m. Tuesday.

Stinnett Police Chief Randy Hooks spotted a man answering Barker's description in Stinnett shortly after 9 a.m. today driving a black Nissan pickup similar to one that had been reported stolen about eight miles south of Perryton over night.

Hooks said he attempted to stop the pickup, but the driver sped north on Texas Highway 207.

Department of Public Safety Trooper Oscar Esqueda and Hutchinson County Deputy Ricky Spencer set up a road block about nine miles north of Stinnett on Texas 207. Spikes laid across the highway stopped the speeding pickup.

Hooks said when the truck came to a stop, the driver

jumped from the cab and ran across a nearby wheat field.

Barker, described as 6-foot-3 and weighing about 227 pounds, surrendered following a short foot chase, said the 6-foot-1, 200 pound chief deputy.

"He wasn't armed," Hooks said. "He was pretty submissive after we got him gathered up."

Ochiltree officials said Barker was working outside the jail Tuesday night when he went to the jail garden, apparently to put away some tools. Officers checked on Barker when he did not return and found Barker's jail clothes, but not Barker.

Texas Panhandle law enforcement officers spread out in the dark hours after Barker's escape to search for the heavily tattooed escapee.

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PISD staff unveils preliminary budget

By DEE DEE LARAMORE
Staff Writer

Pampa Independent School District (PISD) staff unveiled a preliminary \$19.5 million budget to school board members last night.

Business Manager Mark McVay presented a proposed 2000-2001 budget of \$19,570,179. The preliminary budget — a half million dollar increase from 1999-2000 — includes capital outlay increased by \$163,535, expanded purchases and contract services, and a slight boost in the salary schedule.

McVay told the board he projected revenues for the coming year at \$19,231,922, almost \$78,000 more than last year's actual income for the district.

This first budget contains a \$338,207 shortfall of revenues over expenditures.

"I don't think you're going to have to answer the \$300,000 question," Dr. Dawson Orr, school superintendent, said. "I think it will be less than that."

Increased capital expenditures in the budget include band uniforms, a new school bus, repair of the third activity bus and \$26,000 to either lease or buy

'I don't think you're going to have to answer the \$300,000 question.'

—Dr. Dawson Orr
PISD Superintendent

grounds equipment.

Orr said that the school district presently has 10 buses serving 14 routes. "We're putting about 300,000 miles a year on our fleet," he said.

By buying a bus a year, effectively replacing buses every 10 years, Orr said the district will be able to keep the fleet current.

Another \$160,000 added to approximately \$140,000 surplus from this year's budget is set aside for facilities repair and renovation.

"It is so tempting to let (facilities repair) go because you can live without it," said Board President Dr. Jay Johnson. "But it'll get harder down the road."

"After touring the facilities, we saw how neglected they were and how it needed to be done," Pat Kennedy added.

"There's other areas of the budget we are examining," Orr explained. "This is our first look."

"We can control expenditures easier than deal with revenues," he said.

Orr said the district has "absorbed" several staff positions as one way of controlling costs.

McVay said Gray County Appraisal District will provide his office with certified property values by July 25.

"This is the only missing information we have that is critical," he said.

McVay projected a \$707.4 million tax base for this budget projection.

"I projected that property values declined slightly," he said, adding it is possible that property values will go up and that could offset the budget deficit.

"We have to have the budget balanced," McVay said. "There's no where to go to cover a deficit."

PISD's next budget review is set for the school board meeting on July 27. At this time board members will decide on the proposed maximum tax rate.

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(Pampa News photo by David Bowser)

Karen Bridges pins the president's pin on the lapel of her husband, Bill Bridges, who was installed as president of Pampa's Rotary Club Tuesday night. The pin is passed down from president to president.

Pampans earn Rotary honors

By DAVID BOWSER
Staff Writer

Four Pampans were presented Paul Harris Fellowship Awards Tuesday night and new officers were sworn in during the city's Rotary Installation Banquet.

Nancy Ruff, Richard Morton, Gary Willoughby and Brenda Hightower were presented Paul Harris Awards at Tuesday night's banquet at Pampa Country Club.

Bill Bridges was installed as president. Doug Ware was installed as president elect and treasurer. Fred Brook was installed as secretary and sergeant-at-arms.

"The presentation of Paul Harris Fellow recognition is the

Rotary Foundation's way of expressing its appreciation for a substantial contribution to its humanitarian and educational programs," said Doris Smith.

The award is named for a Chicago lawyer, Paul Harris, who started Rotary International with three business associates in 1905.

J.B. Roberts, past district governor, presented the awards and installed the new officers and board members.

In addition to the four recognized at the banquet, Darville Orr was presented with a Paul Fellow pin. Mary Ann Richards received a Paul Harris Award from Benny Kirksey and Dr. Jerry Lane was awarded a Paul

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Annexation hearing set

By DAVID BOWSER
Staff Writer

WHITE DEER — A public hearing in Amarillo tonight concerns the annexation of Potter County to the Panhandle Groundwater District.

Eighty-four Potter County landowners petitioned the district, asking for annexation of the portion of Potter County not now within the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District or Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District.

Two public hearings have been scheduled concerning the annexation. The first will be at 7

p.m. in the Amarillo City Commission chambers, Amarillo City Hall, 509 SE 7th. A second hearing will be Wednesday, June 28, at the Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District office, 201 West Third in White Deer.

"These public hearings are fact finding meetings to determine if the addition of the territory listed in the petition would benefit both the territory to be added and the existing district," said C.E. Williams, the district's general manager.

The board will decide whether to annex the parts of Potter County in question following

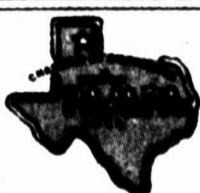
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'Cow'nting the Bucks



(Pampa News photo by Dee Dee Laramore)

Clarine Hill of Pampa, center, accepts the \$1,000 Pampa Bucks prize given away at the Business Expo and Dairy Festival this weekend. Presenting the prize are, front row, from left: Lyndon Fields, Expo Chairman Blake Howard, Ms. Hill, Paulett Hinkle-Kirksey, and Pat Montoya. Back row, from left, are Bill Bridges, Chamber Manager Clay Rice, Ken Rheams, and Loyd Waters.



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Daily Record

Services tomorrow

No services for tomorrow were reported to *The Pampa News* by press time today.

Obituaries

NANCY TRUSSELL

PLAINVIEW — Nancy Trussell, 60, mother of a Pampa resident, died Sunday, June 18, 2000, at Lubbock. Services were to be at 2 p.m. today at Bartley-Silva Funeral Home Memorial Chapel with the Rev. J. Henderson, of 11th and Amarillo Church of Christ, and the Rev. Carl King officiating.

Mrs. Trussell was born at Corsicana and moved to Plainview from Amarillo in 1953. She married Travis Trussell in 1958 at Plainview. She worked at F.W. Woolworth Company, West Drug and Sears, Roebuck and Company. She was also a teacher's aide with Plainview Independent School District and owned TNT Enterprize. She belonged to 11th and Amarillo Church of Christ.

Survivors include her husband, Travis; a daughter, Kelly Schaffer of Pampa; her mother, Juanita Phinny of Amarillo; two brothers, Ronald Phinny of Amarillo and Jimmy Phinny of Baytown; and a grandchild.

The family will receive visitors at 2 p.m. today at the funeral home and requests memorials be to American Cancer Society, 3411 73rd St., Lubbock, TX 79423.

Sheriff's Office

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

Tuesday, June 20

Robert Raymond Swearingim, 27, Skellytown, was arrested by Pampa police officers on a warrant charging him with theft by check.

Vickie Jo Goheen, 46, of rural Gray County, was arrested by Gray County deputies on charges of theft by check.

Fires

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

Tuesday, June 20

9:09 a.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to a medical assist in the 100 block of South Russell.

Correction

In a report of an accident printed in Tuesday's Daily Record, Opal Henderson's age was incorrect. Her correct age is 81. We regret any inconvenience this error may have caused.

Police report

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

Tuesday, June 20

A windshield on a 1991 Chevrolet S-10 pickup was reported smashed and the rear window of a 1987 Ford Thunderbird was reported broken in the 700 block of Roberta.

More than \$400 in damages were reported to a 1980 Chevrolet Blazer, a 1988 Buick four-door sedan and a Baja. Officers said the vehicles were badly scratched.

Three Maxon radios, valued at \$250 each, were reported taken from Pampa High School.

There was an unattended death in the 100 block of South Russell.

Someone broke into a Pampa Independent School District Building at 400 N. Faulkner and sprayed the interior with a fire extinguisher.

Ambulance

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

Tuesday, June 20

9:07 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 100 block of S. Russell. No one was transported.

11:04 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Pampa Regional Medical Center for a patient transfer to BSA-West, Amarillo.

10:41 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to a local nursing home and transported one to PRMC.

Stocks

| The following grain quotations are provided by Atchafalaya Grain of Pampa. | | Columbia/HCA | |
|--|------|--------------|------------------|
| Wheat | 2.55 | Enron | 29 dn 7/16 |
| Milo | 2.50 | Habitat | 47 3/4 up 1/16 |
| Corn | 3.17 | RI | 10 3/8 up 3/16 |
| Soybeans | 4.11 | KMI | 34 up 1/16 |
| | | Kerr McGee | 60 5/8 up 9/16 |
| | | Limited | 21 3/4 dn 3/16 |
| | | McDonald's | 31 1/2 NC |
| | | Exxon Mobil | 82 1/16 dn 1/16 |
| | | New Atmos | 20 1/16 up 1/16 |
| | | NCE | 32 5/8 dn 3/16 |
| | | OKE | 28 7/16 up 1/4 |
| | | Pennyc | 17 3/4 dn 1/4 |
| | | Phillips | 54 1/4 dn 3/16 |
| | | Pioneer Nat. | 13 3/8 up 1/16 |
| | | SLB | 74 15/16 up 7/8 |
| | | Tenneco | 7 1/8 up 1/8 |
| | | Texasco | 56 dn 7/8 |
| | | Ultramar | 27 1/16 up 21/32 |
| | | Wal Mart | 53 15/16 dn 9/16 |
| | | Williams | 44 1/16 up 15/16 |

| The following show the prices for which these mutual funds were bid at the time of compilation. | | New York Gold | |
|---|----------------|------------------|--------|
| Occidental | 22 3/4 up 3/16 | Silver | 286.38 |
| Fidelity Mageln | 136.67 | Silver | 5.01 |
| Puritan | 18.94 | West Texas Crude | 32.80 |

| The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. Stock Market quotations are furnished by Edward Jones & Co. of Pampa. | |
|--|----------------|
| Amoco | 56 3/8 dn 1/8 |
| Cabot | 29 3/16 up 1/8 |
| Cabot O&G | 22 5/16 dn 1/8 |
| Chevron | 89 7/8 dn 3/8 |
| Coca-Cola | 53 1/16 up 1/8 |

Emergency numbers

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|------------------------|----------------|
| 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 |

Bush sticks to script as execution protests mount

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Dogged by death penalty protesters, Texas Gov. George W. Bush defended his state's legal system Wednesday as "fair and just" and said there was no need for a moratorium on executions.

"As far as I'm concerned there has not been one innocent person executed since I've become governor," Bush told reporters. Since he took office 5 1/2 years ago, 134 inmates have been executed in Texas; death penalty opponents question whether they all got fair trials.

The presumptive Republican nominee's three-day Western campaign swing has been consistently disrupted by protests over the impending lethal injection of Gary Graham, convicted of murder on the testimony of a single eyewitness.

Demonstrators appeared again Wednesday as Bush spoke about his education proposals at a nonprofit learning center. Illinois Gov. George Ryan has placed a moratorium on executions in his state, and Bush was asked whether he would consid-

er a similar move. "I've thought about it. We don't need a moratorium," Bush said. "I'm going to continue to uphold the laws of the land. I believe the system is fair and just."

Bush said he has analyzed each capital case that reaches his desk. On Tuesday night, two protesters, nattily disguised as high-dollar donors, shouted "Don't execute an innocent man!" as Bush was introduced at a \$2 million fund-raiser here.

Outside the Century Plaza Hotel, several dozen picketers shouted, "Bush says death row; we say hell no!"

Like others who disrupted a smaller fund-raiser the night before, the two inside the ballroom were quickly removed to the applause of real Bush supporters. Outside, protesters picketed and shouted slogans that underscored how the execution of Graham, scheduled for Thursday, distracted Bush's effort to loosen Vice President Al Gore's grip on California's electorate.

Earlier Wednesday, Bush kept to his education theme, announcing a plan to help non-profit groups and faith-based organizations bring computers to learning programs in needy communities.

"The great challenge facing America is whether or not all people have access to the new technology," Bush told kids at the PUENTE Learning Center, a privately funded center that teaches mostly Hispanic children and adults.

His plan would provide \$80 million a year to match current federal grants for more than 2,000 such facilities.

But the case of Graham, whom supporters say received an unfair trial, hung over the Western tour. Because Graham already received a temporary reprieve from Bush's predecessor, the governor has no power to spare his life unless the Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles recommends a pardon, a reprieve or commutation of his sentence. Still, Bush kept updated on the situation.

Court orders PETA parody site to relinquish address

NORFOLK, Va. (AP) — Animal-rights activists know the name PETA is an acronym for People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals. But in cyberspace, the letters briefly stood for People Eating Tasty Animals.

From September 1995 to January 1996, a Maryland Internet entrepreneur used the Web address www.peta.org as the home page of the fictitious group. The site described itself as "a resource for those who enjoy eating meat, wearing fur and leather, hunting and the fruits of scientific research (and more!)."

The animal-rights group wasn't laughing. They took Web site owner, Michael Doughney, to court and last week a federal judge ordered Doughney to relinquish the Web address to PETA and limit his use of domain names to those not "confusingly similar."

"He did a selfish and self-serving thing by trying to profit from the name of an organization that serves to help animals," Lisa Lange, spokeswoman for Norfolk-based PETA, said Tuesday.

PETA accused Doughney of trademark infringement and cybersquatting — registering names of companies or groups in the hopes of selling them to their namesakes.

"Initially it was amusing," Lange said. "But then so many people who were looking for information on animal protection got frustrated that it was obviously not a good thing."

Doughney's attorney, G. Gervaise Davis, said he plans to appeal. He said Doughney was simply parodying PETA, which is protected speech under the First Amendment.

"It's not a cybersquatting case at all," Davis said. "It simply presents a question: Can you use a trademark as a domain name for the purpose of creating a parody?"

Doughney is co-founder of Digex, an Internet service provider. He said he now is retired. Doughney declined to comment, except to say the PETA case is not "about someone who is against animal rights or against PETA" and said he has never registered a domain name with the intention of selling it.

ESCAPEE

The red-haired, blue-eyed Wisconsin man reportedly had friends and relatives in Pampa, Borger, Spearman

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and Gruver. Officers said Barker also had almost a dozen aliases. Hutchinson County law enforcement officers reportedly contacted relatives and friends of Barker in the Borger area late

Tuesday night and early Wednesday morning attempting to locate the escapee. Barker was being held in Ochiltree County jail on felony theft charges out of Wisconsin.

HEARING

the two meetings. Williams said it will be done during an open meeting by a resolution of the board, but voters in the territory will have the final say.

"An election must be held in the territory to be added," Williams said.

Since the district is a taxing

entity, the local voters must vote for or against the inclusion of the territory into the district and the levy of a tax to cover the operating expenses of the district.

If a majority of the voters vote in favor of the annexation, Williams said, it becomes final upon the canvassing of the ballots from the election. If the election fails, no further action will be taken.

The election is planned for Aug. 12, the next uniform election date in Texas, Williams said.

The Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District, headquartered in White Deer, covers all or parts of Gray, Armstrong, Carson, Donley, Hemphill, Hutchinson, Roberts and Wheeler Counties.

ROTARY

Harris Fellowship by the Pampa Rotary Club.

Anna Booze, Tim Lowry, Frank M. Culberson and Ernest Wilkinson, although not present at the banquet, were presented Paul Harris Fellowships, bring-

ing the total number of fellowships this year to 23 for the Pampa club.

"This is probably the greatest honor anybody can enjoy," said Lane, the master of ceremonies. "It is something to revere and wear with pride."

Roberts said that the Pampa club brought in more money for

the Rotary Foundation than any of the other 53 clubs in the district.

The money raised goes for such things as housing in Ethiopia, disaster relief in Central America, orphanages in Poland, hospitals and medicine in Siberia, food in North Korea and farm implements in Mexico.

BUDGET

required by law to be published in the local newspaper.

The notice is intended to notify the public of the maximum "conceivable" tax rate the board could set, McVay explained, but is not necessarily the final tax rate.

In other action Tuesday, board members took the following actions:

- approved cash receipts and expenditures for May;
- approved the class ranking policy with an amendment to specify semesters and the equivalent

- in years;
- supported grant requests totaling \$370,000 for classroom and school library technology; and
- okayed 2000-2001 salary schedules as presented.

The board also accepted the following resignations: Monte Sewell, Wade Wesley, Ryan Dykes and Kelley Tucker, all Pampa High School teachers; and Mary Sims, Travis teacher.

These persons were hired to fill teaching vacancies: Rachel Jaramillo, Lamar; Kimberly Brown, Wilson; Susan Draper, Pampa Middle School; Candace Thompson; Jennifer Clay and Joylyn Simpson, Austin; Jenifer Leonard and Richard Leonard, Pampa Middle School.

Tougher enforcement of meat plants needed, auditors say

By PHILIP BRASHER
AP Farm Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Agriculture Department needs to tighten its enforcement of sanitation standards in meat and poultry plants and require processors to do more testing for deadly microbes, auditors said Wednesday.

USDA's switch to a science-based inspection system four years ago is improving meat safety, but the agency "reduced its oversight beyond what was prudent and necessary for the protection of the consumer," according to a report by the department's inspector general.

The report also said USDA's enforcement actions were inconsistent and often ineffective in preventing repeat violations of federal safety standards. Congress should give the department authority to levy fines against plants, the report said.

The new inspection system requires companies to identify potential hazards in slaughterhouses and processing plants and implement controls for foodborne pathogens. Previously, companies relied on USDA inspectors to find contaminated meat by poking and sniffing it. The inspectors' job now is to

ensure that the plants are following their sanitation plans and to do some microbial testing.

Some of the plants are inadequate, however, the auditors said. Although packers are required by the department to identify at least one "critical control point" in their processing procedures, some of the plants reviewed by the auditors did not list a single one, which limits USDA scrutiny of the facility, the report said.

Critical control points can include anything from a steam pasteurization unit that treats cattle carcasses in a slaughterhouse to temperature controls in a processing plant. USDA inspectors are required to monitor critical control points to make sure they are working properly.

The department "also needs to assert itself more aggressively in the plants' testing programs," the auditors said.

Plants are shipping products to consumers without testing for specific pathogens like E. coli O157:H7 or Listeria monocytogenes even after tests for generic versions of those bacteria are positive, the report found. And plants aren't testing at all for some major pathogens such as campylobacter, the auditors said.

A year ago, the department required plants to reassess their sanitation plans to control for listeria, a problem with hot dogs, deli meats and other ready-to-eat products, but didn't require plants to document the review, the auditors said.

In a written response to the audit, USDA officials said they were reviewing their oversight and testing requirements and considering "a number of microbiological-based performance standards" that plants would be required to meet.

Last month, President Clinton announced that the department would require processors to start testing for listeria. USDA officials are considering tighter standards for E. coli, a problem in ground beef.

The auditors reviewed 15 of the 6,000 plants nationwide that the department oversees.

A spokeswoman for the industry disagreed that USDA's oversight and testing requirements were inadequate.

"We are making a major change in how food is inspected. The change is going in the right direction," said Jenny Scott, senior director of food safety programs for the National Food Processors Association. "The industry has been given the responsibility to produce a safe product and the agency has taken the responsibility to ensure that they do so."

Spacecraft finds tentative evidence of water on Mars

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Mars Global Surveyor has radioed data to Earth suggesting surface water on the Red Planet, which could be evidence of life.

Sources, speaking on the condition of anonymity, confirmed Wednesday that the Global Surveyor has detected evidence of the effects of surface water. Further details were withheld pending publication next week of a study in the journal *Science*. These sketchy details were confirmed by a second source.

The sources said the findings are tentative and must be confirmed by other studies.

A spokesman at NASA declined comment, as did *Science* magazine.

City Briefs

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WATER LILIES just arrived. Hardy & tropical. Watson's Garden Center 516 S. Russell.

Weather focus

PAMPA — Variable clouds and cooler today with a high of 82 and northeast winds at 10 to 20 mph. Tonight scattered thunderstorms are possible. Thursday and Friday, humid with highs near 90 and scattered evening thunderstorms. High Tuesday, 93.

STATEWIDE — Partly to mostly cloudy conditions were expected over much of Texas, with thunderstorms likely north and east, forecasters said

Wednesday.

The forecast for North Texas calls for a continued chance of thunderstorms Wednesday night with highs reaching into the 90s Thursday.

Isolated thunderstorms rolled across West Texas and the Panhandle early Wednesday. Dime- to nickel-sized hail was reported in some regions.

In West Texas, skies were expected to be mostly cloudy. Forecasters predict that temperatures Thursday will generally range from the mid-80s in the

Panhandle to 90 in the far South and West.

In South Texas, showers spread across coastal regions. Skies were mostly cloudy with a southeast wind at 10-15 mph.

A slight chance of thunderstorms was forecast over the eastern half of South Texas. Partly cloudy skies were expected to continue with high temperatures expected in the upper 80s to the mid-90s.

Lows early Thursday were expected to drop into the mid-70 to mid-80s.

Calendar of events

TOASTMASTERS

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

WHITE DEER LAND MUSEUM

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

CLARENDON COLLEGE

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

LAS PAMPA WATER GARDEN AND KOI SOCIETY

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

HIGH PLAINS EPILEPSY ASSOCIATION

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

PAS DANCE

Pampa Area Singles will hold a dance from 8-11 p.m. June 24 at M.K. Brown Auditorium. Music will be by Mike Porter. Participants should bring snacks and finger food. The event will be alcohol and smoke free. For more information, call 665-7059.

SKELLY-GETTY-TEXACO RETIREES CLUB

Skelly-Getty-Texaco Retirees Club will meet at 1:30 p.m. Thursday, June 22 at the Senior Citizens Center.

FRONTIER REGIMENT

Frontier Regiment will hold a 60th anniversary celebration July 1 at Lake McClellan, 25-miles south of Pampa off Interstate 40. The group, a newly formed reenactment of the 1800s, is seeking U.S. Cavalry, infantry and buffalo burgers to participate in the celebration and will be cooking actual buffalo patties with all the fixings at an authentic 1870s military camp. Other activities will include live bands and Indian dancers.

DBA MEETING

The Downtown Business Association will hold its annual meeting and election of officers at 8:30 a.m., Thursday, June 22 at The Coffee Shop.

PAMPA LODGE #966

Pampa Masonic Lodge #966 will hold a Master Degree meeting and meal at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, June 22 at the lodge at 420 W. Kingsmill.

BROWN BAG LUNCH PROGRAM

Clarendon College-Pampa Center will host free brown bag lunch seminars at 12 noon each Thursday throughout the month of June with Ben Watson of Edward Jones. The first two presentations will be "Investment Basics" on June 1 and "10 Investment and Financial Risks" on June 15. The presentations are free and open to the public.

CANCER SCREENING CLINIC

The Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center will

offer a free prostate cancer screening clinic from 6:30-8 p.m. June 20 on the first floor of the Harrington Cancer Center, 1500 Wallace Blvd., Amarillo. Drs. William Anthony, John Gwozdz, Richard Kibbey, Virgil Pate, Donald Pratt and James Stafford will be conducting the clinic. Participants must be over 40 and appointments are necessary. For more information, call (806) 356-1913. To schedule an appointment, call (806) 359-4673.

NOEP PROGRAM

The Nurse Oncology Education Program and Amarillo College will present "Growing Up With Cancer: A Family Focus" from 7:30 a.m.-3:45 p.m., July 14 in AC's West Campus Lecture Hall, Amarillo. The conference will be worth 7.7 Type I contact hours for nurses and 0.6 CEUs for social workers. Early registration is \$45. Students must provide a copy of student ID and pay a \$10 (postmarked on or before July 7) registration fee. On-site and late registration will cost \$60. For more information, call 1-800-515-6770 or write: The Nurse Oncology Education Program, Growing Up With Cancer, 7600 Burnet Rd., Suite 440, Austin, TX 78757.

GED TESTING

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

FRANK PHILLIPS

Frank Phillips College in Borger will offer the following continuing education and community service classes: Basic Life Support (BLS) Community First Aid class, June 15; Golf Academy, June 17; Kids' College Session II, June 19; PC-EZ for Seniors, June 19; PC-EZ, June 20-25; MS Word, June 19; BLS Bloodborne Pathogen, Adult CPR, Infant/Child CPR and Community First Aid, June 24. For more information, call (806) 274-5311 or 1-800-687-2056, ext. 777.

COW TREK 2000

Cow Trek 2000, a Maine Anjou cattle event, will be held June 19-23 at the Chisholm Trail Expo Center in Enid, Okla. The National Junior Maine Anjou show and breeder symposium will host a trade show during the Trek. Show hours will be 12-6 p.m., June 21, 10 a.m.-8 p.m. June 22 and 10 a.m.-5 p.m., June 23.

RANCH ESTATE PLANNING SEMINAR

The Agricultural Economics Department at Texas A&M University will sponsor a "Ranch Estate Planning Seminar" Aug. 6-7 at College Station Hilton. For more information, call (979) 845-2226 or write: 315 Blocker Bldg., Department of Agricultural Economics, 2124 TAMU, College Station, TX 77843-22124.

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.

OUTWARD BOUND COURSE

North Carolina Outward Bound is offering both a 21- and a 28-day "Classic Outward Bound Course" for teens interested in backpacking, rock climbing, rappelling and whitewater canoeing through the wilds of the Southern Appalachian Mountains. For more information, call 1-877-77-NCOBS, e-mail challenge@ncobs.org or log-on to http://www.ncobs.org/summer.html.

ART CONTEST

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

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

BUTTERFLY GARDEN CLUB

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

FREE ENTERPRISE INSTITUTE

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

Federal judge ends longtime Louisville desegregation plan

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — A federal judge lifted a 25-year-old desegregation order for Louisville schools Tuesday, saying the vestiges of the racially separate system are all but gone. U.S. District Judge John G. Heyburn II sided with a group of black parents who sued in hopes of getting their children into Central High School, which once was Louisville's only public high school for black students.

Because of a 1975 federal court order that ordered Jefferson County to achieve racial balance in its schools — and because not enough whites choose to go to Central High — some black children were blocked from attending Central's Magnet Career Academy.

Heyburn ruled that the school board's use of racial quotas violated the equal protection clause of the 14th Amendment. Heyburn ordered the board to

admit to Central High any student who applied for enrollment for the coming school year and was denied because of race.

"To the greatest extent practicable, the Decree has eliminated the vestiges associated with the former policy of segregation and its pernicious effects," Heyburn wrote.

The judge ordered the board to redesign its admissions procedures by the 2002-03 school year, specifically at its 13 magnet schools. Present policy requires that no less than 15 percent and no more than 50 percent of the students in any school be of a racial minority. Central High is 48 percent black.

Overall, about 17 percent of Jefferson County's residents are black, and school officials say about 30 percent of the district's 96,000 students are black.

Like similar desegregation decrees around the country, the

1975 order by U.S. District Judge James F. Gordon instituted busing in Louisville as a way to create a racial balance. Whether busing continues, however, depends on the new admissions plan the district develops to meet Tuesday's ruling.

"I don't think anyone at this point has fully digested everything that is in the judge's opinion," said Byron Leet, a school board attorney. "We have two years to look at our policy and decide what to change."

Heyburn also said this case marks the first time blacks have challenged a desegregation decree.

"We had only asked about race not being used as a criterion to prevent African-American kids from going to Central, which pretty much was close to their homes," said Teddy Gordon, an attorney for the plaintiffs.

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What Kind Of "Criminal Record" Should Your District Attorney Have?

Rick Roach Was Indicted In 1988 In Breckenridge, Texas For Felony Theft. He Paid Off The Restitution And The Indictment Was Dropped

No. 22,526

The State of Texas vs. RICHARD ROACH
 Charge: 90th DISTRICT

IN THE NAME AND BY AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
 THE GRAND JURY for the County of Stephens, State of Texas, duly selected, empaneled, sworn, charged and organized as such in the County of Stephens, State of Texas AD 19.88, of the 90th Judicial District, do hereby certify that the within and foregoing indictment was returned and read to and by the Grand Jury on this 27th day of July, AD 19.88, and before the presence of the undersigned, in the County and State aforesaid, did then and there intentionally appropriate, by acquiring and otherwise exercising control over, property, to-wit: natural gas from the owner, Compressor Rental Service, Inc., without the effective consent of the owner, and with intent to deprive the owner of the property.

RICHARD ROACH
 27th day of July, AD 19.88.

Witness my hand and the seal of the County of Stephens, State of Texas, at Pampa, Texas, this 27th day of July, AD 19.88.

John A. Neel
 John A. Neel, District Attorney
 Stephens County, Texas

Samuel K. Hatcher
 Samuel K. Hatcher, Clerk of the Grand Jury

FILED
 June 26, 1991
 Stephens County, Texas
Stephens County Clerk



Richard J. "Rick" Roach

RICHARD J. ROACH
ATTORNEY AT LAW
P.O. BOX 871
MIAMI, TEXAS 79059
806/999-6841

Mr. John A. Neel
District Attorney
P.O. Box 1128
Graham, Texas 79048

Dear John,
Pursuant to the instructions of Ms. Mary Ann Wiley of the Railroad Commission of Texas this date, enclosed please find a cashier's check in the amount of \$2,415.46, payable to Compressor Rental Service, Inc., the complainant in the referenced case. I have also this date contacted your office by phone to verify that the case will be dismissed tomorrow at the scheduled pre-trial. Ms. Wiley has related to me that if I represent to her that the "check is in the mail" she will see to it that the case is dismissed on March 15, 1991. I trust that you will see that such is the case. At any rate, the check is in the mail today. I would appreciate it if you would forward a signed copy of the Order dismissing the referenced case to me for my file. If you have questions or instructions regarding this, please advise. With best personal regards, I remain
Very truly yours,
Richard J. Roach

RJR:rv
cc: Honorable C. J. Eden, District Judge

NO. 22,526

THE STATE OF TEXAS
 vs.
 RICHARD ROACH

MOTION TO DISMISS

TO THE HONORABLE JUDGES OF SAID COURT:

NOW COMES The State of Texas by and through her State's Attorney and respectfully requests the Court to dismiss the above entitled and numbered criminal action in which the Defendant is charged with the felony offense of official theft and for cause the State would show the Court the following:

the defendant has paid full restitution for the offense alleged in the indictment.

WHEREFORE, it is prayed that the above entitled and numbered cause be dismissed.

Respectfully submitted,
John A. Neel
 John A. Neel, District Attorney
 Stephens County, Texas

APPROVED:
Mary Ann Wiley
 Mary Ann Wiley, Director
 Railroad Commission of Texas

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The foregoing motion having been presented to me on this 5th day of June, AD, 1991, and the same having been considered, it is, therefore, ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that the above entitled and numbered cause be, and the same is, hereby dismissed.

C. J. Eden
 C. J. Eden
 90th Judicial District Judge,
 Stephens County, Texas

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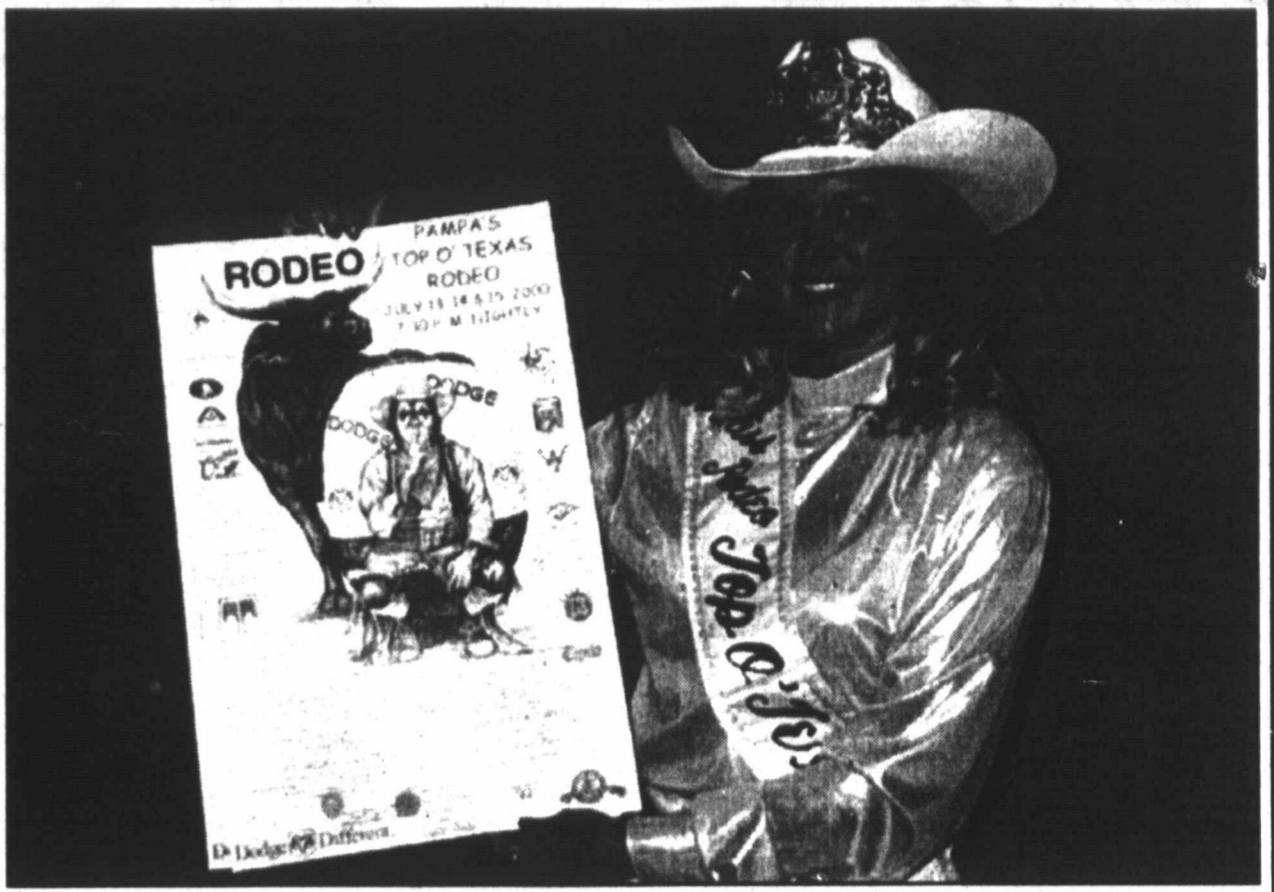
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Top O' Texas Rodeo



Miss Rodeo Top O' Texas Jaimie Reed sells advance tickets to the upcoming Top O' Texas Rodeo in Pampa (left) to Gwenda Watson, Chamber of Commerce secretary. Reed (right) displays a poster advertising the rodeo slated July 13-15 at the rodeo



(Community Camera photos)

grounds in Pampa. The Kid Pony Show will kick-off events on July 9 and the annual Queen's Luncheon and Style Show is scheduled to begin at 11:30 a.m. July 13 in Pampa Community Building.

Judge bars FBI testimony in Branch Davidians trial

WACO (AP) — A judge hearing the \$675 million wrongful death case against the government over the deadly 1993 Waco siege has excluded testimony from three FBI negotiators who said tanks should not have been used to end the standoff.

Plaintiffs' attorneys, who considered the evidence important to their case, said the ruling by

U.S. District Judge Walter Smith would force them to adjust their case.

"We will have to shift gears and bring other witnesses," said attorney James Brannon after the trial opened Tuesday.

The jury will consider whether the government used excessive force in the April 19, 1993 raid on the Branch Davidian compound. Cult leader

David Koresh and about 80 of his followers died, some in the blaze that destroyed their compound, others in gunfire. The government contends that cult members started the fire and that no federal agents fired guns.

In his ruling, Smith agreed with government lawyers who say the negotiators' testimony and communications fell under a privilege that shields the federal government from liability even if its agents' actions prove negligent. It is designed to give federal officials the ability to act without fear of a lawsuit.

U.S. Attorney Michael Bradford, defending the government, said the agents were making difficult decisions in a tense situation.

"How negotiations are discussed shouldn't be second-guessed by the court system," he said.

It was unclear whether plaintiffs' attorneys can use a March 1993 memo warning that the FBI would face trouble if tanks were used at the compound and children died. The memo by FBI profiler Peter Smerick to on-scene commander Jeffery Jamar has been described by Brannon as his best evidence from the government.

Jamar ordered the use of tanks to insert tear gas into the compound on April 19, 1993, to force out the Davidians. Fire broke out about six hours into the operation, destroying the compound.

Plaintiffs' attorney Michael Caddell said the judge's ruling won't preclude plaintiffs from asking Smith to allow some of the testimony related

to efforts to end the standoff.

Four federal law officers and six Davidians were killed when agents tried to serve a search warrant on the compound at Mount Carmel, outside Waco, on Feb. 28, 1993, because of suspected gun violations. That began a 51-day siege that ended after the FBI tear-gassed the wooden complex and it went up in flames.

Five Davidians were convicted in 1994 of voluntary manslaughter in the agents' deaths.

This lawsuit consolidates nine civil cases filed by survivors and victims' relatives.

The jury will act only as an advisory panel to the judge, who will deliver the verdict. Separately, the judge will consider the question of whether federal agents shot at Davidians during the siege's fiery end.

The plaintiffs' presentation Tuesday included testimony from survivors, some of whom were children at the time. One recalled how her bedroom was riddled with bullet holes after the initial raid.

"It was completely destroyed ... all my quilt coverings were full of holes. If I had been sleeping, I would not be here today," said Natalie Nobrega, now 18.

Jaunessa Wendel, who was 8 at the time of the raid, testified that her mother, Jaydean, was fixing her hair in their room when gunfire shattered the window, spraying glass into her brothers' crib. Jaydean Wendel was killed.

Court orders owner of PETA site to relinquish address

NORFOLK, Va. (AP) — Animal-rights activists know the name PETA is an acronym for People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals. But in cyberspace, the letters briefly stood for People Eating Tasty Animals.

From September 1995 to January 1996, a Maryland Internet entrepreneur used the Web address www.peta.org as the home page of the fictitious group. The site described itself as "a resource for those who enjoy eating meat, wearing fur and leather, hunting and the fruits of scientific research (and more!)." The animal-rights group wasn't laughing. They took Web site owner, Michael Doughney, to court and last week a federal judge ordered Doughney

to relinquish the Web address to PETA and limit his use of domain names to those not "confusingly similar."

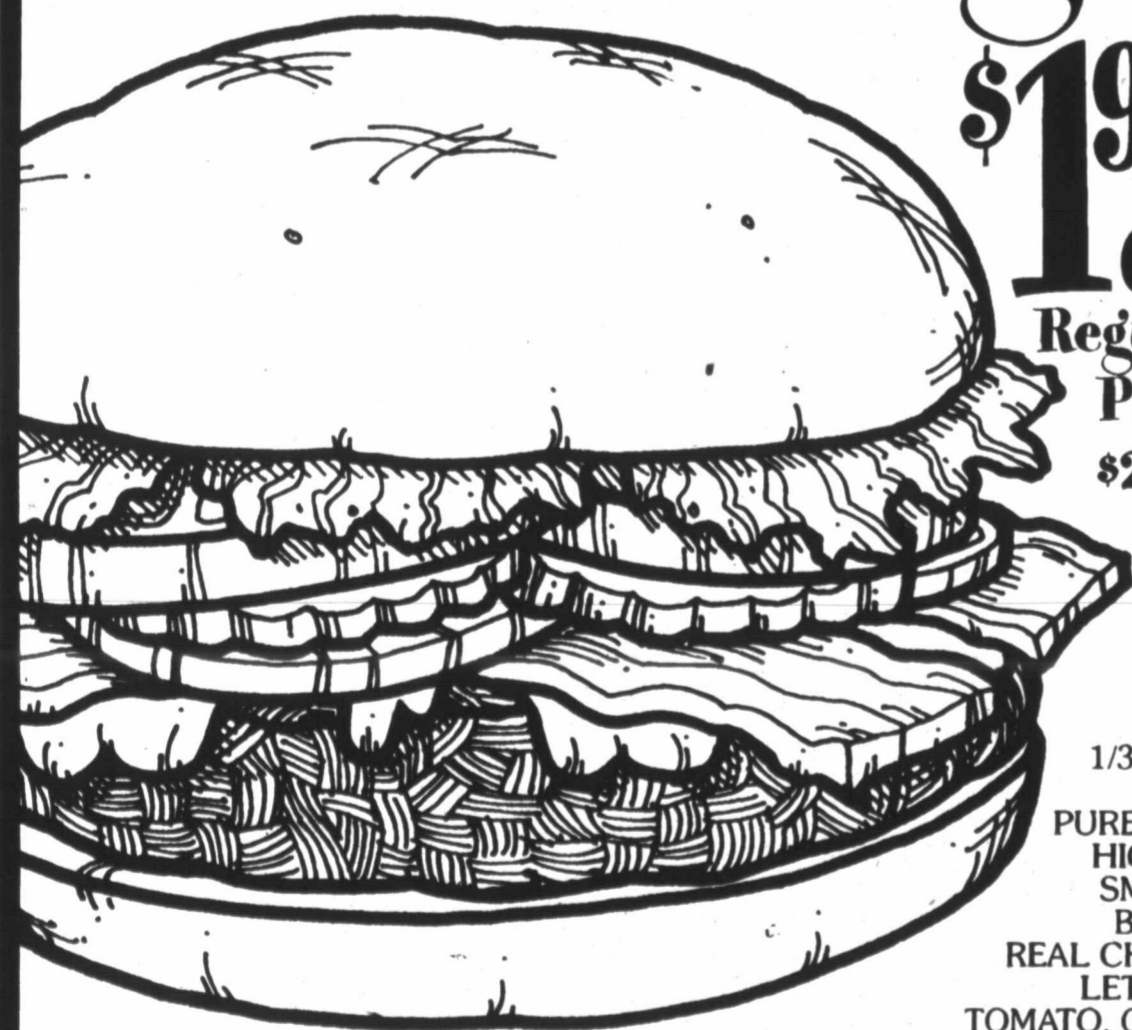
"He did a selfish and self-serving thing by trying to profit from the name of an organization that serves to help animals," Lisa Lange, spokeswoman for Norfolk-based PETA, said Tuesday.

PETA accused Doughney of trademark infringement and cybersquatting — registering names of companies or groups in the hopes of selling them to their namesakes.

"Initially it was amusing," Lange said. "But then so many people who were looking for information on animal protection got frustrated that it was obviously not a good thing."

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Travis Elementary honor roll

Travis Elementary School recently announced its honor roll for the sixth six-weeks grading period of the 1999-00 school year.

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A Honor Roll

Haley Clark, Ciera Cook, Jordan Hukill, Jeffrey Johnston, Kyle Kieth, Shanna Keown, Tyler Malone, Kailynn McClelland, Anita Munguia, Cassie Rigney, Hayley Steger, Colton Sweet, Clinton Taylor, Cale Wilson, Britney Clark, Alex Collins, Noah Cotton, Taryn Eubank, Cali Gibson, Brent Green, Dillon Green, Kayla Hughes, Kalee McElreath, Dale Montgomery, Emily Nicklas, Rhett Skinner, Dakota Turlington, Danielle Wall, Kylee Wyatt, Erica Blaine, Cody Cole, Mandy Cross, Colby Cudney, Brandon Gannaway, Destiny Hilton, Chris Lucas, Jenna Munsell, Monica Parish, Ashtyn Roberts, Garrett Sewell, Madilyn Shults, Jordyn Still, T.J. Waldie.

AB Honor Roll

Shelby McCollum, Cambree Moreno, Aaron Silva, Terrin Johnson, Matt Bowen, Lori Hash, Kay Lynn Kirkham, Maleesa Martinez, Braxton Reagan, Douglas Smith, Kayla

Dedrick, Chelsea Mayer.

SECOND GRADE

A Honor Roll

Anthony Allen, Brooklyn Barker, Rebekah Bartel, Calib Chandler, Garrett Coutts, Shelbi Cross, Mikala Furgason, Hannah Lane, Landon Long, Kallie Marak, Andy Newby, Riley Woodruff, Klarisse Espiritu-Santo, Ashley McKune, Kade Golleher, Bryce Hendricks, Tyler Hooper, Braden Hunt, Robin Fernuik, Rachel Heuston, Lauren Jacoby, Treva Miller, Allison Ramey, Vanessa Rodriguez, Kelsey Scates, Tawnee Williams, Kristin Bivins, Craig Conner, Tanner Davis, Teri Dunham, Gabriel Rodriguez, Joshua Ross, Kara Stephens, Kayla Taylor, Paige Whittamore.

AB Honor Roll

Janet Barraza, Allison Bell, Dakota Music, Bradley O'Loughlin, Lacey Renner, Kristin Roy, Justin Miller, Dawn Harkins, Matt Clark, Kristen Diaz-Herman, Shealeigh Lambright, Audria Leal, Joseph Neigisch, Cody Shannon, Ashtyn Shipley.

THIRD GRADE

A Honor Roll

Tyler Alexander, Nicki Cole, Jonathan Cook, Kameron

Graves, Gari Sue Haddock, Caitlin Hampton, Tonya Kiper, Scott Langford, Jessica Miner, Alla Miranda, Michael West, Holly Winegeart, Whitney Brummett.

Brittney Cottrell, Terri Frazier, Kelby Imel, Dayla Newman, Carley Richardson, Shawna Salazar, Devin Zipp, Jonathan Anguiano, Anthony Arreola, Ashley Hernandez, Kelley Michael, Melissa Leal, Rachel Lee, Dustin Neef, Jessica Tabor.

AB Honor Roll

Michael Alexander, Tommy Castagnetta, Keri Frazier, Jennifer Haley, Taylor Jordan, Jordan Eakin, Dustin Mathis, Angel Munoz, Tori Srygley, Danny White, Bree-anna Brulloths, Kaci Hill, Nathan Stillwagon.

FOURTH GRADE

A Honor Roll

Jimmy Craig, Larri Golleher, Krishna Henderson, K'Lyn Holmes, Ryne Malone, Valerie Rushing, Mike Fernuik, Joseph Johnson, Josh Humphrey, Kayla Mendoza, Ashley Owen, Brody Russell, Meagan Crawford, Kristen Dunn, JaCee Villarreal.

AB Honor Roll

Russell Carter, Jad McGuire, Rachal Nunn, Megan Pettit, Adam Anguiano, Megan Barnett, Jodan Bynum, Conrad Munguia, Kalynn Jones, Shaealyn Mcgahen, Morgan Reagan, Jacob Davis, Andrew Roy, Chelsea Cain.

FIFTH GRADE

A Honor Roll

Alexandra Long, Andrew Van Houten, Brittany Taylor, Jacklyn Cargill, Meredith Coutts, Shauna Friend, Bradley Johnson, Kristen Roy, Adam Gonzales, Whitney Morris, Maegan Patterson.

AB Honor Roll

Jake Russell, Levi Cave, Courtney Meyer, Kerri Carter, Logan Howard, Lori Presson, Gavin Eggleston, Ben Gibson, Alicia Kirkwood, Brooke McGraw, Carla Hefner, Lauren Bowen, Amber Fisher, Richard Leal.

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Senate Democrats seek less costly estate tax repeal than House's

WASHINGTON (AP) — Stung by mass defections in the House, Senate Democratic leaders and the Clinton administration are trying to rally the party against a Republican bill repealing inheritance taxes in favor of a less costly alternative aimed at farmers and small businesses.

Republicans have seen estate tax repeal, long one of their top tax priorities, surge in popularity this year amid a powerful lobbying campaign by the National Federation of Independent Business, the National Association of Manufacturers and several farm groups that have stressed the impact of estate taxes on middle-class people and businesses.

Treasury Secretary Lawrence Summers met Tuesday with Senate Democrats to stiffen the resolve of wavering members and to outline arguments against full repeal: eventual cost of \$50 billion a year, major benefits for the wealthiest Americans and ways the money could be used better.

"We will have an alternative," Senate Minority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D., said after the meeting. "We'll exempt small businesses and farms, but we certainly have to draw a distinction between the millionaires and billionaires in this case."

Those arguments were made by President Clinton and House Democratic leaders, but 65 of them jumped ship this month

to help Republicans win a 279-136 vote for repeal by 2010. It would take a two-thirds vote to override a threatened veto — 290 if all 435 members voted, or just over half the 20 who did not vote this month.

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The issue also is gaining steam in the presidential campaign. Texas Gov. George W. Bush, the presumptive GOP nominee, has proposed repealing it as part of his larger tax-cut package, while Vice President Al Gore favors the more targeted approach — similar to a 10-year, \$22 billion plan pushed by House Democrats. Aides say Gore plans to announce details Wednesday of a smaller plan that is expected to cost \$7 billion over 10 years.

Democratic defections to the GOP repeal bill can be avoided in the Senate "with a credible alternative," said Sen. Max Baucus, D-Mont. "There are ways to provide relief from the estate tax without total repeal."

Although details are still being worked out, Baucus said the emerging Democratic measure would focus on family farms and small businesses, mainly by raising the amount of an estate that is exempt from tax. Clinton has said he would sign a limited estate tax cut but not total repeal.

Individuals this year have a \$675,000 exemption; small businesses and family farms can pass \$1.3 million tax-exempt to heirs. With minimal estate planning, a married couple can double those amounts.

This, Democrats say, would help the fraction of taxable estates that are farms and small businesses without handing a huge tax cut to the wealthy. Internal Revenue Service figures show that almost half of the estimated \$27 billion in estate taxes this year will be paid by estates worth more than \$5 million.

"We have to deal with the legitimate concern of farmers and small business people ... without giving a windfall to the wealthiest people," said Al From, head of the centrist Democratic Leadership Council.

Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., said the House bill would be brought to the Senate floor intact — bypassing the customary committees — possibly as early as next week but maybe not until July. Lott said he hopes to negotiate an agreement with Democrats for a limited number of amendments.

Rep. Bill Archer, chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, said House GOP leaders are unlikely to go along with anything less than their bill.

"With the overwhelming vote we had in the House, I think we will push for full repeal," said Archer, R-Texas.

The bill is H.R. 8

On the Net: Congress: <http://thomas.loc.gov>

Councilwoman fined for taking timber

DALLAS (AP) — A Palestine city councilwoman has been ordered to pay more than \$5,000 to a man who claimed in a civil lawsuit that she had timber cut off his property.

Betty Nickerson must pay \$5,603.85 to plaintiff Cleon Salmon, or "three times the market value of the timber cut by defendants on property owned by plaintiff" plus prejudgment interest, according to a recent judgment by State District Judge Jerry Calhoun.

Nickerson has been on the council since 1995 and was most recently re-elected in May 1999.

Another defendant in the civil lawsuit, Don Green, was ordered

to pay Salmon the same amount. The lawsuit alleged that Green and Henry Rogers removed standing timber from Salmon's land after defendants Herod Nickerson and Betty Nickerson indicated it was their property.

The judge, however, did not order Herod Nickerson or Rogers to make any payments to Salmon.

Betty Nickerson could not be reached by The Associated Press on Tuesday evening.

In March 1999, a criminal charge was dropped against Betty Nickerson concerning the same event after she had been indicted by an Anderson County grand jury on one count of theft of timber.

Hate-crimes bill in legislative limbo

WASHINGTON (AP) — A White House-backed measure to expand the federal law on hate crimes could fall victim to election-year politics, despite a victory in the Republican-led Senate.

Its future was extremely clouded after Tuesday's high-profile vote that brought Vice President Al Gore in from the presidential campaign trail in case his tie-breaking vote was needed.

It wasn't. But shortly after the Senate's 57-42 vote to add the hate-crimes measure to a sprawling defense bill, Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., had the Senate put aside the underlying defense bill.

Instead, it turned to a foreign aid measure that it will continue to debate on Wednesday — with no set time for when the Senate might get back to debating the defense bill.

That leaves the hate-crime measure in limbo, even though Democrats vowed to try to keep it alive.

The House has never passed such a measure, nor is support for it seen as strong there.

Even so, Gore and Senate Democrats were able to claim an important, but possibly largely symbolic, victory after 13 Republicans crossed party lines to vote with them on Tuesday.

Although his vote wasn't needed, Gore was on hand for the vote in the Senate. At a news conference afterward, he credited families of victims of hate crimes for pushing the issue.

"This vote is a sign of hope for all of America," Gore said. The vice president had been campaigning in Kentucky when Senate Democratic leader Tom Daschle of South Dakota told him his presence might be needed.

Republicans suggested Gore's trip to the Capitol was political grandstanding — and that the vote was never in serious doubt.

The Senate had passed an identical bill the year before by voice vote, but it died in the House.

Gore disputed that his return to the Senate was politically motivating, saying, "It's my job."

The vote further bogged down the defense bill, which has now become a catchall for many pet pieces of legislation, mostly pushed by Democrats. Earlier, a campaign-finance proposal pushed by Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., was added to the bill.

Lott suggested that, unless some way was devised to separate the unrelated amendments, the entire defense bill might have to be indefinitely put aside.

Lott has insisted his top priority is getting needed spending bills through Congress — even if it means that other major pieces of legislation must fall by the wayside.

In another vote on the defense bill on Tuesday, the Senate rejected 59 to 41 a proposal to set up a commission to explore closer ties with the government of Cuba.

It also rejected, 50-49, a proposal to permit military women serving overseas to have abortions in base hospitals, so long as the procedures are paid for with private funds.

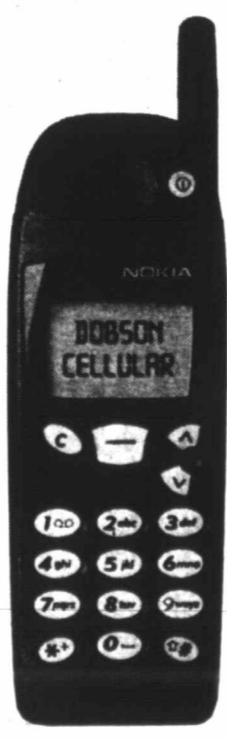
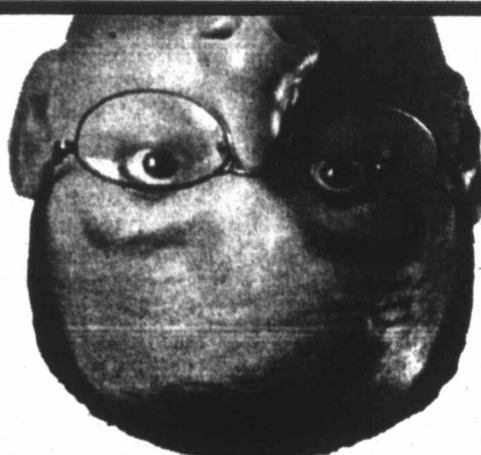
The hate-crimes measure was sponsored by Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass., who said it would give "the federal government a stronger role in dealing with the festering problem of hate crimes that continues to plague our country."

But Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, said the measure was too broad — and would amount to federalization of many crimes of violence, including rape.

Hatch offered his own version, calling for a study of whether states and localities were pursuing hate crime prosecutions, and providing \$5 million a year for the Justice Department to help pay for such prosecutions.

The Senate accepted Hatch's amendment, 50-49, then went on to approve Kennedy's.

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Case of missing hard drives gets murkier at Los Alamos

WASHINGTON (AP) — They may have contained highly classified nuclear secrets, but two computer drives causing all the ruckus at the Los Alamos nuclear weapons laboratory left virtually no paper trail while they were missing.

After interviewing dozens of people and conducting a string of polygraph tests, investigators are stymied in trying to determine — even in general terms — when the two hard drives vanished from a highly secured vault at the federal laboratory in New Mexico. It may have been as long as six months ago, government officials fear.

"The last actual inventory that gives us a degree of certainty took place as part of the Y2K inventory," Rep. Porter Goss, R-Fla., chairman of the House Intelligence Committee, said in an interview Tuesday. That was a few days after New Year's.

"That screams at me and says we've got a procedure problem," added Goss, a former CIA officer who has kept in close touch with the FBI and Energy Department investigation into the disappearance — and then reappearance — of the two hard drives, which contain information about how to dismantle nuclear warheads.

Energy Secretary Bill Richardson was to make his first appearance on Capitol Hill Wednesday on the Los Alamos case as he testifies before the

Senate Armed Services Committee.

The failure of the laboratory to require basic logout and login procedures for the devices is expected to be among the issues troubling committee members. Energy Department and lab officials have said no such tracking was required under a relaxed policy instituted in the early 1990s for material classified as "secret" — as opposed to "top secret."

The FBI was still electronically examining the two drives, which suddenly reappeared behind a copying machine last Friday not far from the vault where they were supposed to be kept. The area, where access was limited to people with high security clearances, had been searched several times, raising the possibility someone might have misplaced and then returned them.

But when were they last taken from the vault and by whom?

Initially, Air Force Gen. Eugene Habiger, the Energy Department's new top security officer, and Los Alamos Lab Director John Browne said in congressional testimony that a scientist had reported seeing the two devices in the vault on April 7, a month before they were found missing and seven weeks before senior lab officials were notified.

Sources familiar with the investigation said Tuesday that this account, although not entirely dis-

missed, has come under suspicion because of "conflicting statements" made during interviews and polygraph tests. Another individual has told investigators he went into the vault on April 27 and would have noticed if they had been missing then, but does not recall actually seeing them.

What's clear, said Goss, is that there was inadequate tracking on paper of the use of the two drives, which belonged to an emergency nuclear response team. Members of the team, known as NEST, have been the focus of the FBI criminal investigation. The team is trained to be ready to find and disarm a nuclear device on short notice. The disks, or drives, are designed for use in a laptop computer and are part of an emergency response "kit" available to team members.

All 26 individuals who had unescorted access to the vault have been given polygraph tests, according to Richardson.

Browne, the lab's director, has testified that security rules for the tracking of items classified as secret were eased government-wide in 1992 to reduce the cost of handling the large amount of documents carrying this designation. In early 1993 it was extended by then-President Bush to government contractors such as the University of California, which runs the Los Alamos lab. The policy was continued by the Clinton administration.

House accepts funding for tobacco lawsuit

WASHINGTON (AP) — The House agreed Tuesday to free \$4 million in a \$101 billion spending bill to help fund the federal government's massive lawsuit against the tobacco industry.

The agreement came a day after a major confrontation between the administration and the Republican-led House during which President Clinton said failure to fund the lawsuit was "capitulating to the tobacco industry" and GOP lawmakers said the Justice Department was depriving veterans of needed health care funds.

The House on Monday, after hours of debate, voted 207-197 to retain language in a spending bill

that would block the Department of Veterans Affairs from contributing \$4 million toward the cost of prosecuting the lawsuit.

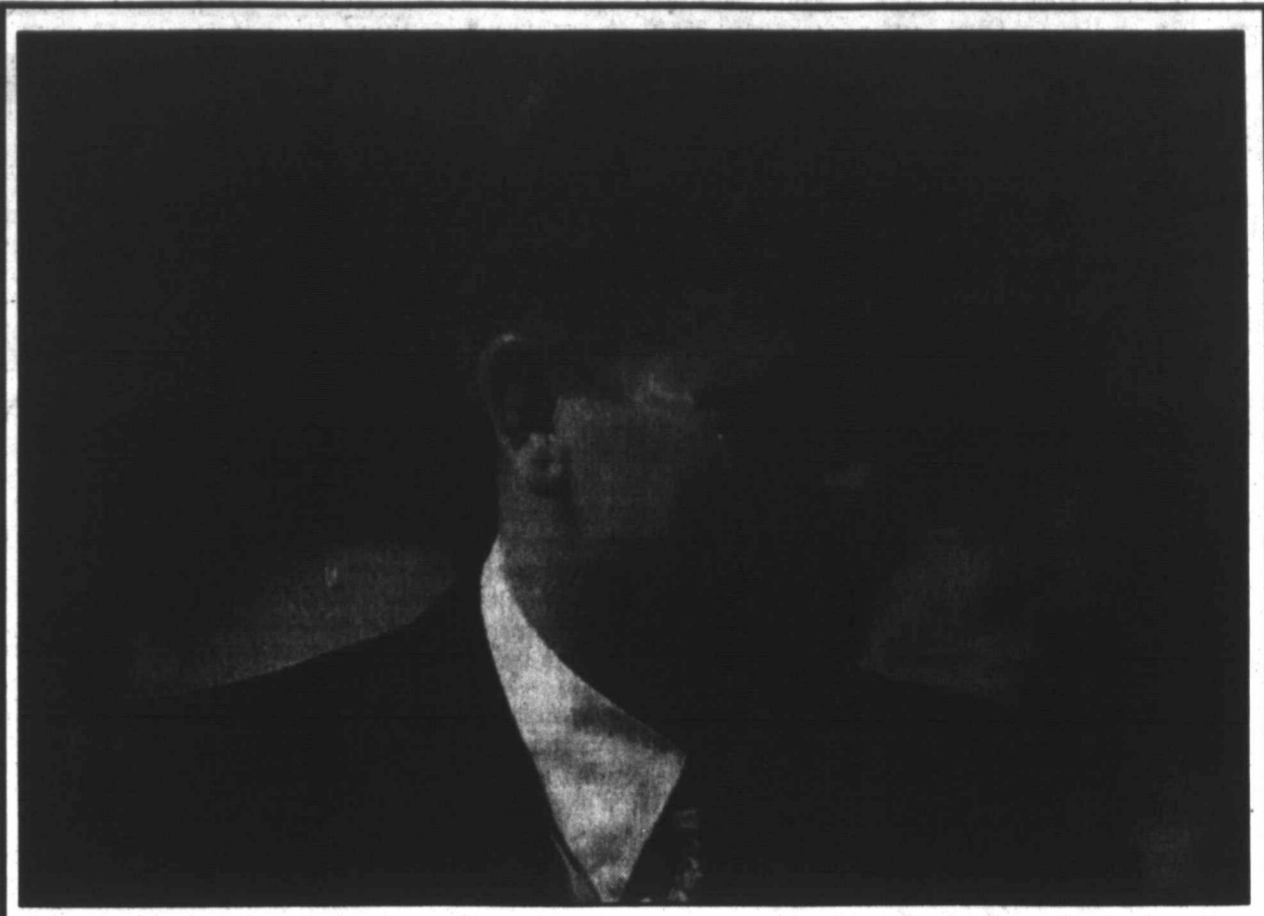
But on Tuesday Rep. Henry Waxman, D-Calif., the leader in trying to lift the funding ban, came back with an alternative under which the \$4 million would come from the VA's general operating expenses rather than from its medical care account.

Rep. James Walsh, R-N.Y., chairman of the Appropriations Committee subcommittee in charge of the bill covering the VA, Housing and Urban Development Department and other agencies, accepted the change, saying the point was to make clear that money

should not come out of veterans' health programs. It was approved by voice vote.

White House budget director Jack Lew said the change in the House position was "a very significant victory" which he attributed to "a very aggressive stance taken in Congress and by the administration coupled with the fact that efforts to block the lawsuit can't stand scrutiny."

The Justice Department says it will cost \$26.2 million next year to advance the lawsuit against the tobacco industry, with the department paying \$14.2 million and the other \$12 million divided evenly among the VA, Defense and Health and Human Services departments.



(Pampa News photo by David Bowser)

Tom Mechler, former chairman of the Gray County Republican Party, visits with well-wishers at a Pampa dinner in his honor. Mechler headed the local delegation to the Republican Party's state convention in Houston this month.

Mechler attends Texas Republican Convention

Tom Mechler was back at work in Pampa this week, wondering if he attended the same convention in Houston that the news media reported.

Thomas R. Mechler, former Gray County Republican Chairman, led the 13th Congressional District Caucus at the Texas Republican Convention in Houston last week. He'll head for the National Republican Convention in Philadelphia July 30 through Aug. 4.

"I had the honor of being selected as a delegate to the national convention," Mechler said.

The news media covering the state convention reported fights over delegate and alternate delegate slots from the congressional caucuses and the at-large delegation, but Mechler said elected officials generally were selected for the at-large delegation while grass root workers were selected by their congressional caucuses.

Mechler said that the delegate and alternate slots to the national convention were used for grass roots members of the party.

"There was a general encouragement on the part of elected officials that wanted to go to get on the at-large delegation," Mechler said.

Among the other delegates from the panhandle is State Sen. Teel Bivins, who represents Pampa in Austin.

"Teel got on that way," Mechler said. "Teel very graciously chose not to run in the CD (Congressional District) because he wanted to save the slots for grass roots people. In return for that, there was a lot of support for him to be on the at-large delegation. He's a very close friend of Gov. Bush."

He said there probably is little chance for grass root workers to get a place on the at-large delegation.

"That was a way to make sure that there was some balance brought to the process," Mechler said.

The former Gray County chairman said he had also heard reports of the convention being run by conservatives.

"It was a conservative convention because the Republican Party is a conservative party," Mechler said. "You'd expect conservatives to come out en masse and that's what they did."

Mechler said that while they may not be members that are socially conservative, but he said that most people at the convention were fiscally and socially conservative.

"Because of that, you would certainly expect the delegation that comes out of Texas to the national convention would also be fiscally and socially conservative," Mechler said.

He said that some of the media, particularly television, focused on conflict. Mechler said there were areas where people were demonstrating.

"I was told that the Black Panthers were there with automatic guns and HumVees," Mechler said. "That was across the street from the convention center. I don't know that there was any interaction with the delegates."

Mechler served as chairman of the 13th Congressional Caucus.

"I think it was an exceptionally well run convention," Mechler said. "It's one of the best I've ever been a part of. I was greatly honored to be able to go."

Mechler said every statewide office belongs to the Republicans so there were a lot of familiar faces at the convention that spoke.

"I thought it was a peaceful convention," Mechler said.

EEOC sues to protect rights of undocumented workers

PHOENIX (AP) — The federal government has filed a discrimination lawsuit on behalf of 27 undocumented Mexican and Guatemalan women who allege they were strip-searched, groped and labeled with slurs at a lithography company where they worked.

The Equal Employment Opportunity Commission's lawsuit filed Tuesday against Quality

Art seeks an injunction against the company to halt discrimination, financial penalties and back pay for workers who quit or were fired when they complained.

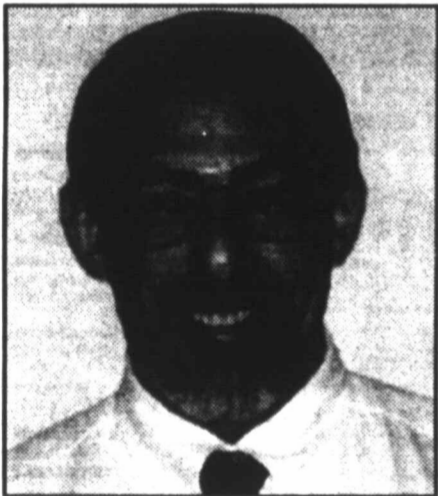
"You have a company singling out a group of women because of their national origin. Not only singling them out, but depriving them of the fundamental dignity of being a human being," said

Ida Castro, the EEOC's chair-

woman in Washington, D.C.

Castro said undocumented workers are among the most vulnerable victims of workplace discrimination because many employers don't realize they are also protected under the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

"It doesn't say only U.S. citizens. It doesn't say only documented workers. It says everyone," she said.



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Pentagon sets target for next test of missile defense

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Pentagon set a July 7 target date for a \$100 million test of an anti-missile shield, while leaving open the possibility that Defense Secretary William Cohen could recommend proceeding with deployment of the controversial system by 2005 even if the July test is a failure.

"The July test will be our most demanding trial to date," Cohen said in a written announcement of the twice-delayed test. This will be the first flight test to incorporate a communications link from ground radars to the missile interceptor in flight, providing last-minute guidance on where to find the target in space.

Jacques Gansler, the Pentagon's technology chief, acknowledged Tuesday that the Pentagon's scientists and engineers are pushing the envelope of technological know-how in trying to shoot down long-range ballistic missiles in space — a goal the United States has pursued, off and on, for more than two decades.

"It's clearly a high-risk overall program," Gansler said, referring to the possibility of setbacks. "And it's

not a high probability of being able to precisely get everything to work on this flight" in July.

The Pentagon has said it wanted to score two missile intercepts before continuing toward deployment. It managed one intercept last October, but the most recent test, in January, missed its target.

Asked whether a failure in July would preclude Cohen recommending to President Clinton that he keep to the schedule for deploying a limited missile defense by 2005, Gansler said, "It depends what type of failure it was." At any rate, he added, it will be a decision for Clinton based on factors beyond the technical aspects.

Clinton, who is scheduled to decide this fall whether to give the go-ahead for starting construction on a high-powered missile defense radar on the Alaskan island of Shemya, has said he also will consider such factors as cost, the global threat of missile attacks on U.S. soil and the impact on arms control.

If the July test goes as planned, a modified

Minuteman II missile will launch from Vandenberg Air Force Base, Calif., on July 7 and head west. Cued by high-speed computers at Colorado Springs, Colo., a single interceptor rocket will be fired from Meck Island in the Pacific in pursuit of the target. A 130-pound "kill vehicle" will release from atop the interceptor rocket and maneuver into the path of the target 144 miles above Earth, colliding with the mock warhead at a speed of 12,000 miles an hour and destroying it.

The last such intercept attempt failed in January because the mechanical "eyes" aboard the "kill vehicle" did not work right. Because of the work needed to fix that problem, the following test was delayed from April to July.

Critics say the concept of intercepting long-range missiles outside the Earth's atmosphere is flawed because decoy launches could fool the U.S. interceptor. The Pentagon acknowledged decoys present a long-term challenge, but said the system can overcome the crude decoys likely to be encountered in the short run.

Asked to respond to such critics, Gansler said,

"They're wrong." He noted that a panel of independent experts recently concluded in a classified report to Cohen that the program is on track to achieving its goal, although it may take longer than planned.

Tuesday, the Pentagon released an unclassified summary of that report, dated June 13. It said technology "is available" to field a limited system of missile defenses. It cautioned, however, that the Pentagon must prepare for the more sophisticated decoys likely to emerge in the future.

While there is a "high risk" that the system may not be ready for use by 2005, there is "no technical reason to change the schedule at present," the summary said.

That is a key point, because the schedule is at the heart of much of the debate over the missile defense project.

The idea is to use a combination of powerful radars, ground-launched missile interceptors based in Alaska, and high-speed computers to protect all 50 states against an attack by 30 or fewer long-range missiles. The Pentagon estimates this will cost \$36 billion, including the cost of operating it for 20 years.

Government proposes plan to combat predatory lending

WASHINGTON (AP) — It sounded like a great opportunity to Ms. H., an 81-year-old widow: By refinancing her \$118,000 mortgage she could pay off other debts, lower her monthly payments, cover her real estate taxes and get a cheaper interest rate to boot.

That's what the mortgage broker told her to persuade her to take a new loan for \$129,000, Ms. H. recounted recently at a public hearing in Baltimore. None of the promised benefits came through, and her monthly payments and interest rate actually increased. The broker made \$3,850 from the transaction, she said.

The government, citing growing abuses by some mortgage lenders, is proposing that companies making high-cost loans be required to give borrowers more accurate data on costs and terms.

A report on so-called predatory lending released Tuesday by the departments of Treasury and Housing and Urban Development also recommends legislation to ban practices such as loan "flipping" and to restrict prepayment penalties. In flipping, lenders constantly refinance mortgage loans to generate fees for brokers, with little benefit to the borrower.

The report warned that predatory lending, in which companies seek low-income, minority or elderly borrowers and charge them what are considered unfairly high interest rates and fees, threatens to roll back recent gains in revitalizing neighborhoods and expanding home ownership.

Sen. Paul Sarbanes of Maryland, the Senate Banking Committee's senior Democrat, said the government's new recommendations include key elements of legislation that he and other Democrats proposed in April to curb predatory lending. Their bill, which would limit the total amount of points, fees and prepayment penalties to 3 percent of a loan, has attracted little Republican support.

But Rep. Jim Leach, R-Iowa, chairman of the House Banking Committee, said Tuesday the administration's new proposals are "largely consistent" with Republican principles regarding predatory lending.

The high-cost mortgage loans, while legal, increasingly have drawn criticism.

"For millions of Americans, a home is the sole financial asset," said Treasury Secretary Lawrence Summers, who appeared with HUD Secretary Andrew Cuomo

at a news conference. "Predatory lending ... blights our nation's cities and rural areas."

A task force of the two agencies "learned about some practices that are clearly abusive," the report says, in public hearings it held in April and May in Atlanta, Los Angeles, New York, Baltimore and Chicago.

In many cases, the consequences for the borrowers — especially losing their homes in foreclosure — have been "disastrous," it says.

The report also recommends: —Lenders should be required to recommend home mortgage counseling to people applying for high-cost loans.

—Mortgage brokers should be required to demonstrate the appropriateness of a loan for an applicant.

—Lump-sum credit life insurance should be banned on all mortgage loans.

Critics say some consumer finance companies have taken advantage of people with low incomes or inferior credit histories, many of them elderly or members of minorities, who cannot get conventional loans and are desperate to become homeowners or raise cash by borrowing against their homes.

Indicted housing board member places millions of HUD funds in jeopardy

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas' troubled housing agency risks losing a large portion of its budget allotted by the federal government, and its future as a state agency is in jeopardy if a board member indicted for money laundering does not step down.

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and the state legislature's Sunset Commission are closely watching the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs because of Florida Bell Griffin.

Griffin, an appointee of Gov. George W. Bush, and two others were indicted June 7 on charges of participating in a scheme to profit from the federal low-income housing money she oversees.

The charges include accepting a bribe, theft, mail fraud and money laundering. She faces up to 55 years in prison and fines of as much as \$2 million, if convicted.

The federal indictment has paralyzed the agency.

"Now we don't know whether and when they will be able to meet again," Rep. Fred Bosse, D-Houston, commission chairman said. "We were reluctant to have a recommendation to continue an agency which is cur-

rently under a disability to act."

HUD has barred Griffin from participating in transactions involving the federal government, but she has refused to step down from the board, placing the money, which is the bulk of the agency's \$200 million budget, in jeopardy. Griffin has denied wrongdoing, calling the allegations racist.

Daisy Stiner, the state housing agency's executive director, told the Sunset Advisory Commission Tuesday that the agency has asked Texas Attorney General John Cornyn to assess the implications of the HUD warning.

Meanwhile, the state's housing board is so wary about Griffin attending a board meeting that chairman Michael Jones abruptly adjourned a meeting without taking any action June 16 when she showed up.

Her term runs through Jan. 31.

The Sunset Advisory Commission, which is reviewing the housing agency under a law that requires state agencies to be periodically re-created by the Legislature or go out of existence, recommended the agency be placed under a conservatorship.

Bosse said that if the situation

is not resolved by June 30, the commission will send a letter to the Legislative Audit Committee, composed of the lieutenant governor, House speaker and the leaders of the House and Senate finance committees, which can ask Gov. Bush to appoint conservators to take over the agency.

Woman arrested on suspicion of killing niece, niece's fetus

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — An emergency room technician killed her pregnant, 17-year-old niece and cut the fetus from her body after a dispute over who would have custody of the infant, police said. The baby boy died a short time later.

Erin Rae Kuhn-Brown, 31, was arrested Monday.

The body of Kathaleena Louisa Draper was found wrapped in plastic Saturday near a dump site in Sacramento. Police found the body of the nearly full-term baby on Tuesday near Fallon, Nev.

Draper moved from Las Vegas three months

ago to live with her aunt in Sacramento, and Kuhn-Brown had planned to adopt the baby, police said. But they had argued recently when the teen-ager decided to keep the baby, Sgt. Lance McHenry said.

Detectives believe that on Thursday, when the two of them were driving to Las Vegas, Kuhn-Brown asphyxiated Draper and surgically removed the baby.

Kuhn-Brown, an emergency room technician at a south Sacramento hospital, sought to deliver the baby alive, but he died a short time later, McHenry said.

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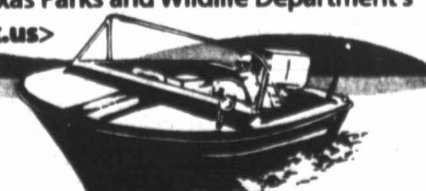
Keeping an Eye on Texas

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- **Be aware of low water conditions** — Watch closely for submerged objects and avoid boating at night
- **Always maintain a safe speed and a proper lookout**

For more information visit the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's web site at www.tpwd.state.tx.us



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Husband Is Caught Hiding Behind His Wife's Opinion

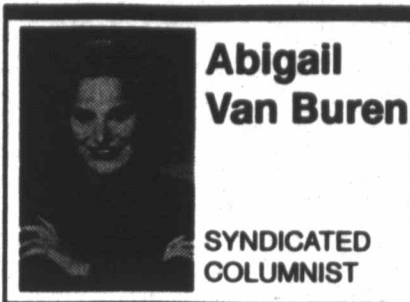
DEAR ABBY: My husband, "Jake," and I have been married eight years. We get along perfectly, except for his family. They have conned and cheated us out of thousands of dollars and spread vicious rumors about me.

At one point, the tension and hostility were unbearable, and Jake and I separated. After four months, we realized that we were meant to be together, so we reconciled. We both gave up successful careers and moved 400 miles away from his family. We have been happy here for three years. Aside from yearly holiday get-togethers, we don't see his family — which is great!

About two weeks ago (just when I thought everything was going well), we were walking along the road and found an adorable dog giving birth to puppies. She was dirty, hungry and dehydrated, but she and the puppies survived under our care. After trying to find the owner, we realized that the dog was probably abandoned.

Well, Jake mentioned the pups to his cousin "Cindy" (a woman who has spread rumors about me), and to our horror, Cindy announced she was coming the following weekend to "pick up the cutest pup in the litter." We never offered a puppy to her, and had mutually decided to keep all the dogs so we wouldn't break up the little family.

When Jake returned Cindy's call, I heard him tell her that I wanted to keep all the dogs and was not giving any of them away. I feel betrayed and hurt. This



Abigail Van Buren

SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

made me wonder if the reason his family has always disliked me is that Jake plays the "good guy" and blames decisions his family doesn't like on me.

Abby, I am shocked. Why did he sell me out and make me the "evil" wife?

FEELING HURT IN WASHINGTON STATE

DEAR FEELING HURT: Jake doesn't want to make waves in his already turbulent family. He learned early to be a "people pleaser" — and now you're paying the price.

You would both benefit from marriage counseling. It would give you the opportunity to express your hurt and frustration, and it could help your husband gain the confidence to finally express what HE wants, even to his family.

DEAR ABBY: My son is engaged to be married. I live several states away from his fiancée and her fami-

ly. I was informed by the girl's mother that there will be a bridal shower in her state to which I will be invited. She also told me a shower should be given here for the groom's family and friends to honor the bride, and that she and the bride would attend.

No one here has offered to give the bride a shower. Abby, is it proper for the bride's mother to tell me to arrange a shower for the bride, and to invite family and friends who probably won't be able to attend the wedding? Should I be offended or simply confused?

GROOM'S MOM ON THE FAR COAST

DEAR GROOM'S MOM: The groom's family is not required to host a shower, and there is no obligation for your friends or more distant family to do so. If someone volunteers to host a shower, it would be a nice gesture. However, since no one should be invited to a shower who cannot attend the wedding, it might turn out to be a very small affair.

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Horoscope

THURSDAY, JUNE 22, 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)
 *** Intuition takes you to a new level. Follow through on a personal matter. A family member displays heartfelt feelings. Add to the quality of your life. Check out a major purchase. Go on a fact-gathering mission. Don't worry so much. Tonight: Get as much rest as possible.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
 ***** Reach out for another. Make an extra effort toward a friend. Though your schedule could be a bit hectic, you clear out a lot. Others respond to your natural energy. Your sense of timing is on. Don't hesitate to state what you desire. A meeting proves to be unusually successful. Tonight: Where your friends are.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
 *** Financial matters flourish. Your responsible leadership at work creates greater status and monetary remuneration. Weigh the pros and cons of spending more on your image or office needs. The limelight shines on you. Take charge. Tonight: Work late.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
 ***** Your imagination knows no bounds. Go within for answers. Understand what is possible. You might

inadvertently limit yourself. Your thinking might not incorporate all possibilities. Your personality easily draws others. Tonight: As you like it.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
 ***** Take time with individuals. You gain even more if you reveal what has been going on with you. Another responds in kind, leading to a new understanding. Avoid big crowds. Talks need to be on a close level. Tonight: Dinner for two.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
 ***** Defer, and let others take the initiative. Schedule and attend meetings. You gain through groups as well as through a special friend. Others invite you to join in; accept invitations. The present atmosphere fosters new relationships and improves existing ones. Tonight: Where the gang is.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
 ***** Others admire your quick responses and your ability to handle your work. Pace yourself. Many requests land on your desk. Clear your desk. Get as much accomplished as possible. Check in on an older relative or friend. Your attention means a lot. Tonight: In the limelight.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
 ***** What you feel is right probably is. Follow through. Experiment with ideas. Allow creativity to play a bigger role. Your willingness to immerse yourself in each project draws admiration. Spread good news. You delight others. Tonight: Shift into weekend mode.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
 *** Deal with basics. Another does his best to distract and entice you. Most

likely, you'll respond. Schedule a leisurely lunch with a friend. Unconditional advice is offered right now, and there could be some gems of wisdom here. Tonight: Happy as a cat.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
 ***** Any efforts you make come back many times over. Others express their thoughts and feelings directly. Though you might not appreciate every word, you understand how much they care. Popularity soars. Keep communication open. Be direct. Tonight: Accept an invitation.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
 ***** Finances build because of your interpersonal skills. Co-workers respond openly and directly. What starts out as a disagreement paves the way to a better work relationship. Consider incorporating an exercise plan into your work. Take a walk at lunchtime. Tonight: Clear out your bills.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
 ***** Your generous, happy attitude makes friends, draws admirers and warms up existing ties. Fun happens. Be especially loving with a child. If single, someone you meet today could become much more. Brainstorm and share ideas. Your ingenuity soars. Tonight: Play the night away.

BORN TODAY
 Actress Meryl Streep (1949), actress Lindsay Wagner (1949), Rams quarterback Kurt Warner (1971)

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Crossword Puzzle

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

- 1 Actor
- 2 Leon
- 5 Gentle touch
- 11 File's partner
- 12 Flowery shrub
- 13 Annual race, for short
- 14 Bandleader Tommy
- 15 Give a pink slip to
- 16 Give a pink slip to
- 17 Stun
- 19 Party staple
- 22 Long for
- 24 Trombone play
- 26 Writer Oz
- 27 Spot in the sea
- 28 Goethe character
- 30 Sulky puller
- 31 Go awry
- 32 Texan landmark
- 34 Sketched
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- 38 Tawdry nature
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- 42 Portico part
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- 44 Guitarist
- 45 Russian denial

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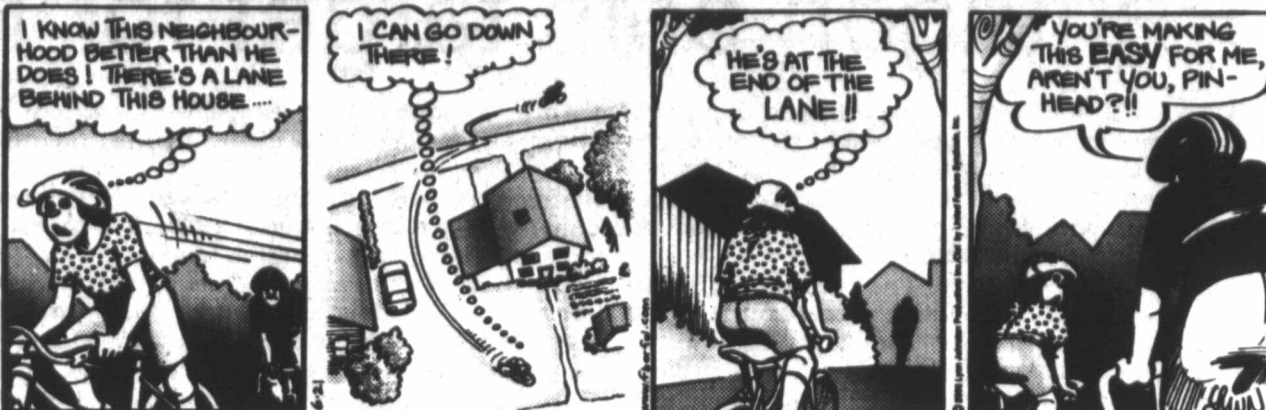
"Are you sure that's where you buried your bone?"

The Family Circus

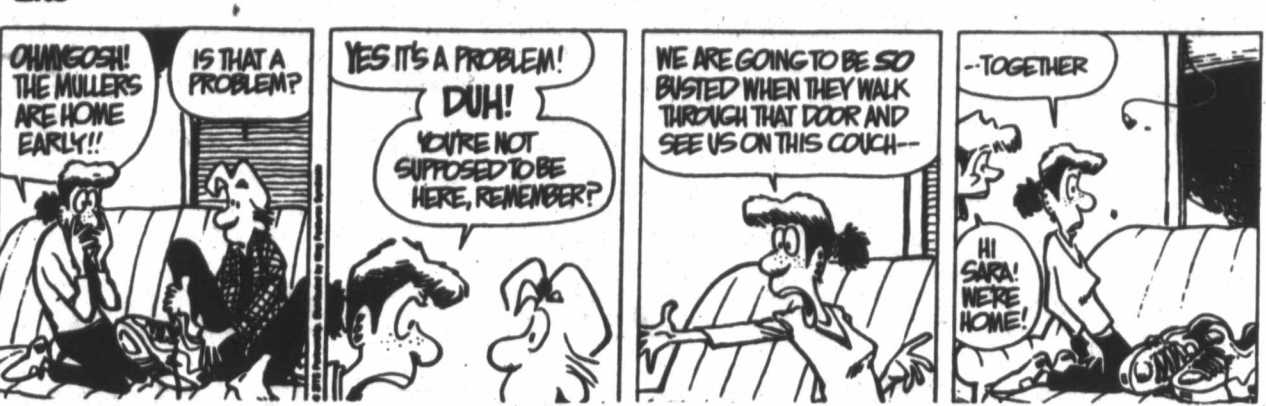


"Butterflies last months, not years. But they're happy, 'cause it's a full life."

For Better or For Worse



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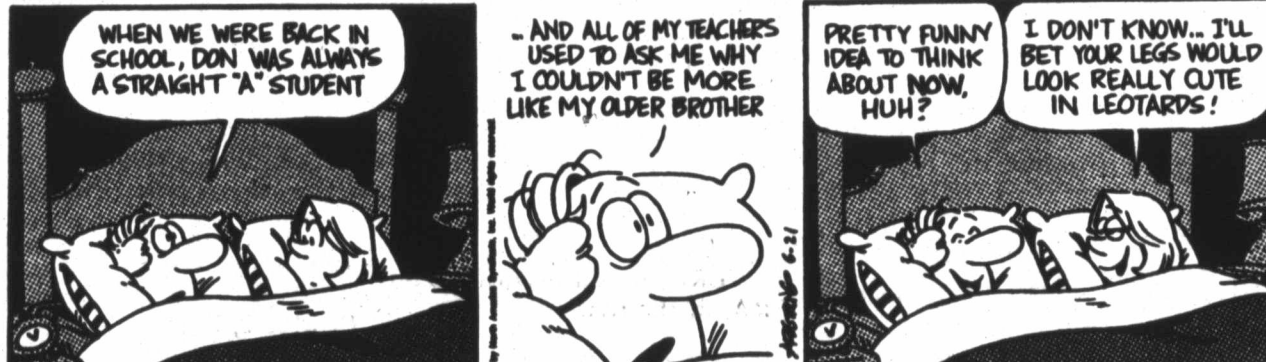
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FOOTBALL

DALLAS — The Ray Guy Kicking Academy & Talent Search will be held July 2-3 at the University of Texas near Arlington.

The camp is open to youngsters 10 years of age and up.

Contact Rick Sang at 270-843-8393 for more details.

DALLAS — USA Today defending national champion Midland Lee High School makes state history again as highly-touted running back Cedric Benson becomes the first-ever high school student to grace the entire front cover of *Dave Campbell's Texas Football*.

The 6-foot, 200-pound Benson, arguably the finest running back in the history of Texas high school football, has led Midland Lee to back-to-back Class 5A state championships. His 3,526 rushing yards in 1999 was a 5A record and in two state championships Benson has scored 10 touchdowns.

The annual magazine, which began in 1960, debuts on news stands throughout Texas and at select bookstores nation-wide this week.

BASEBALL

CANYON — Randall defeated Pampa 7-1 in a West Texas League game Tuesday night.

Pampa's only run came in the first inning on a home run by Wes Martin.

NEW YORK (AP) — John Rocker doesn't plan to hide from the New Yorkers he insulted last year. He's going to commute with them.

"The first day I get to New York, I'm getting on the (No. 7) train," the Atlanta Braves reliever told USA Today Baseball Weekly, which hit the newsstands Wednesday. "I'm taking it to Shea Stadium. I won't be in a cab. I won't be on the bus. I'll be on that train."

"And I'm looking forward to it."

Rocker said he won't initiate any conversations with people on the train, "but if someone wants to talk to me, that's fine."

It was that same subway line that Rocker insulted in an interview with Sports Illustrated last December.

"Imagine having to take the 7 train looking like you're (in) Beirut next to some kid with purple hair, next to some queer with AIDS, right next to some dude who got out of jail for the fourth time, right next to some 20-year-old mom with four kids. It's depressing."

"The biggest thing I don't like about New York are the foreigners," Rocker said in the Sports Illustrated interview. "You can walk an entire block in Times Square and not hear anybody speaking English. Asians and Koreans and Vietnamese and Indians and Russians and Spanish people and everything up there. How the hell did they get in this country?"

In the Baseball Weekly article, Rocker said those slurs were "meant as a joke."

After the story came out, Rocker was suspended for a month and fined \$20,000 by commissioner Bud Selig. The players association appealed, and an arbitrator reduced the penalty to a two-week suspension and \$500 fine.

The Braves also fined Rocker \$5,000 last month for threatening the Sports Illustrated reporter who wrote the story revealing Rocker's offensive comments about gays, minorities and foreigners.

Rocker was sent down to the minors the following day, but was recalled last week when Rudy Seanez tore a ligament in his right arm.

New Yorkers are poised for Rocker's return to the city June 29 for a four-game series with the Mets. Rocker is also looking forward to it.

"I'm not scared, I'm not intimidated in the least," he said. "Come on, what are they going to do to me but boo me? I hope they do."

Cobras bite foes in Lubbock tourney

By Jerry Heasley
For the Pampa News

Cobras, normally indigenous to Asia and parts of Africa, are reported to have surfaced and actually bitten victims in Lubbock this past Saturday.

Rick Romero discovered the Cobras in the Coronado High School gymnasium as he opened the doors for his annual Father's Day Classic basketball tournament.

Members of this Pampa basketball team, named Cobra, included Gary Alexander, Seidrick Drew, Adam Rodgers, Jeff Lofton, Matt Crow, Tanner Hucks, Chad Platt, Dustin Johnson, Erik Brown, and Kirk George.

Cobra struck Coronado first in an 11:30 am game, defeating them by 10 points after being tied at half time. Later that afternoon, Cobra eliminated Denver City by a healthy margin of 40 points.

Plainview was next on the agenda for Sunday afternoon. Since the Blue Devils had an equally intimidating name and since they had crushed Coronado by a wider margin of 100-56, Cobra was the underdog in "pool" play (whereby points differential counted).

True to their name, Cobra deceived the odds makers. Going into the 4th quarter down 7 points, they won the game 76-65.

Gary Alexander scored 41 points to lead all Cobras.

Cobra is expected to play next in Denton, Texas from July 7th

through the 10th at North Texas State University in one of the biggest tournaments in the country.



The Cobras celebrate following their wins in Lubbock. Team members included Gary Alexander, Seidrick Drew, Adam Rodgers, Jeff Lofton, Matt Crow, Tanner Hucks, Chad Platt, Dustin Johnson, Erik Brown and Kirk George.

Amkiel feels right at home in Busch Stadium

By ADAM NAZIMOWITZ
Associated Press Writer

With just 13 starts in the majors, 20-year-old Rick Ankiel feels right at home.

Ankiel dominated at Busch Stadium again with six strong innings, and Craig Paquette hit a three-run homer as the St. Louis Cardinals beat the San Francisco Giants 7-2 in a rain-shortened game Tuesday night.

Ankiel (6-3) worked on nine days' rest so he could pitch at home, where he's 5-0 with a 2.52 ERA; he's 1-3 with a 5.83 ERA on the road.

"I don't think there's any significant reason why I'm not good on the road," Ankiel said. "I feel comfortable here. You've been out here so many times, you start getting used to everything."

Ellis Burks' two-run homer in the second was the only damage against Ankiel, who allowed three hits, walked three and struck out eight.

"Everything I've heard about him is true," Giants manager Dusty Baker said. "You don't see many 20-year-olds like him."

The game was called in the top of the ninth after a rain delay of 1 hour, 29 minutes.

In other NL games, it was Florida 8, Milwaukee 2; Pittsburgh 2, Montreal 1; Cincinnati 3, Colorado 2; Atlanta 11, Chicago 4; Philadelphia 3, New York 2 in 10 innings; Los Angeles 9, Houston 6 in 10 innings; and San Diego 3, Arizona 1.

None of the rest of Ankiel's starts before the All-Star break will be on the road.

Jim Edmonds hit his 21st homer in the third inning, put the Cardinals ahead to stay with an RBI single in a four-run fifth and robbed Burks of a second homer when he scaled the center-field wall.

Comets fall

INGLEWOOD, Calif. (AP) — Lisa Leslie tied a season-high with 21 points and grabbed a career-high 14 rebounds as the Los Angeles Sparks snapped Houston's six-game winning streak with a 90-84 victory over the Comets on Tuesday night.

The victory put second-place Los Angeles (7-2) one game behind the Comets (9-2) in the WNBA's Western Division.

Leslie scored 11 of her points during a four-minute stand late in the second half.

Mwadi Mabika added 21 points for Los Angeles, while Ukari Figgis had 12 points and a career-high eight assists.

Houston's Sheryl Swoopes led all scorers with 27 points, and Cynthia Cooper had 24.

Marlins 8, Brewers 2

Florida's Ryan Dempster allowed three hits in seven innings at home, and Alex Gonzalez had his first career multihomer game.

Dempster (8-4), who struck out three and walked six, gave up one run — Geoff Jenkins' 12th homer in the sixth inning.

Cliff Floyd hit a three-run homer off Milwaukee's Steve Woodard (1-6) in the first. Luis Castillo was 3-for-5 with two runs scored and his 30th stolen base.

Pirates 2, Expos 1

Kris Benson pitched his way out of a bases-loaded jam with none out in the seventh as Pittsburgh stopped a four-game losing streak with a road victory.

Jason Kendall homered off Mike Johnson (2-2) in the first, and Warren Morris hit an RBI single in the fifth.

Benson (6-5) allowed Jose Vidro's game-tying homer in the fourth to snap his scoreless-innings streak at 16. He allowed six hits in 7 1-3 innings as his ERA fell to 2.83.

Mike Williams pitched the ninth for his 10th save in 11 opportunities.

Reds 3, Rockies 2

Ken Griffey Jr. made a diving catch to start a double play in the eighth, and Dmitri Young homered for Cincinnati leading off the bottom half.

Young's eighth homer on the first pitch from Pedro Astacio (6-4) helped the Reds end a six-game losing streak, their longest in two years.

Cincinnati overcame a pair of solo homers off Osvaldo Fernandez by Todd Helton, who went 2-for-4 and raised his NL-leading average to .396.

Danny Graves (9-1) got five outs for the win.

Braves 11, Cubs 4

At Atlanta, Chipper Jones hit a pair of two-run homers, and Kevin Millwood won for the first time since May 17.

Quilvio Veras went 4-for-5, scored three runs and knocked in three, Andruw Jones had a pair of hits — including his 19th homer — scored three times and drove in three runs, and Brian Jordan went 3-for-4 with an RBI in Atlanta's 14-hit attack. Millwood (5-6) gave up four hits and struck out six in six innings.

Kevin Tapani (4-7) lasted only two innings, giving up seven hits and six runs.

Phillies 3, Mets 2

Mike Lieberthal's two-out single in the 10th off Armando Benitez gave Philadelphia its fourth win in five games against the NL East's top two teams.

Benitez (1-3), who had not allowed a run in 17 innings since May 6, also yielded a game-tying solo homer to Pat

Triangle off to 2-0 start

PAMPA — Triangle Energy, a team which had problems winning during the regular season, has been invincible so far in the Cal Ripken 11-12 Optimist City tournament.

Triangle won only three games during the regular season, but they are off to a 2-0 start in the City Tournament. They are tied with Glo-Valve and Celanese for the tournament lead.

"It looks like this team is peaking at just the right time," said Triangle coach Danny Nusser. "We started out with a bunch of young kids who have never played together. Now, they've reached the point where they feel they can actually win every game."

Burrell in the ninth, his third blown save in 19 chances.

Mike Piazza gave New York a 2-0 lead in the first with his 19th homer.

Dodgers 9, Astros 6

Gary Sheffield capped Los Angeles' four-run 10th with a three-run homer off Joe Slusarski (1-4).

Jose Vizcaino, traded to the Yankees for Jim Leyritz after the game, singled in the go-ahead run.

Jeff Shaw blew his sixth save in 18 opportunities, giving up Jeff Bagwell's 17th homer leading off the ninth.

Padres 3, Diamondbacks 1

Brian Tollberg allowed one hit in seven innings in his major league debut, and Ryan Klesko homered twice as San Diego won for the first time in five games at Bank One Ballpark this season.

Trevor Hoffman got his 18th save in 19 opportunities.

Todd Stottlemyre (8-5) has lost three straight starts.

Triangle's latest win was a 19-9 victory over Tejas Feeders last night.

Triangle is an expansion team this season and only two 12-year-olds are suiting up for the tournament. The others are attending camp.

Triangle's next tournament action is against Cabot at 7:45 Friday night at Optimist Park.

"A lot of it comes down to knowing they can win. That's when baseball gets to be fun," Nusser said. "I'm very proud of these kids."

Baseballs legal, but just barely

NEW YORK (AP) — Baseballs aren't juiced, just hyperactive.

In response to the record number of homers flying out of parks, balls from this year and the last two were tested by Jim Sherwood, who runs the Baseball Research Center at the University of Massachusetts' Lowell campus.

And while he found the balls didn't exceed baseball's standards for liveliness, they came close.

"The balls today are at the upper end of the spectrum," Sandy Alderson, the commissioner's executive vice president of baseball operations, said Tuesday after meeting with Sherwood.

"We know where we are in the spectrum, but how does that relate to five years ago, 10 years ago?"

When a baseball is fired at a wall made of 2 1/2-inch thick, northern white ash, it is required to rebound at 54.6 percent of its original speed, plus or minus 3.2 percent.

In addition, a ball must hold its shape within 0.08 of an inch after being subjected to 65 pounds of pressure.

"There is a range of specifications the ball has to fall within," Alderson said. "There is a consistency within that range among the balls we've seen from the last three years. We're looking to see if we can find balls to test from further back."

There are two problems in testing older balls, according to Alderson: finding them and making sure they haven't changed since they were made.

Through Tuesday, there were 2,631 homers in 1,026 games this season, an average of 2.56 per game, matching the average for April. Last season's final average of 2.27 set a record, breaking the previous mark of 2.19, set in 1996.

There have been many theories on why so many home runs are being hit, including smaller ballparks in Houston and San Francisco, more players lifting weights following Mark McGwire's record 70-homer season in 1998, more weak pitchers due to expansions in 1993 and 1998, and juiced balls.

Rawlings, which has supplied all major league balls since 1977, checks to make sure each ball weighs 5-5 1/4 ounces and has a circumference of 9-9 1/4 inches — measurements specified in the Official Baseball Rules.

"While the ball this year is the same it's been in recent years, it's not clear for how long it's been that way," Alderson said.

The commissioner's office plans to release Sherwood's report to the public next week, Alderson said.

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Yankees beat Red Sox, Martinez

By JOSH DUBOW
AP Sports Writer

As impressive as scoring 22 runs in one game is, getting three against Pedro Martinez might be even better.

One night after the New York Yankees scored their most runs in 47 years, Andy Pettitte outpitched Martinez in a 3-0 victory over Boston on Tuesday night. Solo homers by Derek Jeter, Bernie Williams and Paul O'Neill accounted for the Yankees' runs.

All three shots came off Cy Young winner Martinez (9-3), who allowed only three previous homers all season and no more than one in a game since Sept. 24, 1998.

The Yankees, who won the opener at Fenway Park 22-1, moved 1 1/2 games ahead of Boston in the AL East.

"To win a game like we did last night, and then beat Pedro tonight," manager Joe Torre said, "if that doesn't do something for our confidence, I don't know what will."

In other AL games, it was Oakland 8, Baltimore 5; Detroit 18, Toronto 6; Cleveland 4, Chicago 1; Texas 5, Minnesota 2; Seattle 4, Tampa Bay 3; and Kansas City 8, Anaheim 6.

Martinez allowed just five hits and struck out nine in eight innings, but Pettitte (7-3) came away with the win.

Pettitte, who allowed 16 runs in his previous three starts, gave up six hits and two walks, striking out four before leaving with two outs in the eighth. Mariano Rivera got four outs for his 16th save.

"It says a lot about our pitching staff, because we haven't scored a lot of runs off him," said Jeter, whose Yankees beat the Red Sox 2-1 last Wednesday in Martinez's last start. "The way that Andy was pitching, we thought that a

couple of runs would be enough." The closest Boston came to scoring was in the third when Nomar Garciaparra singled with Jose Offerman on second. Shane Spencer threw a one-hopper from shallow left field, and catcher Jorge Posada held onto the ball when Offerman tried to bowl him over.

Athletics 8, Orioles 5
Ramon Hernandez's three-run homer, Oakland's fourth of the game, capped a four-run eighth as the Athletics rallied at home to win their seventh straight game.

After Matt Stairs' solo shot with two outs in the eighth tied the game at 5, Sidney Ponson (4-4) walked Miguel Tejada and Eric Chavez. Calvin Maduro relieved Ponson and allowed Hernandez's homer.

The Orioles hit three homers off Tim Hudson (8-2), who has won his last seven decisions. Jason Lirnghausen got his 17th save.

Tigers 18, Blue Jays 6
Tony Clark hit two of Detroit's club-record eight home runs, leading Detroit at Toronto.

Juan Gonzalez, Juan Encarnacion, Bobby Higginson, Robert Fick, Rich Becker and Deivi Cruz also homered for the Tigers, whose previous best was seven homers on May 28, 1995, against the White Sox.

Chris Carpenter (6-6) gave up a career-high nine runs and seven hits in two-plus innings.

Indians 4, White Sox 1
Travis Fryman hit a two-run double off Mike Sirota (6-6) as visiting Cleveland snapped Chicago's eight-game winning streak.

The victory pulled the Indians within 7 1/2 games of the White Sox in the AL Central and was Cleveland's second win in nine games.

Jim Brower (2-1), who lasted just 1 1/3 innings against the White Sox in his last start June 14, gave up one run and six hits in 7 1/3 innings.

Rangers 5, Twins 2
Kenny Rogers allowed just five hits in eight-plus innings as Texas returned home from his worst road trip in 14 years with a win.

Flowers resigns at Canadian

CANADIAN — Canadian head football coach David Flowers has resigned to take the head coaching job at Merkel.

Flowers' son, Steven, will be a member of the Merkel coaching staff.

Canadian compiled a 44-13-1 record with Flowers as head coach. The Wildcats advanced to the playoffs four times in five years under Flowers. The past two seasons, the Wildcats got as far as the Division 1-2A semifinals. They had consecutive 12-2 records.

Flowers was recently named coach of the year at the 101 Classic Bowl in Woodward,

Oklahoma. Four of his players receive college football scholarships this season.

Steven Flowers is a recent graduate of Oklahoma Panhandle State University in Goodwell. David is a Perryton native and played football at OPSU.

Flowers will be looking to rebuild a Merkel team that finished 1-9 overall and 1-4 in District 6-3A a year ago. Merkel opens the 2000 season against Class 2A Bangs.

Assistant coach Kyle Lynch will take over the head coaching duties at Canadian. It will be his first head coaching job.

Rodeo Money Leaders

Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association
Women's Professional Rodeo Association
By The Associated Press
Through June 18

ALL-AROUND
1. Fred Whitfield, Hockley, Texas, \$61,627. 2. Trevor Brazile, Decatur, Texas, \$56,714. 3. Scott Johnston, Gustine, Texas, \$47,970. 4. Cash Myers, Athens, Texas, \$47,332. 5. Cody Ohi, Orchard, Texas, \$45,565. 6. Joe Beaver, Huntsville, Texas, \$43,056. 7. Guy Allen, Lorington, N.M., \$42,848. 8. Garrett Nokes, McCook, Neb., \$41,156. 9. Jesse Ball, Camp Creek, S.D., \$35,947. 10. J.D. Crouse, Canon City, Colo., \$36,891. 11. Kyle Lockett, Ivanhoe, Calif., \$35,299. 12. Tee Woolum, Llano, Texas, \$31,716. 13. Curtis Cassidy, Donalds, Alberta, \$31,574. 14. Robert Bowers, Brooks, Alberta, \$26,345. 15. Roy Cooper, Childress, Texas, \$25,473. 16. Herbert Theriot, Poplarville, Miss., \$25,422. 17. Dan Erickson, La Junta, Colo., \$24,942. 18. Kurt Gouding, Duncan, Okla., \$24,776. 19. Rod Warren, Valley View, Alberta, \$22,134. 20. Mike Beers, Powell Butte, Ore., \$20,914.

SADDLE BRONC RIDING
1. Billy Edwards, Rose Hedges, S.D., \$71,608. 2. Dan Morones, Manhattan, Mont., \$47,512. 3. Rod Hay, Wildwood, Alberta, \$46,149. 4. Scott Johnston, Gustine, Texas, \$41,252. 5. Tom Reeves, Eagle Butte, S.D., \$36,734. 6. Robert Edwards, Goodwell, Okla., \$30,478. 7. Cliff Norris, Glazier, Texas, \$29,814. 8. Ryan Magallon, Beyer, Mont., \$28,086. 9. Ted Lammert, Mud Butte, S.D., \$27,157. 10. T.C. Holloway, Eagle Butte, S.D., \$27,124. 11. Bret Franks, Goodwell, Okla., \$23,391. 12. Chance Dixon, Ellensburg, Wash., \$22,551. 13. Steve Dollahide, Wikeup, Ariz., \$22,430. 14. Guy Shapka, Okla., \$20,889. 15. Todd Hipes, Firth, Neb., \$19,595. 16. Rance Bray, Dumas, Texas, \$19,382. 17. Rod Warren, Valley View, Alberta, \$17,795. 18. Bobby Griswold, Moore, Okla., \$17,301. 19. Glen O'Neill, Water Valley, Alberta, \$17,208. 20. Dan Erickson, La Junta, Colo., \$15,838.

CALF ROPING
1. Fred Whitfield, Hockley, Texas, \$58,117. 2. Ty Hays, Weatherford, Okla., \$43,077. 3. Blair Burkh, Durant, Okla., \$39,896. 4. Justin Meas, Giddings, Texas, \$36,332. 5. Cody Ohi, Orchard, Texas, \$32,404. 6. Brent Lewis, Pinon, N.M., \$31,997. 7. Joe Beaver, Huntsville, Texas, \$29,254. 8. Trevor Brazile, Decatur, Texas, \$28,515. 9. Clay Kemp, Eagle Lake, Texas, \$25,123. 10. Trent Walls, Stephenville, Texas, \$21,587. 11. Justin Nucleo, Huntsville, Texas, \$21,504. 12. Roy Cooper, Childress, Texas, \$20,797. 13. Tim Pharr, Resaca, Ga., \$20,585. 14. Johnny Emmons, Grandview, Texas, \$20,560. 15. Shawn Franklin, Wetumka, Okla., \$20,546. 16. Jeff Chapman, Athens, Texas, \$20,216. 17. Todd Goud, Livingston, Ala., \$19,508. 18. Jim Bob Mayes, Elgin, Texas, \$19,338. 19. Cash Myers, Athens, Texas, \$19,119. 20. Curtis Cassidy, Donalds, Alberta, \$17,001.

Peterson is new coach at Tulsa

TULSA, Okla. (AP) — Buzz Peterson was part of a national championship team as a player and wants to win one as a coach. He says the University of Tulsa is a place where that can happen.

"I can win a national championship from here and that's what I want. That's all I need," Peterson said Tuesday after being named coach of the Golden Hurricane.

Peterson, 37, has guided Appalachian State to a 79-39 record in four years, including an NCAA tournament appearance this year. He played at North Carolina, where he was Michael Jordan's teammate and was part of the 1982 team that won it all.

Peterson spoke of the difficulty of leaving behind his job at Appalachian State, but said he relished the chance to coach what he considers to be a Top 20 team.

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| Boston | 35 | 31 | .530 | 1 1/2 |
| Toronto | 37 | 34 | .521 | 2 |
| Baltimore | 30 | 38 | .441 | 7 1/2 |
| Tampa Bay | 28 | 41 | .408 | 10 |
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| Cleveland | 38 | 31 | .537 | 7 1/2 |
| Kansas City | 34 | 34 | .500 | 10 |
| Minnesota | 30 | 41 | .423 | 15 1/2 |
| Detroit | 27 | 38 | .415 | 15 1/2 |
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| Oakland | 41 | 29 | .585 | — |
| Seattle | 38 | 30 | .559 | 2 |
| Anaheim | 35 | 34 | .507 | 6 1/2 |
| Texas | 32 | 36 | .471 | 8 |
| Monday's Games | | | | |
| N.Y. Yankees 22, Boston 1 | | | | |
| Chicago White Sox 6, Cleveland 1 | | | | |
| Tampa Bay 10, Seattle 3 | | | | |
| Oakland 13, Baltimore 12, 10 innings | | | | |
| Only games scheduled | | | | |
| Tuesday's Games | | | | |
| Cleveland 8, Milwaukee 2 | | | | |
| Detroit 18, Toronto 6 | | | | |
| N.Y. Yankees 3, Boston 0 | | | | |
| Cleveland 4, Chicago White Sox 1 | | | | |
| Texas 5, Minnesota 2 | | | | |
| Seattle 4, Tampa Bay 3 | | | | |
| Kansas City 8, Anaheim 6 | | | | |
| Wednesday's Games | | | | |
| Detroit (Moehler 4-3) at Toronto (Escobar 6-8), 7:05 p.m. | | | | |
| N.Y. Yankees (Cone 1-6) at Boston (Schourek 2-6), 7:05 p.m. | | | | |
| Cleveland (Burke 7-2) at Chicago White Sox (Baldwin 10-1), 8:05 p.m. | | | | |
| Minnesota (Radke 4-8) at Texas (Loaiza 3-5), 8:35 p.m. | | | | |
| Tampa Bay (Yan 4-4) at Seattle (Sele 7-3), 10:05 p.m. | | | | |
| Baltimore (Musina 5-6) at Oakland (Prieto 0-0), 10:05 p.m. | | | | |
| Kansas City (Suzuki 3-0) at Anaheim (Washburn 2-1), 10:05 p.m. Thursday's Games | | | | |
| Detroit at Toronto, 7:05 p.m. | | | | |
| N.Y. Yankees at Boston, 7:05 p.m. | | | | |
| Cleveland at Chicago White Sox, 8:05 p.m. | | | | |
| Minnesota at Texas, 8:35 p.m. | | | | |
| Baltimore at Seattle, 10:05 p.m. | | | | |
| Kansas City at Anaheim, 10:05 p.m. | | | | |
| National League Standings | | | | |
| At A Glance | | | | |
| All Times EDT | | | | |
| East Division | | | | |
| W | L | Pct. | GB | |
| Atlanta | 43 | 27 | .614 | — |
| New York | 37 | 30 | .552 | 4 1/2 |
| Montreal | 36 | 32 | .522 | 5 1/2 |
| Florida | 34 | 37 | .479 | 9 1/2 |
| Philadelphia | 28 | 40 | .412 | 14 |
| Central Division | | | | |
| W | L | Pct. | GB | |
| St. Louis | 38 | 29 | .564 | — |
| Cincinnati | 33 | 35 | .486 | 6 |
| Pittsburgh | 30 | 39 | .436 | 9 1/2 |
| Chicago | 29 | 40 | .420 | 10 1/2 |
| West Division | | | | |
| W | L | Pct. | GB | |
| Milwaukee | 29 | 41 | .414 | — |
| Houston | 25 | 43 | .368 | 14 |
| Monday's Games | | | | |
| Milwaukee 29, Houston 11 | | | | |
| Cleveland 81, Sacramento 70 | | | | |
| Washington 60, Detroit 55 | | | | |
| Tuesday's Games | | | | |
| Late Games Not Included | | | | |
| Phoenix 74, Minnesota 55 | | | | |
| Utah 66, Seattle 63 | | | | |
| Charlotte 87, Portland 85, OT | | | | |
| Los Angeles 50, Houston 64 Wednesday Games | | | | |
| Miami at Washington, 7 p.m. | | | | |
| Detroit at New York, 7:30 p.m. | | | | |
| Sacramento at Indiana, 8 p.m. | | | | |
| TRANSACTIONS | | | | |
| Tuesday's Sports Transactions | | | | |
| BASEBALL | | | | |
| American League | | | | |
| BALTIMORE ORIOLES—Activated RHP Calvin Maduro from the disabled list. Optioned RHP Gabe Molina to Rochester of the International League. | | | | |
| BOSTON RED SOX—Recalled LHP Tim Lincecum from Pawtucket of the International League. | | | | |
| CHICAGO WHITE SOX—Agreed to terms with SS Tim Lincecum and 2B Tommy Nicholson. | | | | |
| CLEVELAND INDIANS—Agreed to terms with OF Kenneth Folsom, LHP Adam Cox. Of Rashed Eldridge and LHP Victor Kline. Signed OF Robert Womack and C Mike Ernst to minor league contracts. | | | | |
| DETROIT TIGERS—Purchased the contract of RHP Steve Sparks from Toledo of the International League. Designated LHP Allen McMill for assignment. | | | | |
| MINNESOTA TWINS—Waived RHP Sean Bergman. Recalled RHP Jason Ryan and C Chad Moeller from Salt Lake City of the PCL. | | | | |
| NEW YORK YANKEES—Agreed to terms with C David Parrish. Traded DH Jimmy Leyritz to the Los Angeles Dodgers for INF Jose Vizcaino and cash. | | | | |
| TEXAS RANGERS—Signed RHP Casey Berry, OF Laynce Nix and LHP Chris Russ. TORONTO BLUE JAYS—Signed 2B Dominic Rich, OF Rich Thompson and 3B Aaron Sisk. Transferred OF DeWayne Wise from the 15- to the 60-day disabled list. | | | | |
| National League | | | | |
| HOUSTON ASTROS—Placed LHP Billy Wagner on the 15-day disabled list. | | | | |
| MILWAUKEE BREWERS—Agreed to terms with RHP Heath McMurray. | | | | |
| NEW YORK METS—Signed SS Christopher Basak and C John Wilson. | | | | |
| ST. LOUIS CARDINALS—Placed 2B Fernando Vina on the 15-day disabled list. Activated RHP Mike James from the disabled list. | | | | |
| SAN DIEGO PADRES—Agreed to terms with RHP Jonathan Huber, RHP Michael Eassey, OF David Goris, 2B Kevin Nulton, 3B Joel Kutt, RHP and LHP Cussart, RHP John Herberich and RHP Jesse Bussett. | | | | |
| BASKETBALL | | | | |
| National Basketball Association | | | | |
| CHICAGO BULLS—Released C Will Perdue. | | | | |
| GOLDEN STATE WARRIORS—Named Brian Winters, Phil Hubbard, Mark Osofski and Clifford Ray assistant coaches. Kevin Terry executive director of tickets sales and services and Victor Peit director of corporate sales. | | | | |
| NEW JERSEY NETS—Announced the resignation of Ted Aronico, trainer. | | | | |
| WESTERN CONFERENCE | | | | |
| W | L | Pct. | GB | |
| Cleveland | 6 | 3 | .667 | — |
| Washington | 5 | 3 | .625 | 1/2 |
| Orlando | 5 | 5 | .500 | 1 1/2 |
| Detroit | 4 | 5 | .444 | 2 |
| New York | 4 | 5 | .444 | 2 |
| Indiana | 3 | 5 | .375 | 2 1/2 |
| Miami | 3 | 6 | .333 | 3 |
| Charlotte | 2 | 8 | .200 | 4 1/2 |
| Monday's Games | | | | |
| Houston 9, 2, 818 — | | | | |
| Los Angeles 7, 2, 778 — | | | | |
| Phoenix 6, 3, 867, 2 | | | | |
| Minnesota 6, 4, 800, 2 1/2 | | | | |
| Utah 7, 5, 583, 2 1/2 | | | | |
| Sacramento 5, 4, 556, 3 | | | | |
| Seattle 2, 8, 200, 6 1/2 | | | | |
| Portland 1, 7, 125, 6 1/2 | | | | |

Baseball offers to take back some of the 22 umpires who lost jobs

NEW YORK (AP) — Baseball, while still bickering with its umpires, is offering to rehire some of the 22 who were fired last September after their failed mass resignation.

During about two dozen negotiating sessions over the past three months, the new umpires union and owners have found themselves in four areas of disagreement: pay; the fate of the 22 former umpires; that discipline be taken only with "just cause;" and management's demand that umpires get prior approval before talking with reporters.

"We've made an effort to compromise and accommodate the 22 in particular ways and have frankly not gotten a serious response," Sandy Alderson, executive vice president of baseball operations in the commissioner's office said Tuesday.

Alderson, without specifying how many of the 22 could return, said baseball had offered a combination of jobs and termination payments.

Another participant in the talks said the new union, formed after the umpires dumped Richie Phillips' Major League Umpires Association, was asked to share in the cost of dealing with the 22.

The group includes well-known umpires such as Richie Garcia, Frank Pulli and Terry Tata.

The old union has filed a grievance trying to regain jobs for the 22.

"Guys that have given 28, 25 years of their life to baseball shouldn't be cut off from their medical, cut off from their pension, cut off from their severance pay," said AL ump Joe Brinkman, vice president of the new union. "They shouldn't try to crush them. We'd like to see them satisfy the 22 so they could go home and hold their heads up."

The 22 were let go last Sept. 2 after a failed mass resignation plan by Phillips' MLUA, which was largely controlled by NL umpires.

During the offseason, umpires voted in a new union, the World Umpires Association, which they said would be less contentious than the Phillips-led group. The new union is negotiating a contract to replace the agreement that expired Dec. 31, and both sides have agreed there will be no strike or lockout through at least July 14. No new talks currently are scheduled.

Management is insisting that in any new deal, umpires agree that they will never speak with reporters without approval. The only exception would be that crew chiefs could explain controversial decisions about 15 minutes after the final out of games.

"We couldn't talk about baseball, our personal life, anything," Brinkman said. "That's going a little far. We're still in the United States, where we have freedom of speech. They want to muzzle us completely. You have to be able to give your side of the story."

Umpires said they would agree only if management and teams promised never to criticize them.

Negotiators for the commissioner's office said they could agree on behalf of management, but players couldn't be stopped from speaking out.

"Consistent with other sports, we don't want umpires engaging in the same sort of mudslinging and petty criticism that sometimes others in the game engage in," Alderson said. "We don't think it's good for the profession. We think it's demeaning to them."

Umpires want raises that would give them average salaries about 25-30 percent above NBA officials. Umpires, who currently make \$95,000 to \$282,500, including postseason bonuses, made about the same as NBA officials when the previous contract began in 1995, but their NBA counterparts have been given raises in the last five years.

"We work 58 percent more games than basketball does and we're asking for 30 percent more in money," Brinkman said.

Baseball management counters that umpires get more pension money than NBA referees, and they get up to five weeks' vacation.

NBA referees aren't eligible for vacation until after 10 seasons, a baseball management lawyer said.

Umpires also want a "just-cause" clause involving discipline. The expired agreement didn't have one.

"You can't discipline just because you want to," Brinkman said.

Owners, tired of their many grievance losses with players, say they won't agree to having arbitrators review cases, which could lead to more litigation.

"We've had enough of that in recent years," Alderson said.

While no talks are scheduled, both sides anticipate scheduling a meeting before June 30.

That's when either side can give two weeks' notice of a strike or lockout.

"They came in with a preconceived idea of everything they wanted to do," Brinkman said, "and there's been no listening to umpires."

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Microsoft appeal goes directly to high court

WASHINGTON (AP) — The judge who ordered Microsoft Corp. broken up delayed implementing business restrictions against the computer software maker and sent the landmark antitrust case directly to the Supreme Court, where the nine justices are just days from finishing their current term.

With his action, U.S. District Judge Thomas Penfield Jackson bypassed the federal appellate court where Microsoft wants the case to be considered first. The U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia circuit favored the company in a past, related case.

Immediate Supreme Court consideration was in the "general public importance in the administration of justice," Jackson wrote in his widely expected order Tuesday.

But in a surprise twist, the judge delayed implementing various conduct restrictions he imposed in a June 7 decision that also ordered Microsoft to be split into two companies. While Jackson at that time had stayed the actual breakup until all appeals were exhausted, the business restraints he ordered would have gone into effect Sept. 5.

Both Microsoft and the Justice Department applauded Jackson's action, albeit for opposite reasons.

"This decision affirms the department's position that a quick and effective remedy is necessary to resolve this significant case," the department said in a written statement.

Microsoft spokesman Mark Murray said: "We're obviously very pleased that the District Court rejected the government's arguments and stayed the entire judgment."

It was uncertain just how quickly the case could be resolved. The Supreme Court is in the last two weeks of its 1999-2000 term, and it can either accept the case or send it to the appellate court for review.

Unless the high court justices expedite their handling of the case — an action government lawyers may seek — Microsoft will have until Aug. 14 to file an appeal of Jackson's ruling.

That appeal would ask the justices to send the case back down to the appeals court. The government then would have 30 days to respond and explain why the case should be decided directly by the nation's highest court.

Jackson ruled on April 3 that Microsoft engaged in anticompetitive conduct in violation of federal antitrust

laws, and, as a remedy, he ordered the company's breakup and a number of business restrictions.

Among those restrictions, Jackson ordered Microsoft to divulge to outside developers technical information about the way Microsoft operating systems interact with its software. Those developers would be able to pick apart the computer code without cost to improve their understanding of it and make their own products.

Microsoft also would no longer control what icons are on the Windows operating screen when a user buys a computer. This means that consumers buying a computer from a distributor such as Dell or Gateway would see a desktop that looked nothing like the Windows desktop they're accustomed to.

The Justice Department and 19 states that successfully sued Microsoft had urged Jackson to skip the appellate court and turn the case over to the Supreme Court because of the high-profile nature of the case and the crucial role technology plays in the new American economy.

But Microsoft, one of the nation's most successful companies whose Windows software operates more than 90 percent of the world's personal computers, pushed to have the case heard in the appeals court.

The appellate court on Monday said it would step aside and suspend any action on the case in the event Jackson chose to send the matter to the Supreme Court under a rarely used fast-track process.

Although conduct restrictions no longer loom in the company's immediate future, Microsoft said it still would prefer the case go through the regular appellate process.

"We believe that the facts and the law are on our side regardless of which court reviews this case," Murray said. "But given the numerous factual and procedural and legal errors we will be citing in our appeal, this is clearly a case that would benefit from the full appeals process."

One antitrust expert said Jackson's decision to stay the restrictions on Microsoft's conduct may have increased the chance of the Supreme Court taking the case.

"I think Jackson made a very shrewd decision," said William Kovacic, antitrust expert with the George Washington University School of Law. "If he wanted to frame the request to the Supreme Court in the most effective way for them to take the case, he had to do something like this."

Clinton okays \$15 billion in farm aid

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton released a flood of money to farmers Tuesday, signing a \$15 billion package of cash payments and insurance subsidies that represents the third big bailout of the agricultural economy in as many years.

The legislation ignored his administration's proposals to overhaul the market-oriented farm program enacted by the Republican-controlled Congress in 1996.

The bill includes \$8.2 billion to expand and cut the cost of federal crop insurance over the next five years and \$5.5 billion for payments to grain and cotton growers this fall. An additional \$1.6 billion is earmarked for other farmers and lawmakers' special projects.

Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman said the bailout "was a clear admission" that the 1996 farm law "fails to provide an effective safety net for American farmers."

The money is supposed to compensate growers for depressed commodity prices as well as to encourage farmers to protect themselves in future years by buying higher levels of crop insurance.

The federal subsidy for the most popular level of insurance will increase to 59 percent, up from 42 percent, and coverage will be expanded to crops for which it isn't currently available. The expansion of

the insurance system should lessen the need for Congress to pass emergency assistance in coming years, USDA officials said. The changes will take effect for crops planted this fall.

"Farmers will have more security to plant. And taxpayers will have more confidence that their dollars are being well spent," said Ken Ackerman, administrator of USDA's Risk Management Agency.

The \$5.5 billion in direct payments that farmers will get in September will mean an additional \$16,000 this year for a 500-acre corn farm or an extra \$12,000 for a farmer who grows 300 acres of cotton.

Glickman directed his criticism at the way the payments are being made. Because they go to participants in the 1996 farm program, some of the money will go to growers who didn't plant a crop this year, Glickman said.

Glickman had wanted Congress to set up a new subsidy program that would have targeted assistance to small to medium-scale farms, but his idea found little support among producer organizations.

The legislation also included \$500 million for payments to farmers who grow soybeans and other oilseeds; \$340 million in payments to tobacco farmers, to compensate them for falling cigarette sales; and \$200 million for the government to buy surplus fruit and vegetables.

Young drivers plus young passengers equals more fatalities, according to study by Ford Motor Company

WASHINGTON (AP) — Most of the 14- and 15-year-olds killed in car crashes were riding with young drivers, according to a Ford Motor Co. study released Tuesday that recommends parents better monitor who drives their children.

Automobile accidents are the top killer of children in America. Each year, about 1,900 children under 16 die while riding as passengers.

About 70 percent of those victims were riding with a driver old

enough to be their parent. But the study found that among 14- and 15-year-old passengers, most deaths occurred with young drivers.

Four of every five victims in that age group were riding with someone not old enough to be their parent. And 70 percent were riding with a driver 21 or younger.

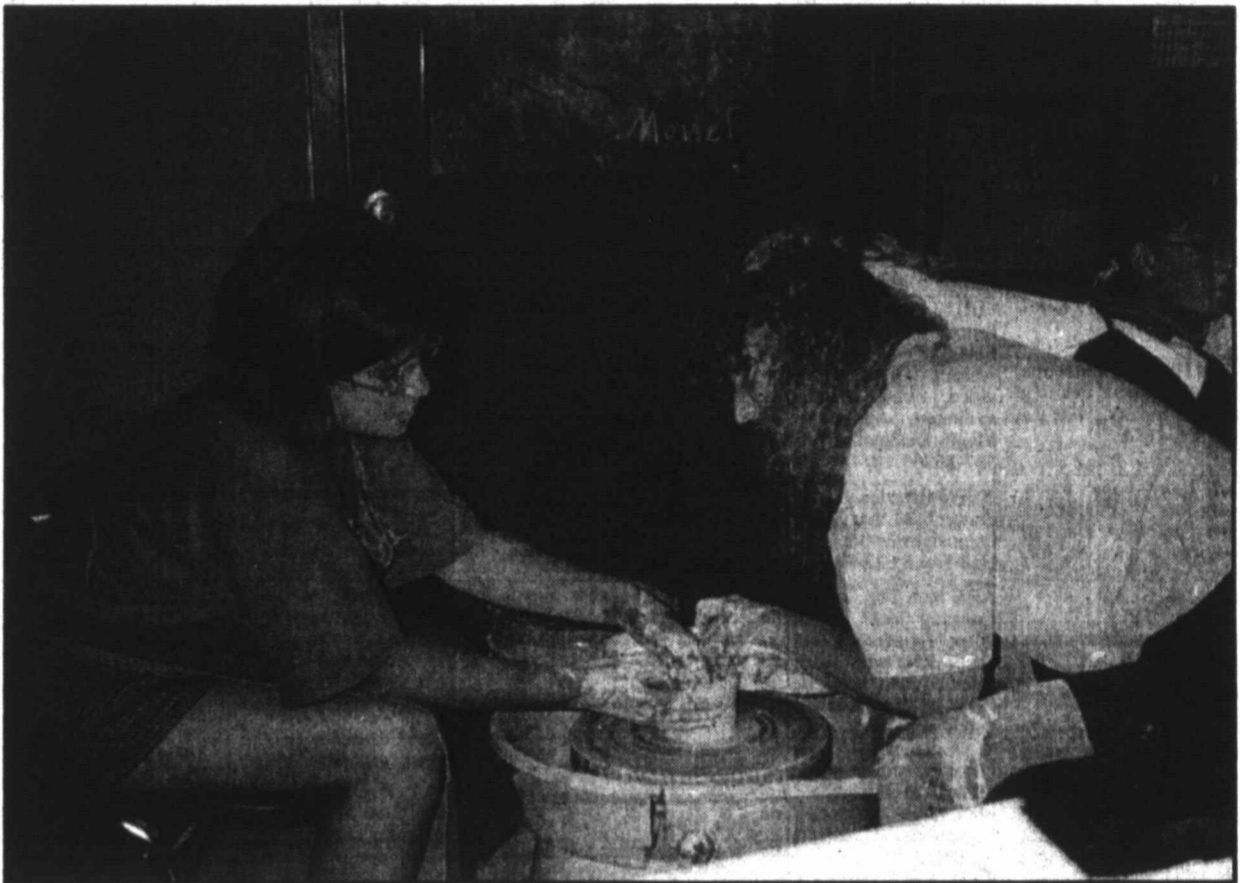
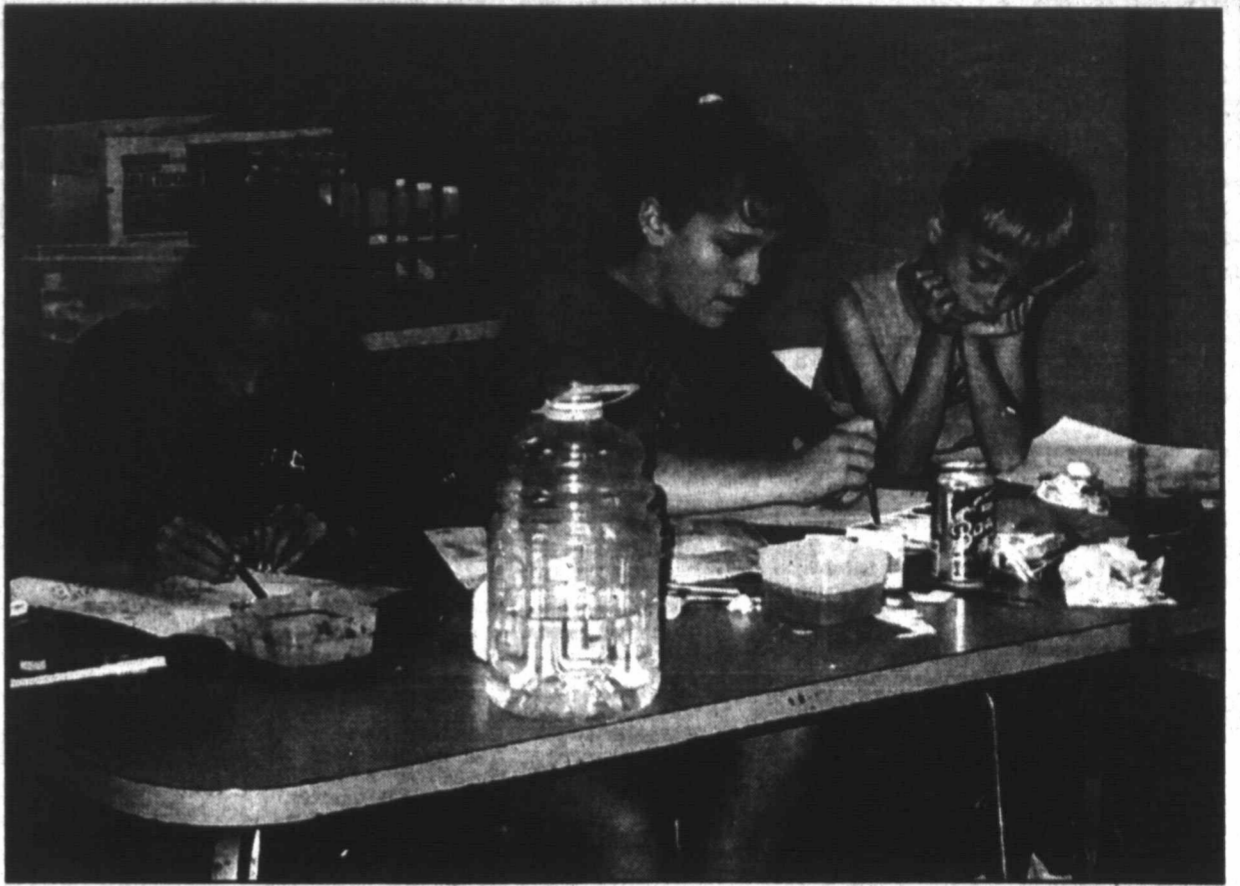
In 14 percent of fatal crashes in that age group, the driver was between 12 and 15.

"A very significant number of

them are actually under the age of 16 and aren't even licensed," said Jack Edwards, a Ford Motor Company safety engineer who worked on the study with researchers at the University of Michigan Transportation Research Institute.

"There's usually a large number of kids in the car, they go out, they find a place where they can switch seats and now this relatively new driver is the driving instructor," he said.

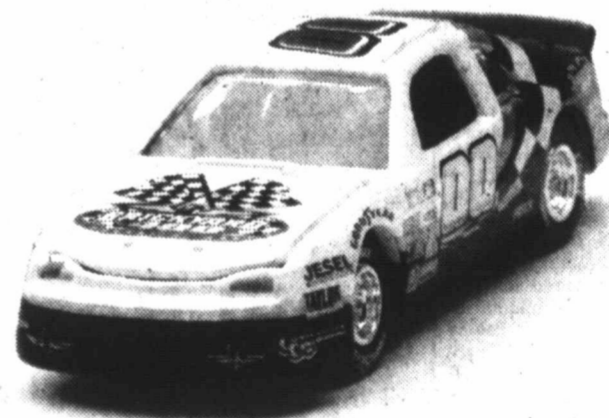
PFAA summer classes



(Community Camera photos by Judy Elliott)

Pampa Fine Arts Association recently conducted its summer arts courses. Under the direction of Kay Crouch, six classes were taught — beading, watercolor, pottery and drama for youth and basketweaving and photo coloring for high schoolers and adults. Top: Rachel Stubbs, left, concentrates on her watercolor painting while her brother, Seth Scully, watches cousin Savannah Smith. Bottom: Shea Lewis, left, and instructor Linda Nowell work to shape a piece of pottery.

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