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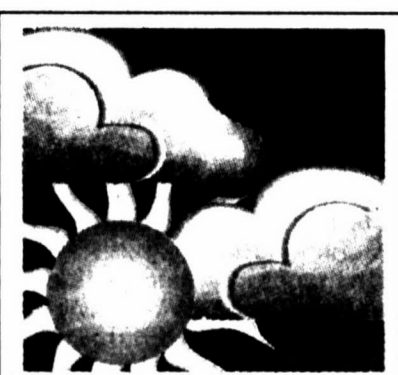
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PAMPA — Pampa citizens and other local Wal-Mart shoppers have contributed \$3,246 to help build the National World War II Memorial in Washington, D.C. Local store manager Joe Cumby said Wal-Mart matched the first \$2,000 raised bringing the gift to \$5,246. Money was collected for the memorial at stores nationwide. As a result, Wal-Mart Inc. representatives, on the June 6 anniversary of D-Day, presented a \$14.5 million check to Sen. Bob Dole, memorial campaign chairman.

Winning Lotto ticket sold in Irving
 One ticket correctly matched all six numbers drawn Wednesday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said.
 The ticket was worth an estimated 21 million.
 The ticket was sold in Irving, Texas.
 The numbers drawn Wednesday night from a field of 50 were: 13, 22, 24, 34, 45, 47.
 Saturday night's drawing will be worth an estimated 4 million.

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Students take up Skinner's cause

By DEE DEE LARAMORE
 Staff Writer

Same team's work freed three on Illinois death row

Election-year politics, a fervent defense attorney, and a passionate group of Illinois journalism students have combined to catapult a Pampa capital murder case into the national spotlight.
 Meanwhile, Henry "Hank" Skinner remains under a stay of execution while a writ of habeas corpus is pending before U.S. District Court in Amarillo.
 A Pampa jury took less than two hours to sentence Skinner, 38, to death four years ago for the murders of Twila Busby, 40, and her two sons, Elwin Eugene "Scooter" Caler, 22, and Melvin Randolph Busby Jr., 20, on New Year's Eve, 1993. Police found Busby beaten to death on the floor of her living room at 804 E. Gordon. The two young men had been stabbed. Caler had managed to get to a neighbor's

house before collapsing.
 DNA evidence presented at the trial showed that blood of two of the three murder victims stained Skinner's clothing. Prosecuting attorney John Mann, 31st District Attorney, attributes the DNA evidence for Skinner's conviction.
 "The way it did that was it showed that blood of two of the victims was on his clothing," Mann said in an earlier interview. "In other words, DNA tied him to the scene and the murder as opposed to exonerating him."
 Mann was in district court in Wheeler today for docket call and had not returned calls from *The Pampa News* by press time

today.
 Skinner's attorney Steven Losch of Longview contends that DNA testing was not taken far enough. He says scrapings under Twila Busby's fingernails and hairs found in her hands had not been tested despite Losch's motion for the additional tests. Losch said former District Judge Kent Sims never ruled on his motion.
 The request for more DNA testing now stands as part of Losch's writ of habeas corpus before the federal court in Amarillo, he said.
 Wednesday, Skinner's case gained national attention when NBC newsman Tom Brokaw pre-

sented the story on NBC Nightly News.
 Terry Young, deputy chief for the Pampa Police Department, was interviewed for the program as an investigating officer.
 "The blood from the victims on his pants, his attitude, his running... all the evidence put together leads me to believe in my mind, in my heart, that he did it," Young said in the interview.
 Young could not be reached for comment today due to a family emergency.
 "All I know is, Terry worked with one of the investigators on the case and he was very confident the right man was brought to trial," said Police Chief Charlie Morris.
 "I was not police chief at the time and I know there's a lot of speculation," he said. "But as far as I know there is no documentation that he was not the right



Henry 'Hank' Skinner
 man."
 NBC brought out that Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill., journalism professor David Proffess and eight journalism students have taken an interest in the case. The group has previously freed three (See SKINNER, Page 2)

Water, water ...



Debris clings to the top branches of a small tree surrounded by a creek running through Central Park. The debris in the tree and on the banks of the creek indicated water ran several feet above normal during the recent heavy rains. Darrell Sehorn, KGRO-KOMX meteorologist reports Pampa has received over 10 inches of rain this month, bringing the year-to-date total to 20.16", one inch less than the normal total for the year.

To wear or not to wear? PHS sets new dress code

By NANCY YOUNG
 Managing Editor

When Pampa High School students return to classes in August, there will be some changes in the school dress code.
 PHS Assistant Principal Daniel Barker said a committee of seven teachers met several times since January, and continued through the Spring to revise the code.
 One of the changes approved is that hats, caps, and other head coverings may not be worn at school. Barker said he thought this change would probably receive the most feedback from the community.
 "Our philosophy is that we're going to examine anything related to the dress code that gets in the way of education or becomes a distraction," he said. He said he knew there would be grumbles and gripes about some of the changes, say-

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ing there always are.
 Dresses, tops, skirts, shorts, and pants shall be of such length as not to be distracting, states the dress code. Added to the revised dress code is: "Bottoms are to fit and be of the appropriate size with the waist worn at the waist. If sleeveless clothing is worn, the opening must be no more than one inch below the armpit. Straps must be wider than the middle three fingers. Shorts length should reach to the bottom of the finger tips."
 (See CODE, Page 2)

Tip yields big 'pot' bust

Seizure nets 86 pounds

By DEE DEE LARAMORE
 Staff Writer

A telephone tip to a Pampa narcotics officer led to the recovery of 86.5 pounds of marijuana worth \$137,600 and a Pampa man's arrest Wednesday afternoon.
 Noel N. Hernandez, 20, of Pampa remained in Ochiltree County Jail in Perryton today on a \$250,000 bond for felony possession of marijuana.
 Bo Lake, Pampa Police Department narcotics officer, said Hernandez's arrest resulted after he received a tip early Wednesday that a shipment of marijuana would be leaving Pampa for Ulysses, Kan. The tipster told him the marijuana would be transported in a white late-model Ford pickup with a white camper shell on the back.
 Lake said he and Pampa police officers David Lee, David Wilk and Deputy Chief Terry Young searched for the vehicle for several hours. When the Pampa officers could not find the vehicle, Lake contacted Shane Glassy of the Perryton Police Department and let him know that the shipment may be coming through Perryton on Texas 70.
 "He said he would watch for the vehicle and that he would let the DPS (Department of Public Safety) know," Lake said.
 (See 'POT,' Page 2)

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Dairy recruiting draws publicity

EL PASO, Texas (AP) — Panhandle towns are wooing El Paso dairy farmers who face the destruction of their herds because of chronic outbreaks of bovine tuberculosis.
 Pampa, Hereford, Littlefield and another dozen or so Panhandle towns have lined up with offers of cash and grants to help the displaced dairy farmers find land.
 "There are so many possibilities out there it is just mind-boggling," Chris Lane, whose family started Lane's Dairy Inc. in El Paso in 1930, told the Texas Journal of The Wall Street Journal.
 Since 1985, El Paso County herds have been stricken with bovine tuberculosis. Officials say cows have been quarantined until herd are declared clean, only to become re-infected.
 Now the U.S. Department of Agriculture proposes to destroy the county's 20,000-cow dairy herd. Under the department's plan, about a dozen dairy farmers would be paid as much as \$40 million collectively to cover their losses.
 (See DAIRY, Page 2)

Pampa girl's father killed in plane crash

The father of a Pampa girl and a Panhandle resident were killed last weekend in the crash of a single engine airplane near the Angel Fire, N.M., airport.
 The pilot, Alvaro Valenzuela, 22, of Panhandle, and a passenger Chad Campbell of Amarillo, were identified as the victims, said Tom Stepetic, spokesman for the state Office of the Medical Investigator.
 Among Campbell's survivors is a daughter, Elizabeth Lora Cambill of Pampa. (See obituary on Page 2)
 Another passenger, Megan Chitt, 18, of Canyon, Texas, walked away from the crash and was treated for cuts and bruises at Holy Cross Hospital in Laos. She was released from the hospital late Monday.
 The single-engine Cessna 172 crashed and burned shortly after taking off from Angel Fire's airport in clear, calm weather, en route to Amarillo, police said. The crash occurred in mountains 2 miles south of the airport in a sparsely populated area.
 The National Transportation Safety Board is trying to determine the cause of the crash.

Calendar of events

PAMPA AREA LITERACY COUNCIL

Pampa Area Literacy Council office is open from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday. For more information, call 665-2331.

THEE PLACE

Thee Place for Singles is open 7-10:30 p.m. Saturdays at 520 W. Kingsmill.

ADHD/ADD SUPPORT GROUP

If interested in the ADHD/ADD Sport Group call Connie at 669-9364.

OPEN DOOR ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

Open Door Alcoholics Anonymous at 910 Kentucky (across from Albertson's) meeting schedule — seven days a week — two meetings a day — noon till 1 p.m. and 8-9 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday noon meetings are non-smoking. For more information, call 665-9702.

TRALEE CRISIS CENTER

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

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 Sharon Andrew at 665-6138 or Lance DeFever.

REPUBLICAN WOMEN'S CLUB

Top O' Texas Republican Women's Club will hold its monthly luncheon from 11:45-1 p.m., Thursday, June 29 at Furr's Cafeteria. Visitors are welcome. The group will have a guest speaker.

CNBC BLOOD DRIVE

Coffee Memorial Blood Center in Amarillo will host a pre-Fourth of July Blood Drive from 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday, July 1 and from 8 a.m.-7 p.m., Monday, July 3 at the center, 1915 Coulter. All donors will receive a T-Shirt and a hot dog. For more information, call Linda Guthrie at (806) 358-4563.

LAKE McCLELLAN IMPROVEMENT INC.

Lake McClellan Improvement Inc. will sponsor a 60th anniversary celebration from 9 a.m. until the fireworks display at dark Saturday, July 1 at the lake. The event is open and free to the public from 9 a.m. until the fireworks display at dark and will include the following activities: games, prizes, drawings, horseshoe tournament, kiddie rides, pony wagon rides, Route 66 Cloggers, Madeline Graves Dance Student, live bands fishing tournament, 4th Calvary with buffalo burgers, mountain men, food, crafts, Indian Jewelry and a no fee talent show.

PUC: Electric restructuring moving forward in Texas

AUSTIN — The stage is set for retail electric competition in Texas one year after lawmakers approved comprehensive reforms designed to reduce monthly rates and ensure safe and reliable electric service for customers.

On June 18, 1999, Gov. Bush signed SB 7, the Texas electric restructuring law. Since then, the Public Utility Commission has approved a variety of rules and established policies to carry out the law.

"An open market is on the way," said PUC Chairman Pat Wood, III. "While much work remains, Texas electric customers can be confident that retail competition will pay off."

The legislation calls for retail competition to begin Jan. 1, 2002, with several pilot projects slated to start June 1, 2001. Customers of investor-owned utilities, which serve approximately 70 percent of Texans, already had their electric rates frozen on Sept. 1, 1999, when SB 7 took effect. Residential customers will enjoy a 6 percent rate cut on Jan. 1, 2002. Municipally-owned utilities and electric coops may keep their monopoly status but also have the option of entering the competitive retail market on their own schedule.

For the past year, the PUC has adopted several significant rule packages designed to ease the transition into retail competition.

Some highlights include:
—Code of conduct requirements to prevent unfair practices among competitors.

—Promoting on-site or distributed electricity generation from smaller customers.

—Reliability rules to ensure transmission and distribution utilities maintain the delivery system at the highest level of performance.

—Regulations to "unbundle" or separate utilities companies into the distinct functions of power generation, power delivery and retail electric service.

—The development of a customer education plan to inform Texans about the choices they can make about their electric service.

—A provision that allows the General Land Office to sell electricity using state-owned natural gas and earn millions of dollars for Texas public schools.

—Energy efficiency rules to give Texas electric customers more choices for energy-savers such as home weatherization, energy-saving appliances and the use of waste heat.

In addition, hundreds of participants from all parts of the industry are hammering out the commercial and technical details to ensure the open market can deliver the benefits of competition to all. The Electric Reliability Council of Texas is spearheading these market-opening activities.

To supply the electric needs of the growing Texas economy,

more than 50 new power plants are either under construction or being planned.

In the next 10 months, the PUC will complete the process to bring retail electric competition to Texas. The largest project involves the setting of power delivery rates. In this project, the PUC will, among other things, review utilities' stranded costs — those expenses incurred in the former monopoly setting that cannot be recovered in a competitive market. The investor-owned utilities have filed their own estimates, and over the next several months the PUC will review these cases before ruling on the actual amount of stranded costs approved for each utility. These stranded cost estimates will be "trued-up" against a market valuation in 2004.

Regulations still need to be approved for the System Benefit Fund, which will subsidize lower rates for low-income families. The SBF will also pay for the statewide customer education program.

The PUC also is developing rules for "providers of last resort," which would be obligated to serve all customers in their service area with a standard pricing package.

Another provision of SB 7 requires utilities to reduce pollution from nitrogen oxide emissions at least 50 percent on a statewide average and reduce sulfur dioxide emission by 25 percent by 2003. Even greater reductions are mandated in the Dallas-Fort Worth metroplex and the Houston area due to regulations recently adopted by the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission.

All projects and activities will be completed in advance of the launch of pilot projects for retail competition on June 1, 2001.

Deadline for entries is June 28. The fishing tournament will be open to youth 4-12 years of age and will be held from 12 noon-4 p.m. Entries for the tournament are due by 11:45 a.m. July 1.

COWBOY POETRY BREAKFAST

A Cowboy Poetry Breakfast will be held at 8 a.m. July 8 at the Big Texan in Amarillo with Jake Holster, hay broker and former rodeo rider, as the keynote speaker. Members of Southwest Cowboy Poets Association will also perform. The event is open and free to the public. Guests in the audience who wish to participate are welcome. Cowboys and cowgirls are encouraged to attend.

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.

PARADE OF PONDS

Ogallala Water Gardeners in Amarillo will hold its third annual "Parade of Ponds" Water Garden Tour from 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday, July 15 in Amarillo. An additional night tour will be from 9-11:30 p.m. Tickets are \$5 with children under 12 (accompanied by an adult) free. Tickets and a map/brochure will be available on the day of the tour from any of the homes. Advanced tickets may be purchased at the following locations: Amarillo Botanical Gardens, Coulter Gardens Nursery, Pitter Patter Pets, Panhandle Greenhouses and Rolling Hills Aquatic Gardens. For more information, visit the club's website at www.amaonline.com/owg

GEM THEATRE

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

BROWN BAG BOOK SALE

Friends of the Amarillo Public Library will hold a Brown Bag Book Sale from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. July 13-15 in the basement of Central Library, 4th and Buchanan, Amarillo. All items will be 1/2 price July 13 and brown bag specials will be offered July 14 (\$2 a bag) and 15 (\$1 a bag). Funds will support Amarillo Public Library. For more information, call (806) 378-4226.

FPC COMMUNITY SERVICE OFFERINGS

Frank Phillips College in Borger will offer continuing education and community service programs this month. The courses include: Kids' College Session III, June 26; Windows 98, June 22-July 20; MS Word, June 21-July 19; and Basic Life Support - Bloodborne Pathogen, Adult CPR, Infant/Child CPR and Community First Aid, June 24. For more information, call 1-800-687-2056, ext. 777.

NATURE HIKES

Palo Duro Canyon State Park will offer several nature hikes throughout the month of June. The following hikes are scheduled: June 3, "Wildflower Tour," at Paseo Del Rio trail head; June 10, "Botany Basics," and June 24 nature hike, both at Givens, Spicer and Lowry Running Trail; and June 17, Sunflower Trail hike, Sunflower Trail. Each hike will begin at 9 a.m. Participants are urged to bring water, a hat, bug spray and good walking shoes. For more information, call the park at (806) 488-2227, ext. 49.

HARRINGTON CANCER CENTER

The Women's Center of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center has announced the following breast cancer screening clinics: May 8 and June 12, First United Methodist Church Educational Building, 201 E. Foster, and June 23, Shepherd's Crook Nursing Agency, 916 N. Crest.

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Pampa; May 16, Parkview Hospital, 901 S. Sweetwater, Wheeler; and May 3 and 17, Hemphill County Hospital, 1020 S. 4th, Canadian; May 23, Family Care Center, 1010 S. Main, Shamrock. Participants will receive a low-cost self-exam mammogram and a breast health appraisal along with individual instruction by a registered nurse in breast self-examination. Funding is available through the Texas Department of Health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance. All exams are by appointment only. For more information, call (806) 356-1905 or 1-800-377-4673.

BOY SCOUTS

The Golden Spread Council of Boy Scouts of America is open to boys between the ages of 6 and 18 and includes a 27-county area in the Texas Panhandle. The BSA program includes Club Scouts, Boy Scouts and Venturing, a new program for 14- to 20-year-old boys and girls. For more information, call (806) 358-6500.

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TEACHERS CONSERVATION INSTITUTE

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

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Tickets for the 35th anniversary season of the outdoor musical drama "TEXAS" (June 7-Aug. 19, 2000) are now available for purchase on-line at www.texasmusicaldrama.com. For more information, call (806) 665-2181.

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AMERICA'S HOMECOMING QUEEN

America's Homecoming Queen, Inc., a non-profit organization promoting education, educational travel and non-violence in schools will celebrate its 20th anniversary in 2000 for 1981-00 high school homecoming queens. For more information, call, e-mail or write: (901) 794-8680; Telee@pacbell.net; 6135 Mt. Moriah, Suite 111, Memphis TN, 38115.

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Amtrak's Texas Eagle flourishes

Last month I went on a train ride that was a dream come true: from Austin to Fort Worth on Amtrak's Texas Eagle to inaugurate its first day of daily passenger service between Chicago, St. Louis, Dallas-Fort Worth, Austin and San Antonio.

The expansion of the Texas Eagle schedule from four days a week to seven is a milestone in the development of a Texas transportation system for the 21st Century. It ties our state together — for families, businesses, and tourists.

Daily passenger rail service provides convenience and greater mobility for Texans who live in rural areas. It expands transportation options available to Texans young and old. At the same time, tourism is our state's third largest industry, employing more than half a million people. This new, daily passenger service will bring even more visitors to Texas and make it easier for them to stay longer and take in more of our cities and scenery.

Texas' sheer size means that transportation can make us or break us, and

Amtrak's new daily service keeps Texas right on track.

This dream was a long time coming, but worth every bit of the effort. Just three years ago the Texas Eagle was slated for discontinuation. When I heard the news, I decided to do everything I could to save the Eagle and see it soar again. As the first step in its resuscitation, I persuaded Congress to extend federal funding on a short-term basis to keep the train operational while Amtrak worked with the State of Texas to secure a life-saving loan.

Without the team effort of communities along the route, we would not be celebrating this milestone in Texas transportation history. Local communities and their elected officials from East Texas to San Antonio provided critical support in urging the state Legislature to authorize a \$5.6 million dollar "bridge" loan. This loan was designed to keep the service running while Amtrak went to work on developing its revenue-generating mail and express business (the shipment of time-sensitive goods).

The communities were required to provide collateral for half of the loan amount to ensure its repayment, and did so gladly, knowing that their transportation future was at stake. Everyone cheered when Amtrak paid back the loan ahead of schedule.

The investment quickly began to pay off in steady and sustained growth all along the line. Today, the Eagle accounts for an increasing share of Amtrak's growing ridership, as well as its mail and express revenues. Eagle ridership grew nearly 10 percent from 1998 to 1999, and is up 11.2 percent for the first six months of this year. In fact, the Texas Eagle leads Amtrak's business unit in ridership gains so far this year. I expect to see that growth continue now that we have daily service.

Communities along the route are working hard to bring their local railroad facilities up to par:

—A new, intermodal station paid for by the City of Cleburne opened in 1999.

—The historic Texas and Pacific (T&P) depot in Marshall was restored after more than a decade of hard work and dedication on the part of the Marshall Depot, Inc., the citizens, and school children of Marshall, and retired T&P employees. It reopened on Nov. 13, 1999.

—The train depot in Temple is being restored and is set to be re-dedicated this summer.

—Amtrak celebrated the grand opening of its new Sunset Station in San Antonio last year, as well. Built by the city's Via Metropolitan Transit service, this new station is an excellent example of the type of partnerships that Amtrak has developed to improve service to the traveling public.

In addition, Amtrak recently announced plans to create a major hub in Fort Worth and launch a new offshoot from the New York-New Orleans Crescent line to provide service between Washington, D.C., Atlanta, and the Dallas-Fort Worth region. This could mean exciting changes for some Texas communities, which might get train service they don't now have, and I've pledge to work with any communities that might lose out as a result of these changes to ensure other transportation options become available to them.

Rail passenger service is critical to our transportation future. Not everyone can want to fly or drive to their destination. Amtrak provides a needed alternative: mass transit that connects Texans to bus lines, to light rail systems in our urban areas and to our airports. With an expanding rail passenger service schedule, a whole segment of our population now enjoys many more transportation choices. The future of Texas rail is full of great opportunities, and I remain committed to working with Texas communities and Congress to ensure Amtrak's bright future.



Problems, pain help us grow

Why is there pain and suffering? Why do bad things happen? Everyone wants to be happy, but true happiness seems to be unattainable. Just when you think you've found it, something happens and takes it away. Why?

A recent television commercial pictures people of all ages from all over the world asking that same challenging question — why?

Could it be that the act of asking is part of the answer?

I wrote a story once about a woman who wished for happiness. She was granted her wish and in being constantly happy she became blind to the unhappiness around her. She felt no concern, no compassion, when her daughter was injured. But she was happy.

It's not really a unique story, just a twist on the old tale of Midas' golden touch. He thought he had what he wanted, but he discovered it really wasn't what he wanted after all.

I remember my mother once telling me how tired she was of fighting through the problems of life. She would make it through one crisis, only to find herself in the middle of another one.

I've thought about that a lot as I get older and I, too, grow tired of fighting crisis after crisis in my life.

Hospice has helped me find the strength to face each problem for the past few years. Most people think of hospice as a place to go, or



Dee Dee Laramore

Staff writer

any circumstance we find ourselves in. We try to learn from it. We try to grow emotionally, spiritually. We try to look at others who are in the situation with what hospice calls "unconditional regard."

Unconditional regard: Looking at another person with consideration, esteem, respect, and/or favor with no conditions placed upon them. Loving them just the way they are. Not always approving of their ways, but caring about them anyway.

In the 12 years I was actively involved in hospice, I watched so many patients and families blossom when they received this unconditional regard.

People often asked me how I could work in hospice. "It must be so depressing," they'd say. Working at a hospice is difficult and emotionally straining at times, but not depressing. Watching patients and families grow closer together, work to resolve problems, find peace and reassurance in a higher power, and realize what really matters in life, inspired me.

And taught me. I learned that problems in life are an essential part of life. Like the rain and the sunshine, bad times and good times are needed to help us grow. Some problems are like little showers, and some are huge storms.

I still don't understand why. That's a question I'll have to ask the big guy in the hereafter.

Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, June 29, the 181st day of 2000. There are 185 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On June 29, 1970, the United States ended a two-month military offensive into Cambodia.

On this date:

In 1767, the British Parliament approved the Townshend Revenue Acts, which imposed import duties on certain goods shipped to America. Colonists bitterly protested the Acts, which were repealed in 1770.

In 1776, the Virginia state constitution was adopted, and Patrick Henry made governor.

In 1941, Polish statesman, pianist and composer Ignace Jan

Paderewski died in New York at age 80.

In 1946, British authorities arrested more than 2,700 Jews in Palestine in an attempt to stamp out alleged terrorism.

In 1949, the government of South Africa enacted a ban against racially-mixed marriages.

In 1954, the Atomic Energy Commission voted against reinstating Dr. J. Robert Oppenheimer's access to classified information.

In 1966, the United States bombed fuel storage facilities near the North Vietnamese cities of Hanoi and Haiphong.

In 1967, Jerusalem was reunified as Israel removed barricades

separating the Old City from the Israeli sector.

In 1972, the Supreme Court ruled that the death penalty, as it was being meted out, could constitute "cruel and unusual punishment." (The ruling prompted states to revise their capital punishment laws.)

In 1988, the Supreme Court upheld, 7-1, the independent counsel law.

Ten years ago: Fernando Valenzuela of the Los Angeles Dodgers and Dave Stewart of the Oakland A's became the first pitchers to hurl no-hitters in both the National and American Leagues on the same day. (Oakland shut out the Blue Jays, 5-0, while Los Angeles blanked

the St. Louis Cardinals, 6-0.)

Five years ago: The shuttle Atlantis and the space station Mir docked in orbit. A department store in Seoul, South Korea, collapsed, killing at least 500 people. Actress Lana Turner died in Century City, Calif., at age 74.

One year ago: Urging the biggest expansion in Medicare's history, President Clinton proposed that the government help older Americans pay for prescription drugs. About 10,000 demonstrators rallied in central Serbia, demanding the resignation of President Slobodan Milosevic. Abdullah Ocalan, leader of Turkey's rebel Kurds, was convicted of treason and sentenced to death.

Looking forward to Inauguration Day

I haven't looked forward to an Inauguration Day so much since Ronald Reagan took office in 1981. The day in January 2001 will be Jubilation Day. That's because, regardless of who comes in, Bill Clinton goes out.

About the only time during his seven-and-a-half-years in office that he has told the truth was recently, when he said, "I love this job." Of course he does. Being a sociopath — which means having no conscience and being 100 percent self-centered — Clinton sees the White House as his own personal candy store.

He has traveled more and accomplished less than any head of state in history. But then he never travels for any purpose except his own pleasure. He loves the pomp and cares not a whit about what it costs.

His recent outing to Europe, for example, had to have cost millions of dollars. Let me give you the titles of his official entourage. Get ready. It's long. Clinton . . . ok with him:

The ambassador to Russia, the secretary of state, the secretary of energy, his chief of staff, his deputy chief of staff, his national security adviser, the director of the economic council, two White House lawyers, his press secretary, the chief of protocol, a deputy secretary of state, an arms-control adviser, an undersecretary of defense, an undersecretary of energy, an adviser to the secretary of state for newly independent countries, an assistant secretary



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from Treasury, a deputy assistant for national security, a deputy director of advance, a deputy press secretary, another deputy press secretary, the senior military adviser to the secretary of state, senior director for nonproliferation, director of arms control, chief of staff for the secretary of state, a spokesman for the traveling staff, a senior director for communications, another assistant press secretary, deputy director of presidential scheduling, a director for press advance, a trip director, a deputy director of advance, a director for foreign policy speechwriting, an assistant for international finance, director for speechwriting for the National Security Council, the White House press office manager, a director of surrogate scheduling, a director of the office of travel support, an associate staff secretary, the executive assistant to the deputy assistant for national security affairs, his personal secretary, the director of the office of White House

liaison to the Department of State, another assistant press secretary, a deputy chief of staff to the secretary of state, a director for strategic planning and advance, another assistant press secretary, a senior adviser to the chief of staff, a female physician to the president, a protocol gifts officer, another assistant press secretary, another assistant press secretary, another senior adviser for arms control, and the director of Russian affairs for the National Security Council.

Now all of this excludes all the Secret Service and military security and logistics people. Most of this entourage was entirely unnecessary because the trip was mainly for farewell chitchat. One can hear Clinton tell his mostly young, amply female White House staff, "OK, guys and gals, this is one of our last chances for a free trip to Europe." As you can tell from the titles, these are basically bag carriers and press flacks.

It pays to remember that Franklin Roosevelt led the country through the Great Depression and World War II with a White House staff of about 15, not counting the clerical help. That's fewer than the entourage listed above, and as Clinton entourage goes, that's a small one. He practically used up all of the Air Force's airlift capacity hauling folks and stuff on what amounted to a family vacation to India. You bet this guy loves his job.

U.S., world news highlights ...

Elían's homecoming an anticlimax that even Fidel missed

HAVANA (AP) — In the end, the seven-month battle over Elían Gonzalez that divided Americans and united Cubans concluded with a simple ceremony at Havana's international airport attended by the little boy's family and 800 schoolmates.

While the children cheered his arrival, there were no spontaneous celebrations along Havana's streets when his plane touched down at a remote terminal of Jose Marti International Airport.

There were no speeches, no car-honkings that might have been expected somewhere else for

such a momentous occasion. Cuban President Fidel Castro didn't even show up.

The anticlimactic end to the international custody battle was no accident: The Cuban government — intent on sparing Elían the "circus-like" atmosphere that surrounded his Miami stay — told Cubans not to take to the streets in celebration.

They dutifully obeyed.

Cubans watched the arrival of their 6-year-old "prince" on television, quietly thrilled they had won the latest round in the four-decade-old battle with the United States.

"I'm very happy," said Magniuris Ordunez as she waited for a flight to Baracoa at the airport, where Elían's arrival was broadcast live on TV monitors. "I've never met him, but he is marvelous."

Medicare prescription drug question moves to Senate

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republicans are hailing their House-passed prescription drug bill as a historic new Medicare benefit, but its prospects are iffy in the Senate and President Clinton has threatened a veto to force major changes in a measure Democrats claim is an election-year scam.

"This plan is sound, it is in Medicare, it is an entitlement program and it is a guaranteed benefit," Rep. Bill Thomas, R-Calif., a chief architect of the GOP plan, said Wednesday night as the measure cleared the House in a close, mostly party-line vote, 217-214.

House Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., said he had received assurances from Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., that "they are going to take it up," and added that his door was open for negotiations with Democrats.

"We've always said we're willing to sit down with the president," Hastert said.

Meanwhile, Senate Finance Committee Chairman William Roth, R-Del., said his panel was working behind closed doors on bipartisan Medicare legislation he would like to begin action on in July, after Congress returns from its Independence Day break.

Committee Democrat Sen. Jay Rockefeller of West Virginia said he wasn't confident that the result would be a viable bill, however.

"Are we going to have a better chance of compromise after the July Fourth recess? I very much doubt it," Rockefeller said.

GOP 'partial-birth' abortion ban may now be ready to move forward

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republicans in Congress soon may push forward with legislation that would ban so-called partial-birth abortions now that the Supreme Court has given guidance on how to make such a bill constitutionally valid.

On Wednesday, the nation's highest court threw out Nebraska's ban, saying it violates women's constitutional rights by imposing an "undue burden" on their decisions to end their pregnancies.

GOP lawmakers, who have been waiting on this decision, now will take the ruling and rework their already-approved "partial-birth" ban in hopes of avoiding any constitutional questions.

"This opinion will be studied intensely," House Judiciary Committee Chairman Henry Hyde, R-Ill., said.

One of the things that the court said made the Nebraska law unconstitutional — the lack of an exemption to protect the health of the mother — also is not in the GOP bills as they now stand in the House and Senate.

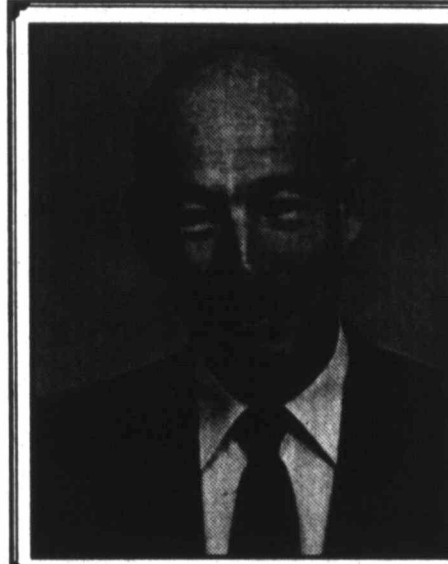
But President Clinton likely will get a rewritten bill before this year's presidential election. He vetoed legislation on the matter in 1996 and 1997, stating that it did not provide adequate exceptions to protect the health of the mother.

The House both times voted to override the veto but the Senate failed to come up with the necessary two-thirds majority for an override.



(Photo by Grover Black)

A Labrador retriever takes to the unusually high water where it overflows a bridge on the Hike and Bike Trail just south of National Bank of Commerce and east of Hobart. Getting their feet wet are, from left, Erica Saldana, Nathan Botello, Amanda Botello, Cheyenne Regalado, Ashley Danner and Carlos Regalado.



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West Texas A&M announces President's Community Service Award recipient

CANYON — Dr. Robert Beckley, professor of sociology, has been named the June recipient of the President's Community Service Award at West Texas A&M University.

Beckley, who joined the WTAMU faculty in 1975, has invested countless hours in a variety of pursuits on behalf of the university and the surrounding community.

A member of the WTAMU Foundation Board since 1992, Beckley presently serves as president-elect of that body — the driving force in generating financial support for the people and programs of the university.

He also is a member of the board of directors for the Amarillo Symphony, and in 1998-99 Beckley served as president of the Southwestern Sociological Association.

Back in 1977, he helped estab-

lish Team Resources for Youth, a delinquency prevention program in Amarillo. Later, he served as president of the Samaritan Pastoral Counseling Center.

"I have always believed that sociology ought to be more than study," Beckley said. "You go into sociology because you are interested in people, so it just seems natural to volunteer some time on behalf of institutions that are instrumental in helping people whose incomes are not so great as your own."

Beckley might have chosen an alternate career path as a musician; he became fascinated by pianos and organs very early in life. While he decided that a musical vocation demanded a "tunnel-vision commitment" that he would be unable to make, he has been a church organist since he was 13, and he has played the organ at almost every WTAMU

commencement since 1977.

"Back when Max Sherman was president of the University in 1977, they were using a cassette tape of the theme from 'Star Wars' for commencement," Beckley said. "I told Max that I thought we could do better than that, maybe rent an organ or something. He asked me if I'd play it, and, with the exception of four or five graduations, it's something I've done ever since."

Beckley also serves as organist and is an elder at the First Presbyterian Church in Canyon, where he also has been a co-treasurer. Come December, he will have served as a church organist at one place or another for 45 years.

"When I was in elementary school in the 1950s, the music stores where I grew up in Beaumont started selling electric organs," Beckley said. "I was fas-

cinated by pianos and organs, and I'd go into the stores and ask to play them long before I took lessons."

A member of the Coordinating Council of Palo Duro Presbyterian, Beckley is married to Cheryl Beckley, an 11th-grade English teacher at Tascosa High School. Their son, Brian, is a student of English at Austin Community College.

Dr. Beckley received his undergraduate and master's degrees at Baylor University, then obtained his Ph.D. at The American University. In 1981, he co-authored "Religion in Contemporary Society," a text for classes in the sociology of religion.

The President's Community Service Award was established by University President Russell C. Long to recognize the good-faith community efforts of WTAMU students, faculty and staff; offices and departments/divisions; and chartered/registered student organizations.

To obtain a nomination form or for more information, contact the Office of Communication Services at (806) 651-2121.

DPS offers safety tips for July 4th

AMARILLO — The Significance of Independence Day is a key part of American history, states Trooper L.B. Snider, Public Information Office for the Texas Department of Public Safety in Amarillo. Trooper Snider urges motorists to consider the significance of safe travel during the holiday period.

DPS asks motorists to consider these keys:

Your vehicle should be properly serviced. With summer driving, be sure all belts, hoses, filters, fluids, windshield wipers and tires are road ready, says Trooper Snider.

Too many drivers will begin their travel immediately after work, preceded by a shortened night's sleep. Snider cautions drivers of the deadly effects of driving fatigued. Fatigue results in reduced alertness, reflected by slower reactions and diminished judgment. Common driving errors are following too closely, weaving, cutting in too close after passing, and speeding to reach a destination before falling asleep while driving. Simply put, if you feel sleepy, you are sleepy. Take a break to regain alertness.

Since hot weather is common for this holiday, Snider recommends motorists keep containers of drinking water available. Speaking of drinks, Trooper Snider warns that, historically and presently, driving after drinking alcoholic beverages has been and is an Independence Day traffic problem. Snider states, "Should you cause a wreck and have alcohol in your system, you are subject to criminal charges. If you are going to drink alcoholic beverages and travel, be sure to use a drug-free designated driver."

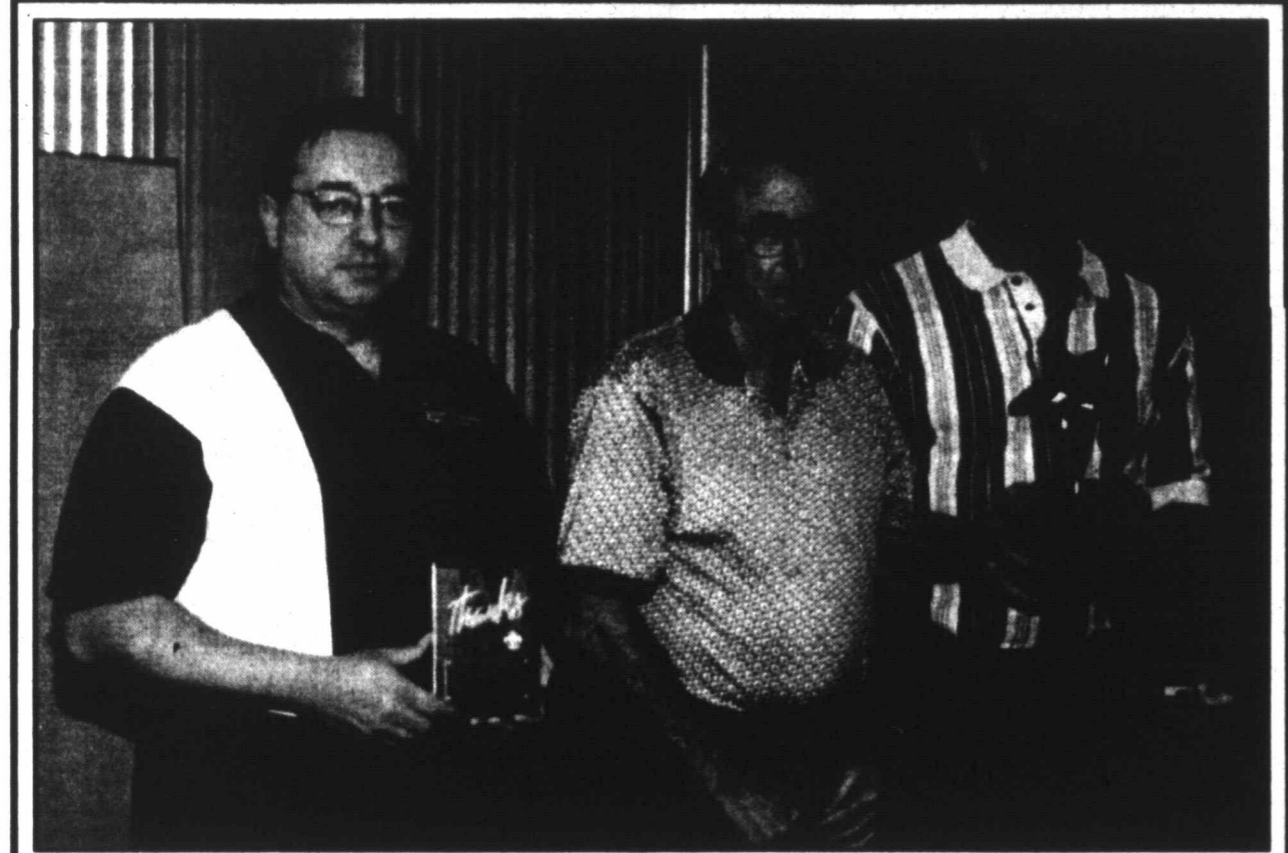
Trooper Snider states, driving requires our full attention. Momentary lapses of attention to driving have resulted in numerous fatal and crippling wrecks here in the panhandle area. Good driving posture can help us stay alert while driving.

Proper use of safety belts can help driving posture and increase our likelihood of surviving a wreck. Properly worn, the shoulder belt should be worn over the shoulder to utilize the strength of the bone source and reduce the amount of forward head movement in an impact situation. Too many people place the shoulder belt under the arm, putting themselves at risk of broken ribs and internal injuries. The lap belt should come across your hips, again making use of the bone strength. Some people place the lap belt across their abdomen/naval area and risk critical injuries from a collision.

Having your vehicle properly serviced and yourself physically and mentally prepared are essential keys to safe and enjoyable holiday travel.

Our troopers will be on alert for errant drivers and motorists in need. You can help by calling toll-free 1-800-525-5555 regarding these concerns. The Texas Department of Public Safety urges all to drive safely and enjoy this historic holiday.

For further information, call Trooper Snider at (806) 468-1361.



(Special photo)

The Santa Fe District earned the 2000 Friends of Scouting gold star trophy during the recent annual Boy Scout Fund-raising Campaign. The local campaign was hosted by Pampa Regional Medical Center. Above: (left-right) Mike Munnerlyn, CEO of PRMC, Warren Fatheree and John Curry, Santa Fe District representative.

Santa Fe District receives Friends of Scouting gold star trophy

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District was the first district in the Golden Spread Council to reach its annual campaign goal in record time.

■ Pampa Regional Medical Center hosted the fund-raising campaign this year and thanks to many dedicated individuals, from both inside and outside the hospital's core group, the campaign was a huge success, Cooper said.

"The trophy has been earned and kept by the Amarillo group since its inception in 1997, and it is nice to have it in Pampa for a change," said Doug Cooper, Santa Fe District executive.

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Warren Fatheree, Golden Spread vice president of Fundraising, was recently in town to present the Friends of Scouting trophy to the Santa Fe District.

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If you know of a family that needs a second chance, call 806-373-6600 or 1-800-657-7124



Report: GTE illegally wooed film execs

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The GTE Corp. illegally gave millions of dollars worth of communication services to Steven Spielberg and other Hollywood heavyweights in an attempt to win entertainment industry contracts, the Los Angeles Times reported Thursday.

State auditors found that GTE gave free or reduced service to the Oscar-winning director at his Los Angeles home and at his DreamWorks SKG studio, the Times reported, citing sources. The Texas-based phone company gave similar deals to the Creative Artists Agency and the Media Ventures music studio.

Favoritism is prohibited in the state's regulated local telephone market.

GTE is negotiating with the California Public Utilities Commission to settle allegations of wrongdoing, the Times reported. An agency review and audit found violations in more than 100 GTE customer contracts from 1995 to mid-1998.

"The scope is very broad ... There are a lot of contracts that have problems," said Jack Leutza, director of the agency's telecommunications division.

A spokesman for GTE said investigations have found "blatant breakdowns in judgment" at its Los Angeles offices. The cases involve only a small portion of the \$3.5 billion GTE gains annually in California revenue, said Peter Thonis, a spokesman for the company.

"We are prepared to accept public scrutiny on this matter ... but we're not going to talk about individual customers," he said.

The Times reported that GTE's violations included fake technical "trials," billing manipulations and other deals.

In addition to the Hollywood elite, GTE offered cut-rate services to the Spielberg-backed Survival of the Shoah Visual History Foundation, the Los Angeles-based Simon Wiesenthal Center and the University of California, Los Angeles. Other major customers that reportedly received special treatment included city and state governments, Blue Cross of California and Amgen Inc.

Both sides rest in Opal Jennings disappearance court case

FORT WORTH (AP) — Two witnesses testified Wednesday that a man they saw following 6-year-old Opal Jennings and her grandmother in a store was not the man on trial in the girl's disappearance, Richard Franks.

Franks, 30, a convicted child molester, faces life in prison if convicted in Opal's disappearance. The girl's body has never been found. She is presumed dead.

The Saginaw couple who took the stand in Franks' defense said the man they saw had a ponytail and a scraggy appearance. That matches a suspect description released by authorities soon after Opal disappeared on March 26, 1999. It also describes how Franks appeared at that same time.

Two prosecution witnesses, a probation officer and a therapist who had dealings with Franks, testified Wednesday that Franks drastically changed his appearance soon after Opal disappeared. He suddenly became clean-shaven, a look he has maintained during the trial.

James Blackburn was one of two Tarrant County inmates who also told how Franks talked about Opal while in jail.

Blackburn testified that Franks told of seeing the girl in her neighborhood for about a year before taking her from outside her grand-

mother's home in Saginaw.

Before the trial began, State District Judge Bob Gill refused to throw out a middle-of-the-night confession in which Franks said he had contact with Opal the day she disappeared.

Franks was arrested last Aug. 17 on a traffic warrant, and then questioned by authorities about Opal. After failing a polygraph test, he said he had picked the girl up in his car but had released her unharmed. Franks later recanted that admission.

Closing arguments are scheduled Thursday morning, just two days after testimony began. The jury will then get the case.

Lubbock jury hands down life sentence

LUBBOCK (AP) — A man who police described as "cocky" has been sentenced to life in prison for shooting another man after an apparent quarrel at a traffic light.

A Lubbock County jury found Eric Joseph McDuffie, 26, guilty of killing local man Stephen Lopez last year.

The panel returned a guilty verdict earlier in the week, then handed him the life sentence Wednesday, according to the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal. McDuffie, of Lubbock, will first be eligible for parole in 30 years.

McDuffie and Lopez, 28, got into an argument while driving separate cars the morning of Sept. 28, according to testimony. Prosecutors said after the quarrel, McDuffie apparently shot Lopez in the torso while the victim sat in his car at an intersection.

McDuffie, who investigators said had acted "cocky," smiled in defiance at Lopez's widow as she addressed him in court Wednesday, according to the Avalanche-Journal.

"When you come up for parole, I will be there every time to make sure you stay there," Trisha Lopez told her husband's killer. "Nothing will ever be the same and that's because you're a coward."

McDuffie's defense attorney had argued that his client might've believed his life was in danger on the morning that Lopez confronted him.

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Economy grows at a rate of 5.5 percent in first quarter

By JEANNINE AVERSA
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. economy, buoyed by hardy consumer spending, grew at a robust 5.5 percent annual rate in the first three months of 2000, but a key inflation gauge posted the biggest gain in more than five years.

The January-through-March increase in the gross domestic product, the nation's total output of goods and services, showed the economy growing slightly faster than the 5.4 percent rate of the government's two previous estimates, the Commerce Department said Thursday.

Many analysts had expected the final reading on first-quarter GDP growth — which is based on more data — to remain at the 5.4 percent rate. In the fourth quarter, the economy grew at a sizzling 7.3 percent rate.

An inflation gauge tied to the GDP and closely watched by Fed Chairman Alan Greenspan rose at an annual rate of 3.5 percent in the first quarter. That was the biggest increase since 3.5 percent in the third quarter of 1994. The 3.5 percent first-quarter increase has not been exceeded since a 3.6 percent gain in the first quarter of 1992.

The inflation figure was slightly higher than the government estimated one month ago and significantly above the 2.5 percent of the fourth quarter. Surging energy prices accounted for most of the gain.

"It's not good news, but I don't think it's alarm-

■ The Federal Reserve has raised interest rates six times over the past 12 months in an effort to slow the economy and keep inflation from escalating. The Fed, amid signs of a slowing, decided Wednesday not to boost rates for a seventh time but left the door open should inflation worsen.

ing," said William Cheney, an economist with John Hancock. That's because excluding energy and food, the inflation measure rose just 2.2 percent, suggesting most other prices were in check, he said.

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Some analysts believe the Fed may push rates higher at its Aug. 22 meeting. They said the Fed doesn't want a repeat of the last two years, when growth slowed in the spring only to re-

celerate sharply for the rest of the year.

Many economists estimate the economy may have slowed to a 4 percent rate or less in the current quarter.

In another report, the Fed's higher interest rates took another bite out of new single-family home sales, which fell 0.2 percent in May to an annual rate of 875,000, the lowest level in eight months. Sales were down 8.6 percent in April, a sharper decline than the government previously thought.

Meanwhile, after-tax profits of U.S. corporations grew by 5.8 percent in the first quarter, a better performance than the government previously thought and up from a 2.7 percent increase in the fourth quarter, the GDP report said.

In a third report, the number of Americans filing new claims for unemployment benefits rose unexpectedly last week by 2,000 to 306,000, suggesting that the Fed's rate increases may be working to cool the red-hot labor market.

Brisk spending by consumers and by state and local government helped boost first-quarter economic growth, while the trade deficit and slower buildup of business inventories subtracted from it.

The economy had been propelled by hardy consumer spending, which accounts for two-thirds of all economic activity.

Consumer spending in the first quarter grew at a 7.7 percent rate, the strongest since the second quarter of 1983. Spending was slightly more brisk than the government previously estimated and

was considerably stronger than the 5.9 percent rate in the fourth quarter.

Plentiful jobs, stock market gains and rising incomes have put Americans in a buying mood.

The spending pushed the nation's savings rate — savings as a percentage of disposable income — down to a quarterly low of 0.3 percent, worse than the government's previous estimate and down from the previous all-time low of 1.8 percent recorded in the fourth quarter.

But that's not as dire as it seems because the rate doesn't capture such things as rising stock values and higher real-estate values for homes.

Businesses, confident that consumer will continue spending, boosted investment in new equipment and plants in the first quarter by a rate of 23.7 percent, a little less than previously estimated but much stronger than the 2.9 percent rate in the fourth quarter.

The U.S. trade deficit continued to be a drag on growth.

Imports rose at an 11.7 percent rate, up from an 8.7 percent rate in the fourth quarter, while exports grew at a 6.2 percent rate, down from a 10.1 percent rate.

Meanwhile, businesses increased their inventories \$28 billion in the first quarter, down from \$66.7 billion in the fourth quarter.

All the changes show the economy growing at an annual rate of \$121 billion in the first quarter, pushing the country's total output of goods and services to \$9.2 trillion, after adjusting for inflation.

Branch Davidian recalls destruction of Mount Carmel

WACO (AP) — Sheila Martin had been living at the Branch Davidian complex with her husband and seven kids when she saw a truck pull up Feb. 28, 1993 and then heard someone yell, "Go away, leave us alone. We haven't done anything."

Gunfire soon erupted between Davidians and federal agents, who had arrived to serve search and arrest warrants on sect leader David Koresh. Martin pulled her children from their bedroom to a safer place in the compound.

When the raid was over, four agents with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms and six Davidians were dead, and a 51-day standoff between sect members and the government had begun.

When it ended weeks later, on April 19, some 80 Davidians had died.

Testimony from Martin was expected to continue Thursday in the \$675 million wrongful death lawsuit filed by survivors and family members against the government.

Before that final day, Martin left the com-

plex March 21 and ended up living at a Salvation Army halfway house in Waco. Her three youngest kids had gotten out March 2, while her husband, Wayne, and four older children remained at the Mount Carmel site.

On April 19, Martin testified she was watching television and saw the Davidian complex erupt in smoke and flames, not knowing if her husband and four children still were alive.

"I saw a tank on the left side of the building ... I saw smoke coming out of what I thought was my bedroom window," Martin told jurors Wednesday.

Her husband and four children were among the sect members who died from either fire or gunshots when the government started a tear-gassing operation to force the Davidians from the complex.

She is the second plaintiff in the case called by former Attorney General Ramsey Clark, who represents Martin and several other survivors. Lead plaintiffs' attorney Michael Caddell wrapped up his case Tuesday.

The first witness, sect member Clive Doyle, testified Wednesday that Davidians believed Koresh was a manifestation of "God, made flesh."

Doyle said that meant if God asked someone to do something, even sin, then it would be acceptable. "We gave ourselves, totally, to God," Doyle said. "We believe that God was speaking through him."

He denied pouring fuel inside the building or lighting a fire, but said he regularly helped refill lanterns for women and children living in the complex. The government has said sect members are to blame for the fire.

The plaintiffs say federal agents fired indiscriminately during the raid; violated a preapproved plan when they had tanks punch holes in the building to spray tear gas; contributed to or caused at least some of the three fires that engulfed the compound; and failed to have firefighting equipment at the scene.

Government lawyers say ATF agents were ambushed during the siege and were defend-

Harrelson, lawyer contradict each other, square off in courtroom

DENVER (AP) — The father of Wednesday with the man he movie star Woody Harrelson says was part of his legal team squared off in court again during his 1982 trial for killing a

federal judge in Texas.

Charles Harrelson, who is serving two life sentences at the federal maximum security prison in Florence, blames poor legal representation for his conviction and is trying to get a new trial.

But one of the lawyers Harrelson complained about said he never worked for Harrelson.

Harrelson claims his court-appointed lawyer, Thomas G. Sharpe Jr. of Brownsville, Texas, led him to believe that San Antonio lawyer Alan Brown had been hired as his investigator. He also claims that Brown never told him the FBI once considered him a possible suspect along with four others because of a tip from an informant.

Harrelson's new lawyer, David M. Michael of San Francisco, said Harrelson's trial defense could have been stronger if his attor-

ney had told the jury that an informant had implicated others in the murder.

Sharpe could not do that, Michael said, because he would have to admit that a member of his legal team was once investigated in the case.

Harrelson said he discussed his case with Brown during jail visits and daily phone calls. He said he suggested witnesses for Brown to find, which he never did.

"An amoeba wouldn't believe him," Harrelson said.

Brown said he visited Harrelson, but only to chat and do him favors, such as bring cards and coffee and arrange family visits.

Brown said he told Harrelson he could not be his investigator because of the "Riojas thing," referring to the informant who had implicated him.

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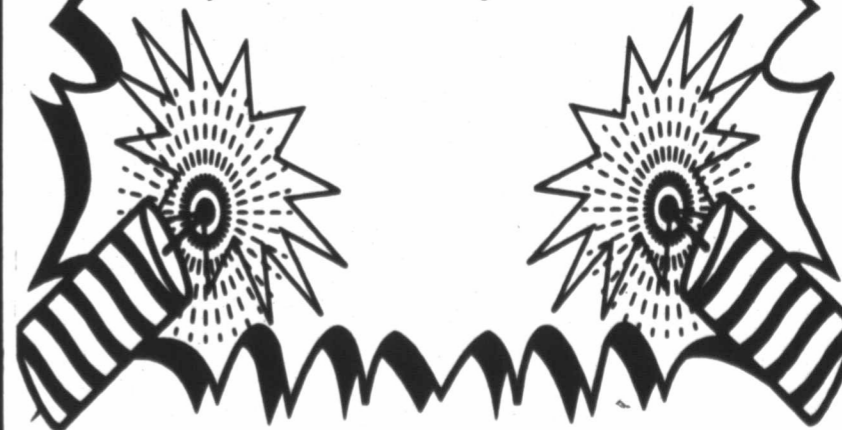
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The Pampa News will be closed the 4th of July. We will reopen Wednesday at 8:00 AM.



Decision Not to Wear Bra Is More Function Than Fashion

DEAR ABBY: Regarding the teen-age girl who is being called a lesbian because she finds wearing a bra uncomfortable — at age 66 I have grown weary of people whose only exercise is jumping to conclusions!

I do not wear a bra because the straps hurt my pacemaker site. (My "alien implant.")

I wear clothing with double chest pockets, or T-shirts with wonderful, happy designs so my braless state is not obvious. At my age, if I did wear a bra it would be a 34-long!

GLENN MAHON, CONCORD, VA.

DEAR GLENN: I agree; there may be mitigating circumstances for going braless. Your letter reminds me of this old joke: "When is a brassiere like the Salvation Army?" Answer: "When it uplifts the downfallen."

DEAR ABBY: A close friend died unexpectedly. It was a shock to all of us who loved her. Attending the funeral helped me to say goodbye and eased the grief. The service was so beautiful that I commented later to my husband how I wished I could have videotaped it in order to remember the wonderful closure it gave me. He said he, too, would have liked a videotape, but that people would have thought it "tacky" if we showed up with a video camera.



Abigail Van Buren

SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

My husband is 66 and I am 31. We know the odds are that he will die before me, and would like this question answered before that happens. Abby, is it awful to want a record of saying goodbye to a dearly loved human being in this manner? **GRIEVING IN CALIFORNIA**

DEAR GRIEVING: Some churches provide audiotapes of funerals. If the family would like a video of the eulogy portion of the service, to record the tributes for later viewing or to share with those who could not attend, I see nothing wrong with it. However, some attendees might prefer that their grief not be recorded for posterity, and their wishes should be respected.

If the family makes the arrangements, I'm all for it. But for someone to simply show up with a video camera would be intrusive and insensitive.

P.S. Since none of us has a contract with God, there is a chance that you could prede-

cease your husband. How would you feel about your funeral being videotaped?

DEAR ABBY: I am responding to Jim Isbell's letter about his experience with the Vietnamese man who was working in a restaurant on Mother's Day. Vietnam does have a Mother's Day. It takes place on the 15th day of July on the Vietnamese calendar, and is called Vu Lan.

On Vu Lan day we go to the temple and pray for our mothers to live long lives. If our mother is still alive, we wear a red rose. When people wear a white rose, it means their mother has died but they are at the temple to remember her.

Most Vietnamese Buddhist temples have a tradition of wearing roses on Vu Lan day. If you go to a temple on this day without wearing a rose, people in the temple will ask you about your mother and will pin a red or white rose on you. **D.N.K., ROSEMEAD, CALIF.**

DEAR D.N.K.: What a lovely tradition. I'm struck by the fact that we have a similar one in our culture. A red carnation is worn on Mother's Day to signify that one's mother is living; a white carnation signifies that one's mother is deceased.

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Horoscope

FRIDAY, JUNE 30, 2000

BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ***** You begin a brand-new year-long cycle in which communication flourishes. You delight in gizmos that make your day-to-day life easier. A friend pops up with a surprising idea. Go along for the ride. You don't need to be so invested in having your way. Make a call that you have been putting off. **Tonight: TGIF!**

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ***** You enter a year-long cycle in which your coffers build and you glimpse the kind of security you have desired. Accept a work situation that will establish greater freedom and independence. Consider working for yourself or starting a side business. **Tonight: Treat another.**

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ***** You christen an 11-year lucky cycle today. Start it well. Don't keep delaying decisions. Others see you as far more outgoing and positive than you've been. Start beaming in what you want. Make time to do exactly what you want. Popularity soars. A long-distance call opens up new doors. **Tonight: Make yourself happy!**

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ***** Clear out what isn't working

for you. Pull back and reflect right now, especially when a trusted associate flips the apple cart again. A new acquaintance could prove to be emotionally unavailable. Examine your goals, with an eye to beginning a new life cycle in a year. **Tonight: Do your own thing.**

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ***** Learn the real meaning of wishing upon a star. Jupiter moves into Gemini and becomes your lucky rabbit's foot. Think in terms of materializing your desires. Define what you want first. Make plans to join friends as soon as possible. Your smile draws others. **Tonight: Where you want to be.**

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ***** Maximize your energy, and focus on your career for the next year. Much of the work and preparation you have done pay off. Greet the unexpected and use events as a source of direction. Be more willing to let go of what doesn't work. Ask a boss for support. **Tonight: Others come to you for advice.**

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ***** Travel occurs with greater frequency in the next year. You will have opportunities to learn and grow. Some of you might decide to go to back school. A child or loved one teases you with his quirky manner. Be easygoing; demonstrate your fun-loving ways. **Tonight: Split for the weekend.**

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ***** Unexpected events at home keep life popping. Emphasis falls on a special relationship. One-on-one talks prove to be worthwhile. You gain through someone else in the next year. Financial gain is also likely through others. Trust another's advice during the immediate crisis.

Tonight: Warm conversation.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ***** Others work to make their relationships with you vital. You gain in the next year through people, but especially through an important partnership. If single, you are likely to meet someone who will encourage you to change your status. **Tonight: Go with the unexpected.**

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ***** Your energy level soars in an unprecedented manner. You charge through work and necessary errands. You can expect professional expansion and growth in the next year. Don't dillydally about health matters. Make that dentist or doctor appointment. **Tonight: Curb a money risk.**

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ***** With you around, no one ever complains about being bored. Your love of excitement complements your love of freedom. Nevertheless, you charm others. In the next year, someone sweeps you off your feet, or vice versa. Creativity soars and needs self-expression. **Tonight: Start heating up your love life.**

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ***** Have you been looking forward to making changes in the quality of your personal life? You can now, as planetary rays wave hello to domestic expansion and growth. A sudden insight allows you to take the next step. Call an older relative; make his day. **Tonight: Home is your castle.**

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Boxer Mike Tyson (1966); singer and actress Lena Home (1917); race-car driver Ralf Schumaker (1975)

Crossword Puzzle

By THOMAS JOSEPH

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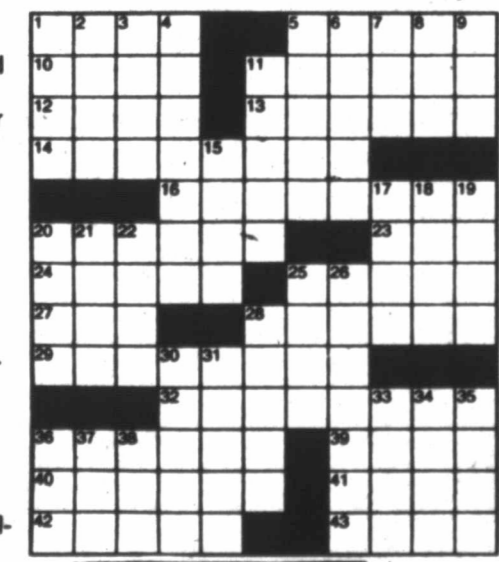
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SHOOTING

SANFORD — The Meredith Gun Club will hold a .22 plate and speed open class match Sunday, starting at 1 p.m. All matches are unsanctioned and open to the public.

The gun club is located just south of antelope creek between Borger and Sanford.

FOOTBALL

BROWNWOOD — River Road High School quarterback Adam King recently signed a football letter of intent with Division Three Howard Payne College.

King, a football-baseball star for the Wildcats the past three years, threw for 1,859 yards last season. King completed 133 of 243 pass attempts and tossed 13 touchdown passes.

King averaged 7.6 yards per attempt and rushed for four touchdowns.

King was a pitcher on the Wildcats baseball team. He threw a pair of no-hit games.

BASKETBALL

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — The Los Angeles Clippers made themselves better, the Orlando Magic cleared cap space and the New Jersey Nets hung on to their No. 1 pick, a teary-eyed Kenyon Martin.

It was a night of surprises at the NBA draft, with a total of nine trades, and a couple more expected to be completed Thursday.

The Clippers walked away with Darius Miles, Corey Maggette, Derek Strong, Keyon Dooling, Quentin Richardson and Sean Rooks in one of the most dramatic draft-day makeovers in league history.

"It was a wonderful day," general manager Elgin Baylor said. "We got a bunch of young, talented players and a few veterans. I think we're very talented and very athletic and pretty deep at every position. The good part is, we're going to have a lot of these players at least five years."

Orlando started the night with three lottery picks, but traded two of them — along with Maggette and Strong — to get \$21 million under the salary cap.

The Magic can now make an unfettered run at free agents Grant Hill and Tim Duncan, and if they sign both, they'll still have another \$25 million to throw at another free agent.

Orlando also has eight first-round picks stockpiled the next four years. And if Hill and-or Duncan decide not to come, maximum salary deals can be offered to other free agents such as Eddie Jones, Tracy McGrady and Jalen Rose.

"In our transactions, we not only secured some additional room, we also pushed some assets into future," general manager John Gabriel said. "The best we can do is prepare and take our best kick at the can when it comes."

The Nets took a look at all the trade offers they received and decided to reject them and select Martin, the consensus college player of the year from Cincinnati. Martin broke down in tears as he was selected.

"People deal with different situations in different ways," said the 6-foot-9 center-forward whose collegiate career was ended prematurely by a broken leg. "That was my way of dealing with it."

Stromile Swift of LSU went second to Vancouver, and Miles gave commissioner David Stern a hug and a pat on the back of the head after going third to the Clippers.

The Chicago Bulls had six of the first 34 picks and made one trade, sending the seventh pick, Texas center Chris Mihm, to Cleveland for the eighth pick, Michigan guard Jamal Crawford, and cash.



Two jerseys and a football autographed by Zach Thomas will be given to the competitors at the National Weight Pentathlon during a drawing.

Volunteers needed for National Weight Pentathlon in Pampa

Athletes can win Zach Thomas memorabilia

PAMPA — A pair of Miami Dolphins jerseys and an NFL football autographed by all-pro player Zach Thomas will be given away at a National Weight Pentathlon Saturday, Sept. 16 in Pampa.

The jerseys and football will be awarded to the pentathlon contestants following a drawing, according to meet director Wendell Palmer of Pampa.

The jerseys and football also have the numerals "54" on them, which is the number worn by Thomas, a Pampa native who has been the Dolphins' starting middle linebacker since his rookie season in 1996.

Palmer is also looking for volunteers to help with the meet, which will be held at the high school facility.

"Right now I don't have anybody," he said.

The pentathlon consists of five throwing events: the shot, discus, hammer, javelin and weight throw.

Palmer, himself a world masters champion, said entries are already coming in the pentathlon, which is open to both men and women ages 30 and up.

"We have eight entries, including one from Puerto Rico," Palmer said. "I've also got an inquiry from Alaska. We hope to have at least 10 competitors from Texas."

USATF president Ken Weinbel of Washington, D.C. and Masters recordkeeper Rex Harvey will be attending the meet and awards banquet Saturday night.

Among the awards to be presented include the Phil Partridge Award, which goes to the top two men and women in the pentathlon.

Palmer received last year's Phil Partridge Award as the outstanding male athlete in the pentathlon. He won the 65-69 age group in the National Masters Weight Pentathlon at Greeley, Colo. in June.

Partridge is recognized for his pioneering efforts in promoting the weight pentathlon from its earliest days. His greatest contribution, perhaps, was his development, starting more than 20 years ago, of age factoring designed exclusively for the weight pentathlon.

Until sidelined by numerous ailments in his 70's, Partridge was an outstanding thrower in his own right and has held many American age records. He died a few years ago.

If you can help with the pentathlon, contact Palmer at 665-1238.

Mavericks make lots of moves on NBA draft day

DALLAS (AP) — If the Dallas Mavericks fail to improve next season, it won't be for a lack of trying.

In the first draft under the braintrust of owner Mark Cuban and coach-general manager Don Nelson, Dallas beefed up its shaky frontcourt with three rookies and a veteran and added a sensation scorer. The Mavs also acquired a backup veteran point guard.

"Whoosh! If it's like this every year, I'll be one happy camper," Cuban said.

The newcomers are power forward Etan Thomas of Syracuse, shooting guard Corey Alexander of Fresno State and forwards Donnell Harvey of Florida and Eduardo Najera of Oklahoma.

Also joining the crew are John Wallace from the New York Knicks and Eric Murdock from the Los Angeles Clippers.

"We're overloaded," said Nelson, the architect behind all the madness. "I don't know how all this will work out. There will be some good players who don't make our roster."

Dallas went 40-42 last season, its best finish in 10 years. The Mavericks went 9-1 in April and hope they finally are headed in the right direction after one of the worst decades in pro sports history.

Cuban arrived on the scene in January and sparked immediate

change — and lots of it. His infectious attitude and desire to win has no bounds. Neither does his dot.com-stuffed wallet.

His off-the-wall approach mixed with Nelson's non-conformity led to expectations that Wednesday night might be wacky — and it was.

But the Mavs also felt like they came out way ahead. Cuban and Nelson were most excited about Alexander, who led the nation in scoring at 24.8 points per game last season.

Alexander had been told he'd be picked "everywhere from three to 10." He went 13th to Orlando as part of a pre-arranged deal that sent him to Dallas for the Mavs' top pick next year, a second-rounder and \$3 million in cash.

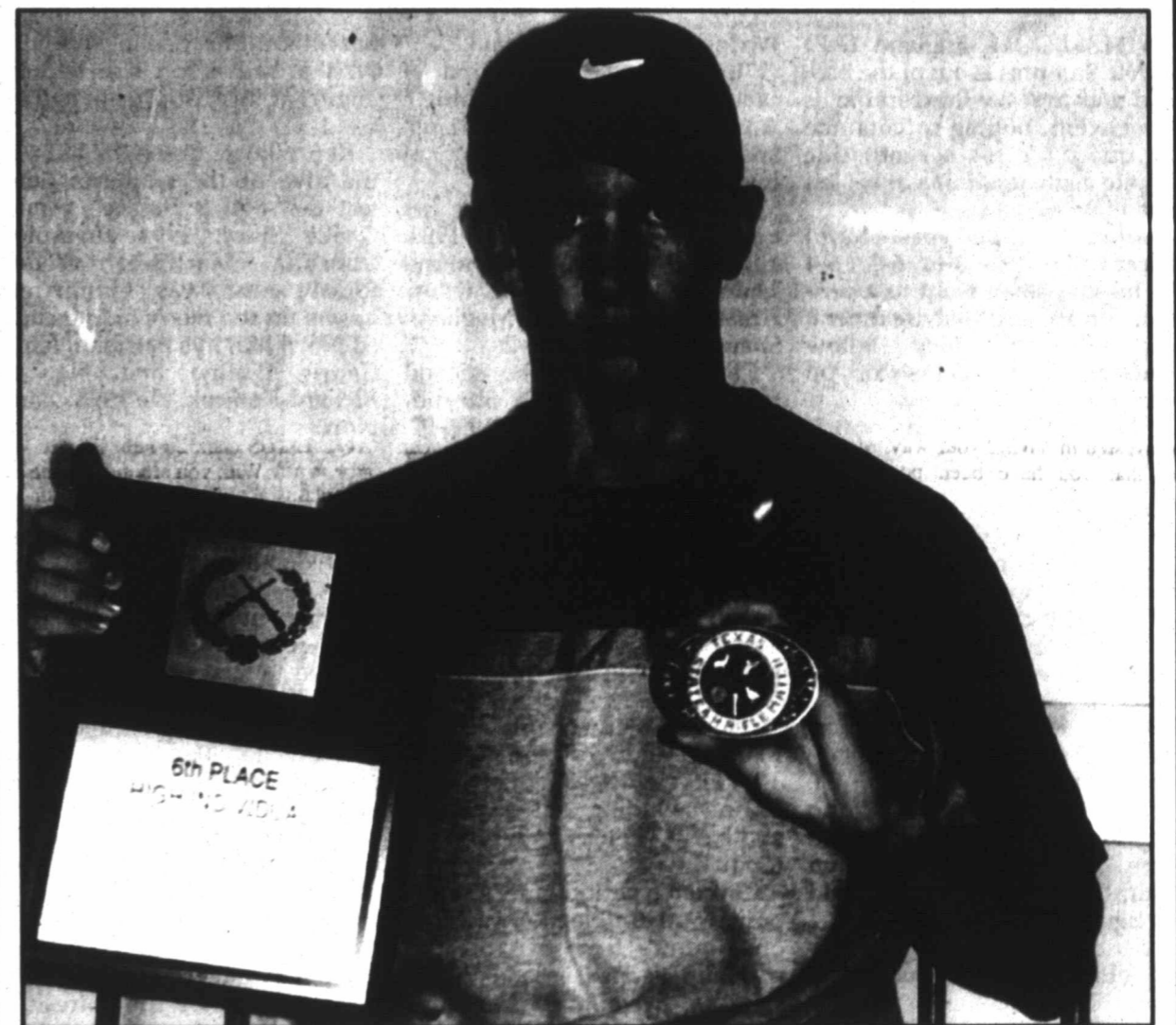
"If we could've gotten to five, six, we would've taken the same guy," Cuban said. "We never realized we didn't have to. We just realize we got real lucky and he fell to us."

Said Alexander: "I slid a little bit, but what can you do? I'm truly happy to be in the position I'm in now."

"I'm a gifted basketball player. What I've tried to do is hone that talent properly. I do hope to be a star in this league."

There is one problem with him — he plays the same position as Dallas' best player, All-Star Michael Finley.

State sharpshooter



Tom Davenport of Miami displays the awards he won at the Texas 4-H rifle matches held recently during the State 4-H Roundup at College Station. Davenport, who will be a high school junior, placed sixth in the competition.

Rocker's return overshadows first-place showdown

NEW YORK (AP) — Let the rest of New York worry about the circus surrounding a certain Atlanta reliever. The Mets are more concerned about 24 other Braves.

"We can't control the coverage of an individual. We can't worry about that," Mets catcher Mike Piazza said Wednesday on the eve of John Rocker's first trip to New York since his now infamous magazine interview.

"We have to face Greg Maddux, Tom Glavine, Andruw Jones and Chipper Jones. They have a pretty good ballclub. We can't worry about one guy who might or might not get into the game. If he does, we'll try to score runs off him."

This weekend's Braves-Mets series — their first since last year's thrilling NLCS — would still be big news with first place in the NL East on the line. It just wouldn't be a media circus.

"I don't think anybody has asked any questions about the game," Mets third baseman Robin Ventura said. "It's mostly been about him coming here and we're getting tired of answering it. This is an important series."

But people are more concerned about whether Rocker will ride the No. 7 train to Shea Stadium — probably not — than about whether New York has closed the gap with Atlanta — it remains to be seen.

The Mets tried to maintain that this was a typical series. There was nothing typical about the preparations.

Without Rocker, there wouldn't be 600 police officers at Shea Stadium for a typical Atlanta-New York series — and about a dozen outside the Grand Hyatt hotel awaiting his arrival early Thursday.

There wouldn't be more than 300 media members in town tracking Rocker's every move. There wouldn't be a protective fence and awning over the visitor's bullpen and special rules limiting alcohol sales.

And there wouldn't be all these nagging questions for the players to answer.

"It's something that you just don't want to keep talking about," Atlanta manager Bobby Cox said. "This has been going on too long. I guess everybody's pointing toward New York, and I guess that's when it will end. I don't know. You'd think enough."

Commissioner Bud Selig, whose office has been working side-by-side with the Mets and the police to assure Rocker's safety, hopes New York fans feel the same way.

"Distractions never help us," he said at Coors Field in Denver. "You know the sport is doing well when we talk about stuff going on the field. I am comfortable where

we are. "What John does or doesn't do is now up to him. We have done everything that we can do, and frankly, I just hope the focus is on the field."

When the Braves arrived at their hotel at about 2 a.m., they were sneaked in through a side entrance away from a handful of fans, police and media. Major league security personnel accompanied the team.

The Mets were preparing in their own way.

Mets reliever Turk Wendell has a police riot gear helmet — "it's safe from batteries" — and outfielder Benny Agbayani said he wouldn't feel safe if he was Rocker's teammate.

David Howard, the Mets senior vice president who is in charge of

Rocker security, said the team is taking a "no-tolerance" policy toward unruly fans. Not that the Braves aren't worried.

"I don't know if the other players talk about it but, yeah, that's something we've got to be concerned about," catcher Javy Lopez said.

When these two teams last left each other, Rocker was more of an amusing loudmouth who called Mets fans a "tired act" than an offensive one who insulted minorities, gays and foreigners in an interview with Sports Illustrated.

Rocker was far from the most controversial figure after the teams completed two of the most dramatic back-to-back playoff games in memory.

That honor was shared by New

York's Rickey Henderson and Bobby Bonilla, who were playing cards in the clubhouse when Ken Griffey Jr. walked in the winning run in the 11th inning of Game 6 to send Atlanta to the World Series and end New York's dream of a Subway Series.

Bonilla, now with the Braves, is sure to receive a harsh greeting, but one that pales to what Rocker will likely get. Fans already started derogatory chants during Tuesday night's game against Florida, and a fan with purple hair held up a sign saying "We want the punk Rocker" during batting practice Wednesday.

"He's going to pay for what he did," Agbayani said. "He'll definitely get yelled at. Who knows what's going to happen. I'm sure the fans here will surprise me."

Wheeler plans summer activities

WHEELER — A Streetjam 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament will be held Monday, starting at 9 a.m. at Wheeler City Park.

It's just one of several summer activities planned in Wheeler, according to publicity manager Patti Conner.

"This summer is going to be a very exciting one for the On-Eighty in Wheeler, Texas. We have many thrilling events

planned for the whole summer, one event that we hope is very successful is our Streetjam-3 on 3 Basketball Tournament," Conner said.

Cost is \$15 per team. Prizes will be awarded and all team members will receive t-shirts.

On Saturday, there will be sports clinic in football, basketball and volleyball for youngsters ages 13 and up and a

Superstar Olympics for ages 8-13. All participants are urged to meet at the Wheeler High School football field.

There will be a Power One multi-media production from 7 to 10:30 Saturday night at the On-Eighty, located at 406 South Main.

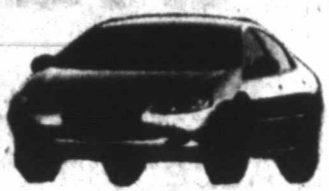
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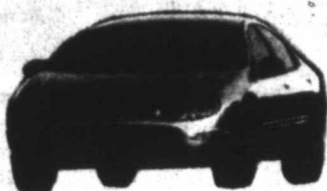
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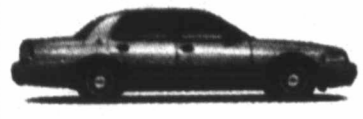
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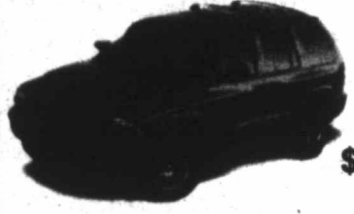
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2000 Chrysler Concord
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-Disc. \$2,740, -Rebate \$1,000
\$24,995 Or **\$359** Mo.



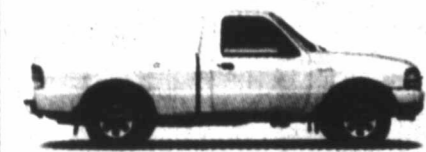
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2000 Ford Crown Victoria
MSRP \$23,885,
-Disc. \$2,500, -Rebate \$1,500
\$4,000 OFF
Or **3.9%** For 36 Mos.



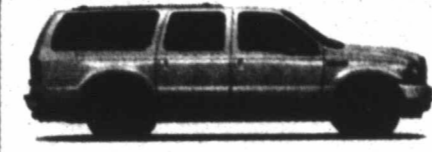
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2000 Ford Expedition/Navigator
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and **4.9%** for 60 mos.



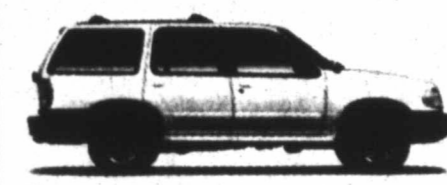
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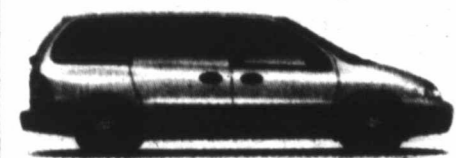
Stk. #F9846
2000 Ford Ranger
MSRP \$14,465,
\$159 Mo.



Stk. #F3179
2000 Ford Excursion
MSRP \$38,370,
-Disc. \$4,375
\$33,995



Stk. #F8346
2000 Ford Explorer
MSRP \$27,750,
\$299 Mo.



Stk. #F4278
2000 Ford Windstar
MSRP \$28,485
\$299 Mo.



Stk. #D9510
2000 Dodge Caravan
MSRP \$22,540,
-Disc. \$2,545, -Rebate \$1,000
\$18,995 Or **\$299** Mo.



Stk. #J9749
2000 Jeep Cherokee
MSRP \$24,795,
-Disc. \$2,300, -Rebate \$1,500
\$20,995

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B9594A	'96 Lumina, Sharp & Clean	\$7,995
P135	'96 Monte Carlo	\$8,995
F0566N	'98 Cavalier, 4 Door, Auto	\$8,995
D2659A	'97 Lumina LTZ, 1 Owner, Leather, Loaded, 37xxx Miles	\$8,995
P113	'96 Saturn, 2 Dr.	\$8,995
B5077A	'97 Mercury Sable, Nice Car	\$8,995
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B1359	'99 Taurus, 17xxx Miles	\$13,995
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3 to choose from	'99 Windstar, Loaded For Family	\$17,995

TRUCKS

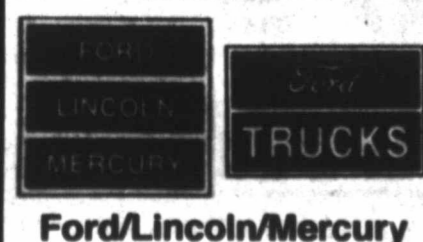
B1572A	'92 Ranger X/C	\$2,995
F9992A	'95 Ranger X/C	\$4,995
B9996A	'96 Ranger, Auto, 37xxx	\$5,995
P129	'97 F150 X/C, Extra Clean	\$15,995
P102	'97 F150 R/C, 4x2	\$16,995
D3795A	'98 F150, 27xxx Miles	\$16,995
B0234	'98 F-150, 28xxx, Must Go!	\$17,995
P101	'97K F150, 4x4	\$17,995
P4095A	'97 Silverado Sportside, 47xxx, Like New	\$18,995
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F7400A	'97 F250, 28xxx, Sharp Truck	\$19,995
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P123	'98 Explorer Sport	\$15,995
P120	'97 Explorer, 4 Dr., 4x4	\$16,995
F50556B	'97 Explorer, 38xxx, Extra Clean	\$16,995
B1572	'98 Explorer, 28xxx, Loaded & Sharp	\$17,995
F3348A	'98 Explorer, 4 Dr., 4x4	\$18,995
B8544A	'98 Grand Cherokee, Must See	\$19,995
P132	'98 Expedition, 4 Dr., 4x4	\$19,995
P124	'98 Toyota 4-Runner Limited	\$19,995
P108	'98 Suburban Conversion, 4x4	\$20,995
P108	'98 Suburban, 3/4 Ton, 4x4	\$20,995
P111	'99 Expedition, Eddie Bauer, 4x4	\$23,995
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