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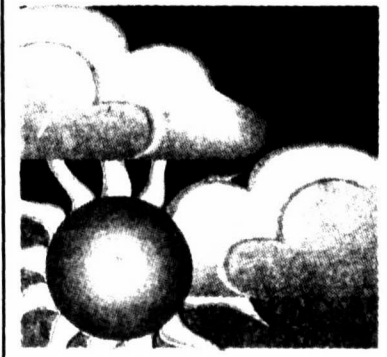
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Red Cross swimming lessons
PAMPA — Swimming lessons, sponsored by Gray County Red Cross, are scheduled July 24-Aug. 2. The cost is \$35. Classes will be Levels I, II, III, preschool through beginners, age 3 and up as well as Levels IV and V, advanced beginner and intermediate. Register at the Red Cross office, 108 N. Russell, 669-7121.

CPR, first aid classes scheduled
 The Gray County Red Cross chapter will conduct an adult CPR class on July 24 and a standard first aid class on July 25. Both classes are from 6-10 p.m. Pre-register by calling 669-7121.

Confederate flag no longer spirit symbol
 BUDA, Texas (AP) — Hays County school officials have voted to drop the Confederate battle flag as a high school spirit symbol. The battle flag has been displayed on football uniforms, in classrooms, on letter jackets and in the gym and other areas of Jack C. Hays High School. The flag and symbols of it had drawn fire from civil rights groups who said it was offensive to minorities.

"If something hurts some of our children, it's difficult to support it, regardless if others think it shouldn't hurt them," said Tim Bruce, president of the Hays Consolidated Independent School District. "A symbol should bring people together, not divide them."

- Estell Burrell, 88, sister of a McLean resident.
- Bobby Ray Leeper, 48, retired from U.S. Army.

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Execution tomorrow for killer Braun

Pete Spurrier's death was unexpected. Gregg Francis Braun's is not. E.P. "Pete" Spurrier was shot to death in his Pampa photographic shop on July 20, 1989. Eleven years to the day that Braun put a .25 caliber pistol to Spurrier's head and pulled the trigger, Braun will die in Oklahoma's death chamber barring unforeseen circumstances.

Members of the Spurrier family, along with families of other victims, will be at the Oklahoma State Penitentiary in McAlester at midnight Wednesday to witness the execution.

Spurrier is one of five people Braun killed in a four-day four-state rampage in the summer of 1989.

Braun pleaded guilty to killing Spurrier in Pampa as well as two clerks in Kansas and another in New Mexico. He was given life sentences in each of those cases.

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Braun is being executed for the murder of Gwendolyn Sue Miller, a flower shop clerk in Ardmore, Okla. Braun pleaded no contest in the Miller case.

Braun has a 1988 bachelor's degree in administration of justice from Wichita State University. After college, he took odd jobs and was arrested for aggravated assault before beginning his 1989 crime spree at a convenience store in Garden City, Kan., where he killed two clerks.

Authorities said all the victims were shot once in the head with a .25-caliber semiautomatic pistol.

Relatives of Geraldine Valdez, a Springer, N.M., convenience store clerk, also expect to attend Braun's execution in McAlester, Okla.

Valdez was shot twice in the head after she saw Braun steal about \$200 from the J&T Mini-Mart in Springer, N.M., on July 23, 1989.

This week, Valdez's husband, Elito Valdez, daughter Suzanne Baze and son Gregg, who was 16 when his mother died, will drive to Oklahoma for the execution scheduled at 12:01 a.m. Thursday. Oklahoma law allows victims' immediate families to witness executions.

"It just brings it all back again," Baze said. "It's not an easy thing to deal with, but you have to do it."

The Valdez family has stayed in touch with relatives of Braun's other victims through letters and telephone calls, Baze said. The relatives comprise a kind of survivors group.

"We decided we would see this all the way through, no matter how long it took — and when justice was finally done we would all be there," she said of the group.

"It's hard to know how you're going to (See EXECUTION, Page 2)

Renovation, possible lawsuit on county agenda

A special meeting of the Gray County Commissioners Court to discuss pending litigation against a rural health cooperative and a funding agreement for courthouse renovation has been called for Thursday, July 20.

County commissioners are to meet at 3:30 p.m., Thursday, in the county courtroom of the courthouse.

Three agenda items concern renovation of Gray County Courthouse including a contract with ArchiTexas architectural firm, a funding agreement with the State of Texas and a preservation easement format.

A misunderstanding between Gray County and the Texas Historical Commission (THC) over a \$3.8 million state grant has left county officials wondering if they will receive the state funds. The THC grant was given with the understanding that the county would match the funds with \$1.3 million. County officials believe it's financial responsibility would be covered by a

recent \$450,000 tobacco settlement.

County Judge Richard Peet has asked state officials to allow the county to complete the proposed \$5.3 million renovation over a 10-year period instead of three years as outlined in the original grant request.

An executive session is scheduled for commissioners to meet with attorneys regarding pending litigation regarding West Texas Rural County Association, a health insurance cooperative formed to provide West Texas county governments with affordable liability and health insurance.

When Gray County left the coop on Dec. 31, 1999, they paid \$78,376.88 for run-out insurance to pay all outstanding claims. However, approximately \$100,000 claims, primarily county employee medical claims, have still not been paid.

Commissioners also plan to discuss a rabies control act at the special meeting Thursday.

Driving through wreck scene ends in DWI arrest

An Amarillo woman was in Gray County jail today after driving through an accident scene Monday night.

Theresa Elizabeth Ortner, 43, of Amarillo, was in jail today in lieu of bonds totaling \$3,000 after being arrested late Monday night east of Pampa.

Pampa police today said Officer Cory Powell drove to the site of an automobile accident at U.S. Highway 70 and Loop 171 shortly before 11 p.m. Monday to help direct traffic.

After conferring with Gray County deputies, Pampa Fire Department officials and Rural/Metro Ambulance authorities, Powell was leaving the scene of the accident when a van drove through the scene at what law enforcement officers described as a high rate of speed.

(See DWI, Page 2)



(Pampa News photos by David Bowser)

Gray County rancher John Haynes makes a loop while working cattle at his ranch north of McLean. The roundup was interrupted by rain, but Haynes didn't mind. He said his grandfather, J.S. Morse, who established the ranch a century ago on the banks of the North Fork of the Red River, told him to never turn down a good calf or a good rain. While most of Haynes cattle are Red Angus crossed with Charolais, he still maintains a few cows that were Watasi-Longhorn crosses. Despite their fierce-looking horns, Haynes said they are gentle enough to feed by hand.

Dust Bowl Ballads to be re-released

Woody Guthrie is enjoying an encore. Guthrie's Dust Bowl Ballads will be re-released on a re-mastered compact disk.

Born in Oklahoma 88 years ago last Friday, Guthrie grew up in Pampa. It was here that he bought his first guitar and first married.

But Guthrie had a wandering soul. With his guitar slung over his shoulder, he rode the rails and hitched rides across the nation during the Dust Bowl of the 1930s.

According to the liner notes with the CD, Guthrie was inspired by the dark clouds of the

huge dust storms of the 1930s that rolled across the Texas Panhandle and Oklahoma.

His songs expressed the desperation of the migrant workers which Guthrie experienced first hand.

The 13 songs are to music what John Steinbeck's novel, *The Grapes of Wrath*, is to literature, an epic story of economic disaster and human uprooting told from the point of view of those who suffered the most.

"These here songs ain't mine," Guthrie told his fellow Okies. "You made them up yourselves."

Quite frankly... What is your favorite vacation?



When my wife and two of our kids went on a tour of the South.

— Mike Ward



Going to Lake Texhoma every year for fishing, boating and visiting with friends.

— Diane Jennings



Going to area lakes like McClellan and Greenbelt and camping out.

— Gary "Huck" Watie



San Francisco and eating crab legs at Fisherman's Wharf.

— Eddie Morris



I want to go to Acapulco, lay out on the beach and get away from work.

— Rachel Resendiz

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Services tomorrow

LEEPER, Bobby Ray — 3 p.m., Clarendon Church of Christ, Clarendon.

Obituaries

ESTELL BURRELL

HEREFORD — Estell Burrell, 88, sister of a McLean resident, died Monday, July 17, 2000. Graveside services will be Thursday in West Park Cemetery with the Rev. Mike Sullivan, pastor of First Assembly of God Church, officiating. Burial will be under the direction of Gililand-Watson Funeral Home.

Mrs. Burrell was born in Eastland County. She married Posey Lee Burrell in 1942 at Clovis, N.M.; he died in 1977.

She belonged to First Assembly of God Church. Survivors include a son, P.L. Burrell Jr. of Fort Worth; a sister, Florence Cofer of McLean; two brothers, Al Williams of Amarillo and Jim A. Williams of Portales, N.M.; and nine grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to Crown of Texas Hospice or First Assembly of God Church.

BOBBY RAY LEEPER

AMARILLO — Bobby Ray Leeper, 48, died Sunday, July 16, 2000. Services will be at 3 p.m. Wednesday in Clarendon Church of Christ in Clarendon with Mike Suiter, minister of San Jacinto Church of Christ in Amarillo, Tim Walker, minister of Mary Ellen and Harvester Church of Christ in Pampa, the Rev. Bryan Knowles, Baptist minister of Clarendon, and George Hayes of Georgia officiating. Burial with full military honors will be in Citizens Cemetery at Clarendon. Arrangements are under the direction of Robertson Funeral Directors, Inc., of Clarendon.

Mr. Leeper as born Nov. 26, 1951, at Groom and grew up at Clarendon. He married Loretta Burgess on July 10, 1970, at Brice. He was an MP with the U.S. Army, retiring after 22 years of service, and belonged to NCO Association and the 25th MP Organization.

He lived in Colorado Springs, Colo., for six years prior to moving to Pampa five years ago. He was a member of Mary Ellen and Harvester Church of Christ.

Survivors include his wife, Loretta, of Pampa; a daughter, Nika Roser of Shreveport, La.; a son, Neil Leeper of Pampa; his mother, Theola Leeper of Clarendon; his grandmother, Eunice Leeper of Clarendon; a sister, Nita Ellis of Clarendon; a brother, Mike Leeper of Littleton, Colo.; and two grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to BSA Hospice, P.O. Box 950, Amarillo, TX 79176-0950.

Stocks

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

Columba/HCA	30 15/16	up 1/16
Enron	32 3/8	dn 1/32
Haltomton	44 1/2 up 1/16	41/64
IRI	10 5/8	up 1/16
KMI	33 1/2	up 1/16
Kerr-McCree	57 1/2	up 1/8
Limited	23 1/2	NC
McDonald's	31 7/16	up 1/8
Evon Mobil	78 3/8	dn 3/8
New Atmos	19 13/16	dn 5/16
NCE	32 9/16	up 3/16
OKF	26 7/8	up 1/8
Penney's	17 15/16	up 1/4
Phillips	51 1/4	up 1/4
Procter Nat	12	NC
SLB	75 5/16 up 21 3/32	
Tenneco	5 7/8	dn 1/16
Jevaco	51 1/4	up 3/64
Ultramar	25 15/16	NC
Wall Mart	40 3/16	dn 17/32
Williams	41 15/16	up 11/32

The following show the prices for which these mutual funds were bid at the time of completion.

Occidental	21 1/8	up 3/64
Fidelity Magell	140 48	
Puritan	19 08	

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

Amoco	52 1/16	up 3/4
Cabot	32 1/16	NC
Cabot O&G	19 1/2	dn 5/16
Clayton	82 1/2	dn 11/64
Coca Cola	57 7/16	up 3/32
New York Gold	283 45	
Silver	5 01	
West Texas Crude	30 79	

Court report

Steven Dale Horton was found guilty of possession of marijuana under 2 oz. He was ordered to pay a \$700 fine, spend 60 days in Gray Co. jail with credit for time served, and pay court costs.

Valerie Ann Hooker was found guilty of theft over \$50-under\$500. She was fined \$500, spend 45 days in Gray Co. jail with credit for time served, and pay court costs.

Theft of property by check has been dismissed against Sandi Burrell due to court costs and restitution have been made.

False report to peace officer was dismissed against George Russel Luster due to insufficient evidence.

Theft of property by check was dismissed against Shannon McNeely due to restitution was made.

Aldolfo Gomez IV was found guilty of possession of marijuana under 2 oz. He was fined \$700, spend 60 days in Gray Co. jail, 1 year probation, and pay court costs and restitution.

Rita Venzor was found guilty of theft of property by check. She received 2 years probation, \$300 fine, and 25 hours of community service.

Sergio Venzor was found guilty of driving while intoxicated. He received \$800 fine, 60 days in Gray County jail, 2 years probation, pay court costs, and 50 hours of community service.

Ricardo V. Ramirez was found guilty of theft of property by check. He received 1 year probation, \$500 fine, and 40 hours of community service.

Shane R. Vest was found guilty of failure to identify. He received a \$500 fine, 30 days in Gray County jail, 6 months probation, and 25 hours of community service.

William Howard Miller was found guilty of assault causing bodily injury. He was fined \$850, spend 90 days in Gray County jail, 1 year probation, pay court costs, and 100 hours of community service.

Jayson Dwight Williams was found guilty of resisting arrest/search/transport. He was ordered to pay a \$1,000 fine, 100 days in Gray County jail, 1 year probation, pay court costs, and 50 hours of community service.

Evading arrest or detention and riot was dis-

Police report

The Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents during the 34-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Monday, July 17

A pickup was reported missing from a residence in the 1600 block of North Summer. Wal-Mart reported a theft of about \$32 in merchandise.

About \$100 in damage to a garage window was reported in the 500 block of North Ward.

Sheriff's Office

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

Monday, July 17

Phillip Bridges, 20, 109 N. Dwight, was arrested by Gray County deputies for parole violator.

Ricky Lynn Calloway, 45, Lefors, was arrested by Gray County deputies on assault charges.

Theresa Elizabeth Ortnier, 43, Amarillo, was arrested by Pampa police officers on charges driving while intoxicated.

Ambulance

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

Monday, July 17

7:12 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1300 block of West Kentucky and transported one to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

12:56 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 600 block of Sloan and transported one to Baptist St. Anthony-East.

5:37 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 300 block of North Starkweather and transported one to PRMC.

5:39 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 900 block of South Love and transported one to PRMC.

5:44 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 800 block of East Frederic and transported one to PRMC.

10:02 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded south on Highway 70; no transport.

10:39 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to Highway 60 and Loop 171; no transport.

Fires

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

Monday, July 17

9:22 a.m. - Two units and six firefighters responded to a fire alarm in the 2500 block of Perryton Parkway. It was a false alarm.

5:42 p.m. - One unit and three firefighters responded to a medical assist in the 900 block of South Love.

5:47 p.m. - One unit and three firefighters responded to a medical assist in the 800 block of East Frederic.

10:36 p.m. - One unit and three firefighters responded to a minor motor vehicle collision at U.S. 60 and Loop 171.

Emergency numbers

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

missed against Jayson Dwight Williams because they were taken into account with another case.

Rene Mauricio Nieto was found guilty of driving while license invalid. \$200 fine, 10 days in Gray County jail, 6 months probation, pay court costs, and 24 hours of community service.

Driving while intoxicated was dismissed against Rudolph Proby Jr. due to insufficient evidence.

Theft of property by check was dismissed against Kevin O'Neal, Miguel Jabalera, and Rachel Courtney because court costs and restitution have been made.

Edward Mikeal Garza was found guilty of minor in possession. He was ordered to pay a \$200 fine, 90 days probation, and pay court costs.

DWI was dismissed against Martin Merkie Martinez due to unable to locate arresting officer.

Brenda J. Angel was found guilty of possession of marijuana under 2 oz. She was ordered to pay \$500 fine, 3 months probation, court costs, and 40 hours of community service.

Leona Gail Mastella was found guilty of DWI. She was ordered to pay a \$750 fine, court costs, 1 year probation, 45 days in Gray County jail, and 50 hours of community service.

Evading arrest or detention was dismissed against Larry Gene Caviness because it was taken into account with another case.

Michael Kurt Curfman pled nolo contendere to driving under influence-minor. He was ordered to pay a \$250 fine, court costs, and 30 days probation.

Johnnie Max Spotts was found guilty of possession of marijuana under 2 oz. He was fined \$600, spend 45 days in Gray County jail, and pay court costs.

Jeffrey T. Jenkins was found guilty of DWI. He was fined \$700 and court costs, 2 years probation and 50 hours of community service.

Larry Gene Caviness was found guilty of resisting arrest/search/transport. He was fined \$700 and court costs, and 60 days in Gray County jail.

Assault causing bodily injury-family was dismissed against James Glen Miller due to insufficient evidence.

EXECUTION

feel when you get there, but it's just something I've got to do," Baze said.

"This will put it to rest for all of us," she said of her family.

Allyson Carson, liaison between the Oklahoma attorney general's office and victims' families, said representatives from five victim families intend to be present for Braun's execution.

Oklahoma officials want family members at the prison in McAlester the afternoon before the execution to meet with the attorney general, warden and prison staff about execution procedures.

"The attorney general will come down about 4:30 or 5 p.m. and meet with family members," Massey said.

Massey said that the family members will tour

where the execution will take place about 5 p.m. According to prison officials, Braun will be the last person to be executed at midnight. Although Oklahoma law does not set the hour of the execution, traditionally the death sentence in Oklahoma has been shortly after midnight. Massey said new correction department directives will probably set 9 p.m. for future executions.

"The law doesn't specifically state what time it will happen," Massey said.

Oklahoma uses lethal injection of three drugs in sequence — sodium thiopental followed by pancuronium bromide and potassium chloride.

If no stays are issued, Braun will be escorted to the death chamber around 11:30 p.m. Wednesday.

The state Pardon and Parole Board voted 4-0 June 27 to deny him clemency. If carried out, his would be the 10th Oklahoma execution this year.

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DWI

Authorities said the 2000 Chevrolet van, east-bound on U.S. 60, was weaving.

Powell followed the van, stopping it near the intersection of U.S. 60 and Gray County Road 12.

Ortnier, identified as the driver of the van, was arrested and booked into Gray County jail for dri-

ving while intoxicated and having an open container of alcohol in the vehicle. Powell said she offered no resistance until she reached the jail. There, officers said, she became combative.

Gray County Justice of the Peace Kurt Curfman set bond today on a charge of driving while intoxicated at \$1,000. He set bond on a charge of deadly conduct at \$2,000.

TOT Rodeo results ...

Top O' Texas Rodeo Association has announced results from the Friday and Saturday performances of the Top O' Texas Rodeo held the past week at the rodeo arena in Pampa.

FRIDAY

WRANGLER BULLFIGHT: Greg Rumohr, first place; Clint Ferguson, second place; Dustin Brewer, third place.

STEER WRESTLING: Jack Hodges, Stephenville, and Walker Small, Poplar, Mont., first place; Tanner Winkler, Pampa, third place; Casey Dorenkamp, Granada, Colo., fourth place; Mark Sankovich, Pampa, fifth place; Billie Zane Billingsley, McLean, sixth place.

BAREBACK RIDING: Clark Larue Dees, Deridder, La., first place; Matt Buckner, Lubbock, second; Jeremy Seay, Millican, and David L. Browder, Tucumcari, N.M., third place; Bode W. Zietz, Eastland, fifth place.

SADDLE BRONC RIDING: Rawley McFarland, Snyder, first place; Walker Small, Poplar, second place; Leland Wood, Silverton, third place.

MUTTON BUSTING: Tyler Fry, Pampa, first place; Heather Parks, Pampa, second place; Chancey Hoover, Pampa, third place.

CALF ROPING: Ty Massey, Lookeba, Okla., first place; Ronnie J. Eaton, Ada, Okla., and Sylvester Mayfield, Clovis, N.M., second place; Ross Montgomery, Crowell, third place; Jody Carper, Big Spring, and Troy Johnson, Nazareth, fourth place.

DOUBLE MUGGING: Cody Douglas, Doug Odell, Hank Douglas, first place.

BARREL RACE: Jill Batencourt, Guthrie, Okla., first place; Joann Middleton, Levelland, second place; Lauren Middleton, Big Spring, third place; Kim West, Oklahoma City, Okla., fourth place; Tyra Kane, Canyon, fifth place; Tommie Potter, Canyon, sixth place; Desha Brown, Stephenville, seventh place; Margie Campbell, Amarillo, eighth place; Regina Lewis, Hereford, ninth place; Mitzi Heekins, Stephenville, 10th place.

BULL RIDING: Mitchell Rogers, Tulia, first place; Blu B. Bryant, Nacogdoches, second place; Shawn Ramirez, Blair, Okla., third place; Tracer Hand, West, fourth place; Chad Drury, Weatherford, Okla., fifth place; Rusty Burford, Balch Springs, sixth place; John Ash, Dayton, seventh place.

SATURDAY

WRANGLER BULLFIGHT: Greg Rumohr, first place; Clint Ferguson, second place; Dustin Brewer, third place.

MUTTON BUSTING: Cody Davis, Pampa, first place; Taylor Woods, Pampa, second place; Joseph Slatten, Pampa, third place.

DOUBLE MUGGING: Kenny Chambers, Jeffrey Burkes, Brock Crockett.

OVERALL

STEER WRESTLING: Eric Brill, Choctaw, Okla., first place; Reece Taylor, Perryton, second place; Ronnie Mullen, Jr., Walters, Okla., third place; Chancey Larson, Manhattan, Kan., fourth place.

BAREBACK RIDING: Darren Clarke, Weatherford, first place; Payne Dobler, Andover, Kan., second place; Clark Larue Dees, De Ridder, third place; Jody Wiggins, Hutchinson, Kan., fourth place; Rod Sutton, Gustine, fifth place; Tony Hecksher, Elmore, Victoria, sixth place.

CALF ROPING: Charley Russell, Shamrock, first place; Rusty Sewalt, Del Rio, second place; Ty Massey, Lookeba, third place; T.J. Good, Elida, N.M., Sylvester Mayfield, Clovis, Ronnie Eaton, Ada, and Jim Locke, Miami, four place.

SADDLE BRONC RIDING: Jeff Decker, Perryton, first place; Rawley McFarland, Snyder, second place; Kolt Dowdy, Crowley, and Cory Hughes, Preston, Kan., third place; Brad McCully, Springtown, fifth place; Walker Small, Poplar, sixth place.

BARREL RACE: Teal Rice, Lakin, Kan., first place; Jill Batencourt, Guthrie, second place; Tamara Reinhardt, Lakin, Kan., third place; Joann Middleton, Levelland, fourth place; Lauren Middleton, Big Spring, fifth place; Kimberly Travis, Elk City, Okla., sixth place; Tiffany Osborne, Rosanky, seventh place; Kim West, Oklahoma City, eighth place.

BULL RIDING: Mitchell Rogers, Tulia, first place; Justin Joiner, Odessa, second place; Weston Slyter, Borger, third place; Rowdy Thomas, Goodwell, Okla., fourth place; Blu B. Bryant, Nacogdoches, and Casey Becker, Garden City, Kan., fifth place.

Sheriff issues warning about scam

Gray County Sheriff Don Copeland said his office has received several reports of a telephone credit card scam in the area.

Senior citizens in Pampa, Copeland said, have been getting telephone calls from a company telling them that a new state law requires senior citizens to take extra security insurance out for protection of their credit cards.

"According to the callers, it will cost about \$277 a year," Copeland said, "and a small amount will

be added to their VISA or Master Card or any other credit card."

The caller then tries to get a credit card number to which the security insurance can be charged.

"Anyone receiving a call of this type should not give a credit card number out to anyone," Copeland said.

He said they should contact the credit card company about any such calls.

Bike tour

The National Multiple Sclerosis Society's Panhandle Chapter will host its annual Wild West 150 Bike Tour fund-raiser Aug. 5 and 6.

The event is scheduled to get under way at 7 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 5 at Randall High School in Amarillo. Cyclists will take the Pampa exit on Loop 335 and travel Hwy 60, stopping for lunch at Celanese Pampa Plant before continuing on to Huber Park in Borger where they will stay overnight. On day two, participants will follow a 50-mile scenic loop around Lake Meredith. For more information, write: NMSS-Panhandle Chapter, 6222 Canyon Dr., Amarillo, TX 79109; phone (806) 468-7500; or fax (806) 468-8022.

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

COLORADO PEACHES, Nectarines & Corn, taking orders S.&L. Feed 665-3557

NEARLY NEW 2143 N. Hobart- Preparing for back to school. Accepting Fall consignments. Need plus sizes & maternity.

REMEMBER WHEN your Pampa News Carrier collects, does the carrier have his/her cards & hole punch? If not, don't pay. Thanks, Circulation Dept.

SWEET CORN at Foster St. at Farmers Market Wednesday.

THE BOARD of Directors and Management of Fairview Cemetery Assoc. hereby gives public notice of the 2000 Annual Stockholders meeting office, Wed. July 19, 10 a.m. Lot owners will be given the opportunity for discussion at this meeting.

Weather focus

PAMPA — Partly sunny today with a 20 percent chance of rain, a high in the upper 90s and south winds at 10-20 mph. Partly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of rain and a low of 70-75. Tomorrow, a high of 100 under partly sunny skies with a chance of rain late. Yesterday's high was 96; the overnight low 68.

STATEWIDE — Another summer day brings a continued heat advisory for Texans weathering triple-digit temperatures.

Highs on Tuesday were expected to range from the upper 90s to as high as 110 degrees.

Early-morning readings start-

ed out from the 60s and 70s in the Panhandle to low 80s elsewhere. But a persistent high-pressure dome was poised to keep most clouds away and relentless sun bearing down on the state.

A few thunderstorms developed in the Panhandle overnight, but were in the process of moving out of the region. A few storms lingered before being burned off by daytime heating.

Winds were mostly southerly at 5 to 15 mph.

Extremes ranged from 73 degrees at Kelley Field and Hondo to 84 at Laughlin Air Force Base near Del Rio.

Also, it was 77 at Wichita Falls

and Abilene and 82 at Waco.

Fair nights were expected through midweek.

Showers and thunderstorms were possible in the Panhandle and the far West Texas mountains through Wednesday, especially north and east of Amarillo.

Lows overnight were expected to range from the 60s and 70s, with highs generally in the 90s to around 100 to 105, except for near 110 in the Big Bend.

For the Dallas-Fort Worth area, the National Weather Service called for the seventh day in a row above the century mark.

Monday's afternoon high was 102 degrees — down from highs of 104 and 106 over the weekend.

Calendar of events

PAMPA PRISON MINISTRY month at Central Baptist Church. For further information call Bob Andersen 665-4252 or J.B Walker 669-2266.

PANHANDLE ALLIANCE FOR THE MENTALLY ILL A support group for the men-

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

the death of a loved one. For reservations or for more information, call 1-800-572-6365.

Chamber Gold Coats



Pampa Chamber of Commerce Gold Coats recently held a Gold Coating ceremony at State Farm Insurance located on the north side of Coronado Shopping Center. Above: (left, front) Clay Rice, Sami Kerbo, Amy Quarles, Sheila Webb, Jean Hunt, Pat Montoya; (back) Neil Fulton, June Beyer and Jerry Lane.

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

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

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

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

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

HEAD START Head Start will be accepting applications from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. July 17-21 at Community Day Care Center Head Start, 400 N. Faulkner. Children 4-years-old on or before September first of the current school year are eligible to apply for the child development program. To apply, bring the following: Child's birth certificate; child's Social Security card; child's immunization records; child's documentation of disability, if applicable; two-months income verification (check stubs, tax forms, etc.); and proof of any public assistance (WIC, Medicaid, etc.) For more information, call 669-3264.

CROWN OF TEXAS HOSPICE Crown of Texas Hospice will host "Sunshine Luncheon," a Dutch treat bereavement luncheon, from 11:30-1 p.m. Monday, July 24 at Texas Rose Restaurant in Pampa. The luncheon is a social time for those who are grieving.

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LIVESTOCK JUDGING CAMP

Frank Phillips College in Borger will host a Livestock Judging Camp July 26-29 at the college campus. FPC Judging Coach and Ag Instructor Buddy B. Curry and the FPC Livestock Judging squad will provide all camp instruction. The camp is designed to teach participating 4-H and FFA students the fundamentals of Livestock Evaluation. Cost of the camp will be \$100 and will include lodging, meals, T-Shirt, cap, judging manual and notebook. Deadline for preregistration is July 1. For more information, call Curry at (806) 274-5311 or 1-800-687-2056, ext. 790.

FPC Frank Phillips College has announced the following upcoming continuing education and community service courses for the month of July: "Basic Life Support Class," 8 a.m.-6 p.m., July 15; "How to Publicize Your Organization?," 1-5 p.m., July 21, 28 and Aug. 4; and Kids' College Session IV. For more information, call 1-800-687-2056, ext. 777.

HARRINGTON CANCER CENTER

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

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., July 19, Family Health Care, 600 W. Kentucky, Pampa; 12-4 p.m., July 24, City Hall, Canadian; and 12-2 p.m., July 20, Miami School, Miami.

Drilling Intentions

Intentions to Drill
GRAY (PANHANDLE) Pablo Energy, Inc., North Jackson, Sec. 90, B-2, H&GN, PD 3500', for the following wells:
#12, 1140' from South & 2125' from West line of Sec.
#13, 670' from South & 1330' from West line of Sec.
HEMPHILL (WILDCAT & HEMPHILL Douglas) Bracken Operating, L.L.C., PD 8200', for the following wells:
#2 Flowers '49', 467' from North & 2400' from East line, Sec. 49, A1, H&TC.
#3-19 Shell Fee, 467' from South

& 660' from East line, Sec. 19, A1, H&TC.
#2-52 Walker, 2300' from South & 1350' from West line, Sec. 52, A-1, H&GN, PD 8300'.
HEMPHILL (WILDCAT & NORTH HOWE RANCH Upper Morrow) Phillips Petroleum Co., #2 McQuiddy 'D', 3347' from South & 6387' from East line, Sec. 1, John Gates Survey, PD 12400'.
Oil Well Completions
HUTCHINSON (PANHANDLE) J.M. Huber Corp., #44 W.A. Carver, Lot 147, J.J. Hall Survey, spud 4-18-00, drlg. compl 4-21-00,

tested 6-17-00, pumped 34 bbl. of 39 grav. oil + 162 bbls. water, GOR 2765, TD 3614', PBD 3562' —
HUTCHINSON (PANHANDLE) J.M. Huber Corp., #45 W.A. Carver, Lot 77, J.J. Hall Survey, spud 4-25-00, drlg. compl 4-28-00, tested 6-16-00, pumped 19.7 bbl. of 39 grav. oil + 144 bbls. water, GOR 4518, TD 3615', PBD 3570'.
HUTCHINSON (PANHANDLE) SNW Operating Co., #37A C.L. Dial, et al, Sec. 1, X-02, H&OB, spud 3-7-00, drlg. compl 3-10-00, tested 5-31-00, pumped 9.5 bbl. of 38.7 grav. oil + 22 bbls. water, GOR 737, TD 3174', PBD 3123'

Form 1 in Pan American
ROBERTS (QUINDUNO Lower Albany Dolomite) Excell Production Co., Edge Beulay '166' E, Sec. 166, M-2, BS&F (oil) — Form 1 in The Superior Oil Co., for the following wells:
#2, 330' from South & 990' from East Lease line, spud 4-20-53, plugged 5-31-00, TD 4134' —
#5, 1650' from South & 990' from East Lease line, spud 5-29-53, plugged 5-22-00, TD 4114' —
WHEELER (PANHANDLE) Wildcat Cement Co., #4-W Benson, 1310' from South & 330' from West line, Sec. 47, 13, H&GN, spud unknown, plugged 5-23-00, TD 2260' (oil) — Form 1 in Sand Springs Home
WHEELER (PANHANDLE) Wildcat Cement Co., #1 Mitchell, 990' from North & 330' from West line, Sec. 25, 13, H&GN, spud unknown, plugged 6-8-00, TD 2250' (oil) —
WHEELER (PANHANDLE) Wildcat Cement Co., #1 Byrl Sewell, et al, 1310' from North & 990' from West line, Sec. 46, 13, H&GN, spud unknown, plugged 6-2-00, TD 2170' (oil) — Form 1 in J.C. Daniels

Keeping an Eye on Texas

Sales Tax Holiday Aug. 4-6

Texas families have an opportunity to stretch their clothing budgets during the second annual Sales Tax Holiday, Aug. 4-6. No state and local sales taxes will be charged on most clothing and footwear priced under \$100.

Items exempt from state and local sales taxes include:

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Diapers	Diapers - adult and baby
Coats	Work clothes and uniforms
Sweaters	Gym suits and uniforms
Jeans	Pants and trousers
Shirts	Shoes - sandals, slippers, sneakers, tennis and walking

For a complete list of tax-exempt items, go to the Comptroller's Web site at: www.window.state.tx.us

SOURCE: Carole Keeton Rylander, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts.

Gas Well Completions
ROBERTS (N.W. MENDOTA, S.W. Granite Wash) Unit Petroleum Co., #3 Vollmert 'B', Sec. 9, BS&F, spud 3-3-00, drlg. compl 4-8-00, tested 6-7-00, potential 1310 MCF, TD 11180', PBD 10757' —
WHEELER (MO-TEX Meisner) Cambridge Production, Inc., #1 Maurita, Sec. 26, A-5, H&GN, spud 4-11-00, drlg. compl 6-21-00, tested 6-21-00, potential 4600 MCF, TD 12900', PBD 14428' —
Plugged Wells
ROBERTS (WEST LIPS Cleveland) Amoco Production Co., #5 Courson 'B' Unit 5, 810' from North & 1220' from West Lease line, Sec. 167, C, G&M, spud unknown, plugged 4-25-00, TD 8780' (gas) —

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Strengthening veterans' benefits

Everyone who lives in this country and enjoys the freedom and prosperity it offers owes a tremendous debt to our military veterans. They are the people who made and kept America the strongest nation in the world.

By their service and sacrifice, they earned the benefits they were promised years ago.

But many of our 65-and-over military retirees and their families are concerned, understandably, that America is not living up to the promise of quality, lifetime health care that was made to them when they first enlisted. As the military has been downsized, and bases and their hospitals were closed across the country, it has become harder for retirees to find the kind of health care they want and need. Many retirees have found themselves completely closed out of their local base hospitals after 20 years or more of military service.

Many of these same veterans are having a hard time getting the prescription drugs they need because they live far from a military facility, where they otherwise could get their prescriptions filled. All military retirees under 65 already have access to a prescription drug program with special co-pay and cost rules, either through military bases or from a national mail-order pharmacy and retail drug-stores. But retirees lose their eligibility for drug coverage when they qualify for Medicare at age 65.

Prescription drug costs are the fastest-growing segment of military health care spending, according to the Department of Defense, increasing at a rate of about 13 percent per year. (In comparison, drug costs are increasing by 15 percent per year in the private sector.)

Military retirees without access to a military facility pharmacy must pay market rates for the medicine. And we all know the cost of paying for medicines out of pocket is skyrocketing, especially for individuals with the chronic diseases that often arrive with age.

Congress is now in the process of trying to fix this problem in a way that will return quality health care to retired veterans.

I am supporting a proposal by the chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, Sen. John Warner, that would extend the prescription drug benefit program now provided for those under 65 to the 1.3 million Medicare-eligible military retirees over 65, as well as provide them a 20 percent discount at pharmacies. Congress also took an important step to ensure that those over 65 continue to have access to the same military medical programs available to all retirees under age 65. I voted to support Senator Warner's amendment to the FY 2001 defense bill because it would remove the barriers to military medical care for those over 65.

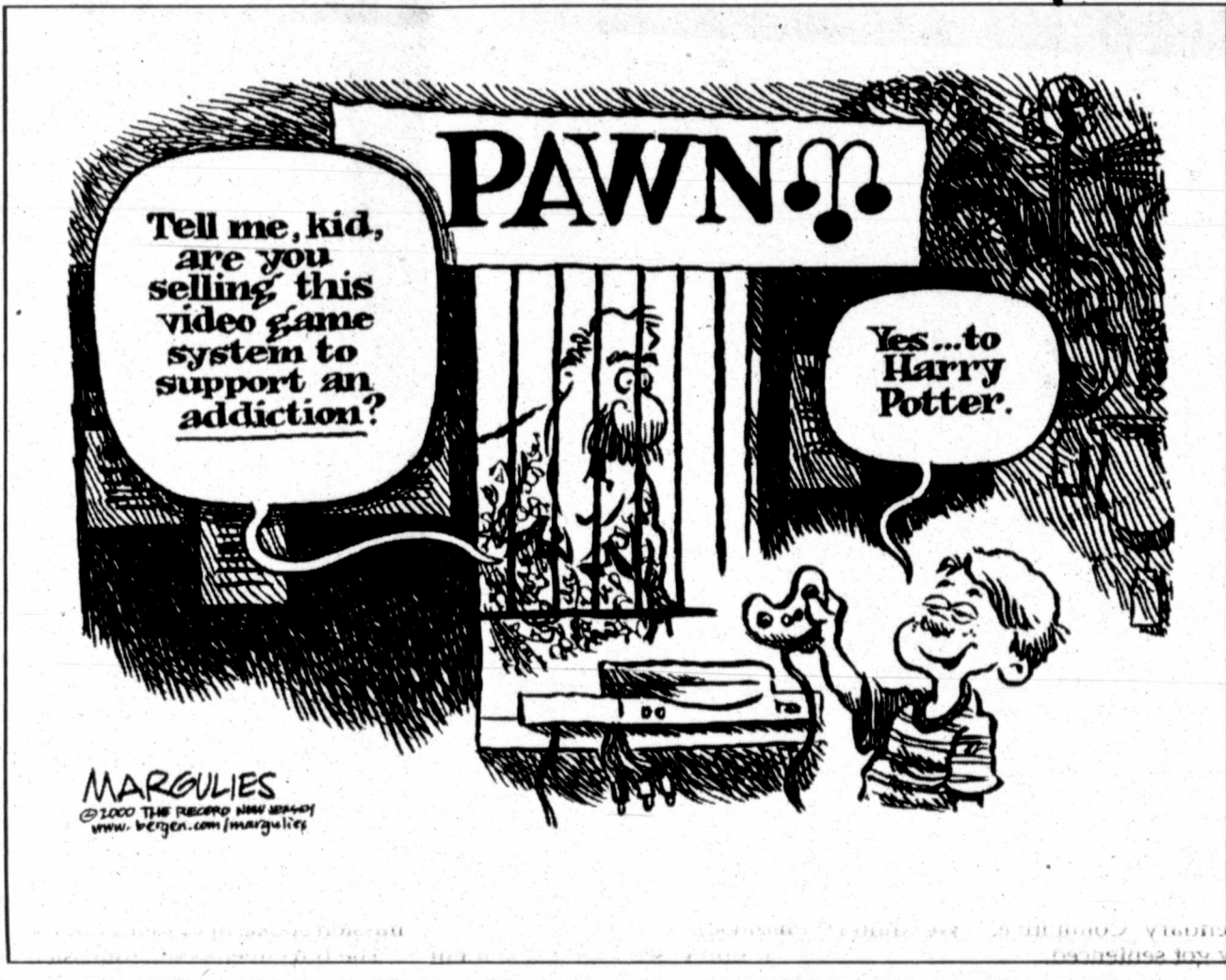
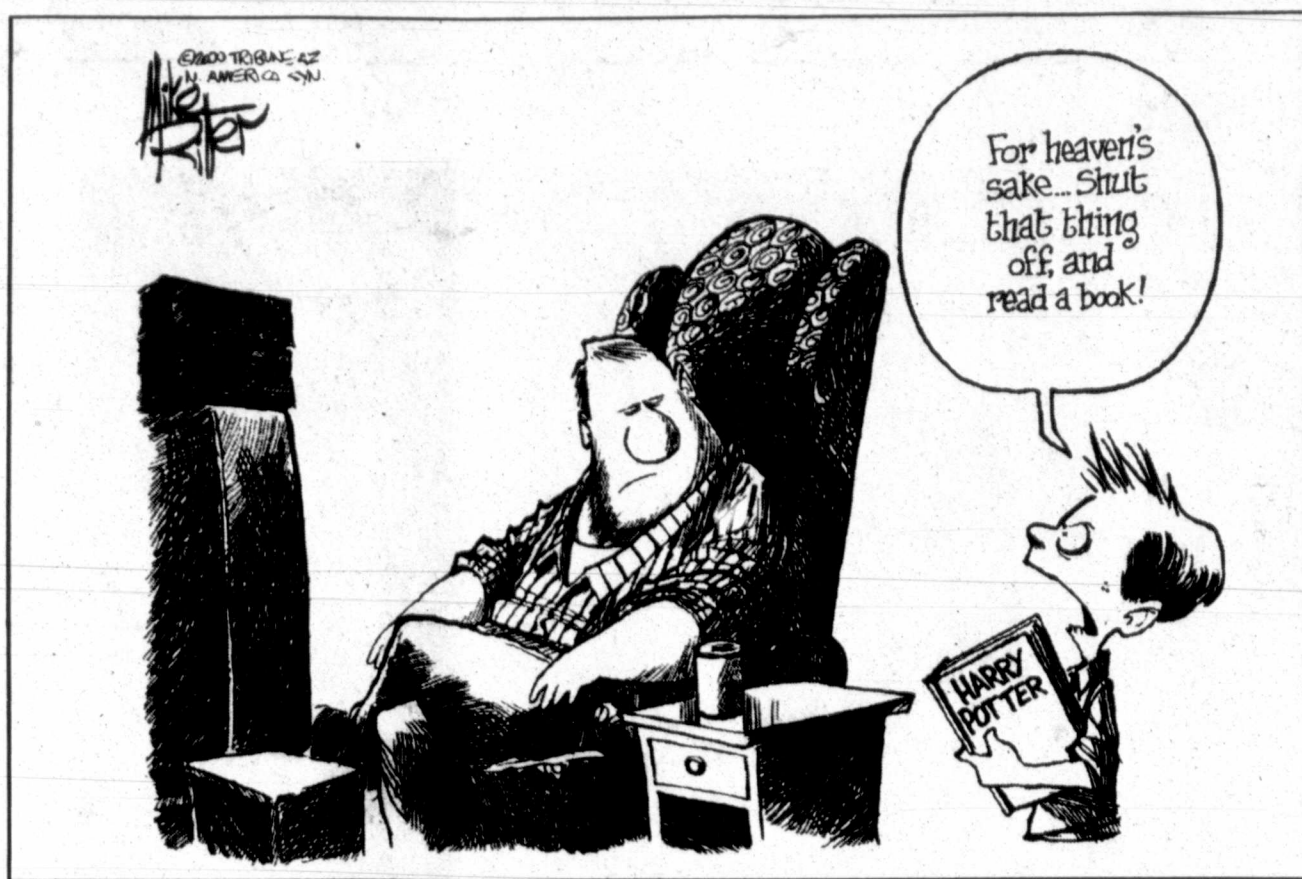
I am hopeful Congress will give its full approval to the measure this year and send it to the president for his signature.

An alternative proposal, by Sen. Tim Johnson (D-S.D.), would have put military retirees who qualify for Medicare under the Federal Employees Health Benefit program. This is the program government employees use, which provides a high degree of choice, letting people decide which care provider can best meet their individual needs. This approach has a great deal of merit, but it would establish two different programs, one for those under 65 and one for those over age 65.

I am far from satisfied with the current state of the medical care available to military personnel — be they active duty or retired. I have worked consistently in the Senate to strengthen the TRICARE military health care program by reducing the administrative and bureaucratic obstacles to care, and by increasing its funding to attract more medical providers.

I want to ensure that TRICARE is the best program available to federal employees. But unless TRICARE can deliver the very highest standard of care, Congress may need to re-examine the idea of military enrollment in the FEHB program, for everyone.

Whatever the program we adopt, fairness and equity demand that there be one program for all, regardless of age or eligibility for Medicare benefits. Congress knows what needs to be done and we need to make sure we do it right.



Today in history

By The Associated Press
 Today is Tuesday, July 18, the 200th day of 2000. There are 166 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:
 On July 18, 1947, President Truman signed the Presidential Succession Act, which placed the speaker of the House and the Senate president pro tempore next in the line of succession after the vice president.

On this date:
 In A.D. 64, the Great Fire of Rome began.
 In 1872, Britain introduced the concept of voting by secret ballot.

In 1927, Ty Cobb hit safely for the 4,000th time in his career.
 In 1936, the Spanish Civil War began.

In 1940, the Democratic national convention in Chicago nominated President Roosevelt for an unprecedented third term in office.

In 1944, Hideki Tojo was removed as Japanese premier and war minister because his country's setbacks in World War II.

In 1969, a car driven by Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass., plunged off a bridge on Chappaquiddick Island near Martha's Vineyard; passenger Mary Jo Kopechne died.

In 1984, a gunman opened fire at a McDonald's fast food restaurant in San Ysidro, Calif., killing 21 people before he was shot dead by police.

In 1984, Walter F. Mondale won the Democratic presidential nomination in San Francisco.

In 1989, actress Rebecca Schaeffer, 21, was shot to death at her Los Angeles home by obsessed fan Robert Bardo, who was later, sentenced to life in prison.

Ten years ago: Dr. Karl Menninger, the dominant figure in American psychiatry for six decades, died in Topeka, Kan., four days short of his 97th birthday.

Five years ago: Opening statements were presented in the trial of Susan Smith, the South Carolina woman charged with drowning her two young sons. Senate Republicans opened a new round of Whitewater hearings.

This world really is beautiful

Do you ever stop to admire the beauty in our world? Sometimes I get so wrapped up in the ugliness and the unkindness, I forget how beautiful this world is. These past few days it seems like a hand has touched my shoulder and said, "Look."

When I stop for a moment and look around, I see the most amazing things. Laying in my hammock last week, I realized the early morning clouds glowed with a pearly opalescence. The sun only peaked over the east horizon, waiting for its cue to bathe the sky in the fluorescent oranges and pinks of sunrise.

A year ago today I was standing in a small hospital near Houston waiting for my dad to come out of heart bypass surgery. Wrapped in my own little drama, it took a while for me to realize that a national event had occurred. After Dad had gotten back into his room, a nurse turned on the television and I watched as the search continued for the a-lost plane carrying John Kennedy, his wife, and sister-in-law.

For several days, my attention focused completely on my dad and my mom. Then it was time to fly back home. Huge thunderclouds



Dee Dee Laramore
 Staff writer

developed over the Gulf of Mexico the afternoon I was to leave. White and billowing, fueled by the hot Houston afternoon and the wet winds off the gulf, these storms could quickly turn fierce.

I'm a better flyer than I used to be, but I still get nervous sometimes. I'd flown into Houston through a line of tornadic storms once. I kissed the ground when I got off the plane, if that tells you anything.

My plane climbed into the air. After a few moments I realized we weren't headed for Dallas, we were circling Houston. My nervous-

ness increased with each circle. And then I felt that hand again. Look at my clouds ...

Here I sat in a massive machine thousands of feet above the ground in the midst of those fluffy white clouds, rolling and turning and changing every second. How awesome! A century ago, people could only lay on their backs and watch a thunderstorm develop high above them. Now here I was, flying around in the middle of one, watching it from within.

My nervousness disappeared like a streamer of condensation, evaporating into the air. Instead, I was filled with wonder, delighting in an event of nature that defies description.

Soon, too soon, like a pea flung from a sling shot, the jet streaked toward Dallas, leaving the towering thunderheads behind us. I learned after landing in Dallas that we were the last plane out before the airport closed.

What if I had spent those moments circling Houston cowering in fear? What if I had missed the majestic panorama unfolding around me? I'm so glad I didn't. I'm so glad I stopped and looked when that unseen hand settled on my shoulder.

Republic is not the same as democracy

As much as I admire Charlton Heston, I wish he would stop misquoting Benjamin Franklin. Heston often tells the story about the lady who asked Franklin after the Constitutional Convention ended, "Well, what kind of government have you given us?"

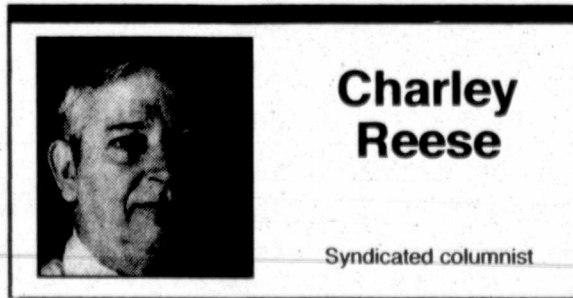
Heston then quotes Franklin as saying, "We have given you a democracy — if you can keep it."

Actually, the traditional version of the story has Franklin saying, "We have given you a republic — if you can keep it." That indeed is what the Constitution gives us: a republic. And a republic and a democracy are not the same thing.

The simplest way to explain it is that we do not vote for legislation. We elect representatives, and they vote on legislation. In theory, if we do not like the way they have voted, then we don't re-elect them.

You and I, of course, are the exceptions. Unfortunately, the "Exceptions Party" is not on the ballot. I suspect that we could hold our national convention in a modestly sized facility.

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Charley Reese
 Syndicated columnist

designed to create the illusion in our minds that we actually govern ourselves.

In fact, today in America, the many are ruled by the few, who are careful enough to do it gently and behind clouds of rhetoric so that it isn't obvious. Members of the public, by and large, not only do not know what's going on, they don't care.

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cation these days appear to be about as ignorant and apathetic as people who don't have one.

At one time, a university education was designed to train leaders, but today most universities are simply white-collar, vocational-technical institutions. They crank out people who can perform vocational and technical tasks but don't seem to have the foggiest notion about the principles and philosophy of government. Their knowledge base is very narrow.

It might well be true that any people, at any time, who are reasonably well-fed, entertained and not visibly threatened will settle into ignorance and apathy like a man settling into a goose-down mattress for an afternoon nap. If all seems to be well with the world, then why worry?

I worry because I see American freedoms being taken away ever so gradually — and always in the name of some allegedly greater good. It's true that it is still possible to live a good life. Will our children and grandchildren be able to say that? And what is a good life?

Even a Josef Stalin will allow you to eat, drink, sleep and copulate if that's the extent of your desire for a good life.

Being a Celtic man, I despise the idea of anybody but God and my conscience telling me what I must do or what I must think or what I must say. That's the good life I want — freedom. And that kind of good life is being threatened today.

Blistering temperatures torment South

JACKSON, Miss. (AP) — Carolyn Sistrunk sees the mercury rise across sun-baked Mississippi with growing concern about her teenage son, who lives without an air conditioner.

His address is at the State Penitentiary at Parchman, where inmates have only electric fans to keep cool. Many of the state's other prisons also are without air conditioning.

"I wouldn't put my dog outside today," Sistrunk said Monday as triple-digit temperatures moved in to smother Mississippi and the southern United States.

No relief was expected anytime soon from the heat wave also baking Texas, Arizona, New Mexico, Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma and Kansas. In drought-withered Alabama, forestry officials took the rare step of banning outdoor burning.

The Dallas County Health Department issued an emergency health alert as temperatures across the Dallas-Fort Worth area topped the century mark for the sixth day in row.

More than 120 towns and cities in Texas have water restrictions because of drought conditions. Residents in Throckmorton are racing to get a 14-mile water pipeline in place before the town's sole water supply dries up, likely in about two months.

In the west Texas town of Wink, where temperatures reached 102 degrees Monday, city secretary Donna Maddux collected fees from sweaty residents in the comfort of an air-conditioned office: "They tell me you can get accustomed to it. But I don't see how."

Although few heat-related injuries have been reported, drought conditions have plagued farmers. In southeast Alabama, which has had only hit-and-miss showers since spring, vast acres of corn have roasted in the fields.

"This is one for the record books," said Henry County farm agent Jimmy Jones. He said some ranchers have been forced to sell cattle early because of pasture damage and the lack of hay.

While the high temperatures weren't too much out of the ordinary for residents in New Mexico and Arizona, they did force city officials in Hobart, Okla., to instruct city workers to head indoors by the time it reached into the 100s.

Even a day by the water may not afford much relief. "When we start having heat indexes of 105 to 110, the water is warm and you can't lay out by the pool. It's so doggone hot, you can't stand it," said John Marusak, a spokesman for Point Mallard's water park in Decatur, Ala., which averages about 2,000 visitors a day in July.

National Weather Service meteorologist Michael Mach said no break is expected in the scorching temperatures at least for the remainder of the week. That was making utility companies hot under the collar.

"Last year, our peak was in August. We passed that figure last week, and could be setting new records every day during this heat wave," said Checky Herrington, communications manager for Entergy Mississippi.

As the mercury hit 105 degrees in Mississippi, families of inmates said readings that high, combined with the state's notorious humidity, make life behind bars unbearable.

"They are human beings," said Sistrunk, whose 19-year-old son is serving time for manslaughter in a car accident death.

But many Mississippians have little sympathy for sweaty inmates, said Rep. Bennett Malone, D-Carthage.

"There are a lot of people who are working, paying their own way, abiding by the law and they don't have air conditioning," said Malone, chairman of the Penitentiary Committee. "We didn't promise all the luxuries when they got sentenced."

On the Net: National Weather Service: <http://iwln.nws.noaa.gov/iwin/graphicsversion/bigmain.html>
 Intellicast: <http://www.intellicast.com/LocalWeather>
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 UM Weather (University of Michigan): <http://cirrus.sprl.umich.edu/wxnet>

Volunteers help work on 14-mile water line in race against time

THROCKMORTON, Texas (AP) — A 14-mile pipeline is a potential lifeline for residents running out of water in this Northwest Texas town.

As Lake Throckmorton's level drops, residents and volunteers who've answered calls for help in exchange for room and board are in a race against time to complete the line before the town's sole water supply dries up. They only have about two months.

Throckmorton Mayor John Kunkel said the first day of what has been labeled "Operation Big Step" on Monday was "busy, hectic. But we're off to a pretty good start."

There's a lot at stake. Currently, residents can't wash their cars or water their plants. Gov. George W. Bush has declared the parched town about 60 miles northeast of Abilene a disaster area.

And the job's so big that residents can't do it themselves, despite an \$800,000 state grant. So they issued a call for help that about 50 volunteers have answered so far from across the state.

"Our biggest need right now is big ditching equipment," Kunkel told the Abilene Reporter-News. "The crews have done as much as they can do, but we need two or three more big ditchers."

Other volunteers, including Red Cross workers, served meals, drinks and snacks for front-line workers. They also provided shelter.

Leaders in the town of 1,036 residents have been working since September to secure a new water source. Last week, a breakthrough came when the city of Graham, about 35 miles away, agreed to sell water to Throckmorton as an emergency backup.

Now, Throckmorton's public works officials must complete the pipeline to Elbert, linking with the Fort Belknap Water Supply Corp. to get the Graham water. Graham officials said they were 35 percent low, but wanted to prevent their neighbors from running out of water.

Throckmorton Public Works Director Steve Bowlin said he was confident of beating the deadline.

Throckmorton is one of 129 Texas towns and cities with water restrictions. The state in February declared Throckmorton County and 94 others drought disaster areas.

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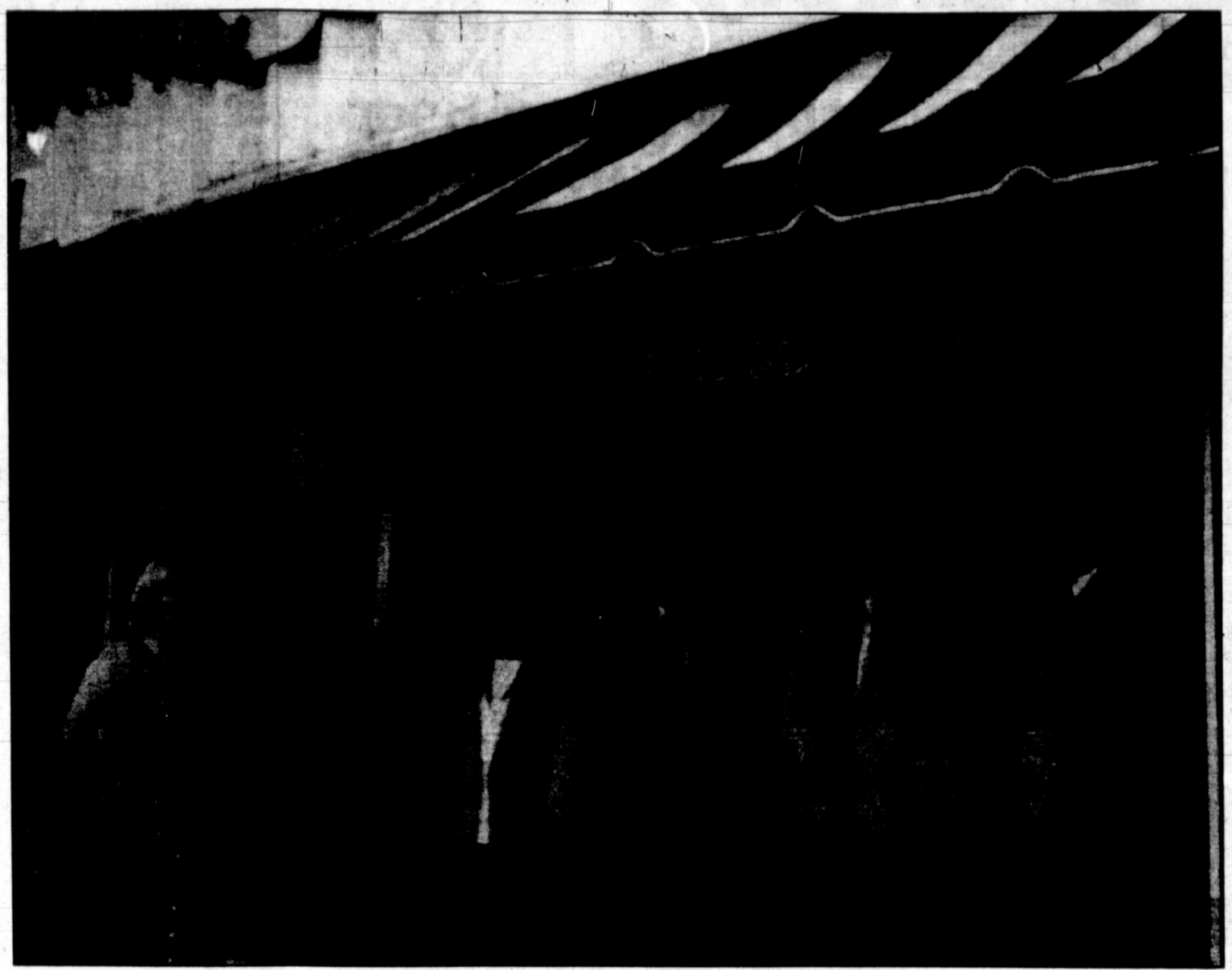
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Players, retailers brace for Lotto changes

AUSTIN (AP) — Lottery enthusiast Del Wood had three words for changes to this week's Texas Lotto that will make the twice-weekly game much harder to win.

"Boo, hiss, hiss," Wood said Monday. "If they are going to increase the odds, I'm not going to play. I'll take my \$3 and buy my scratch-offs."

Wood is not alone, said George Alvarez, a clerk at Austin's Nau's Pharmacy.

"I don't see the excitement yet," Alvarez said. "If anything, people are upset that the odds are increasing. They don't understand that the jackpot will escalate more quickly."

That's not the kind of news the Texas Lottery Commission wanted to hear. The panel is expected to discuss the game's changes during its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday.

The state is hoping the changes will increase sluggish ticket sales \$166 million annually. Fewer winners results in grand prizes rolling over week after week into gigantic jackpots that should entice more players, said commission spokesman Keith Elkins.

The three-member commission voted unanimously in May to institute the first major alteration in the game since it began in 1992.

It goes into effect Wednesday,

when players must match six numbers from a pool of 54 instead of from the current 50.

For Wood, the decrease in the odds of winning from 1 in 15.8 million to 1 in 25.8 million is enough to make him quit the game he's played every week since it began.

"It's just another way to make more money," Wood said. The Lottery "shouldn't be screwing the public because it will backfire on them."

The commission on Tuesday is also expected to get copies of an audit examining a computer glitch may have caused some lottery winners to be paid improperly during the first two years of

the game. Originally discovered in 1994, the glitch caused winners to be overpaid or underpaid because the computer problem resulted in some ticket sales being recorded twice. Because prizes are determined by ticket sales, the payouts could have been affected.

On the Net: Texas Lottery: <http://www.txlottery.org/>

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Brooke Shields engagement told

LOS ANGELES (AP) — "Suddenly Susan" TV star Brooke Shields is suddenly engaged.

Her fiance, Chris Henchy, proposed last weekend during a Mexican vacation, Shields' publicist, Mia Ricchiuti, said Monday.

"He took her away for the weekend and asked her on Saturday night. I don't really know any of the details, but she did say yes," Ricchiuti said, offering no other details.

Henchy, 37, was a producer on the canceled "Battery Park" series on NBC.

Shields, 35, was previously married to tennis ace Andre Agassi.

Word of the couple's engagement surfaced after New York City jeweler Stephen Russell announced he had designed Shields' engagement ring. He described it as "an antique cushion-cut diamond ring set in platinum and diamond mounting."

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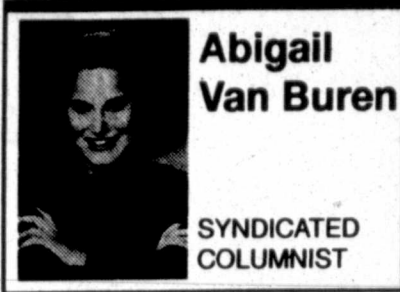
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High-Frequency Warning Beep Doesn't Register With Seniors

DEAR ABBY: Have you noticed how often people fail to get out of the way of electric carts used to transport people who can't walk long distances at airports? It isn't pure cussedness. It's because the "warning beep" used by these carts is near a sound frequency that cannot be easily processed by the human ear. (See: "How We Localize Sound" by W.M. Hartmann in the November 1999 issue of Physics Today.) Thus, airline commuters cannot tell where the sound is coming from, which is hazardous to both walkers and riders.



Abigail Van Buren
SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

However, assuming that engineers responsible for designing modern equipment are younger people in full possession of all their faculties, your letter should serve as a reminder that our population is aging, a condition frequently accompanied by some degree of hearing loss.

DEAR ABBY: Regarding the letter from John Gabel about funerals and death — I find it interesting as a funeral director that there seems to be a "funeral police" who dictate what everybody should want for final services for their loved ones. There are no "wedding police" telling people that they need not have elaborate weddings or that just a simple dress will do.

Those who seek to change ceremony and tradition have the opportunity to change their own ceremony and tradition, because that is what is right for them.

Many people think if they don't have a funeral or memorial service, they are not expressing or feeling the grief that comes from losing a loved one. To use your words ... how absurd.

As in any industry, there are those who seek for themselves by any means to make a huge profit. However, thousands of funeral directors and funeral homes are caring and helpful to those who have lost a loved one. They do not "stalk" people for their money, and they do not "guilt" people into spending money they don't have. They seek to make an honest living and to be able to sleep at night knowing they have done the right thing.

There is no other profession so maligned as those who work to comfort those who have lost a loved one.
PROUD OF MY PROFESSION,
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DEAR PROUD: After printing that letter I received a stack of mail from members of the funeral industry reminding me that many funeral homes take pride in serving their communities and do not gouge. Their staff are on duty day and night to meet the needs of grieving families and rightfully take pride in what they do. I also received a few letters from people wanting to air grievances because they felt they had been taken advantage of.

The answer lies in being informed consumers, facing the fact of our mortality, and perhaps taking care of the details before the need arises. An important part of that process is being open with one's family about what one's wishes are, and what arrangements have or have not been made.

ting going. Another intrigues you with his actions and words. Respond! Listen to someone else's point of view. Deal with finances. Add to security. Follow your inner voice. Tonight: Order in. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

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***** Pressured by a professional situation, you seek out a trusted friend or partner. You see once more the wisdom of two minds working as one. Success comes from your collaboration. Take time to discuss other issues as well. Make an important meeting. Tonight: Do something special for another.

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Horoscope

WEDNESDAY, JULY 19, 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)

***** Keep your own counsel as you rock from one feeling to another. A financial restriction puts the kibosh on plans. Discussions open up a problem. Take time doing your research. Analyze different options. Do research on the Internet. Tonight: You don't always have to be a chatty Cathy!

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

***** Your attitude causes stress with an authority figure or a key project. Try to focus on what you expect and want from a situation. Staying goal-oriented helps you skip over a hassle. Expenses could multiply, but they might be necessary to bring the results you need. Tonight: Find your friends.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

***** Another's perspective doesn't sit right with you. Put your best foot forward and refuse to give in to negativity. Your sense of humor helps co-workers and bosses lighten up. You open doors when you remain positive. Discussions revolve around work. Tonight: In the limelight.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

***** A partner's withdrawal triggers more difficulties than you had anticipated. Let go of an important project or goal.

for now. Dig into information and do research. You will find a way to bypass this problem and build a stronger bridge. Use your intuition. Tonight: Explore the Net.

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Crossword Puzzle

By THOMAS JOSEPH

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18 Herald

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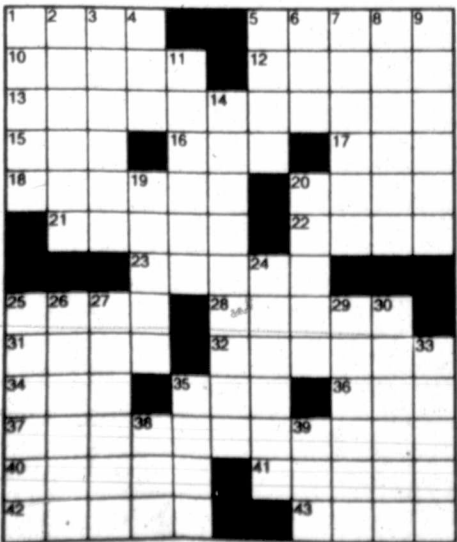
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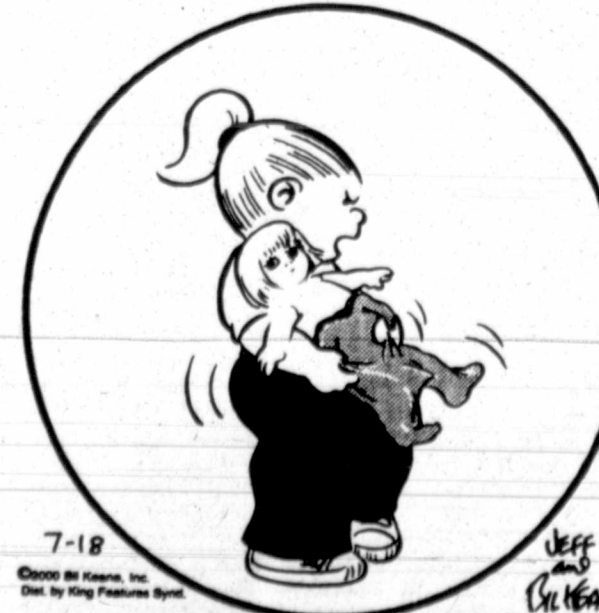
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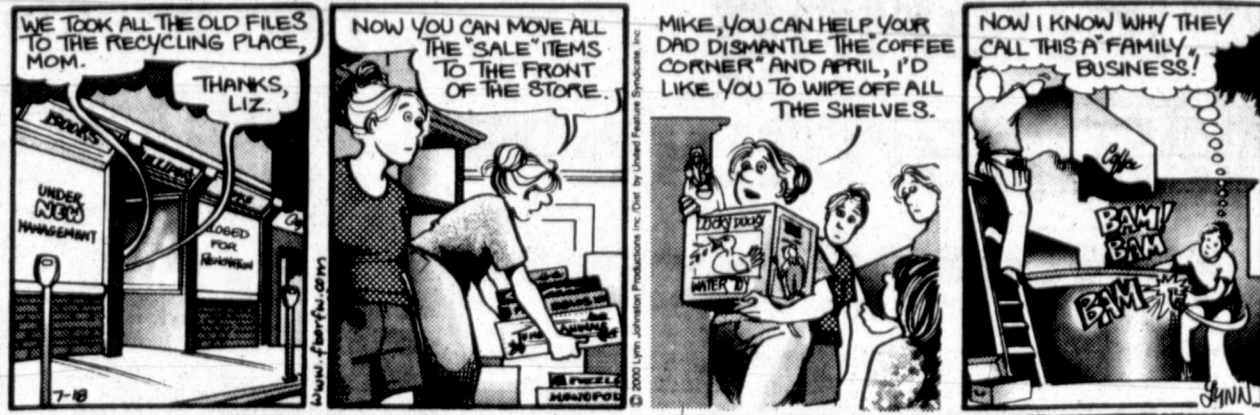
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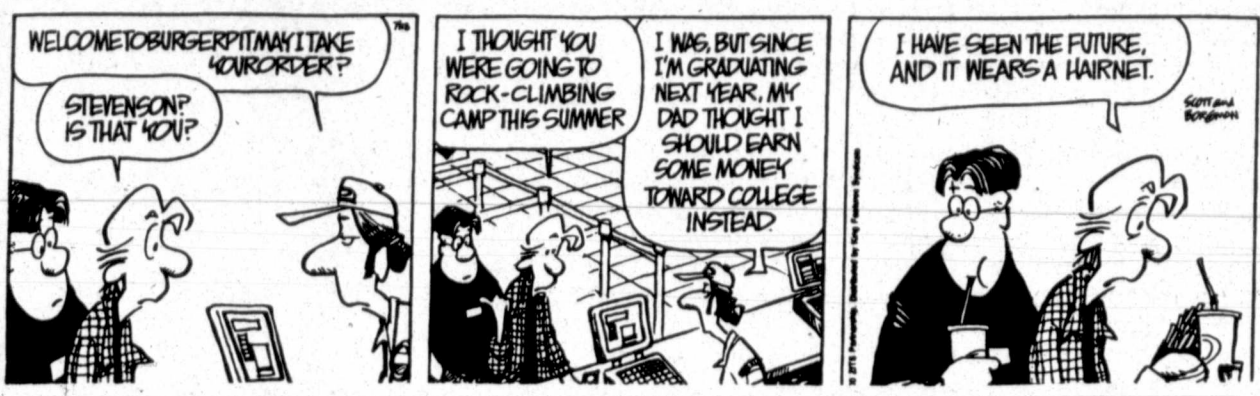


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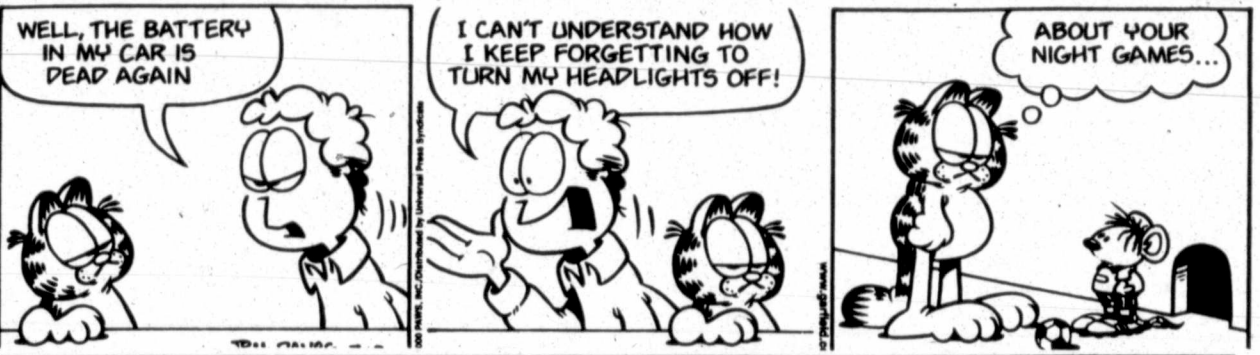
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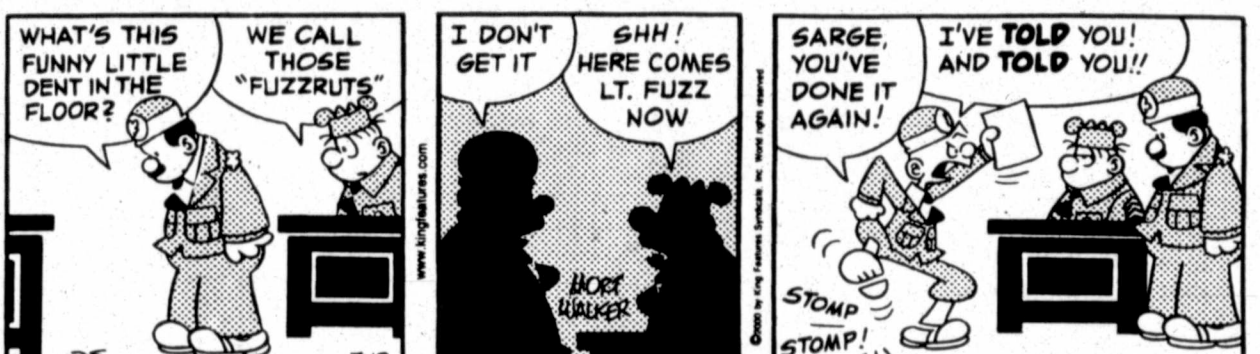
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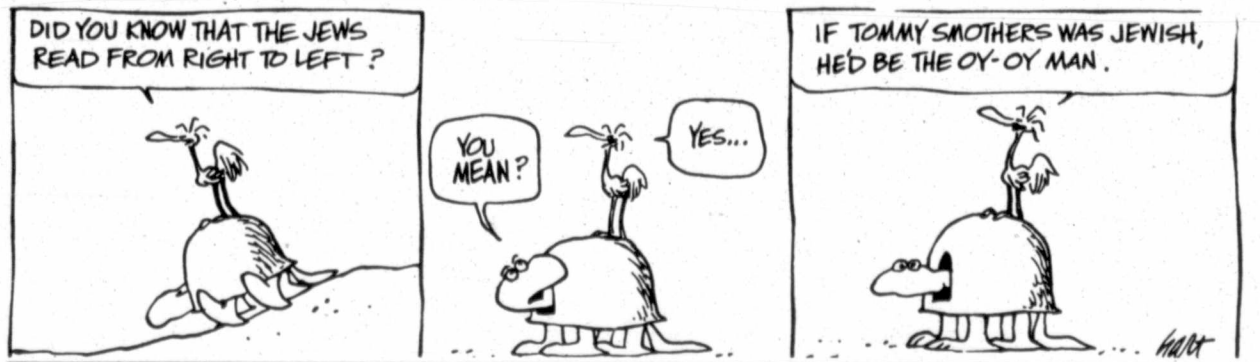
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SPORTS

Cowboy's Coach Campo fired up to start season's training camp

By JAIME ARON
AP Sports Writer

WICHITA FALLS (AP) — On the eve of Dallas Cowboys training camp, Jerry Jones was too excited to sleep. He probably came closer than his team's new coach, Dave Campo.

"It's a combination of excitement, nervousness — whatever you need to do to get ready to play," Campo said. "When the adrenaline is going, that's what it's all about."

The adrenaline and perspiration were to begin Tuesday morning with the first day of workouts at Midwestern State University.

At a news conference Monday, Jones said his excitement stems from his belief the Cowboys may be headed toward a big season.

"I think we certainly should be recognized coming into camp as a contender," said Jones, holding up one of his Super Bowl rings to emphasize his point. "I don't think people have read the tea leaves and looked at us real close if they don't think we

can contend."

The Cowboys are 24-24 the last three years with just one playoff victory. This season, Dallas is breaking in a new coach while trying to replace former All-Pro Deion Sanders, Michael Irvin and Daryl Johnston.

But coming off a season when St. Louis and Tennessee rocketed to the top of the NFL, every team is opening camp with the belief it can contend.

"One thing about the NFL — parity is here, which is an advantage for everyone," Campo said. "Everyone feels they can have the opportunity to go all the way."

Campo said his 22 starters match up with any in the league.

"It comes down to the attitude difference in my opinion that will make the difference," Campo said. "All of the teams going in will be fairly similar. It's the team that really has that extra little bit of desire and willingness to do a little extra that's going to be successful. I feel like we have those kind of players."

The Cowboys will have all five draft picks in camp, plus newcomers such as Joey Galloway, Ryan McNeil, Dimitrius Underwood and Jackie Harris. There's plenty of breaking-in to be done.

Two-a-day practices will be more grueling than usual this week as temperatures are expected to be well into the 100s. Wichita Falls was tied for

the hottest spot in the nation on Sunday at 109 degrees.

"I truly believe the heat helps us," Campo said. "One of the things that championship football teams have is mental toughness. The grind of going out there twice a day in the heat of the day, that's all part of it."

"At the same time, when you start getting to 106, 107, 108 — that's something you have to look at."

Campo's concession: When the Cowboys have two practices a day on consecutive days, the second day's afternoon workout will start at 5:30 p.m. instead of 4 p.m.

"Some would say there's not a heck of a lot of relief there," Campo said, "but last night I could sense a difference."

Notebook

OLYMPICS

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — At the U.S. Olympic track and field trials, Sandra Glover won the women's 400-meter hurdles in 53.33 seconds, the best time in the world this year. Seilala Sua won the women's discus with a throw of 216 feet, 2 inches — just eight inches short of the American record.

Erick Walder and Roland McGhee, the only two Americans ranked in the world's top 10 last year in the long jump, both failed to qualify for the Olympics.

Melvin Lister, Dwight Phillips and Walter Davis made the Olympic team in the men's long jump; Lynda Blutreich, Kim Kreiner and Emily Carlsen in the women's javelin; Glover, Kim Batten and Tonja Buford-Bailey in the women's 400 hurdles; Sua, Suzy Powell and Kristin Kuehl in the women's discus.

DENVER (AP) — The former drug czar for the United States Olympic Committee, Dr. Wade Exum, filed a federal lawsuit against the committee, claiming its leaders sabotaged his anti-drug battle and discriminated against him because he is black.

Exum said about half the American athletes who have tested positive for prohibited substances have gone unpunished.

BASKETBALL

PHOENIX (AP) — Houston's Tina Thompson had 13 points and 11 rebounds to garner MVP honors, and Lisa Leslie of Los Angeles scored 16 points as the Western Conference beat the East 73-61 in the WNBA's second All-Star game.

BASEBALL

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Los Angeles Dodgers manager Davey Johnson remained hospitalized — one day after experiencing dizziness caused by an irregular heart rhythm.

FOOTBALL

UNDATED (AP) — Boomer Esiason will be back in the booth for NFL games on Monday nights — the radio booth. Four months after ABC fired the former quarterback from its "Monday Night Football" team, Westwood One/CBS Radio Sports signed Esiason to a two-year contract.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (AP) — Jacksonville waived running back Tavian Banks, unable to pass a physical after a devastating knee injury last season.

HONOLULU (AP) — Utah quarterback Darnell Arceneaux was free on bail after being arrested for investigation of abuse of a household member.

Police arrested Arceneaux, a Hawaii native, early Sunday when they responded to reports of problems at a Waikiki nightclub.

HOCKEY

CHICAGO (AP) — The Chicago Blackhawks signed forward Michael Nylander and Swiss forward Reto Von Arx. Nylander had 24 goals and 30 assists in 77 games for Chicago last season.

ATLANTA (AP) — The Atlanta Thrashers agreed to terms with free-agent forwards Donald Audette and Andreas Karlsson. Contract terms were not released.

HORSE RACING

LEXINGTON, Ky. (AP) — A Paris, Ky., horse farm has sued trainer Bob Baffert, alleging that he over-raced 1998 Kentucky Derby winner Real Quiet and helped defraud the farm out of \$250,000 and additional stallion shares.

Highland Stud filed the lawsuit on July 5 in U.S. District Court in Lexington. It contends that the stallion should have stopped racing months before he was retired in February, but Baffert insisted that the horse was fit, even though his front legs were severely injured.

Armstrong extends lead while cycling Tour de France

By ANDREAS EVAGORA
Associated Press Writer

COURCHEVEL, France (AP) — With his second Tour de France title almost a certainty, Lance Armstrong doesn't think he will ever equal the record of five Tour victories.

The 28-year-old Texan has a commanding lead of 7 minutes, 26 seconds with only one mountain stage left, and his rivals have all but thrown in the towel.

On Monday's second and final rest day, Armstrong doubted he could ever match the record of five Tour triumphs held by cycling legends Jacques Anquetil, Bernard Hinault, Eddy Merckx and Miguel Indurain.

"Merckx, Indurain, Hinault and Anquetil were a lot more talented than I am," he said.

Armstrong of Austin, Texas, who battled back from cancer to win last year's Tour de France, also said he might not have the motivation to attempt such a feat.

"I don't know if I have the desire to do that. I have a wonderful family that I want to spend time with," he said. "All of what I do is about motivation and the love of the sport. When you pack so much in, it is not always good for longevity."

"It is crazy for me to say I will win five in a row. If I want to win five, I will have to ride six or seven because there are lots of other good riders and you can't win every year."

Some cycling fans were skeptical about Armstrong's win in 1999 because top riders like Jan Ullrich and Marco Pantani were absent. After outclassing both this year, no one is doubting the American this time.

Five titles may be out of the question, but by winning this year's race Armstrong would join an elite band of 11 other riders — including countryman Greg LeMond — who have successfully defended the famous trophy in its 97-year history.

With the title almost in the bag, Armstrong was able to reflect on his superb achievement.

"This year I don't see as a comeback but a confirmation in my fight against cancer, especially because this year everyone has been on the starting line," he said. "I feel good compared to last year. I felt strong before, even in training, but I have to admit that I am little surprised by the lead."

Armstrong's march to a second title hasn't been without some controversy. He thought he was being respectful by letting Pantani win a stage last week but now regrets being so generous.

The American eased up in the final stages of the famed climb up Mont Ventoux after a rousing battle with the Italian.

Pantani, one of the world's great climbers and 1998 Tour de France champion, has since told Italian journalists that the American's move was an insult.

"I am very disappointed. I thought he had more class than that," Armstrong said. "It is unfortunate, but we are now seeing him in his true colors. I felt like it was a gift, but now know that it was a mistake to give him the gift."

Many race fans were surprised at the end of last Thursday's 12th stage when Armstrong, seeing that his main challengers for the title had pulled back, eased off in the final 20 yards.

The defending champion explained his decision by saying Pantani's riding had been "admirable."

"Pantani is a great climber, a great champion, but he wasn't the best man on Ventoux, and anyone who saw the race knows that," Armstrong said.

"All of what I do is about motivation and the love of the sport. When you pack so much in, it is not always good for longevity," said Armstrong.

American Quarter Horse Association releases poll results

AMARILLO (AP) — The national quarterhorse poll conducted by the American Quarter Horse Association. Rankings through July 16, based on votes, of industry and media representatives on a 10-9-8, etc. basis, with first-place votes in parentheses, records, and total points. (A-Age S-Sex, C-Colt, G-Gelding, S-Stallion, F-Filly, M-Mare):

A-S	St-1-2-3	Pts	Pvs	
1.TailorFit(23)5-G	3-2-1-0	228	1	
2.GoneKoolMan(1)3-G	4-4-0-0	197	2	
3.Separatist(1)3-C	3-2-0-0	178	3	
4.Mrstrawflytoyou5-G	4-3-0-1	136	4	
5.ExpressKing4-G	2-2-0-0	83	6	
6.DashForPopa4-G	8-5-1-0	79	5	
7.SecretCard2-F	4-4-0-0	72	7	
8.VictoryDefined4-G	6-6-0-0	69	—	
9.SVBlueTornado3-G	3-2-2-0	45	8	
10.SambasoDancer4-C	5-3-0-1	37	—	

Other horses receiving votes: He's My Dasher 30, A Delightful Dasher 23, Sign Of Lanty 14, Copper Buff 12, Falling In Loveagain 11, Corona Kool 10, Corona Cash 9, Joanna Kate 9, Miss Taylors Cash 9, Significant Speed 9, Streakin Snowman 9, Jakes Jockmo 8, War Colors 8, Fightin Jane 6, Miss De Great 6, Classified As Dash 5, Hemps Classic Dash 5, Lady Dee Vee Em 4, Policy Tacs 4, Prowl 4, Southern Cash Man 4, Sweet Lily Rose 4, BCR Really A Jet 3, Mark My Dial 3, Rojo Dancer 3, The Rush Gets To You 3, Tiger Toole 3, Aint It Fun 2, Celeb 2, Check Em High 2, Chicks Call Me 2, Awsome Form 1, Blushin Bugs 1, Bono Jazz 1, Ganster 1.

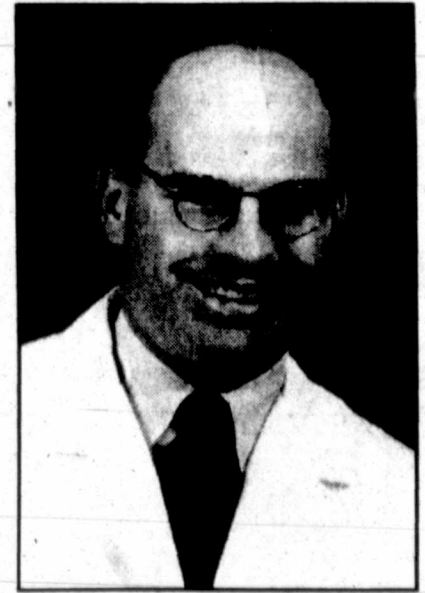
The American Quarter Horse Association racing poll for the leading 2-year-olds which are contenders for the All-American Futurity at Ruidoso Downs. Rankings, with records covering racing performances through July 16, are based on the votes of media and industry representatives on a 10-9-8-7-6-5-4-3-2-1 basis with first-place votes in parentheses and total points (Sex: C-colt, G-gelding, H-horse, F-filly, M-mare):

S	St-1-2-3	Pts	Pvs	
1.SecretCard(18)F	4-4-0-0	229	1	
2.CopperBuff(1)C	5-3-1-1	180	3	
3.Celeb(1)C	5-3-1-0	158	2	
4.FightinJane(2)F	3-3-0-0	149	4	
5.MarmetG	5-3-2-0	81	8	
6.CoastalMemoriesG	3-2-0-0	78	5	
7.StoliC	5-3-1-1	76	6	
8.MarkMyDial(1)C	4-4-0-0	66	9	
9.RecklesslyF	5-4-1-0	60	7	
10.HezaFastDashC	4-2-1-1	36	10	

Others receiving votes: Blue Grass Bounce 32, Sweet Lily Rose 22, Cash To The Front 14, Feature Mr Jess 11, Leading Diva 11, Luci O Toole 11, Hemps Classic Dash (1) 10, All American Jewel 9, Tynys First Effort 9, Illicit Dream 8, Really Easy Going 8, Soft Summer Nights 8, First Down Roc 7, Dust Em Dusty 6, Dashing Knud 4, Make It Anywhere 4, Quarterloom 4, Corona Cocktail 3, Easy Winning Jet 3, Fast And Strate 3, JA Calyx Quest 3, TR Dasher 3, Dashing Task 2, Secretly Seymour 2, The Calyx Chick 2, First Achiever 1, Thru Reba's Eyes 1.

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The Top of Texas Bassmasters of Pampa held their June Tournament at Crowder Lake near Weatherford, Okla. Steve and Maxine Stauffacher took first place with 20.61 pounds. Maxine (above) won "Big Bass" with a 7.92 pounds Black bass. Floyd Lott and Maxine Stauffacher won second with 10.98 pounds and Bill Crook and Rodger Watson came in third with 10.37 pounds. Club meetings are held the first Tuesday of each month. For more information call Bill Crook at 669-2764

Cal Ripken 9-10 All Stars win again in West Texas tournament

By JOHN W. WARNER
For The News

He scored easily on a wild pitch. Greenhouse followed with a wicked liner down the third base line. He circled the bases for an inside-the-park homer. Stone beat out an infield hit. Gowin smashed one back at the pitcher who managed to knock

TULIA — Darius Kimberling and Colden Fortenberry hurled a combined no-hitter as the Pampa Optimist 9-10 All Stars defeated Lockney 11-0 in the West Texas Cal Ripken 9-10 State Tournament Monday.

Kimberling pitched two perfect innings for Pampa for the second time in the tournament to earn his second post season win. He struck out five. Fortenberry also fanned five batters but walked three in two innings of work.

After Kimberling struck out the side in the top of the first inning, Pampa scored twice in the bottom of the inning without the benefit of a base hit. Shavius Kelley and Colby Greenhouse walked with one out. They sped around the bases on wild pitches with Kelley scoring when the catcher's throw trying to get Greenhouse went past the pitcher covering home.

In the bottom of the second Fortenberry led off with an infield single. Shane Davis and Kimberling walked.

Shavius Kelley grounded to the shortstop whose throw to the plate was too late to get Fortenberry. Greenhouse was safe on an error as two runs scored.

Mark Stone hit right back to the pitcher who threw to the catcher, but Kelley slid in safely. Dakota Gowin was ruled out on the infield fly rule, but both runners advanced when the pitcher was unable to make the catch.

Two wild pitches allowed both runners to score making the score 8-0 after two innings.

In Pampa's half of the third inning Kimberling singled to right field with one out. He went to second when the right fielder overthrew the cut off man. Kelley sacrificed him to third.

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It down in self defense. Stone moved to second on the play, moved to third on a wild pitch and scored the final run of the game on another wild pitch.

So dominating was Pampa's pitching that Lockney was only able to put one ball in play. Kimberling tried a change up which the Lockney batter smashed up the middle. Second baseman, Aaron Carr, raced to his right, backhanded the ball and threw to a stretching Colby Copeland at first for the out.

The final out of the game was registered when Fortenberry threw to Carr, who was then catching to nip a runner trying to steal home. The umpire made a delayed call making sure Carr had the plate blocked before making the game-ending call.

Pampa upped its tournament record at 2-1. The All Stars play Seminole at 5:30 p.m. today. They defeated Seminole in the first game of the tournament 13-5. If they win, they will have an opportunity to avenge Sunday's 6-4 loss to Randall Blue at 7:30 p.m.

The winner of this game faces Randall Red, the only remaining team in the winner's bracket on Wednesday. Another game, if needed, would be played Thursday.

Singh has Masters win to show he's not intimidated by Woods

By TIM DAHLBERG
AP Sports Writer

ST. ANDREWS, Scotland (AP) — Vijay Singh will concede the favorite's role in the British Open to Tiger Woods. It's hard not to, even though Singh owns the same number of major championship titles this year as Woods: one.

He's not conceding anything else, though he says some players will.

"He puts an intimidating factor on every other player," Singh said of Woods. "He is the

favorite every week he plays." That's especially true this week, where British oddsmakers had Woods a 9-4 choice on Monday, the shortest odds since Jack Nicklaus was 3-1 while dominating in the 1970s. Even that didn't stop a bettor at Ladbrokes from putting 15,000 English pounds (\$22,433) on Woods.

Singh, meanwhile, was at 33-1, despite beating Woods at the Masters earlier this year and coming back to the Old Course, where he was in contention the final day the last time the Open was held here in 1995.

"This golf course is set up so anyone can win this tournament," Singh said. "It is playing hard and fast."

Singh comes into the Open

with something no one other than Woods has — a chance to win his second major championship of the year and the confidence that he has already beaten Woods for one major title.

"If you win a major once, you think, you know you probably got lucky," said Singh, whose first major win was the 1998 PGA Championship. "But you win it again and you start thinking it is not so much luck after all. You are more confident and more comfortable."

Singh got reacquainted with the Old Course in a practice round on Monday, then proclaimed it ripe for tour, as he showed in his practice round by almost driving the green with the wind behind him on the 412-yard par-4 sixth.

"Whoever is hitting it long this week has a lot of advantage," Singh said. "The longer hitters are going to be able to hit on to some of the outward greens."

In ordinary years, a player like Singh would probably be considered among the handful of favorites to win the claret jug that goes to the Open champion.

This, however, is no normal year. Not after Woods destroyed the field at the U.S. Open to win by 15 shots.

"Tiger did play very well, as you all know," Singh said. "He played really good and everybody else played pretty average. That is where you get the vast margin. If the guys had played half decent, it wouldn't have been that bad."

Singh acknowledged that Woods will intimidate many players, and is such a force that the rest of the field is often look-

ing to see what he is doing. That's a mistake, said Singh, who managed to tend to his own business to beat Woods to win the Masters earlier this year.

"When you go out there, if you start worrying about what the other players are going to be doing, especially Tiger, you are already in trouble," he said. "We should almost forget about him and just play our own game. But it is hard to do when he is playing so well."

Singh predicted Woods — or any player — will have trouble running away with this Open because the Old Course will serve up a number of low scores if the wind doesn't howl and players keep out of the 112 bunkers that litter the course.

Birdie opportunities abound on the front nine, but the prevailing winds could raise havoc on the way back to the clubhouse.

The Old Course is indeed playing hard and fast, as always, perhaps harder and faster than ever.

"I was shocked with how firm the greens were and the fairways," Singh said. "And the practice green is almost as hard as concrete. You hurt your hand trying to hit it, but you have to get used to that. If you don't, then you are not going to contend, I guess."

Singh had some success the last time the Open was held here in 1995, finishing two strokes back of John Daly after four three-putts on the final nine holes. And he said he likes the way his game is right now, particularly his putting.

"I think I'm a much better putter than I've ever been," Singh said.



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LOVETT MEMORIAL LIBRARY Summer Story Hours will be at 10 a.m. Mondays and Tuesdays during July except July 4. The rodeo queens will make a special appearance on July 10. The program, open to children 18 months to five years of age, is free and no registration is required. The library will also offer a program at 10:30 a.m. Wednesdays during July open to children of all ages. Activities will include time capsules, inventions and spacecraft. For more information about these two programs, call 669-5780.

LOVETT MEMORIAL LIBRARY will offer a summer children's reading program in June and July. Children will receive a reading log to keep a record of the number of minutes they read. Every child who

reads three hours in June and July may choose a book. Gift certificates will be given to children who read the most. For more information, call 669-5780.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

information contact Edgar D. Carson, 669-0853 or 669-1264.

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

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

HIDDEN HILLS Women's Golf Association will hold its "Play Day" at 6 p.m. each Monday from May-September. For more information, call 669-0434.



~ Business Review ~



(Pampa News photo by Nancy Young)

Jason Allen checks the tires of each vehicle serviced at Top O' Texas Quick Lube. New customers are welcome to the business as quality service is the top priority by Allen and his staff.

Top O' Texas Quick Lube

Business is increasing drastically at the Top O' Texas Quick Lube in Pampa.

Jason Allen became owner of the business nine and one-half months ago, and he has seen a steady increase in customers since then. The 28-year-old young man and his wife, Denise, became co-owners Oct. 1, 1999.

The young couple has put in many long hours working to build the business to its current level. "Denise helps do the books and she also works in the shop," said Jason. "She does everything."

The increased customer volume can be attributed to the quality work and an interest in their customers.

Allen purchased the Top O' Texas Quick Lube 'N' Wash Convenience Center after managing the Classic Lube

'N' Wash Convenience Center at 2801 Perryton Parkway for several years.

Bringing considerable experience to the Quick Lube business, Jason is providing quality service to his customers.

The Pampa native received an associates degree in Automotive and Automotive Electronics at Wyoming Tech Auto School in Laramie, Wyo., in 1991.

He said the Quick Lube business has been at the location on Alcock since 1981. One fulltime employee in addition to Jason and Denise work at the business.

The local business does state inspections for vehicles, he said. He is also licensed to do motorcycle inspections.

Tire repair, minor detailing and oil changes are part of the

services offered at the local business. He also offers pick up and delivery for car washing. "I have four stalls going at the car wash," said Jason.

The business takes all major credit cards. "In fact, I imagine I can take most any credit cards," he said. He also takes several fleet credit cards. He said he has numerous fleet accounts at the local business now.

Jason and Denise welcome new customers to their business at 1807 Alcock as they provide quality work to their customers. Prospective customers are encouraged to drop by or call the local business to get acquainted with the young couple. To make an appointment to have your car cleaned, inspected or repaired, call 665-0959.

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