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AUSTIN (AP) — Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Wednesday night

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## Immunization law gains latitude

By DEE DEE LARAMORE  
EDITOR

Students at Pampa public schools as well as schools throughout the state will begin the new year with a new state law recently passed by the Legislature which allows parents or guardians to bypass immunization requirements for "reasons of conscience."

In the past, children could be

exempt from immunization based on beliefs and practices of a recognized church to which they belong. House Bill 2292 amended the state's Education Code to "reasons of conscience, including a religious belief."

The new wording allows parents or guardians can also object to vaccinating their children for medical reasons.

As Pampa ISD gears up for the 2003-2004 school year, Superintendent Barry Haenisch pointed out that to

qualify under the new standard, parents or guardians must use the proper form and it must be notarized.

The only form accepted for the exemption can be obtained in writing after Sept. 1 from the Texas Department of Health, Immunization Division, 1100 W. 49th St., Austin, TX 78756.

The form must be notarized and submitted to the principal or nurse within 90 days of notarization. Each

child in the family must have a separate form, also.

His law changed the standard for medical exemptions to "poses a significant risk" to the health and well-being of the student or any member of the student's family or household.

For this exemption, the student must have a certificate signed by a U.S.-licensed physician stating that, in the doctor's opinion, the immunization

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## Veterans' tales to be saved for history project

By DAVID BOWSER  
STAFF WRITER

Stories swapped at this month's Pampa Army Air Field Reunion, Aug. 15-18, may well end up in the Library of Congress.

Ryan Fairfield and Tony Lupo, both of Houston, will be at the reunion, interviewing and recording the stories of World War II veterans.

Fairfield and Lupo are volunteers with the Veteran's History Project, a program signed into law by President Bill Clinton to record on video and audio tape the stories of veterans from World War II, Korea and Vietnam for the American Folklife Center at the Library of Congress.

"The purpose is to create a repository of oral histories that historians and future generations can use for research and general awareness," Fairfield

said. Fairfield first became aware of the Pampa Army Air Field, or PAAF, while visiting Freedom Museum USA a few years ago and talking to retired Col. Mike Porter there.

A geophysicist, Fairfield lived in Borger at the time and worked for Phillips Petroleum Company.

He recently transferred to Houston with ConocoPhillips. In Houston, he became involved in the Commemorative Air Force, formerly the Confederate Air Force, and the Veterans History Project.

"This project involves enlisting the help of every American citizen to document the story of war veterans," Fairfield said.

He said that normally he and Lupo will conduct a 60 to 80 minute interview with a

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## Water boy



(Pampa News photo by Dee Dee Laramore)

Michael Landsberk, 8, takes his responsibility for watering the front yard at his house on Williston Street seriously. Watering has become essential to protect lawns after days of triple-digit temperatures. As Michael watered his yard Wednesday afternoon, local firefighters battled a grass fire south of town that burned approximately 25 acres. A late evening thundershower brought .12 of rain relief to the city, but blistering hot days remain in the forecast through the weekend.

## Rally to feature nationally-known speaker



Lakita Garth

Nationally-recognized speaker Lakita Garth will headline a free, community-wide abstinence rally for youth, parents and all interested persons at 6 p.m., Wednesday, Aug. 13, in First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall.

Garth, social commentator, media consultant and professional entertainer, has spoken to millions of teens through motivational assemblies

across the U.S. and internationally. She speaks on such issues as race relations, politics, feminism, and AIDS and serves as one of the country's leading abstinence advocates.

Garth has testified before the U.S. Surgeon General and the U.S. Senate in Washington, D.C., on teen pregnancy prevention. She has served as a consultant in Africa and the Caribbean, as well as more than a dozen U.S.

federal, state and county health departments on teen pregnancy, AIDS/HIV, sexually transmitted diseases and the impact of the media on adolescent behavior.

She represented California as a runner-up to Miss Black America and she has appeared on various commercials and television shows including Politically Incorrect, the Image Awards, MTV, and BET. In addition, Miss Garth

consulted and hosted UPN's Emmy-nominated show "The Truth About Sex."

After attending the University of Southern California and earning a bachelor of science degree, Garth received an honorary doctorate degree from Aspen University. She is also a recipient of the National Patrick Henry Award for outstanding achievement in activism for youth.

## Two GOP senators meet with Democrats in N.M.

By NATALIE GOTT  
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — Democrats who busted a quorum in the Texas Senate by fleeing to New Mexico said they remain committed to their boycott over congressional redistricting, even after a meeting with two Senate Republicans.

Republican Sens. Robert Duncan of Lubbock and Todd Staples of Palestine flew to Albuquerque on Wednesday to meet with the Democrats. They hooked up in the afternoon for about an hour with Democratic Sens. Juan Hinojosa of McAllen, Leticia Van de Putte of San Antonio and Royce West of Dallas.

"It was great to see our friends," said Van de Putte, chairwoman of the Senate Democratic Caucus. "They just wanted to visit with us face to face and we will always continue to dialogue with our friends and our Senate colleagues."

Staples, the Senate Republican Caucus chairman, said they felt it was important to come to Albuquerque to visit the Democrats in person.

"Our only form of communication with our colleagues has been through the media," Staples said in a story in the online edition of the Houston Chronicle Wednesday night.

Van de Putte gave few details of the meeting but said the 11 Democrats

remain dedicated to their boycott.

"Nothing about this particular meeting has really changed our resolve here. Nothing has changed our objective," Van de Putte said. "We still remain unalterably opposed to redistricting."

Duncan's office said Thursday he went to Albuquerque to try to establish communications with the Democrats. Duncan is the chairman of the Senate Jurisprudence Committee, which handles redistricting.

A Staples aide told the AP Wednesday that her boss was at a redistricting meeting but she did not give any other details.

The 11 Democratic senators have

been in New Mexico for more than a week, after fleeing the Texas Capitol on July 28 in opposition to plans to take up congressional redistricting. They left shortly before Republican Gov. Rick Perry called a second special session on the issue.

The Democrats' absence at the Capitol has brought the Senate to a standstill because without them the chamber does not have enough members to take up business.

A Duncan spokeswoman said Duncan and Staples were held up by weather in Albuquerque and ended up spending the night there. They are expected to return to Austin on

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## Study shows measles cases surging in U.S.

By PAUL RECER  
AP SCIENCE WRITER

WASHINGTON (AP)—Measles could re-emerge as a constant threat in Britain because many parents, fearing possible side effects, don't get their children vaccinated, researchers say.

In a study appearing in the journal *Science*, British researchers report that the level of vaccinated children in Britain has dropped below 85 percent and that this rising number of unprotected youngsters is responsible for a recent surge in the number of measles cases in England and Wales.

If this trend continues, the authors suggest, measles could become firmly entrenched among the population and a constant source of sickness.

A decline in vaccinations "will lead to increasingly large outbreaks of measles and, finally, the reappearance of measles as an endemic disease," the authors state in the study appearing in this week's edition of *Science*.

The study was written by researchers at the Royal Holloway University of London, Imperial College in London and the government's Health Protection Agency.

In 1988, Britain began a childhood vaccination program using a combination vaccine that protected against measles, mumps and rubella. By 1998, about 91 percent of the nation's children were protected.

But shortly after that, some researchers reported they had found evidence that the MMR vaccine could cause serious side effects in children. At least one British physician, Dr. Andrew Wakefield, claimed that the vaccine was linked to autism, a serious mental disorder that develops in childhood. He made frequent public comments and attracted widespread news media attention.

Since 1998, many parents in England and Wales, as well as Ireland, stopped getting their children vaccinated with MMR.

The drop in vaccinations "has coincided with a number of large measles outbreaks," the authors said in *Science*. Later the study noted: "In their attempt to avoid the perceived risk associated with vaccination, parents' behavior collectively results in a substantial increase in the real risk of exposure to measles."

The study said vaccination levels continue to decline in Britain, even though "all of the claims of serious side effects (from the vaccine) have been refuted."

Dr. Samuel L. Katz, a Duke University pediatrics professor who is a prominent figure in research on vaccination policies, said the study should pose a cautionary tale for Americans.

## FBI catalogs hidden weapons terrorists could use

WASHINGTON (AP) — The FBI is urging airport security personnel to watch for dozens of seemingly everyday items — from hairbrushes to crucifixes — that can conceal knives or other weapons terrorists could use to hijack an airliner.

Many cost less than \$20, are readily available and can be difficult to detect using airport screening devices, according to an FBI statement accompanying the 89-page catalog obtained Wednesday by The Associated Press.

The catalog has been converted into a compact disc and circulated to airport screeners and law enforcement around the country amid heightened vigilance intended to prevent another suicide hijacking by al-Qaida.

"It was designed to raise security awareness for law enforcement and airline security," FBI spokesman Paul Bresson said.

U.S. law enforcement officials previously have warned that al-Qaida might use improvised or easily obtained substances to mount attacks, especially chemicals that are dangerous when mixed. What makes the FBI weapons list unusual is that most of the concealable knives, pepper spray devices and other items are inexpensive and can be purchased from manufacturers in the United States and other countries.

Knives can be concealed in belt buckles, hairbrushes and

### Retailers: Sales strong in July

NEW YORK (AP) — Retailers finally got a break in July as warm weather and heavy discounting helped lift sales above expectations for many merchants, even the struggling department store sector.

As retailers reported their sales results Thursday, all industry segments appeared to benefit from an improved selling environment. Wal-Mart Stores, the industry leader, boosted its profit outlook for the second quarter.

J.C. Penney, Kohl's and Gap Inc. were among the retailers that reported sales that beat analysts' forecasts.

Even May Department Stores, which has struggled with sales declines, eked out a solid increase in sales at stores open at least a year. Sales at stores open at least a year, known as same-store sales, are considered the best indicator of a retailer's health.

"It was a good month, and it may be a good omen for the second half," said Michael P. Niemira, vice president of Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi Ltd. "Sure, the month was promotional and weather helped, but this could be the start of a much better trend."

His company's same-store sales tally of 61 retailers was up 4 percent, well above the 3 percent gain Niemira had expected. That compares with a 2.6 percent increase in the year-ago period.

The pace is well above the sluggish 1.5 percent increase that had been seen for most of the past year, although the last two months' same-store sales improved slightly, averaging a 2.2 percent gain.

combs, working cigarette lighters, crucifixes, lipstick cases, canes, umbrellas, keychains, pens, mock credit cards and money clips. While many of the blades are small, others can be at least 4 inches long and some are sword-length.

Among the more exotic items is a deck of fake playing cards made of metal, with sharp edges, that can be thrown with deadly results. One fake key made in Japan conceals a knife and a smaller key that could be used to escape from handcuffs.

One device, called a "shuckra," is a metal tube containing a wire that, when locked into place, becomes a hardened spike that could be used as a dagger.

There are false name-brand soap, hairspray, shaving cream and cleanser cans with hidden compartments — the FBI calls them "can safes" — where weapons or dangerous substances could be placed. Fake books with hollowed centers are used as safes.

Each item in the catalog is shown with a ruler to give

security personnel a sense of scale and an X-ray image of how it might appear when viewed in a screening device at an airport or building entrance.

The FBI's collection was purchased through catalogs, at knife shows and through other commercial outlets. Officials said none of the items were confiscated from passengers.

The 19 men who hijacked four jetliners on Sept. 11, 2001, and crashed them in New York City, Washington and southwestern Pennsylvania used common

boxcutters as weapons. The FBI catalog is circulating at a time of increased security at airports based on intelligence collected from captured al-Qaida operatives and al-Qaida safe houses about plans for another attack using the nation's air travel system.

The United States has sent aviation experts to Iraq and major capitals in Europe and Asia to assess the security of commercial airports. The New York Times reported late Wednesday in its online edition.

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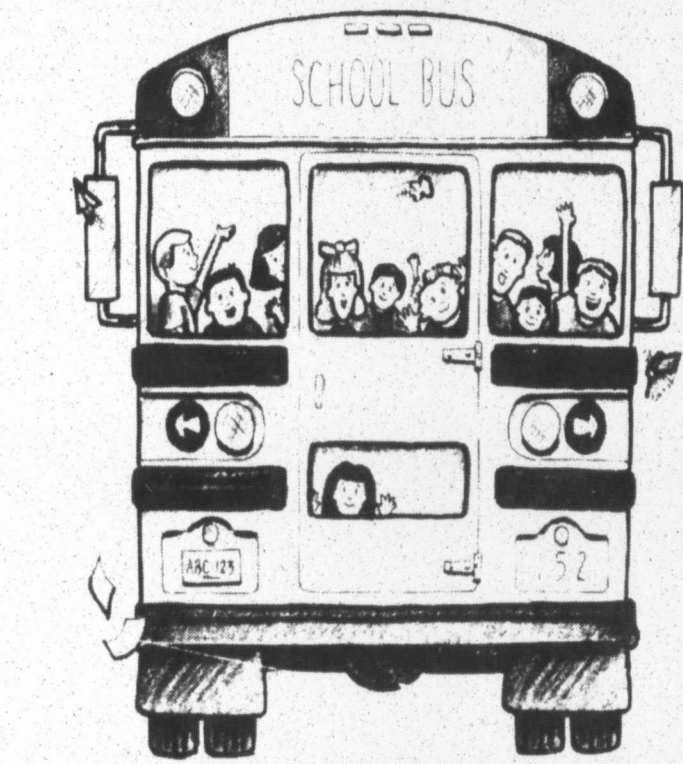
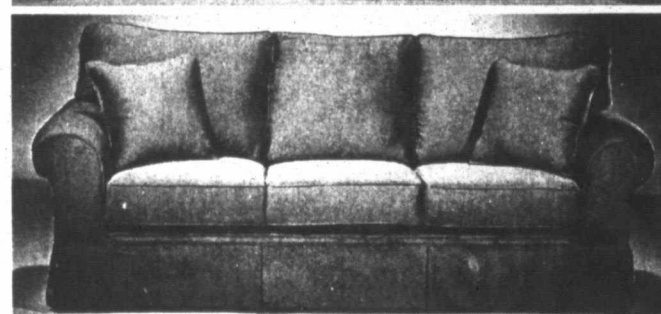
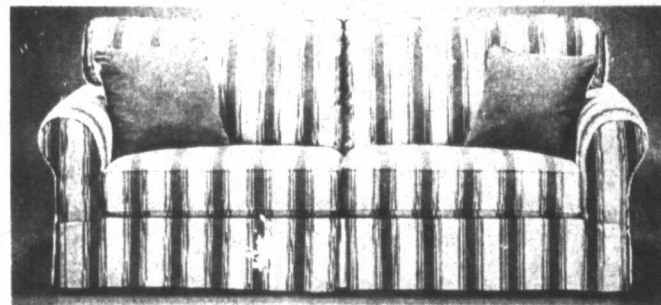
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### WASHINGTON TODAY

## Reining in North Korean leader will be no easy task

By GEORGE GEDDA  
 ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

WASHINGTON (AP) — The United States has been doing the carrot-stick routine with North Korea for some time, but nothing much seems to work.

The carrot was best exemplified by President Clinton's newly disclosed invitation to North Korean leader Kim Jong Il in December 2000 to make an Oval Office visit.

Kim turned him down. Had it been announced at the time, the offer no doubt would have generated controversy. After all, Kim runs what is reputed to be one of the world's most repressive police states.

President Bush wielded the stick, at least a verbal one, a mere 14 months later when he listed North Korea as a member of an international "axis of evil," nations that arm "to threaten the peace of the world."

Clinton's invitation to Kim was disclosed by his secretary of state, Madeleine Albright, in her new book, "Madame Secretary," excerpts of which were published in the September issue of Vanity Fair magazine.

The excerpts focus on Albright's groundbreaking visit to North Korea in October 2000, a period of high promise in the often-combative U.S.-North Korean relationship.

The invitation was extended after Clinton concluded that time constraints and other factors did not allow him to accept a publicly announced invitation from the North Korean leader to visit Pyongyang in the weeks before he left office.

"As the holidays neared, the president felt he had to choose between a trip to North Korea — which would also require stops in Seoul and Tokyo — and a crash effort to reach closure with the Israelis and Palestinians," Albright wrote.

"In a final effort to sidestep this choice, we invited Chairman Kim to come to Washington. The North Koreans replied they could not accept the invitation."

Superficially, the approaches of the Clinton and Bush administrations could not be more different.

The former worked hard to avoid offending the North Koreans. The latter sometimes seems to revel in tough talk. Bush himself has said he loathes Kim for the way he has treated his people.

Referring to Kim in a speech last week in Seoul, Undersecretary of State John Bolton said, "While he lives like royalty in Pyongyang, he keeps hundreds of thousands of his people locked in prison camps, with millions more locked in abject poverty." By one count, Bolton personally assailed Kim by name 41 times in the speech.

The White House made clear that Bolton was speaking for the administration.

But despite the sinewy rhetoric, Bush, much like Clinton, has come to the conclusion that there is no substitute for engagement.

The United States will join with North Korea and four other regional countries in China for discussions next month on curbing North Korea's nuclear ambitions.

For the administration, there is not much confidence that North Korea will do the right thing, particularly given the disclosures over the past year about the North's violations of international commitments to remain nuclear-free.

In her book, Albright showed about as much faith in North Korea's good will as the current administration.

During her talks in Pyongyang almost three years ago, the focus was on controlling Pyongyang's missile program. Albright acknowledged that verification was a major worry.

"I had found Chairman Kim prickly and unresponsive to any questions of North Korea's trustworthiness or any perceived violation of its sovereignty.

"He would fight the idea of onsite inspections, yet we had no faith in his word," Albright said. "No agreement was possible unless we had the ability to make sure (North Korea) was complying."

John Bolton couldn't have said it better. But it's hard to imagine Bolton giving his blessing to the bantering between Albright and Kim as they were saying goodbye after their meetings three years ago.

"Pick up the phone anytime," she told Kim, giving him a basketball signed by Michael Jordan.

Kim replied: "Please give me your e-mail address."

## Ruling will lead to racial fraud

The recent U.S. Supreme Court ruling in Grutter vs. Bollinger permits colleges to award a "plus" to black, Hispanic and American Indian student applications for admission. As sure as night follows day, we can expect racial fraud. You can bet the rent money that the number of white students identifying themselves on their applications as black, Hispanic and American Indian is going to rise.



WALTER WILLIAMS  
 COLUMNIST

Take the Michigan Law School application. It requests, in part, that you choose "one race or ethnicity that you think best applies to you. Your decision to answer or not answer this question will not influence law school's decision on admission." Thus, the only proof required of membership in a preferred race is self-identification.

People lie about many things to gain an advantage, and they'll lie about their race, too. In 1990, there was a highly publicized case of racial lying. Two Malone brothers, who are white, took the Boston Fire Department test; they weren't hired because of low scores. Shortly thereafter, the Boston Fire Department was handed a consent decree mandating racial preferences. The Malones retook the test, this time identifying themselves as black. Their scores still weren't high enough to be hired as white, but they qualified under the lower standards for blacks and were hired. They worked for 10 years, until their lie was discovered during a promotion proceeding and they were fired.

When South Africa instituted its racial spoils system, it anticipated the possibility of racial fraud and enacted the Population Registration Act of 1950, which racially classified its entire population. The Act laid down race definitions so as to thwart people, mostly "Coloureds," from faking it.

For example, it defined a white person as one who "in appearance is obviously a white person who is generally not accepted as a colored person; or is generally accepted as a white person and is not in appearance obviously not a white person."

Despite careful attempts to define race, there were difficulties. A person charged with doing something prohibited to a native might claim he had some white blood. The Population Registration Act provided that a person aggrieved by a racial determination could appeal to a tribunal known as the Racial Classification Appeal Board. The act also provided that a third party could bring complaints as to a person's racial classification, but with strong penalties for frivolous objections to another's racial classification.

The Grutter vs. Bollinger decision might require that universities not only have affirmative action, diversity and multiculturalism offices, but racial classification offices as well, with genealogical and DNA capacity.

Why? Early in our history, we had the "one drop rule" that decided one's eligibility to benefit from our racial spoils system. A person was deemed black if he had one drop of black blood. Some states had the one-thirty-second rule, whereby if you had one black great-great-grandparent, you were black. It's conceivable that genealogical and DNA evidence might be the only way that white-looking college students will be able to exonerate themselves at college racial classification hearings if charged with racial faking.

Racial faking isn't a one-way street. A study in the May 1947 American Journal of Sociology estimated that at one time approximately 2,600 Negroes became white -- "passed" -- each year. If these people married white people, and raised families, who knows how many white people today qualify as black.

It might be worthwhile for white parents to have genealogy studies as part of their children's college preparation. Colleges will have to specify just what percentage of black blood makes one black. For example, in my own case, I am not entirely black; there's a bit of Irish in me. Does that make me entitled to march in St. Patrick's Day parades?



## Hillary might not want to wait

In 1968, a carpetbag senator from New York pondered a race to unseat an incumbent president. Determined to capitalize on his family name, raised to mythic proportions by his relative's tenure in the White House, he judged, nevertheless, that his time had not yet come and that he should wait for four more years to venture out and run on his own.



DICK MORRIS  
 COLUMNIST

But along came an unknown candidate who saw the vulnerability of the incumbent and mounted a campaign driven by the left-wing activists of the anti-war movement. With the president's strength more apparent than real and Americans chafing under the daily dose of combat casualties, the unknown candidate gathered momentum and support. With each passing week, the incumbent president seemed more and more vulnerable.

Fearing that the train was leaving the station without him, the famous senator hastily revised his plans and jumped into the '68 presidential contest and led a national crusade to oust the incumbent.

The unknown but venturesome candidate was shunted aside, and the senator mounted what promised to be a formidable challenge before it was, cut short by a bullet.

Will the role Robert F. Kennedy was preparing for be played by Hillary Rodham Clinton, Lyndon Johnson by George W. Bush and Eugene McCarthy by Howard Dean? As that famous philosopher Yogi Berra said, "It's déjà vu all over again."

Bill and Hillary Clinton have one

central idea in their uncluttered, ambitious minds: Hillary in 2008. Let Bush get re-elected, use the '04 primaries and general election to clean out the underbrush of competing Democratic candidates, and proceed unimpeded to the '08 nomination. Use the book tours to build support and popularity, but let somebody else take the fall in 2004.

But those well-laid plans would go awry if somebody else beats Bush.

With a Democrat in the White House certain to seek a second term in 2008, Hillary would have to wait until 2012 to run. By then, she'll be 65 and have been out of power for 12 years. The bloom will have faded and the honors gone elsewhere. So as Bush continues his descent in the polls, the chance that Hillary will run becomes ever greater.

The most recent polls put Bush's job approval at 58 percent but, ominously, indicate that only 47 percent would vote for him against a hypothetical Democratic candidate. Forty-seven percent is just about what Bush won in 2000. And how committed could the top 11 percent of his backers be to say that they approve of the job he's doing but won't necessarily vote for him?

Although the economy will improve and one hopes Bush will find a way out to stop the killings in Iraq, the larger

reason for the collapse of his ratings is the decline of terrorism as the major issue facing America.

Once, more than 50 percent cited it in verbatim questions, but now less than 10 percent do. Like many presidents before him — and like Churchill in 1945 — Bush is the victim of his own success, eradicating the issue that propped him up in the polls by solving it.

The president has skillfully moved to preempt such Democratic issues as the Medicare prescription drug benefit, generic drugs and racial profiling and has made taxes a key issue for the '04 contest by sunseting his tax cuts, but he still lacks a key domestic issue to use in ginning up his support.

I have always felt that immigration reform to keep out terrorists and drug testing to cut demand to dry up the funding for narco-terrorists would serve him well, but so far, he hasn't moved to take up that or any other such issue.

If Bush continues to drop and one or more Democrats start to catch fire, Hillary Clinton will have some thinking to do. She won't have to look far to absorb the consequences of sitting on the sidelines.

If 1968 is a distant recollection, 1992 would be doubtless more vivid. Bill Clinton got the nomination because Mario Cuomo decided not to run. Cuomo, figuring Bush couldn't be defeated, elected to wait, as Hillary is waiting in 2004, calculating that Bush can't be taken.

Will Hillary remember 1968 ... and 1992?

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(Pampa News photo)

McKinli Thomas, 6, front left, and Jazmyn Hair, 8, front right, get a hug and a balloon from the State Farm Insurance Bear who came to Pampa recently to celebrate the 20th anniversary of State Farm Agent Dannie Hoover, back left.

**Scorching heat bakes Lone Star State**

DALLAS (AP) — Across Texas, the most popular places these days are any place with air conditioning.

At a homeless day shelter in downtown Dallas, crowds peak during lunchtime when 400 people come for a meal and handouts of Gatorade to combat the dehydration that can be brought on by triple-digit heat.

Across town at the four-story Galleria shopping mall, North Texans are lacing on skates and stepping onto the smooth, wet ice skating rink for a break from temperatures like the 109 that hit the region Wednesday.

"A lot of people have come in saying it's too hot. A lot of them walk in the mall to cool off, and while they're here they say, why don't we ice skate," Galleria ice rink employee Brandy Manuel said Wednesday night. "A lot of them try it for the first time."

The Galleria ice rink — with a marketing slogan of "It doesn't get any cooler than this" — has been attracting significantly more people than usual, Manuel said.

At The Stewpot, a shelter two blocks from Dallas City Hall, about 200 people stayed after lunch Wednesday for an afternoon of ice cream and music.

Students from Juilliard, the prestigious New York music school, provided the entertainment for the once-a-summer program designed to get homeless people off the streets and into an air-conditioned building, said Bruce Buchanan, associate pastor for community

ministries at First Presbyterian, which helps sponsor the shelter.

"We couldn't have picked a hotter day," Buchanan said with a laugh, referring to Wednesday's record high.

"When people leave here, they go the library or other air conditioned spaces where they're allowed to be. We try to encourage people to find a safe place to be cool and out of the sun," Buchanan said.

It's not expected to get cooler anytime soon. The National Weather Service extended a heat advisory into Thursday for North Texas, where temperatures were expected to rise above 100 degrees, with the heat index climbing as high as 110.

Parts of Deep South Texas were expected to have afternoon heat index readings near 115. The Hill Country and Southeast Texas should have highs around 103. The Texas Panhandle was expected to be about 100 degrees.

The relentless heat led to record levels of electricity use across the state Wednesday.

The Electric Reliability Council of Texas, which manages the power grid for most of the state, reported a record of 59,098 megawatt hours during peak use. The new unofficial record breaks the mark of 57,606 set on Aug. 31, 2000, said spokeswoman Dottie Roark.

Most residents appeared to be handling the oppressive heat in stride.

Dr. Daniel Keyes, an emergency room doctor at Parkland

Hospital in Dallas, said his hospital has seen only a handful of dehydration cases.

"When the weather changes, people aren't ready, so it's early summer when we see people get in trouble," Keyes said. "Now people are prepared. They've gone through the drill and we see fewer cases a day."

But it's always good to remind people about steps to avoid heat-related illnesses, he said.

Keyes recommends dressing according to the three Ls: lightweight, light-colored and loose-fitting clothes.

People should also remember to drink plenty of water and avoid alcohol and caffeine because they tend to drain the body of fluids.

For those who like to play and exercise in the sun, always take a buddy along so one person can take care of the other, Keyes said.

Football players gearing up for the fall season were taking that advice.

Texas A&M football players took a break midway through an afternoon workout in a specially equipped "cool down tent" large enough to hold all 105

players. Baylor football players worked out in shorts and took several water breaks throughout the day as the heat index reached 115 degrees.

"It was a hot one; no doubt about it," first-year head coach Guy Morriss said. "But I thought our kids worked through it well."

Warnings about the heat aren't just for humans; animals can also be hurt or killed by heat-related causes.

At the Fort Worth Zoo, water misters have been set up to cool down gorillas, mountain lions and jaguars in their exhibit areas.

Horses in the Texas Wild exhibit are wearing fly bonnets velcroed around their necks, to protect their faces from the sun.

And although there are no pigs at the zoo right now, light-colored Chester White pigs are normally rubbed down with SPF 30 sunscreen when it gets hot and sunny, according to Tracy Sturrock, communications coordinator for the zoo.

"It's hard at first to get them to hold still, but they love the attention so it doesn't turn out to be too difficult," she said.

**Convicted toddler strangler avoids execution Wednesday**

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — After a flurry of late appeals, a man convicted of strangling a 3-year-old boy with the child's own underwear was spared a trip to the Texas death chamber when a federal appellate court agreed his claims of mental retardation should be reviewed.

Jose Alfredo Rivera received the news from a prison chaplain about three hours after he could have been put to death Wednesday evening and after he already had eaten his final meal that included tamales and enchiladas.

"He said he was not surprised because he has faith," Texas Department of Criminal Justice spokeswoman Michelle Lyons said.

The U.S. Supreme Court earlier in the evening had

rejected two rounds of appeals. Besides contending he was innocent, Rivera's lawyers argued the 40-year-old inmate was mentally retarded, making him ineligible for the death penalty under a high court ruling in another case last year.

In its three-paragraph ruling, a three-judge panel of the federal appeals court said after the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals "inexplicably decided to consider the evidence it previously declined to consider," that put the mental retardation claim properly before the New Orleans-based court.

"We believe ... he has made a sufficient prima facie showing to be authorized to proceed in the district court only on his claim of mental retardation," the court said.

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**HISTORY**

veteran concerning his or her wartime experiences, then the video tape is transcribed and both are sent to the Library of Congress.

"This is an all volunteer effort," Fairfield said. "The interviews are donated to the Library of Congress."

The great thing about the project, he said, is that anyone, even students and family members, can participate.

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required "poses a significant risk." This certificate must be renewed each year unless the physician specifies a life-long condition.

Immunizations required by the state of Texas are diphtheria, rubeola (measles, rubella,

mumps, tetanus, Haemophilus influenzae type B, poliomyelitis, hepatitis A, hepatitis B, and varicella (chicken pox). Proof of immunization may be personal records from a licensed physician or public health clinic with a signature or rubber-stamp validation.

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**MEETING**

Thursday. Republicans, led by U.S. House Majority Leader Tom DeLay of Sugar Land, have been pushing for state lawmakers to redraw the state's congressional boundaries, saying voting trends show the state should have more GOP representation in Washington.

Democrats outnumber Republicans 17-15 in the delegation.

Lawmakers during the

2001 legislative session failed to draw congressional district boundaries so federal judges drew up the plan.

Two attempts this year, once during the regular legislative session and once during the first special session, to get a map passed have failed.

The Democrats say they will stay in New Mexico for the duration of the second session, which ends at the end of the month, to kill any redistricting bill.

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## DEAR ABBY

written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips

### Woman Who Copes With Pain Inspires Teen To Do The Same

DEAR ABBY: "Smiling Through the Pain," a reader who has suffered with chronic pain since childhood, offered some wonderful suggestions to other people in her predicament.

I am 13, and I want her to know her message was very inspirational to me and helped me to realize a lot. I have depression and suffer from an obsessive-compulsive disorder called trichotillomania (hair pulling). I have considered suicide and I am in therapy.

When I read that letter, I felt like "Smiling Through the Pain" was talking directly to me. It made me realize that there is a way to bounce back from the pain I have been experiencing.

I would like to thank that person for giving me back the hope that I lost a long time ago.

A NOT-QUITE TYPICAL TEEN IN VIRGINIA

DEAR TEEN: I'm sure the writer will be as delighted as I was to read your letter. I wish you continued success in therapy. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: Like "Smiling Through the Pain," I, too, suffer from chronic pain. When my doctor told me that there were no medications at this time that would make the pain go away, I asked, "How am I going to endure this?"

She replied, "Live one day at a time. Live each day to the fullest. Laugh heartily, love deeply, pray daily — and let the rest roll off."

I then asked, "How am I going to live with the pain?"

She said, "Surround yourself with positive things — positive people, sunshine, rainbows, roses, puppies and kittens."

After reflecting upon what she had said, I realized that this is a great prescription for anyone's life. That doctor probably saved mine. Not only did she give my monstrous disease a name, she helped me to make my life worth living again.

I have good days and bad. I curse the bad ones and praise God for the good ones. The "good" pain comes when I have accomplished what I wanted to do that day. The "bad" pain comes when I refrain from doing what I want to do — and hurt anyway.

Every day I get up, get dressed

and have something planned to do. And, Abby, I try to perform at least one act of kindness for someone each day. Regardless of my pain, it makes each day seem fuller.

I hope you will find this letter appropriate to share with your readers. If it helps someone else who is hurting (for whatever reason), then my effort will not have been in vain.

TRYING TO SMILE THROUGH THE PAIN, PARK HILLS, MO.

DEAR TRYING: I don't know what act of will it took for you to compose your letter, but it is certainly worth space in my column. Your doctor is a wise woman, and you are far more than a survivor. Your philosophy will help more people than you know, and on my behalf and theirs, I thank you for sharing it. I wish you continued success in your daily battle. You are an inspiration.

DEAR ABBY: I am 13 and have an older sister who ruins our family vacations. She turns everything into an argument and makes it impossible to enjoy family time together. We're going on a two-week trip soon and I don't want it to be a disaster. How can I get my sister to behave and not start World War III?

SISTER TROUBLES IN NEW HAMPSHIRE

DEAR SISTER: You are not responsible for your sister's behavior. Don't give her the power to spoil your vacation. When she acts out, distance yourself and tune her out. It appears you are more mature at 13 than she is.

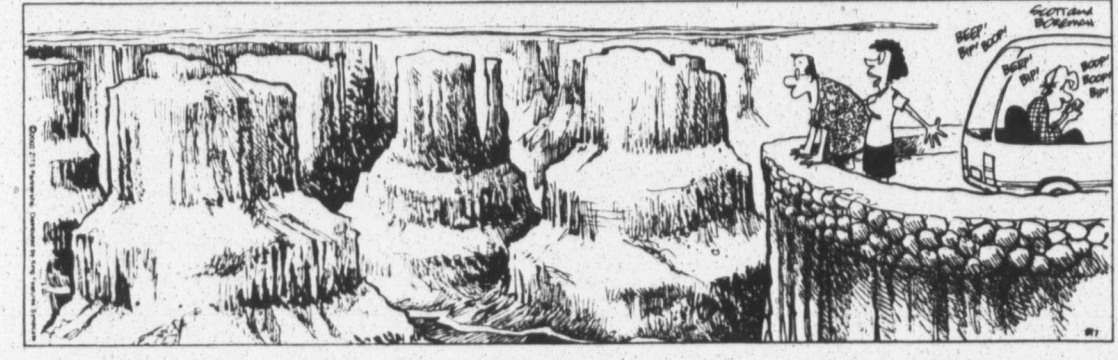
If things do not improve soon, suggest to your parents that you all get to family counseling. It will be an opportunity to express your feelings with a professional therapist who will listen and help to improve your family's interaction.

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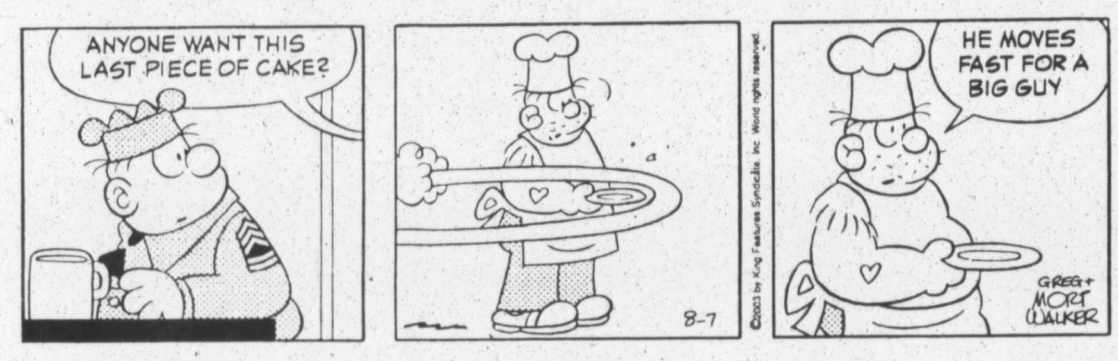
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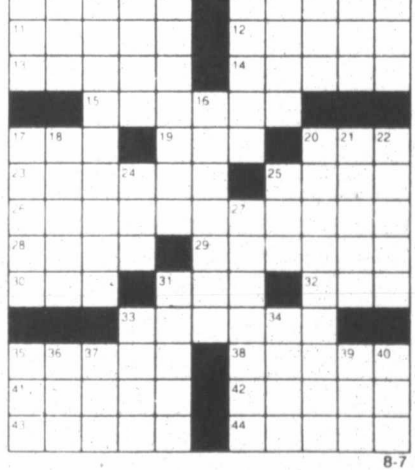
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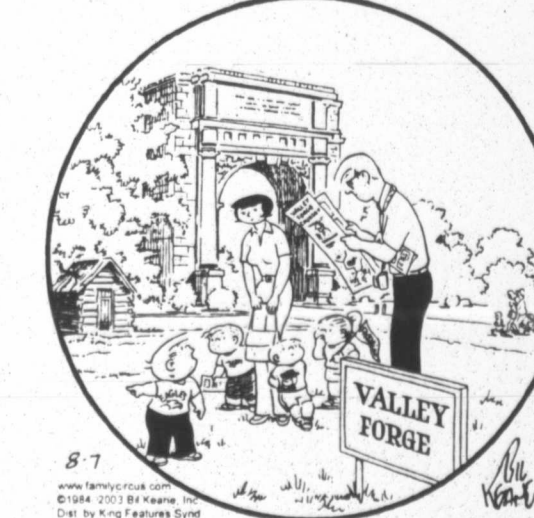


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# SPORTS

## All but three Longhorns report for practice

AUSTIN (AP) — All but three Texas Longhorn football players reported to campus Wednesday in preparation for the start of fall practices Thursday.

Freshman Tony Hills did not report because he is scheduled to have knee surgery Aug. 15.

Freshman Steve Richardson did not report because of NCAA Clearinghouse issues and sophomore Aaron Harris also did not report because of administrative issues, according to a news release.

For the first time, freshmen and veterans will begin practice on the same day.

"We're a little concerned," said head coach Mack Brown, who typically had four days of freshmen-only practices. "We've got to incorporate freshman orientation into the varsity practice schedule. We've got to try to spend as much personal time with the freshmen as we have in the past and not take away from the practice with the varsity."

Some of the seniors, who have not lost a home game in their career at Texas, don't plan to go light on the freshmen.

"If I take it easy on them it only hurts myself," receiver Roy Williams said.

"I like it better not separating the freshmen from the varsity," he said. "This way they come in as a part of the

varsity." Fullback Ivan Williams, defensive end Mike Williams, linebacker

Aurmon Satchell and safety Clint Haney were not expected to practice Thursday because of injuries.

## Houston quarterback seeks eligibility

HOUSTON (AP) — If former University of Houston quarterback Barrick Nealy's eligibility is reinstated by the NCAA, he will be able to play this year for Southwest Texas State, Houston television station KRIV reported Wednesday.

Houston athletic director Dave Maggard said he granted a one-time exemption Wednesday, allowing Nealy to play immediately at the

Division I-AA school. Southwest Texas State is to officially become Texas State University-San Marcos on Sept. 1.

Two weeks ago, the school's athletic director Greg Lafleur said he self-reported to the NCAA what he called two secondary violations concerning Nealy.

Lafleur said the school declared Nealy ineligible at that time and asked the

NCAA to reinstate him.

"I believe because of the nature of the violations Barrick will be reinstated," Lafleur told the television station.

Nealy missed all but first four games of the 2002 season with the Cougars because of knee surgery.

He decided to leave Houston after Art Briles replaced Dana Dimel as head coach.

### NOTEBOOK

#### VOLLEYBALL

**PAMPA** — There will be a Pampa High School Volleyball Booster Club meeting for all parents at 8 p.m. Aug. 12 in the PHS library. Fans are urged to come and support the volleyball program.

#### BASKETBALL

**PAMPA** — There will be a Pampa High School Girls Basketball Booster Club organizational meeting Aug. 21 at 8 p.m. in the PHS library. Fans are urged to come and support the girls basketball program.

**EAGLE, Colo. (AP)** — Kobe Bryant's first day in court lasted all of seven minutes, and the NBA superstar said just two words.

Bryant was in and out of the Eagle County Courthouse in less than 10 minutes Wednesday after his attorneys waived his right to be formally advised of the felony sexual assault charge against him.

Defense lawyers typically waive those steps in Colorado. For Bryant, it had the benefit of preventing television cameras from capturing a moment that could be replayed repeatedly.

"Otherwise, we would have had an image and a sound bite which might have lived in infamy for Kobe Bryant," Denver criminal defense attorney Craig Silverman said.

Bryant, 24, is charged with one count of felony sexual assault on a 19-year-old worker at the Lodge & Spa at Coderilla on June 30. He has said the sex was consensual.

On Wednesday, Bryant arrived at the courthouse in a sport utility vehicle, got out and said nothing as he walked inside.

Hundreds of reporters and photographers swamped the courthouse grounds before the hearing, which was carried live on national cable networks.

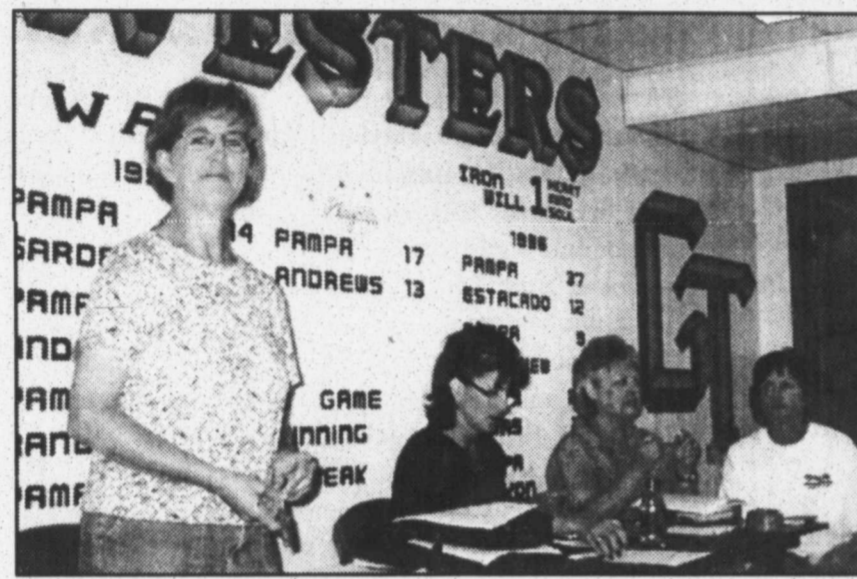
More than 100 people who gathered outside the courthouse added to the circus atmosphere. Some cheered; one shouted, "Kobe is innocent." Bryant did not acknowledge the crowd.

During the hearing, Bryant answered "No, sir" when Eagle County Judge Frederick Gannett asked if he objected to giving up his right to have the preliminary hearing within 30 days. He kept his gaze fixed on Gannett and left the courthouse immediately after the hearing.

"This is a very fast event for so much attention," Gannett said near the end of the hearing.

If convicted, Bryant faces four years to life in prison or 20 years to life on probation, and a fine of up to \$750,000.

He is free on \$25,000 bail.



(Photo by Billie Dixon)

President Cheryl Lewis (standing) presides over a Booster Club meeting with (l-r) treasurer Gayle Curtis, secretary Ginger Foster and vice-president Brenda Morrison. Not pictured is reporter Billie Dixon.

## Football boosters hold first meeting

PAMPA — Cheryl Lewis has been named as president of the Harvester Football Booster Club this season.

Installed as other officers were Gayle Curtis, treasurer; Ginger Foster, secretary; Brenda Morrison, vice-president, and Billie Dixon, reporter.

The Harvesters kicked off the 2003 season with their first practice Monday with fans and parents lined up at the practice field to support their efforts.

After practice, freshmen parents were welcomed by the Football Booster Club to the club's first meeting. The boosters meet every Monday night at 7 in the high school athletic fieldhouse. The only time the club won't meet is Aug. 11 at 8 p.m. to allow parents to watch the Harvesters' first practice with

parents. There were 45 parents present to schedule the supportive activities that has helped the booster club be successful in past years.

Lewis reviewed the activities for the coming football season, including sign-up sheets for the volunteers, who operate the concession stand at middle school games on Tuesdays, junior varsity and freshmen games on Thursdays. Club members cut and paint the helmet yard signs that are presented to varsity players.

Upcoming events include Photo Day on Aug. 9, Harvester Pool Party at Pampa Country Club on Aug. 15, and Meet the Harvesters at Harvester Stadium on Aug. 22.

Pampa's first scrimmage is Aug. 23 at Tulia against Frenship.

## U.S. Men fail to capture medal At Pam-Am games

SANTO DOMINGO, Dominican Republic (AP) — Twelve talented college basketball players came to the Pan Am games to represent the United States, expecting to compete for the gold.

Three tight games in the first round taught them that they could play at the international level. Two losses in the later rounds left them without a medal, and with a few lessons to learn.

Puerto Rico beat the United States 76-70 Wednesday night, leaving the U.S. men without a medal at the Pan Am games for the first time in 32 years.

"I think our kids were disappointed we weren't playing for the gold," U.S. coach Tom Izzo said.

In the gold medal match, Brazil shook off the screams from the overflow crowd at Palacio de los Deportes, and beat the Dominican Republic 89-62.

While the American players got along well, they lacked chemistry on the court. Having played together for a short period, the offense lacked precision, sometimes buckling under pressure defenses.

"We were only together for about two weeks," said Connecticut's Ben Gordon, who led the team with 12 points in the bronze medal game. "It's very disappointing to go home without a medal."

Things fell apart in the second quarter when the Americans went scoreless for 4:27, and Puerto Rico opened a 23-point lead.

"They came ready to play and we didn't," Emeka Okafor of UConn said.

The U.S. team mounted a furious rally in the second half, but it wasn't enough. Trailing by 20, Team USA closed the third quarter with a 17-6 run and pulled within four with 3:49 left.

But the Americans went dry after that, and Puerto Rico held on.

The only other time the United States failed to win a medal in men's basketball was 1971, when it didn't advance out of group play despite having a 2-1 record.

The U.S. men last won gold in 1983 when Michael Jordan and Chris Mullin were on the roster.

Carlos Arroyo had 23 points and Sharif Fajardo added 22 for the winners.

## PAMPA BOWLING NEWS

PAMPA — Fall bowling leagues are now forming at Harvester Lanes. To join a league, call 665-3422 for more information. Fall leagues to be offered are listed below:

LADIES DIVISION			
<b>Harvester League</b> (3 per team)	<b>Time</b>	<b>Meet Date</b>	<b>Start Date</b>
Day	Tuesday	9:30 a.m.	Aug. 19
<b>Lone Star league</b> (3 per team)	<b>Time</b>	<b>Meet Date</b>	<b>Start Date</b>
Day	Thursday	6:25 p.m.	Aug. 21
<b>50-Heaven League</b> (3 per team)	<b>Time</b>	<b>Meet Date</b>	<b>Start Date</b>
Day	Monday	7 p.m.	Aug. 25
<b>Nascar Auto Cup League</b> (4 per team)	<b>Time</b>	<b>Meet Date</b>	<b>Start Date</b>
Day	Monday	7 p.m.	Aug. 25
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Day	Tuesday	7 p.m.	Aug. 19
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Day	Wednesday	7 p.m.	Aug. 28
<b>Chamber Merchant League</b> (4 per team)	<b>Time</b>	<b>Meet Date</b>	<b>Start Date</b>
Day	Thursday	6:25 p.m.	Aug. 21
<b>Harvester Combo League</b> (4 per team)	<b>Time</b>	<b>Meet Date</b>	<b>Start Date</b>
Day	Friday	7 p.m.	Aug. 29
<b>National Oilwell League</b> (4 per team)	<b>Time</b>	<b>Meet Date</b>	<b>Start Date</b>
Day	Saturday	6:30 p.m.	Aug. 23
<b>Church League</b> (4 per team)	<b>Time</b>	<b>Meet Date</b>	<b>Start Date</b>
Day	Saturday	6:30 p.m.	Sept. 13
<b>Caprock League</b> (4 per team)	<b>Time</b>	<b>Meet Date</b>	<b>Start Date</b>
Day	Thursday	8:30 p.m.	Aug. 21
<b>Generation Gap League</b> (2-2 per team)	<b>Time</b>	<b>Meet Date</b>	<b>Start Date</b>
Day	Wednesday	7 p.m.	Aug. 20
<b>Mutt &amp; Jeff League</b> (1-1)	<b>Time</b>	<b>Meet Date</b>	<b>Start Date</b>
Day	Saturday	1 p.m.	Aug. 30
<b>Peepees League</b> (ages 3-6)	<b>Time</b>	<b>Meet Date</b>	<b>Start Date</b>
Day	Saturday	10:30 a.m.	Aug. 30
<b>Stars &amp; Strikes League</b> (ages 7-21)	<b>Time</b>	<b>Meet Date</b>	<b>Start Date</b>
Day	Saturday	10:30 a.m.	Aug. 30

## Rangers rally past Yankees, 5-4

NEW YORK (AP) — Questions have been raised about the New York Yankees' bullpen all season.

Some may have been answered Wednesday, but others remained a mystery.

Closer Mariano Rivera threw away a bunt to set up Hank Blalock's two-run, pinch-hit single in the ninth inning as the Texas Rangers rallied for a 5-4 win over the Yankees on Wednesday night.

New York swapped right-handed relievers with the Seattle Mariners earlier in the day, re-acquiring Jeff Nelson for Armando Benitez.

"We've won with him before," Yankees manager Joe Torre said of Nelson. "So there's a lot of questions already answered."

Nelson arrived at Yankee Stadium during the game, but was not in uniform.

The Rangers had been 0-59 this season when trailing after eight innings, but they came back against Rivera, who has blown three of his last five save opportu-

nities. "He's just had a bad week, he's human," New York shortstop Derek Jeter said.

"He's just in a slump," Torre added. Rivera (5-2), who has five blown saves in 26 chances this season, walked pinch-hitter Rafael Palmeiro to start the ninth.

"I think with the first guy, he was little tentative," Torre said. "We know Rafael Palmeiro is a good hitter, but you have to go after him."

Palmeiro didn't think there was anything different about his latest battle with Rivera.

"He was challenging me," he said. "He always comes after me. I thought he was aggressive."

Donnie Sadler then sacrificed and Rivera's high throw sailed into foul territory for an error, putting runners on second and third.

Blalock followed with a single to right that scored pinch-runner Laynce Nix and Sadler.

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# Liberian leader cancels announcement of his successor

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MONROVIA, Liberia (AP) — West African peacekeeping forces drove into Liberia's rebel-besieged, famished capital on Thursday to deafening cheers from the city's people.

The triumphant arrival marked a step toward ending two months of bloody warfare in Monrovia that has killed at least 1,000 people, but it came as Liberia's political scene saw a step backward: President Charles Taylor's canceled his announce-

ment of his successor, yet another delay in his much-anticipated resignation.

Blowing kisses and waving white handkerchiefs, the more than 100 Nigerian troops traveled 30 miles from their airport base into Monrovia in white armored personnel carriers, trucks and sports utility vehicles.

Thousands of Liberians crammed the shoulders of the roads along the way, chanting, "We want peace, no more war."

"I'm going with them," said Prince Phillip, one young man running alongside the convoy. "We need to eat, we're tired of this war."

The city's desperate people clamored for rescue from peacekeepers, meant to come between the warring parties and open up humanitarian corridors from the rebel-held port, allowing food and aid to flow into Monrovia.

Peacekeepers also are oversee Taylor's departure from the country into exile in Nigeria.

Under international pressure, the president has pledged repeatedly to resign only to hedge or renege on his promises. His cancellation Thursday of a speech to Congress raised further questions about whether he would step down on Monday, as he has agreed to.

His spokesman, Vaanii Passawe told The Associated Press before the meeting's cancellation that Taylor would stick to the plan, which foresees him going into exile in Nigeria soon after he resigns.

"We are on course on the president relinquishing power," he said.

After Taylor's cancellation, Congress called off its own meeting in which it had planned to discuss and formally approve the president's resignation.

Without a formal statement from Taylor, lawmakers cannot approve a transition of power, said House Speaker Nyundeh Monkoman, a candidate for replacing the president along with Vice President Moses Blah.

Taylor, a Libyan-trained ex-guerrilla fighter blamed for much of the bloody strife that has embroiled Liberia for almost 14 years, has been reduced to a last redoubt in central Monrovia as rebels press their siege of the city.

Fighting has split Monrovia into rebel and government sides, killed well over 1,000 civilians outright and left hunger and epidemics raging among the 1.3 million residents and refugees.

The Nigerians who entered the capital are the vanguard of a West African force envisioned in an oft-violated June 17 ceasefire agreement signed between Taylor's government and rebels battling since 1999 to oust him. The force has been repeatedly delayed.

West African leaders have promised an eventual 3,250-strong peace force in Liberia. Nearly 500 Nigerian soldiers with five armored vehicles have arrived at the airport outside Monrovia.

The United States is under pressure to take the lead on helping to restore peace in Liberia — a nation founded by freed American slaves in the 19th century — but Washington insists that American involvement will be limited.

On Wednesday, helicopters brought the first seven U.S. Marines to support the steadily building West African peace force in Monrovia.

The Marines flew from a three-ship U.S. Navy group carrying 2,000 Marines and 2,500 sailors off Liberia to coordinate U.S. logistical support for the West African soldiers.

## Carter receives special designation

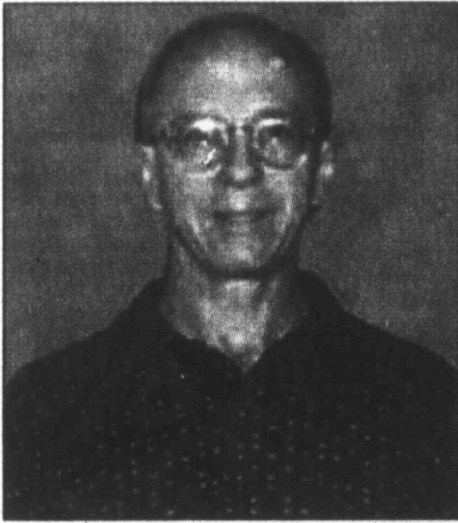
Lee Carter, director of Technology for Pampa Independent School District, has been selected as the only Texan and one of the first eight Master Teachers for Adobe Systems Inc.

The announcement was made at this year's National Educational Computing Conference held in Seattle, Wash. Comprised of experienced kindergarten through high school educators, Adobe Master Teachers contribute their expertise to promote excellence in education through the integration of Adobe solutions in the classroom.

These educators were selected because they exemplify innovation in education and serve as mentors and role models in their communities with a commitment to engage, motivate and inspire students as well as other teachers.

In addition to Carter, seven master teachers were also named from Florida, New Jersey, Connecticut and California.

"Technology needs to extend beyond the computer lab and into the classroom, enriching education across subject area. With the right training and the right software, technology is a vital tool for enhancing student learning," said Barry Haenisch, PISD superintendent of schools.



Lee Carter

Adobe Master Teachers will proactively advocate Adobe technologies and solutions as well as best practices with educators by presenting and participating in workshops, seminars and national conferences.

These teachers will be instrumental in the development of courseware, instructional resources and showcases provided to educators nationwide. When new products are developed or revised, these leading educators will be the first to make effective use of the technology to support learning objectives.

As leaders in their fields, they will work collectively to create curriculum, content, assets and projects that

will help foster a dynamic learning environment in schools nationwide.

Carter has been with PISD for 28 years, beginning in 1975-1989 as a math teacher at Pampa High, during this period he also in 1982-83 was secondary GT coordinator and served as Lamar Elementary School principal in 1994-95. He has held the responsibility of serving as district technology director from 1990 to the present. PISD now houses 1,250 computers.

Carter's other honors include the following: Fellow of Project ABCD 1992, the first Texas curriculum to be placed on the computer, original 40 Texas Education Network Master Trainers in 1993 and a trainer for numerous Education Service Centers and school districts. Readers of this article can reach Carter at his web site at [www.trainingbylee.com](http://www.trainingbylee.com) or by calling 669-4707.

Carter has been married to Sharon Carter for 30 years. She is the literacy coordinator at Travis Elementary School. The Carters have two daughters: Kristi, PHS honor graduate of 1997 and graduate of Texas Christian University in 2001; and Stacie, a PHS honor graduate of 2002, who is currently studying to be a physical therapist at Texas Tech University.

## Proposed site for black history museum hinges on debate over civil rights symbolism

WASHINGTON (AP) — One dramatic historical moment is fueling arguments for and against a black history and culture museum on the National Mall: the 1963 March on Washington.

For one-time civil rights leader Rep. John Lewis, a museum telling the story of his people from slavery to the present would memorialize the moment when hundreds of thousands of protesters filled the open green space between the Capitol and the Lincoln Memorial.

To critics, cluttering that space with another building would detract from its original

### Arts and crafts fest coming to city

AMARILLO — The seventh annual Amarillo Summer Arts and Crafts Festival will be held from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 9, and 12 noon to 5 p.m., Sunday, Aug. 10, at Amarillo Civic Center. More than 100 artists and crafters, festival officials say, from throughout the Southwest will fill the south exhibit hall with original art, limited edition prints and handcrafted items.

Mel Prather, organizer for the two-day event, said the upcoming show will feature a number of newcomers.

"First-time exhibitors to this show," Prather said, "will offer items such as planters, squirrel and bird feeders, lawn ornaments, picket fence furniture, scroll saw art, pottery, handmade silver jewelry, scented rocks, horseshoe art and star metal art."

The show will also include wood trunks, hutches, wind chimes, clocks, hair bows, candles, tole painting, decorated crosses, jewelry, canned vegetables, sewing baskets, original art and more.

Admission to the show is free to the public.

purpose of openness and a place for people to air their grievances en masse — no better dramatized than by the 1963 march.

"Civil rights really have made the Mall an embodiment of the Constitution by showing the constitutional guarantees of freedom were not extended to the black community," said Judy Feldman, president of the National Coalition to Save Our Mall. "The fact we have a Mall where people can go and make their case means it's filling a function. That function is not by filling it with buildings, it's by filling it with people."

Lewis, D-Ga., agrees the Mall shouldn't be cluttered. But if anything deserves to be situated on some of Washington's most-coveted real estate, he says it's this project.

"The Mall represents the front door to the symbol of our democracy," said Lewis, who was beaten during the 1965 "Bloody Sunday" march over the Edmund Pettus Bridge in Selma, Ala. "An African-American Museum shouldn't be up to the side or in the back. It should be as close to the other museums as possible."

Other Smithsonian museums currently open on the Mall are the Art and Industries Building,

the Freer Gallery of Art and Arthur M. Sackler Gallery, Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Gallery, National Air and Space Museum, National Museum of African Art, National Museum of American History and National Museum of Natural History.

Senators have already authorized construction of a black history museum and designated four possible sites on or directly next to the Mall. Among them is a perch on the Capitol's lawn. It was recommended by a presidential commission but has met the most vocal resistance. The House is still debating where it would prefer the museum.

Feldman says the legislation leaves out some good sites that aren't directly on the Mall but are within walking distance.

Sen. Sam Brownback, a Kansas Republican who has teamed with Lewis to get a prominent venue, says putting it away from the Mall's other museums would harken back to the "separate but equal" treatment of blacks during segregation.

"That would be enormously insulting to a number of people and quite harmful to the efforts to reconcile," Brownback said.

While both sides are determined, the debate has been far less contentious than the squabble over a World War II Memorial, which ended up in court and left Mall preservation groups cringing. That memorial, featuring 56 17-foot pillars, two four-story arches and a sunken plaza with a pool, is being built on the green space between the Lincoln Memorial and the Washington Monument.

Robert Wright, chairman of the presidential commission, says there is no comparison between the impact of the World War II Memorial site and those being discussed for the black history museum. A better comparison, he says, is the National Museum of the American Indian, which is opening alongside the Mall next year.

Such reasoning frightens Feldman.

"Where will it end if all of us look at the Mall and say, 'It's not me, so I want to add my memorial or my museum?'" she said. "Too many people think of the Mall as an empty space that needs to be filled up with individual groups' histories. That's perfectly understandable, but they do not understand we are actually diminishing it."

## Deadline nearing for philanthropist nominees

AMARILLO — Nominations are currently being taken for the 2003 Texas Panhandle National Philanthropy Day Awards Luncheon to be held in conjunction with National Philanthropy Day on Nov. 18 at Amarillo Civic Center. The Amarillo event is being sponsored by Amarillo Area Foundation and Association of Fund-raising Professionals, Texas Plains chapter.

Award categories are Outstanding Philanthropist, Outstanding Business/Corporation, Outstanding Media, Outstanding Community Service Organization and Outstanding Volunteer Fund-raiser.

National Philanthropy Day is celebrated by over 100 Association of Fund-raising Professionals chapters across the United States, Canada and Mexico.

"National Philanthropy Day is the day we recognize and pay tribute to the contributions that philanthropy — and philanthropists — have made to our region," said Bobby Dean, president of AFP Texas Plains Chapter. "We in the Panhandle are fortunate to have so many generous people whose giving supports hundreds of charitable projects. This event allows us to recognize those individuals, families, and businesses that have made outstanding contributions."

Nominations will be accepted until 5 p.m., Friday, Aug. 29, at Amarillo Area Foundation, 801 S. Fillmore, Suite 700, Amarillo, TX 79101.

To receive a nomination form or for more information, contact AAF at (806) 376-4521.

## Episcopal authorities working on protocol for same-sex unions

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Though weary of debating homosexuality, Episcopal church leaders followed up their first-ever confirmation of a gay bishop by rejecting a proposal to draft standard language to bless same-sex couples.

But in another move with unclear implications, the House of Bishops on Wednesday also overwhelmingly approved a document addressing such ceremonies.

"We recognize that local faith communities are operating within the bounds of our common life as they explore and experience liturgies celebrating and blessing same-sex unions," the statement reads.

Wednesday's votes by the bishops from around the country came even as conservatives continued to protest the confirmation of the first openly gay Episcopal bishop — an act that gay advocates had hoped would build momentum toward approval for an official ceremony.

Bishops already decide whether to permit same-sex blessing ceremonies in their own dioceses.

In the voting, Utah Bishop Otis Charles, who revealed he was gay in 1993 after he retired, spoke of how he felt "diminished" during years of church debate over homosexuality.

"You cannot understand the experience that it is for every gay and lesbian member of the Episcopal Church when this house debates whether or not our relationships can be acknowledged, honored and celebrated," Charles said.

There was disagreement over the significance of the bishops' statement, which passed by voice vote and still needs final approval from the

clergy and laity in the House of Deputies. A vote could come as soon as Thursday.

The Episcopal gay advocacy groups Claiming the Blessing and Integrity said that, if approved, the measure would be the first time the church acknowledged in a national document that such ceremonies are held.

Bishop Robert Ilhoff of Maryland said the statement had little practical effect: "It continues the policy that is in effect in all our dioceses."

Ilhoff said he understood why gay advocates would consider it a victory, because it brings the practice "to the surface."

Bishop Keith Ackerman of Quincy, Ill., called it "recognition without approval" that allows bishops to continue to set local policy.

Three bishops — in Kansas, New Hampshire and Delaware — authorize same-sex blessings, according to the Rev. Michael Hopkins, president of Integrity. Other dioceses bar them, while some bishops have a "don't ask, don't tell" approach, overlooking the ceremonies priests perform.

The debate at this week's General Convention followed the contentious confirmation of the Rev. V. Gene Robinson, a 56-year-old divorced father of two who has lived with his male partner for 13 years. He was confirmed Tuesday after he was cleared of last-minute misconduct allegations that threatened to delay the vote.

Conservatives angered by Robinson's election smeared ashes on their foreheads in a sign of mourning and penance Wednesday, boycotted legislative sessions and dropped to their knees in prayer on the floor of the House of Deputies.