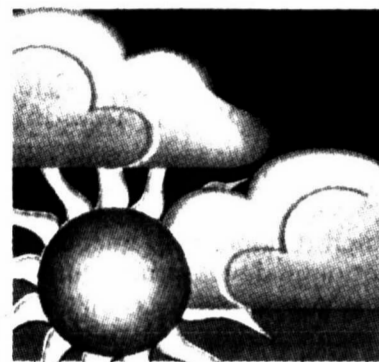


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details.

**PAMPA** — The Pampa Independent School District Board of Education will meet in special session 6 p.m. Thursday in the board conference room at Carver Center, 321 W. Albert.

Topping the agenda is a public hearing regarding the 1995-96 budget, expected to be adopted Thursday.

Also on the agenda is consideration of the 1995 tax rate. Business Manager Mark McVay says he will recommend that the board adopt the same tax rate as last year — \$1.43.

McVay said in an article in Tuesday's paper the proposed budget had been drawn up on an assumption of a \$1.42 tax rate and the same enrollment as last year. Initial head counts show a lower than expected enrollment.

McVay says that he will not request a higher tax rate than last year.

Also up for action at Thursday's meeting are consideration and approval of 1994-95 budget amendment, health plan/rates, workers' compensation funding, 1995-96 tuition rate and vehicle bid.

Items in Superintendent Dr. Dawson Orr's report include an update on the multi-purpose activity center and a local policy on testing drivers for alcohol and controlled substances.

**PAMPA** — The DEW Line Squadron of the Confederate Air Force will host an open-house, and aircraft static display from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 9, at Perry Lefors Field at Pampa.

There will also be militaria for sale. The event is open to the general public. No admission will be charged.

The Confederate Air Force is a patriotic, non-profit organization dedicated to the preservation of World War Two aircraft. Members of other aviation groups will also participate.

**CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla.** (AP) — The weather forecast for Thursday's planned launch of space shuttle Endeavour deteriorated again today because of rain associated with tropical storms.

NASA said this morning there is only a 40 percent chance of good weather for the 11:04 a.m. liftoff of Endeavour. That's much worse than forecasts earlier in the week.

The main concern is a low pressure system from what used to be Tropical Storm Jerry, which is continuing to drift southward along Florida's east coast, NASA's weathermen said.

Five astronauts will release and then retrieve two science satellites during the 11-day flight.

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## Serbs down warplane

WASHINGTON (AP) — A French warplane participating in NATO air attacks on Serb positions in Bosnia was shot down today east of the Bosnian capital, a Clinton administration official said.

Two parachutes were spotted after the Mirage 2000C fighter was hit, and the U.S. official, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said the two airmen apparently had survived.

The United States has search-and-rescue crews in the area, but it was not immediately clear whether they were headed toward Pale to try to retrieve the two French airmen.

The shootdown was the first reported loss by the allied air forces, which are pounding Serb positions around Sarajevo. The U.S. official said the incident occurred at 10:18 a.m. CDT.

The French plane was hit by Serb air defenders about 20 miles south of Pale, the Bosnian Serb stronghold east of Sarajevo, the official said.

France has a variety of aircraft based with other allied planes in Italy, a central launching point for

the ongoing NATO air attacks in Bosnia. These include reconnaissance planes, Mirage 2000C fighters, Jaguar ground attack aircraft, and E-3F early warning planes.

Dozens of warplanes from NATO countries unleashed bombs on Serb targets around Sarajevo today in the biggest assault in the alliance's history. Bosnian and Western leaders hoped the open-ended strike would finally force the rebels to make peace. (See related story, Page 6.)

The NATO assault, backed by the heavy guns of the U.N. rapid reaction force, was in retaliation for a Serb mortar attack on a Sarajevo market that killed 37 people Monday. NATO chief Willy Claes said the offensive would continue and possibly grow more severe until the Serbs are brought to heel.

More than 60 aircraft from several NATO countries flew from bases in Italy and the aircraft carrier USS Theodore Roosevelt to carry out the attack, said Maj. Panagiotis Theodorakidis, a NATO spokesman in Naples, Italy.

## A boy and his dog



(Pampa News photo by Melinda Martinez)

Two youngsters, Trevor Phillips, 5, and his 7-week-old puppy, Noodles, prove that a dog is indeed man's best friend as they play and rest together in the front yard of their house. Trevor's mother said a friend of theirs found four puppies, one of them Noodles, on the side of the road near Borger and picked them up. He then found good homes for each of them. Trevor said he made up the name "Noodles" for the puppy.

## Orr discusses strategic planning for Goals 2000 objectives

By CHIP CHANDLER  
Staff Writer

Local schools have not been directly involved in the Goals 2000 movement, but a process begun in 1988 of strategic planning has resulted in some of the same objectives, Pampa Superintendent Dr. Dawson Orr said Tuesday night on the KACV show *Perspective*.

Orr, interim Amarillo Superintendent Bob Moore and River Road Superintendent Marian Fikac joined *Perspective* host Cathy Teague on the live in-studio discussion.

Orr said that the strategic planning involved a 125-member committee including community members and teachers. Items discussed by the commit-

tee included high academic standards, the drop-out rate, graduation rate and ways to help students and parents feel welcome in the school.

Also discussed on the broadcast was the Goals 2000 objective of tracking students.

Orr said there has been a great deal of emphasis on the idea of measuring student progress, something he termed "positive."

"That's not always been the case in education," he said.

The TAAS test is a useful measure of the curriculum delivered by the PISD system, but it is not designed to show how students measure on an international scale, another objective of the Goals 2000 program.

"We are not actively involved in measuring our performance *vis a vis* with

students in Germany or students in England," Orr said.

The school does measure performance on a national scale, though, he said, citing reading tests for nine year olds and math tests for 13 year olds.

Another goal of the federal education program has been to ensure that all students are ready to begin school when they attend their first classes.

Teague asked the panel if that goal was unattainable and too broad.

Orr responded, saying, "A goal helps us to recognize the challenge that is out there."

Another mission of Goals 2000 is a 90 percent graduation rate. Teague asked what programs locally are being used to attain that percentage.

## Gov. Bush to attend Pampa's Chautauqua

By CHERYL BERZANSKIS  
News Editor

Texas Gov. George W. Bush is scheduled to be on the Chautauqua stage from 11:15 to 11:45 a.m. Labor Day in Central Park.

The governor's visit to the Panhandle, which includes stops in Amarillo and Cal Farley's Boys Ranch on Monday, is part of his plan to visit many areas of the state in 1996, according to Laura Hamilton, administrative aide to Rep. Warren Chisum (R-Pampa).

Chautauqua volunteer Darlene Birks said she learned of the planned visit Tuesday afternoon and placed Bush into the Central Stage schedule.

Final details of the Panhandle visit are not complete. Bush is set to attend the Cal Farley Boys Ranch Rodeo and serve as guest conductor for the Amarillo Symphony at the Discover celebration Monday night at Amarillo's Medical Park.

The schedule of events for Chautauqua's Center Stage includes:

9 a.m. - Invocation, Pampa High School Band color guard, Wanetta Hill.

9:30 - 9:45 a.m. - Terry Barnes, results fun and 5K runs.

9:45 - 10 a.m. - Calico Capers

10 - 10:15 a.m. - Traditions of Mexico dancers, Amarillo

10:15 - 10:35 a.m. - Crosswinds Gospel Singers

10:35 - 11 a.m. - Tae Kwon Do

11 - 11:15 a.m. - Keith Riemer, Dallas songwriter

11:15 - 11:45 a.m. - Gov.



Gov. George W. Bush

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11:45 - noon - Soña Solano

Noon - 12:30 p.m. - PHS Show Choir under the direction of Fred Mays. Introduction of American Field Service exchange students

12:30 - 1:15 p.m. - Phoenix Rizin' Band

1:15 - 1:30 p.m. - Pampa Tambourines

1:30 - 2 p.m. - Gymnastics of Pampa

2 - 2:30 p.m. - Traditions of Mexico dancers

2:30 - 2:45 p.m. - Rick Stone, gospel songs

2:45 - 3 p.m. - PHS cheerleaders

3 - 3:30 p.m. - Snow White

3:30 - 3:45 p.m. - Joyce Field, Kelly Beesley

3:45 - 4 p.m. - Joe Martinez

4 - 4:40 p.m. - Indian Summer country western band

4:40 - 5 p.m. - Raffle winners and announcements

## Chisum and Bivins honored by Free Market Foundation

MIDLAND — Three Panhandle area state legislators were honored at a "Leaders of Excellence" luncheon Tuesday hosted by the Free Market Foundation and the Free Enterprise PAC.

The luncheon, held at the Petroleum Club in Midland, honored West Texas state senators and representatives who fought for conservative principles during the 74th Legislative Session.

Among the seven winning the "Leaders of Excellence" award were Rep. Warren Chisum, R-Pampa; Rep. David Swinford, R-Dumas, and Sen. Teel Bivins, R-Amarillo.

Also winning the honor were Sen. Tom Haywood, Wichita Falls, and Reps. Tom Craddock, Midland; Charles Finnell, Holliday; Bob Hunter, Abilene; and Gary Walker, Plains.

The legislators placed in the upper 20 percentile statewide of the 1995 *Texas Conservative Report*, a bi-annual report of record votes published by the Free Enterprise PAC. This year, 80 votes in the House and 97 votes in the Senate were calculated in each legislator's average rating.

Two other special awards were presented at the luncheon: Chisum received the Families First Award and Bivins received the Champion of Free Enterprise Award.

"We are very pleased to honor Rep. Chisum for his consistency and hard work throughout the session," said Richard Ford, chairman of the Free Enterprise PAC.

Chisum was honored with the Families First Award for introducing a bill during the session requiring all instruction relating to human sexuality in the public schools to be presented from an abstinence principle. The bill was later amended to the education bill. Chisum also stood on principle and tabled a bill that would have given special rights to homosexuals, the Hate Crimes Bill.

In addition, he offered two pro-family amendments to the education bill. One is a requirement that parents be notified before morally sensitive material is presented to students and allows parents to attend any class or activity in which their child is engaged. Another amendment would allow school districts greater latitude from state restrictions when applying for waivers.

Orr cited the Pampa Learning Center as "making a difference" as a drop-out recovery program. He agreed with AISD's Moore that preventing drop-outs is a "student-by-student issue."

Drop-out rates involve many factors besides academic considerations, Orr said, including a lack of a sense of belonging in the school environment, family needs, work needs and teenage pregnancy.

Overall drop-out rates in Pampa went down last year, though Hispanic rates rose to 7.2 percent, causing PISD to be placed on the state's low-performance list.

The *Perspective* program will be rebroadcast on cable channel 12 in Pampa Sunday at 5 p.m.

# Daily Record

## Services tomorrow

**BROWN, Carroll W.** — Graveside services, 11 a.m., Llano Cemetery, Amarillo.  
**FERRELL, Kyrle "Carl" Wayne** — 11 a.m., Faith Covenant Church, Borger.  
**SCOTT, Stacy Patterson** — 10:30, First United Methodist Church, Wheeler.

## Obituaries

**CARROLL W. BROWN**  
 AMARILLO - Carroll W. Brown, 80, brother of a Groom resident, died Monday, Aug. 28, 1995. Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday in Llano Cemetery with the Rev. Ed Modrick of the Suburban Bible Church officiating. Burial will be under the direction of N.S. Griggs Funeral Directors of Amarillo.

Mr. Brown was born in Goodnight. He married Louise in 1953. He moved to Amarillo and worked as a heavy equipment operator at Pantex from 1952 to 1985. He previously had worked on a number of ranches.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Sandy Jones, in 1990; and by a son, Tommy H. Lane, in 1985.

Survivors include his wife; a daughter, Donna Marty of Fairbanks, Alaska; two sisters, Oneta Allman of Vanciville, Calif., and Helen Smith of West Los Angeles, Calif.; three brothers, Skeet Brown of Groom, R.H. Brown of Douglas, Ariz., and Marvin Brown of Amarillo; two grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

The family will be at 1923 S. Highland St., in Amarillo and requests memorials be to a favorite charity.

**KYRLE WAYNE 'CARL' FERRELL**  
 BORGER - Kyrle Wayne "Carl" Ferrell, 39, son and brother of Pampa residents, died Tuesday, Aug. 29, 1995. Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday in the Faith Covenant Church with the Rev. Ken Sheppard, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in Westlawn Cemetery under the direction of Brown Funeral Home.

Mr. Ferrell was born in Borger and moved to Dumas eight months ago. He married Cyndi Koetting on Nov. 12, 1977, in Pampa. He managed Lewis Supply Co. in Dumas and was a member of the First Baptist Church in Dumas.

Survivors include his wife, Cyndi Ferrell; a daughter, Emily Ferrell, of the home; a son, Jay Ferrell, of the home; his parents, Wilbur L. and Nancy Ferrell of Pampa; his maternal grandmother, Mrs. Kyrle Boylan of Hobbs, N.M.; and three brothers, Jerry Ferrell, Tony Ferrell and David Ferrell, all of Pampa.

**VAUDA WOOD GIERHART**  
 SHAMROCK - Vauda Wood Gierhart, 86, died Tuesday, Aug. 29, 1995. Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday in the First Baptist Church at Shamrock with the Rev. Floyd Haddock, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in the Shamrock Cemetery under the direction of Wright Funeral Directors of Shamrock.

Mrs. Gierhart was born at Crews, Texas. She married C.V. Wood in 1932; he died in 1974. She later married Clell E. Gierhart in 1978 at Shamrock. She received her bachelor of arts degree in education from Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene. She taught school for 33 years at Abilene and Shamrock. She had been a Shamrock resident since 1949 and was a member of the First Baptist Church, the Thursday Literary Club and the Retired Teachers Association.

Survivors include her husband, Clell, of Shamrock; a sister, Althea Stockton of Hobbs, N.M.; a stepson, Clell E. Gierhart of Sugarland; and several nieces and nephews.

The family requests memorials be to the Shamrock Public Library or the First Baptist Church.

**JOSEPH OTHO POOL**  
 SHAMROCK - Joseph Otho Pool, 85, of Hobbs, N.M., a former Shamrock resident, died Monday, Aug. 28, 1995, at Hobbs. Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday in the Eleventh Street Baptist Church in Shamrock with the Rev. Kris Riggs, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in the Shamrock Cemetery under the direction of Wright Funeral Directors of Shamrock.

Mr. Pool was born in Batesville, Ark. He married Jewel May Smith in 1932 at Sayre, Okla.; she died in 1987. He worked for Skelly Oil Company for 23 years. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving during World War II. He moved to Hobbs from Shamrock in 1988.

He also was preceded in death by two daughters, Wanda Mae Darby in 1983 and Janice Laverne; and by a son, Jackie Pool in May 1990.

Survivors include two sons, Robert Pool and Kenneth Pool, both of Hobbs; two sisters, Bessie Swan of Spearman and Opal Hill of Oklahoma City; two brothers, Buck Pool of Kingsland and Ed Pool of Higgins; 13 grandchildren; and 20 great-grandchildren.

**STACY PATTERSON SCOTT**

**WHEELER** - Stacy Patterson Scott, 22, died Sunday, Aug. 27, 1995 at Ransom Memorial Hospital in Ottawa, Kan. Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday in the First United Methodist Church at Wheeler with the Bishop Roger Roundy, of the Pampa Ward of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, officiating. Burial will be in Wheeler Cemetery under the direction of Wright Funeral Home.

Ms. Scott was born May 24, 1973 at Canadian. She attended Wheeler schools. She had been a resident of Ottawa, Kan., and attended university there for the past two years, moving from Pierce City, Mo.

Survivors include a daughter, Jessica Scott of Ottawa; her parents, Bobby and Juanda Patterson of Waverly, Kan.; her grandparents, Melvin Tindel of Canadian and Shirley Tindel of Kelton; three sisters, Tasha Patterson and Martha Patterson, both of Waverly, and Misha Patterson of Denton; and three brothers, William Patterson and Jason Patterson, both of Pierce City, and Ricky Patterson of Austin.

## Obituaries

**CARL DOUGLAS 'DOUG' SMITH**  
 GUYMON, Okla. - Carl Douglas "Doug" Smith, 63, a former White Deer, Texas, resident, died Monday, Aug. 28, 1995. Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Friday in the Elmhurst Cemetery with the Rev. Lloyd Riddles, pastor of the Sunset Lane Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be under the direction of Henson-Novak Funeral Directors of Guymon.

Mr. Smith was born May 15, 1932, at Pampa, Texas, to Lettie and Carl O. Smith. He graduated from White Deer High School in 1950. He married Bonnie Marie Swinford on Aug. 22, 1950, at Pampa. He graduated from Panhandle State University at Goodwell, Okla., in 1953 with a bachelor's degree in animal nutrition and earned a master's degree in animal nutrition from Oklahoma State University at Stillwater, Okla., in 1954. He had worked in Sulphur Springs and Perryton, Texas, as a county agent and 4-H leader. He moved to Guymon in 1969 and worked as a sales nutritionist at Farr Better Feeds, retiring as general manager in 1992. He was a Baptist.

He was preceded in death by his father and by a son, Marvin Smith.

Survivors include his wife, Bonnie Smith, of the home; a daughter, Nannette Baldwin of Guymon; a son, Melvin Smith of Bakersfield, Calif.; his mother, Lettie Smith of Pampa; a sister, Lucille Patton of Houston; three grandchildren, Dana Baldwin of Guymon and Sarah Smith and Amber Smith, both of Bakersfield; and a special niece and nephew, Kristine Patton and Cary Patton, both of Houston.

The family requests memorials be to the Doug Smith Memorial established in the deceased's honor for the Oklahoma Panhandle State University Foundation. Memorials will be accepted at the Henson-Novak Funeral Home, Box 1306, Guymon, OK 73942.

## Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by Atebury Grain of Pampa

Cabot O&G	13 1/2	NC
Chevron	48 1/2	up 1/8
Coca-Cola	64 3/8	dn 1/4
Columbia-HCA	47 1/8	up 1/4
Diamond Sham	26	up 1/4
Enron	33 3/4	NC
Halliburton	41 1/2	up 1/4
Ingersoll Rand	39 1/8	dn 1/4
KNE	25 7/8	NC
Kerr-McGee	54 3/8	up 1/4
Limited	18 7/8	up 1/8
Mapco	53 1/8	up 1/8
McDonald's	36 5/8	up 3/8
SLB	62 1/4	up 1/8
SPS	30 1/4	dn 1/8
New Atmos	20	up 1/4
Parker & Parsley	20	NC
Pennycy	45 3/4	dn 1/4
Phillips	33	up 1/8
Magellan	89.62	up 1/8
Puritan	16.69	dn 1/8

The following show the prices for which these securities could have traded at the time of compilation

NOWSCO	10 1/8	NC
Occidental	21 3/4	dn 3/8

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

Amoco	63	dn 1/2
Arco	110 3/8	up 3/8
Cabot	48 5/8	dn 3/8

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

Amoco	63	dn 1/2
Arco	110 3/8	up 3/8
Cabot	48 5/8	dn 3/8
West Texas Crude	17.83	

## Sheriff's Office

Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following incidents and arrests in the 24-hour period which ended at 7 a.m. today.

**TUESDAY, Aug. 29**  
 Theft was reported at Loop 171 and FM 749. Indecency with a child was reported on Gray Road 91/2.

**Arrests**  
**TUESDAY, Aug. 29**  
 Steven Ray Stone, 21, Skellytown, was arrested on a charge of issuance of bad checks. He was released on bond.

Patrick Lee Edwards, 18, 501 Harlem, was arrested on a grand jury indictment alleging delivery of a controlled substance. He was released on bond.

Darwin Leon Robinson, 38, 1140 Varnon Dr., was arrested on a warrant alleging delivery of a controlled substance. His bond is \$5,000.

## Ambulance

American Medical Transport reported the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

**TUESDAY, Aug. 29**  
 2:10 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to an industrial site on Highway 60 on a medical emergency and transported one patient to Coronado Hospital.

8:28 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to Coronado Hospital for a transfer to the 1800 block of North Sumner.

## Clarification

Pampa Independent School District administrators are recommending that the school board maintain the same tax rate as last year - \$1.43 - at its Thursday night meeting. An article and headline in Tuesday's paper implied that administrators would recommend a higher tax rate, when they are only recommending an increase from their previously proposed tax rate of \$1.42 in the 1995-96 budget.

## Calendar of events

**PAMPA ALZHEIMER SUPPORT GROUP**  
 The Pampa Alzheimer Support Group will meet at 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 8, at Shepard's Crook Nursing Academy, 2225 Perryton Parkway. Guest speaker will be Lisa Payne, activity coordinator at the Jan Werner Adult Day Care Center of Amarillo. To RSVP or for more information, contact Chrys Smith or Dee Barker at 665-0356.

## Fires

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

**TUESDAY, Aug. 29**  
 10:33 p.m. - One unit and two personnel responded to a grass fire 16 miles south on Highway 70.

# Celebration of Lights committee continues making holiday plans

Celebration of Lights committee is to meet at 7 p.m. today at M.K. Brown Memorial Auditorium.

Scheduled for discussion is the group's participation in Chautauqua and a second "measuring day" for homes and businesses which need to plan their lighting needs for the holiday event, said Seleta Chance.

The committee is expected to set a date to erect public displays and information stations for Celebration of Lights, she said.

The first annual celebration is set to begin Nov. 22 and continue through New Year's Eve, Chance said.

A lighting ceremony is planned for the area between City Hall and the Gray County Courthouse where a stage will be erected and entertainment provided.

Already planned for holiday lighting are Central Fire Station, Gray County Courthouse and City Hall.

National Bank of Commerce President Ben Shackelford, who also serves as president of the Pampa Chamber of Commerce, announced plans to purchase a \$2,100 lighted 28-foot Santa Claus and reindeer display for the bank lawn, according to a press release from the committee.

Joyce Simon, co-owner/manager of Pampa Office Supply, and Paul Fleming of Best Finance and Rentals announced plans to enlist the support of their business neighbors to light up the 200 block of North Cuyler.

A lighted display donated by John and Kathleen Chance and Wayne and Juanita St. Clair is to be placed in one of the public viewing areas.

Sponsors are still needed for lighted displays, said Chance.

"We need money and we need workers," she said.

## Police report

Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents and arrests in the 24-hour reporting period which ended at 7 a.m. today.

**TUESDAY, Aug. 29**  
 Johnson's Home Furnishings, 801 W. Francis, reported theft of a \$799 refrigerator and \$629 entertainment cabinet which occurred July 11.

TW Casuals, 109 N. Cuyler, reported forgery which occurred Aug. 11.

Burglary was reported in the 1300 block of Garland. Stolen were \$200 in photographs, a \$70 prescription and two electric razors valued at \$120.

City of Pampa reported theft of 500 gallons of water valued at \$31 in the 1800 block of Coffee.

Information was received from a 12-year-old Pampa Middle School boy about threats.

A 45-year-old Amarillo woman reported assault by threat at 115 N. Russell at 2:53 p.m. Tuesday.

Assault family violence was reported in the 1100 block of North Hobart at 11:45 p.m. Tuesday. The victim suffered bruises to the face and back.

## Weather focus

**LOCAL FORECAST**  
 Clear tonight with low near 70. Thursday, variable cloudiness with a high nearing 100. Southwest winds 10-15 mph. Tuesday's high was 96; the overnight low was 70.

**REGIONAL FORECAST**  
 West Texas - Panhandle: Tonight, partly cloudy with a chance of thunderstorms northwest, and a slight chance southwest and northeast. Lows in mid 60s to around 70. Thursday, partly cloudy. Highs in low to mid 90s. South Plains: Tonight, partly cloudy with a slight chance of evening showers or thunderstorms northwest, mostly clear elsewhere. Lows in mid 60s to low 70s. Thursday, partly cloudy. Highs in the 90s.

North Texas - Tonight, partly cloudy. Widely scattered thunderstorms central east and southeast. Lows 72 to 76. Thursday, partly cloudy with scattered afternoon thunder-

storms all areas but the north-east. Continued hot. Highs 94 to 102. South Texas - Hill Country and South Central: Tonight, partly cloudy with widely scattered evening showers and thunderstorms. Lows from upper 60s to near 70. Hill Country to low and mid 70s south central. Thursday, partly cloudy with widely scattered to scattered mainly afternoon showers and thunderstorms. Highs in mid and upper 90s. Hill Country and south central, 100 to 103 west. Coastal Bend and Rio Grande Plains: Tonight, partly cloudy with widely scattered mainly evening showers and thunderstorms. Lows from mid and upper 70s inland to near 80 coast. Thursday, partly cloudy with scattered mainly afternoon showers and thunderstorms coastal plains. Highs in upper 80s coast, mid 90s coastal plains, upper 90s to near 100 Rio Grande plains. Upper Coast: Tonight, partly cloudy with

widely scattered evening showers or thunderstorms. Lows in mid 70s inland, near 80 at the coast. Thursday, partly cloudy and hazy with scattered mainly afternoon showers and thunderstorms. Highs in upper 90s well inland, mid 90s at the coast.

**BORDER STATES**  
 New Mexico - Tonight, scattered evening thunderstorms west and north gradually diminishing with skies becoming partly cloudy. Mostly fair skies southeast. Lows 40s to 50s mountains, upper 50s to near 70 lower elevations. Thursday, partly cloudy west and north with scattered afternoon and early nighttime thunderstorms. Partly cloudy southeast. Highs 70s and 80s mountains, mid 80s to 90s elsewhere.

Oklahoma - Tonight, partly cloudy with a slight chance for thunderstorms over northwest region. Mostly clear elsewhere. Lows from mid 60s to mid 70s. Thursday, mostly sunny. Highs in the 90s.

At their last meeting, 25 people viewed a video of the first "Christmas in the Park" sponsored by the city of Altus, Okla.

Prominent players in the event included the city parks department personnel and inmate volunteers from the local Oklahoma prison system, along with the marketing and financial support of the area residents and businesses.

Altus displayed 250,000 Christmas lights its first year and collected \$63,300 in donations. The city spent \$58,000 on display pieces for its largest park. The city of Altus donated \$10,000 and placed public collection barrels around town for more donations. At the end of the season, "Christmas in the Park" netted \$31,000.

The city also reported a \$30,000 increase in sales tax collections during the 40-day period from Thanksgiving to New Year's, according to Chance.

The local Celebration of Lights committee is applying for 501(c)3 status with the Internal Revenue Service, which it hopes will encourage donations for the economic development effort.

The holiday event is supported by the Pampa Area Chamber of Commerce, city of Pampa and Gray County, although it is not affiliated with them, Chance said.

## Accidents

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

**TUESDAY, Aug. 29**  
 12:07 p.m. - An unknown vehicle was in collision with a legally parked 1989 Chevrolet Cavalier owned by Elizabeth Flores, 412 1/2 B N. Frost in the 400 block of Aft.

A possible BB-gun is believed to have broken out the windshield of a 1979 Ford pickup in the 300 block of Canadian on Tuesday. Estimated damage is \$200.

Assault - family violence was reported in the 400 block of North Somerville at 8:40 p.m. Tuesday. The victim reported bruises to the legs.

**WEDNESDAY, Aug. 30**  
 Allsup's, 1025 W. Wilk, reported theft at 2:15 a.m. Wednesday. Entry was through the front door.

**Arrest**  
**TUESDAY, Aug. 29**  
 Shanna E. Tambunga Smotherman, 33, 723 Malone, was arrested in the 1500 block of North Hobart on two capias pro fine warrants. Fines total \$530.

Victor Heath Robertson, 26, Perryton, was arrested on a charge of issuance of bad check. He was taken to Gray County jail and released on bond.

James Ivan McKinney, 30, Miami, was arrested on a charge of theft \$20 to \$500. He was taken to Gray County jail. His bond is unset.

# City briefs

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**BARBARA STUBBLEFIELD** is now at Snips Hair & Nail Design. 669-6004. Adv.

**GRAND OPENING** Special, Snips Hair & Nail Design, 1421 N. Hobart, 669-6004. Adv.

**REBECCA ANN'S**, 1521 N. Hobart - Early Fall Sale, select groups of new Fall merchandise 25% off including Russ, GW Graff, all dresses and bras style #3820. Sale thru September 2. Adv.

**MARTIAL ARTS** - Tae Kwon Do Classes, Monday and Thursday, Clarendon College. Call Gale 665-8554. Adv.

**FOR SALE** 508-510 Frost, duplex, \$400 per month income. 665-3637. Adv.

**SUNSET BAR & Grill**, 600 S. Cuyler, is proud to present the return of "Kracker Jack," September 1. \$3 single, \$5 couple. Open 5 p.m. Wednesday - Saturday. Dining room opens 6 p.m. Adv.

**NEED A Special Gift?** Send a Bouquet of Cookies, Special Occasion Cakes also available. 883-2049. Adv.

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**MIKE VOSS**, former D.J. at Easy's and currently with the Travel 'n D.J.'s, will be appearing at the Landmark Club - Thursday, August 31st, Friday, September 1st, Saturday, September 2nd. Membership required, temporaries available. 618 W. Foster, 665-4404. Adv.

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**World briefs**

**Allied Occupation marked start of Japan's recovery**

**TOKYO (AP)** — The rumors sounded all too plausible to 19-year-old submariner Hiyoshi Ikeda: the arriving Americans would castrate Japanese officers and enslave his nation.

Like millions of other Japanese, the young lieutenant viewed the start of the postwar Allied occupation — which began with Gen. Douglas MacArthur's arrival 50 years ago today — with fear and panic.

So he and fellow crewmen came up with a plan: they'd seize their submarine, sail to the South Pacific, and live as underwater pirates for the rest of their days.

Their captain, hearing of the plan, gave the plotters some blunt advice: Japan was defeated. Learn to live with it.

A half-century later, Ikeda, now a college professor, can smile at the memory.

"I have three grandchildren now," he said. "I haven't asked them, but I'm sure they are all glad I didn't wind up a pirate."

Ikeda's life after the war — getting an education, building a career — mirrored the recovery of Japan, which rose from the ashes to become an economic superpower.

The seeds of that remarkable comeback were sown during the seven-year Allied occupation that began with the arrival of MacArthur and a small vanguard of troops at Atsugi, an air base southwest of Tokyo that is now a joint U.S.-Japanese facility. U.S. veterans were marking the occasion today with a ceremony and a statue dedication at the base.

**Jewish settlers arrested for assaulting Palestinians**

**JERUSALEM (AP)** — Police arrested four Jewish settlers early today for assaulting Palestinians, officials said.

Settlers pelted the officers with stones when they entered the West Bank settlement of Yitshar, and three were arrested for assaulting police. The settlers accused the police of beating residents and refusing to show warrants or explain the arrests.

Police spokesman Boaz Goldberg said the four settlers were wanted for "rioting and breaches of the peace against Arab residents." He refused to give details, but said they will be brought to court later this week.

A resident of the nearby Palestinian village of Burin said settlers from Yitshar burned the village school two weeks ago. Amar Ismail told The Associated Press that settlers also had burned a clinic and an electric generator in Burin and thrown stones at villagers.

"In the past few weeks they have imposed a siege on the village," Ismail said. "It was clear they wanted us to leave the village so they can settle there."

Yitshar resident Rivka Bernstein told Israel Radio that police had burst into homes in the settlement without search warrants, waking up residents and pointing guns at suspects.

"Some were without name tags, or even uniforms," she said. "It was the ones in civilian clothes who beat (residents). They refused to give their names. They punched without cause."

But Chief Superintendent Dudu Peretz told Israel Radio that the officers had warrants and knocked on the suspects' doors before entering.

**Neighborhood bash**



(Special photo by Cindy Aler)

About 50 residents of the 1200 block of Charles danced the night away during a block party Saturday. Barbecue grills were fired up and favorite recipes shared. Children enjoyed game and a piñata. The "Rode Hand" band provided music. The street was closed off at the intersections for dancing in the streets. "This was the perfect way to end the summer," said Charles Street resident Cyndy Needham.

**Notorious death row inmate gets October execution date**

By **MICHAEL GRACZYK**  
Associated Press Writer

**HUNTSVILLE (AP)** — Henry Lee Lucas, one of Texas' most notorious death row inmates, is set to die on Oct. 2.

State District Judge John Carter, who presided over the trial that resulted in Lucas' death sentence, on Tuesday set the date at the request of Williamson County District Attorney Ken Anderson.

Lucas learned last week his latest appeal was rejected and prosecutors promised they would seek a swift execution date.

According to Texas law, the inmate must have at least 30 days notice of an execution date.

Lucas, who has been on death row just outside Huntsville since 1985, still has some federal appeals avenues.

At age 59, he would become one of the oldest people ever to be put to death in the state, which leads the nation with 98 executions since 1982.

Known as the one-eyed drifter because of a glass left eye, Lucas was convicted in 1984 of strangling an unidentified woman hitchhiker near Georgetown, about 30 miles north of Austin.

The case became known as "Orange Socks" because that was the only clothing on the woman's sexually assaulted

body when she was found in October 1979.

Convicted of 10 other slayings mostly in Texas, Lucas once confessed to as many as 600 slayings nationwide. He later recanted all of those confessions. The Williamson County case is the only one for which Lucas has been sentenced to die.

Last week, the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals rejected claims Lucas made at a special hearing earlier this year that prosecutors had concealed another suspect in the "Orange Socks" case.

Lucas earlier this year had a March 15 death date but it was blocked by the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals.

**Women's forum organizers vow to ignore restrictions on speech during conference**

**BEIJING (AP)** — The biggest meeting ever of the world's women officially opened today, dogged by a dispute between women activists and the Chinese government over freedom of expression.

"It is my great pleasure and honor to declare our celebration open," senior organizer Irene Santiago proclaimed to a mostly female crowd of 18,000 in a Beijing stadium.

The audience swayed and clapped as an all-women Chinese orchestra played Beethoven's Ode to Joy. Women from around the world issued a call to gather in six languages, with the English speaker declaring, "Let us celebrate women's power — our strength."

The ceremony opens a 10-day meeting of more than 20,000 activists from private groups around the world. It is known as the NGO Forum because the groups are non-governmental organizations.

A few hours earlier, conference organizers said they will defy Chinese restrictions on holding protests and allow freedom of expression throughout their gathering site.

The organizers' tough stand

could put participants on a collision course with the Chinese government, which has imposed strict security and declared that any demonstrations will be limited to a small school yard inside the conference grounds.

Chinese officials have said that protests criticizing China are not allowed.

Mrs. Santiago, forum executive director, told a news conference that the Chinese never told the organizers of any such restrictions.

There is "no such instruction — nor will such instruction ever be given," she said.

The letter of agreement signed by the Chinese government gives organizers jurisdiction over the site allocated to them in Huairou, a town near the Great Wall an hour's drive north of Beijing, Mrs. Santiago said.

The Chinese government initially angered many participants by suddenly moving the forum out of Beijing, cutting participants off from delegates to the official U.N. sponsored Fourth World Conference on Women whom they hope to lobby.

There have also been protests about China's decision to bar

entry to individuals approved by the United Nations.

Mrs. Santiago said organizers have protested to China about its exclusion of four groups that seek independence from China — apparently referring to Tibetan and Taiwan groups.

"We are trying to make sure that they are heard here," she said.

China also barred all 30 would-be participants from Niger because it recognizes Taiwan and refused to issue visas to an unknown number of other women with political views opposed to China's.

Several reporters at the news conference pressed Mrs. Santiago on China's moves to curb protests and criticism of its policies.

"We're certainly not going to allow that a small area of the big forum site is designated as an area for freedom of expression," said Mrs. Santiago, who is from the Philippines.

The site set aside by the Chinese for protests is a freshly paved plot about the size of a basketball court in a corner of the main forum compound. A sign in English says, "Parade Ground."

**State troopers warn Texans to buckle up**

**AUSTIN (AP)** — State law enforcement officials have issued a warning to Texans planning to travel over the Labor Day weekend: buckle up or risk becoming one of the 31 people expected to die in automobile accidents.

"Buckling up makes a big difference in the ability to maintain control of a vehicle in an accident situation," Lt. Col. Dudley Thomas, assistant director of the Texas Department of Public Safety, said Tuesday. "It can mean the difference between being hurt and being killed."

The DPS estimates that 31 people will be killed on Texas roads from 6 p.m. Friday through midnight Monday.

During the same period last year, 45 people died as a result of automobile accidents. Of those, 38 were in vehicles with safety belts, but 22 people weren't wearing them, Thomas said.

The percentage of drivers using safety belts has more than quadrupled since Texas implemented its seat belt law 10 years ago Friday.

An 18-city study by the Texas Transportation Institute shows the average percentage of drivers using safety belts rose from 15.2 percent in 1985 to 77.2 percent in 1994.

During that period, the death rate on Texas roads dropped from 2.6 per 100 million miles driven to

1.8 per 100 million miles.

But the numbers aren't good enough, Thomas said.

"Statistics show that the chance of being killed in a car accident is more than 11 times as great for persons not wearing seat belts as for those wearing seat belts," he said. "Yet statewide, only about 71 percent of the population buckles up."

"Our charge today, and in the future, is to try to increase that percentage."

John Devenport, of the Texas Automobile Dealers Association, said the advent of automobile safety devices such as air bags has made people less likely to wear their seat belts.

"Once they get in a car with an air bag, they think they no longer need to wear a seat belt," Devenport said, adding that without a seat belt, an accident

victim may not be in the car to be protected by its air bag.

"It's as important as ever that we buckle up," he said.

In addition to saving lives, wearing seat belts can save the state money, said Susan Bryant, traffic safety director of the Texas Department of Transportation.

In 1992 and 1993, the cost of automobile related injuries for people not wearing seat belts was \$56,000 more per person than for people who were buckled, Ms. Bryant said. During those two years, the total cost of being unbelted was \$11 billion.

Thomas said Texans planning to travel by automobile over the holiday weekend should prepare in advance by getting plenty of sleep. Once on the road, drivers should make numerous rest stops and be sure not to drive while fatigued.

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# Networks try to ignore Whitewater



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### Opinion

## The undeclared war on taxpayers

Staff writer Robin Toner of *The New York Times* notes and seems bemused by an apparent sea change in Congress's attitude toward federal welfare programs. The only defenders of the current program seem lonely and embattled, and some rhetoricians are even so bold as to make the argument that ending welfare as we know it would amount to doing poorer people in this country a favor.

The most plausible explanation the writer can find is that more voters live in the suburbs and see the "urban underclass" as "distant" and alien. But a look at the welfare numbers might offer more plausible reasons for the increasing number of people who believe that almost anything would be better than the current system.

The federal government currently operates 77 major interrelated and overlapping welfare programs. Many states operate additional programs. In fiscal year 1993, total federal and state welfare spending reached \$324.3 billion, with \$234.3 billion coming from federal funding and \$90 billion from state or local funds. That amounted to \$3,357 in taxes from each household that paid federal income tax in 1993.

Since 1965, when federal welfare spending exploded under President Lyndon Johnson's "war on poverty," taxpayers have spent \$5.4 trillion on welfare (in constant 1993 dollars). That's 70% more than it cost to defeat Japan and Germany in World War II (adjusting for inflation), or enough to purchase every factory, office building, airline, railroad, trucking firm, and commercial ship, every telephone, television, and radio company, every power company, hotel, and retail store in the country - and have money left over.

Surely, after all that spending, victory ought to be in sight? Hardly. According to the Congressional Budget Office, under existing law federal, state, and local welfare spending will continue to rise, reaching a combined total of \$551.7 billion in the year 2000.

Why has all that spending not brought more people out of poverty? Why has it, in fact, made the "urban underclass" larger and more visible, more hopeless, and more intractably mired in poverty than was the case in 1965?

For 30 years, the welfare system has paid people not to work and not to form families. When the "war on poverty" began, about one black child in four was born out of wedlock; now two of three are. Rapid increases in illegitimacy are occurring among low income white people. The causes could well be so complex that no single factor can be isolated as the only cause, but surely the fact that teenagers are encouraged to "marry the state" has had something to do with this phenomenon.

But it turns out that illegitimacy is more closely associated with continuing, generation-after-generation poverty than any other single social factor. Family disintegration is also a leading cause of crime. So the welfare system as it exists today pays people enough to survive, but, in essence, bribes them not to do any better for themselves. The cycle of dependency is tragic and socially devastating.

The most useful reform - short of ending the federal government's role in welfare entirely, which would be defensible but not yet politically feasible - would be unrestricted block grants to the states, which would allow those closer to the problem to try an array of reform approaches and give different states the chance to learn from one another.

At the same time, Congress should also move quickly to end corporate welfare, which costs taxpayers almost as much and harms economic productivity and efficiency.

### Thought for today

"A lie, turned topsy-turvy, can be prinked and tinselled out, decked in plumage new and fine, till none knows its lean old carcass."

Henrik Ibsen, *Peer Gynt*. Act I  
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The Whitewater hearings are over for now. If you watched them on C-SPAN (or for a while on PBS), you came away with a better understanding as to why three more players (Whitewater investors Jim and Susan McDougal and Arkansas Gov. Jim Guy Tucker) have joined the ever growing federal indictment list. At best, the hearings provided a litany of abuses by a good ol' boy network that would make Richard Daley's Chicago machine proud. But when you factor into the equation the evidence introduced that strongly suggests the participation of Bill and Hillary Clinton - and then add to the mix the explosive charge of obstruction of justice leveled by Resolution Trust Corp. investigator Jean Lewis - you've got dynamite on your hands.

Unless, of course, you are the television networks, in which case you decide we should have virtually nothing.

From July 16 (two days before the Senate hearings began) until August 10 (when both the Senate and the House hearings concluded), the networks showed scant interest in Whitewater, neglecting it on their evening news broadcasts and their morning talk shows. CBS gave it the most coverage, with ten reporter based stories in the evening and seven in the morning. CBS also went out of its way to paint the hearings as a GOP witch hunt. "From another offensive wave on Whitewater to a sweeping rollback of federal regulations on health, safety and the environment," intoned Dan Rather on July 17 to explain the upcoming Congressional agenda, "it's a political carpet-bombing attack, wall to wall." Whitewater, he would later remind us, is "the Republicans' all-out offensive."

ABC provided only eight full evening reports along with two in the morning. Remarkably, it took CNN's *World News* until August 7 to find time for a full update on the hearings. They provided only three full reporter based stories during



L. Brent Bozell

this time frame; NBC had the same totals for their evening reports, with three stories in the morning.

To put this in perspective: Last year, the network evening newscasts logged 40 reporter based stories on the farcical Whitewater "hearings" run by the Democrats. With another year's worth of serious investigation, with the allegations allowed finally to be aired and with significant new revelations presented, the total this year was cut almost by half to 24.

What gives here? Journalists bemoan the complexity of the scandal. In addition, they proclaim that the public is wholly disinterested in the matter - and triumphantly cite countless polls to buttress that point. Funny thing, national surveys also indicated the public was equally bored by the Iran-Contra affair after a couple of weeks. That made no difference back then to journalists hell bent on exposing the dastardly scandal to America. And if public appetite determines newsworthiness, just how many people were interested in the (false) allegations against Ed Meese, the (false) 1980 October Surprise conspiracy and all those other "scandals" pursued relentlessly by the press during the Reagan years?

No matter. What's instructive here is what the networks *did* consider newsworthy while the hearings were in progress. For your enjoyment, the following are the Top 10 Network News Stories More

Important than Whitewater (drum roll, please):

No. 10. CBS *This Morning* (August 1): Full interview segment on roller-blading etiquette in New York City; nothing on Whitewater.

No. 9. NBC's *Today* (August 4): Appearance by the "Gadget Guru" and a full interview about proper manners in a restaurant; nothing on Whitewater.

No. 8. CBS *This Morning* (August 4): Full interview with a grandpa auto mechanic; nothing on Whitewater.

No. 7. ABC's *Good Morning America* (July 26): Full story on tryouts to become a QVC (cable shopping channel) host and an interview about the annual Winnebago roundup; nothing on Whitewater.

No. 6. NBC's *Today* (July 21): Full segment on the art of catching butterflies; nothing on Whitewater.

No. 5. ABC's *GMA* (August 3): Full story by reporter Chantal and a full story on a convention at the University of Mississippi to discuss the meaning of Elvis; one anchor read news brief on Whitewater.

No. 4. NBC's *Today* (August 8): Story about crank phone calls and a full story on a convention at the University of Mississippi to discuss the meaning of Elvis; one anchor read news brief on Whitewater.

No. 3. ABC's *GMA* (August 7, the opening day of the House hearings): Story on the Elvis convention in Mississippi; nothing on Whitewater.

No. 2. CNN's *World News* (August 2): Story on the health benefits of soy-based tofu food products; nothing on Whitewater.

And now, for the No. 1 News Story More Important than Whitewater ...  
CNN's *World News* (August 10): Anchor read report on Joe Namath's donation to a Planet Hollywood restaurant of the pantyhose he wore in a television commercial. Nothing on Whitewater.

### Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, Aug. 30, the 242nd day of 1995. There are 123 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Aug. 30, 1862, Union forces were defeated by the Confederates at the Second Battle of Bull Run in Manassas, Va.

On this date:

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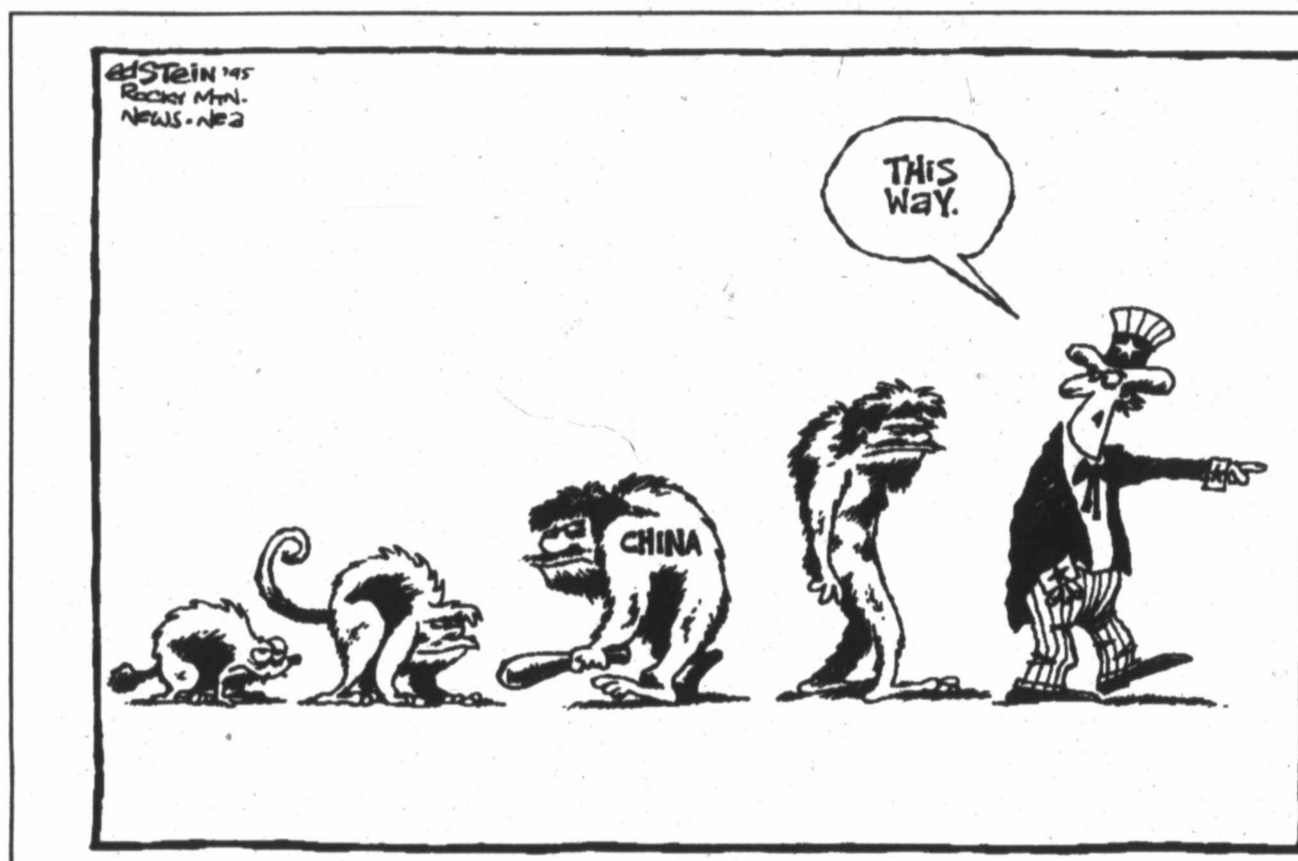
In 1797, the creator of Frankenstein, Mary Wollstonecraft Shelley, was born in London.

In 1893, Huey P. Long, "The Kingfish" of Louisiana politics, was born in Winn Parish.

In 1905, Ty Cobb made his major league batting debut, playing for the Detroit Tigers.

In 1941, the World War II siege of Leningrad began.

In 1945, 50 years ago, Gen. Douglas MacArthur arrived in



## Tallying the independent candidates

Any American who has recently said, or even thought, that he's sick and tired of both parties and wouldn't mind voting for an independent presidential candidate must feel a little like the farmer standing in his flooded field, who looked up at the sky and said, "Dear Lord, I know I prayed for rain, but this is ridiculous."

You wanted an independent presidential candidate? Have six of them: Bill Bradley, Steve Forbes, Jesse Jackson, Ross Perot, Colin Powell and Lowell Weicker. None of them has officially thrown his hat into the ring yet, but all of them have let the media spread the impression that they might be interested in making the race.

Why this sudden plethora of independent candidates? The conventional wisdom, in Washington anyway, is that the voters are - even more than usual - "fed up" with both parties, and ripe for a little old fashioned rebellion. Yet the voters went to the polls just last November, and on that occasion they certainly seemed ready to give the Republicans a chance to show what they could do. And while much remains to be done, it is far too early to say that the GOP has blown the chance.

More likely the voters are ready to oust Bill Clinton if they are given a reasonable alternative, but aren't all that impressed by any of the declared contenders for his job. That's enough to make a good many public personalities gaze in



William Rusher

their shaving mirrors and wonder if they see a president smiling back at them.

But, to be frank, most of the undeclared possible independent candidates aren't much more charismatic than the declared seekers of the two parties' nominations. Jesse Jackson essentially represents just a threat to withhold a portion of the black vote from Mr. Clinton if he strays too far from his base. Ross Perot peaked at 19% in 1992, and has no reason to expect he would do better (or even as well) this time. Bill Bradley and Steve Forbes are both thoughtful and respected men, but neither sets one's pulse pounding. Lowell Weicker recently identified himself with Ted Kennedy's views, which ought to dispose of him.

Of the six, only Colin Powell would look good on horseback, either literally or figuratively, and even he is attractive largely because we can all pro-

ject our wish-fantasies onto him, fondly imagining that he agrees with us personally on everything.

Then too (if I may get disagreeably technical for a moment), it's one thing to declare your independent candidacy for president, and quite another to get on the ballot in all 50 states. Each state's requirements are unique, and some of them are fiendish. Twenty years ago, when I last researched the subject, the filing deadlines varied from February to October; some states demanded the creation and registration of a new party; others insisted upon a ticket naming candidates for both president and vice president; and practically all required nominating petitions signed by huge numbers of voters.

With lots of money, some of these problems can be solved, but not all of them. And once the candidate is well and truly on all 50 ballots, lots more money will be needed to wage a winning campaign against the Republican and Democratic candidates, each of whom will start with \$40 million provided by the federal government. That will make everybody else think twice except Ross Perot.

So we can, I believe, expect a gradual thinning out of the ranks of potential independent candidates as 1996 draws nearer and the obstacles become more apparent. There may be some Lochinvar out there who can sweep the American voters off their feet (and out of their party affiliations), but I don't see him yet.

## Shannon Faulkner's misguided quest

The celebrations that erupted at the Citadel when Shannon Faulkner announced her withdrawal were unseemly to say the least. Surely winning like a southern gentleman is something the Citadel ought to teach its cadets.

Still, Faulkner was a misguided pioneer. She obtained admission originally by capitalizing on the gender neutrality of her first name. Thinking she was male, the Citadel offered her a place in the incoming class, only to withdraw the offer when her true identity was learned. Thus began two and a half years of legal wrangling - a battle that clearly came to dominate Faulkner's life. Explaining her painful decision to drop out, she said, "It's not going to do my attorneys any good if I get in here and just have a mental breakdown or anything like that." Is that what the struggle was about? The attorneys?

Perhaps during the two and a half years that the case wended its way through the courts, Shannon Faulkner became accustomed to the warm support of those lawyers and the legions of feminists who saw her as a brave pioneer. It's just possible however, that lulled by all of that support, Faulkner lost sight of just what she was fighting to achieve. A place in the cadet corps at the Citadel was bound to mean, first and foremost, a grueling physical challenge. Yet Faulkner reported for duty 20 pounds overweight.

This is not to excuse any harassment that may have been directed against her - and no doubt that atmosphere of hostility contributed to her mental anguish. But again, one would have



Mona Charen

thought that she would be prepared for that.

The whole story is a pity, because Shannon Faulkner has suffered humiliation and defeat in a false cause. It does not represent a breakthrough for women that she was admitted to the Citadel. Women don't belong there. And it does a disservice to women's attempts to be treated seriously in other realms when feminists insist that women be admitted to places like the Citadel even if they cannot maintain the same standards as men.

Women who have achieved in fields like business, law, medicine, science, teaching, music, journalism, academics and the arts have done so without demanding that standards be altered to suit them. They have asked only to be judged on their performance.

But there are certain fields, like the military, that continue to rely on physical strength and aggressiveness. And, though, for reasons that elude me, feminists are eager to prove that women are just as aggressive as men, I don't think it is true. And it is certainly

the case that women are not as strong as men.

Yes, yes, some women are stronger than some men. But military academies tend to set quite rigorous physical standards, thus weeding out weaker men and women. Service academies like Annapolis and West Point have solved this problem by establishing separate physical requirements for women. The Citadel, forced by the courts to accept Shannon Faulkner on her terms, was prepared to do the same thing. Whereas the male cadets were expected to run two miles in 15 minutes, 54 seconds, she was going to be asked to do it in 18:54. And while the males would have to complete 42 pushups and 52 sit-ups in two minutes, she would have been asked to do 18 pushups and 50 sit-ups.

Does it matter? In combat, it certainly could. If you are a wounded soldier stuck in a burning tank, the strength of your tank mates - their ability to pull you to safety - could be the difference between life and death. To those who say wars are no longer fought that way, I say, "God forbid." The alternative to messy, ground warfare is nuclear war.

Finally, we should be wary of eliminating all of the exclusively male institutions in society. The sexes are not like the races. There are often legitimate reasons to segregate. The case of inner-city schools comes to mind. Proposals to provide single-sex education to troubled males has run smack into the legal obstacle erected by cases like Faulkner's.

There are a thousand ways for women to thrive in America today. Let the Citadel be.

Nation briefs

Ito faces greatest challenge of O.J. trial so far

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Before Judge Lance Ito stands the biggest decision of the O.J. Simpson trial, perhaps the biggest of his career: a ruling with implications beyond the courtroom that will tax the judge's emotions as well as his intellect.

The Mark Fuhrman tapes have not only rocked an already troubled-plagued trial, but aggravated racial wounds in a city that hasn't come close to recovering from the riots sparked by the acquittals of police officers who beat Rodney King.

After hearing impassioned arguments from attorneys Tuesday, Ito indicated he would rule in the next few days on whether the majority-black jury will hear some of Fuhrman's racist rants and chest-thumping tales of a mean cop in a mean city.

"The quality of your arguments ... has given me a lot to think about and this is not something I can rule upon from the seat of my pants," Ito told attorneys. "I need to sit down and look at each one of these individual situations and

make the appropriate ruling."

Man's confession of girls' slayings played in court

NOVI, Mich. (AP) — Some of 12-year-old Cassandra Fiolek's last words expressed her betrayal by a man she had considered a friend.

"She said, 'What are you doing? I trusted you,'" Aaron S. Stinchcombe said in a tape recorded confession played in court Tuesday.

On the tape, Stinchcombe recalled matter-of-factly that he and a homeless friend lured Cassandra and Jennifer Wicks, also 12, to a midnight drinking party that ended in the girls' savage beatings and deaths.

Stinchcombe was ordered to stand trial on two counts of murder. He faces a mandatory sentence of life in prison without parole if convicted. The preliminary hearing for Russell S. Oeschger, 30, was postponed so he could undergo a psychiatric evaluation.

In his confession, Stinchcombe told detectives that Cassandra approached him at a park and asked him to buy her some alcohol. They decided to get together at the park around midnight.

Attorney General announces task force to help combat child abuse

AUSTIN (AP) — Every three days in Texas a child is killed by a parent or guardian. Every year the state confirms 60,000 child abuse cases.

Texas Attorney General Dan Morales announced a program Tuesday to combat those statistics.

"The challenge is clear. We must improve our prevention and intervention efforts," Morales said.

In a combined effort with the Texas Medical Association and Texas Court Appointed Special Advocates, a group that protects children in court cases, Morales' office has created the Texas Child Abuse Prevention Task Force.

The task force, comprising medical professionals, educators, social service providers and law enforcers, will create an informational campaign outlining the public's responsibility to recognize and report child abuse.

"The ability of our prosecutors to win convictions against abusers often depends upon the ability of

doctors, nurses, teachers, counselors and others to recognize the signs," Morales said, adding that child abuse cases are among the most difficult to prosecute.

"Early notice of child abuse is critical to reducing the number of fatalities and the severity of abuse in thousands of cases," he said.

Early action also is necessary to end the vicious cycle of abuse and crime.

"An abused child often grows up to be an abuser," he said. "And there is statistical evidence that abused children have a propensity toward criminal behavior and violent behavior."

"Young criminals often start out as scared, neglected children," he said.

Texas law requires any person who believes a child is being abused or neglected to report those concerns to local law enforcement officers or the Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services.

New-home sales hit one-year high

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sales of new homes rose in July for the third straight month to their highest level in more than a year, and analysts predicted lower mortgage rates and steady consumer confidence will continue to strengthen the housing market.

The Commerce Department said Tuesday that sales of single-family homes increased 0.4 percent last month to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 715,000, highest since 722,000 in March 1994. New-home sales in the South were at a 10-year high, more than offsetting weakness elsewhere.

"Buyers and builders are feeling better about things than they did a couple months ago," said David Seiders, chief economist for the National Association of Home Builders. "It's looking pretty good after some scary months."

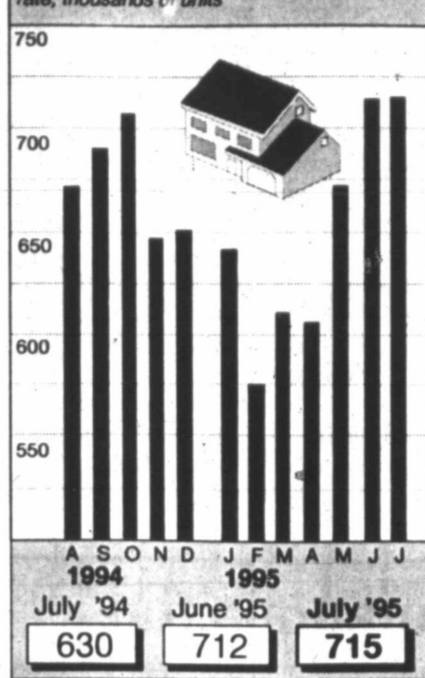
While the economy slowed to a standstill this year and recently has shown only mixed signs of improving, the housing market has been a bright spot lately.

Sales in June were 712,000, revised down from an earlier estimate of 728,000 but still 6.1 percent higher than May.

Single-family construction had slowed considerably prior to late spring and the turnaround in mortgage rates.

New home sales

Seasonally adjusted annual rate, thousands of units



Source: U.S. Dept. of Commerce

Fixed-rate, 30-year mortgages were around 9 percent at the beginning of the year before dropping. They averaged 7.61 percent in July, up slightly from 7.53 percent the previous month.

The decline from their peak translates into a savings for home owners of more than \$100 a month in the cost of a \$100,000 loan.

Consumer confidence also has

been a plus, analysts said.

The Conference Board, a business research group, said Tuesday its monthly gauge of consumer sentiment slipped slightly to 101 in August but remains at a high level. Expectations for the future rose this month, the board said, citing stable, low unemployment and an absence of inflation.

The stock market drifted lower, but analysts said the economic reports appeared to have little impact. The Dow Jones industrial average fell 16 points by midday while bond prices were almost unchanged.

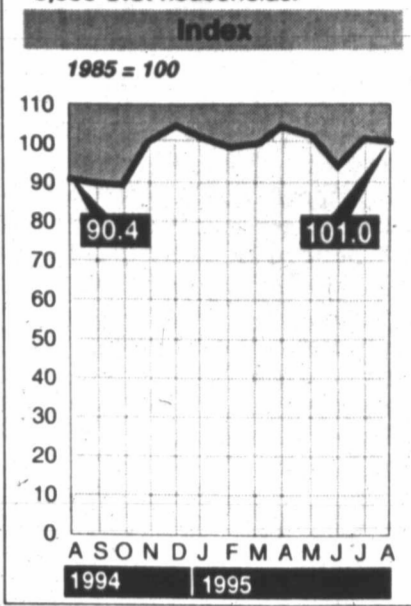
The Commerce Department said sales of new homes in the South surged 22.5 percent in July to an annual rate of 359,000, the highest since March 1986. But they fell in other parts of the nation, declining 13 percent in the West, to 281,000; 33.3 percent in the Northeast, to 352,000; and 6.8 percent in the Midwest to 123,000.

Despite the recent improvement, sales of new homes during the first seven months of 1995 were down 4 percent from the same period a year ago.

At the end of July, the seasonally adjusted estimate of new houses for sale was 348,000, a six-month supply at the current sales rate.

Consumer confidence

From a monthly survey of 5,000 U.S. households.



Source: The Conference Board

The median price of a new home was \$133,900 in July, unchanged from a month earlier. The median is the midpoint, meaning half of the homes cost more and half cost less.

The National Association of Realtors, a trade group, reported last week that sales of existing homes rose 5 percent in July to the highest rate in more than a year.

Town rallies as 16 injured by lightning striking football field

FORNEY (AP) — Like other small Texas towns, everyone knows when something happens in this community of 4,200 — especially when it involves the high school football team.

So it was no surprise that Forney residents rallied immediately after a lightning bolt struck a practice field Tuesday afternoon, critically injuring a 15-year-old and sending 15 other people to hospitals.

Some went to the school to comfort and console students. Others, including Superintendent Chester St. Clair, made the 20-mile drive west to Baylor University Medical Center in Dallas to support the friends and family of those who were hurt. "Forney is a small town, we're really supportive," said Jennifer Lawrence, a 17-year-old drill team member at the high school, who was reluctant to talk to reporters.

"If you're not from there, it's kind of hard to understand how it is," she said. "Once something happens to someone, everyone supports, everyone helps."

About 100 varsity and junior varsity players began working out at 3:30 p.m. on the small field of Forney High, home of the sixth-ranked Class 3A Jackrabbits. Cows grazed in the nearby pasture and two John Deere tractors sat just outside the school's main field.

A storm was approaching, but coaches didn't fear. They were known to call off practices — and even games — because of lightning in the area, yet they felt there was still plenty of time before the bad weather would hit.

They were wrong. A few minutes before 4 p.m. a surprising bolt zapped the field, leaving players and coaches who had been involved in position drills sprawled on the grass.

"We were just running and all of a sudden there was a big boom," said Matt Donnell, 15, a junior varsity player.

Juniors teammate Chris Smith said his knees buckled and he too became pinned down.

"Then I got up, looked beside me and my friend ... he couldn't get up," Smith

said. "So I picked him up and ran inside." Clay Jones wasn't as lucky. The junior varsity player was hit in the head by the bolt and was listed in critical condition today at Baylor University Medical Center.

Varsity coach Mel Maxfield was the first person to Jones' side. He screamed for someone to call for help, then he and assistant coach Brad Turner began performing CPR on Jones.

"He didn't have a pulse. You could tell he was not breathing," Turner said. "When we took off his helmet, the side of his head had a burn mark. He was very pale and he was bleeding out of his ears."

Denise Walton, a Baylor spokeswoman, said a second player was admitted to the intensive care unit and 11 other students were either released or in stable condition.

Turner and another assistant coach, Horlos Barrett, and a student were treated at The Medical Center in Mesquite. The coaches were sent home and the student was in stable condition, said nursing supervisor Carolyn Grinstead.

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# NATO may sustain U.S. led air attacks on Serb positions for several days

By ROBERT BURNS  
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) - NATO is prepared to sustain its U.S. led air bombardment of Serb positions around Sarajevo for several days, U.S. defense officials say - a departure from previous brief, pinprick attempts to punish Serb aggression.

President Clinton called the allied attacks early today necessary and predicted the show of force would not derail the delicate peace negotiations in the former Yugoslavia.

"I believe it is something that had to be done," Clinton, vacationing in Jackson Hole, Wyo., told reporters after more than 60 U.S. and allied warplanes took off from a U.S. aircraft carrier and an air base in Italy in an initial assault on Serb air defense missile and radar sites and communi-

cations facilities in eastern Bosnia. The air assault, by far the most strenuous allied campaign since the Bosnian war began, was in retaliation for the shelling of a marketplace in the Bosnian capital that killed 37 people. The United Nations blamed the Serbs for the shelling.

There were no indications Tuesday night that any American or allied planes had been hit by Serb air defenses in the initial NATO assault. The extent of damage inflicted on the Serbs also was not immediately known.

Several U.S. officials, speaking on condition of anonymity, said NATO was prepared to continue the air attacks, although the actual timetable was not known.

"It's round one," one official said. The duration of the assault was expected to be determined by the degree of success of the initial bomb-

ing runs and the level of Serb resistance or retaliation. U.S. officials, including Defense Secretary William Perry, have said in recent weeks that if NATO undertook a large scale assault in Bosnia, the Serbs' extensive and relatively sophisticated air defense network would be the first target.

Among the U.S. planes participating in the initial bombing raids were Navy F-18 Hornet strike fighters, F-14 Tomcat strike escort jets and a variety of electronic warfare planes to jam or destroy Serb air defense systems, according to U.S. defense officials who spoke on condition they not be identified.

The jets flew off the carrier USS Theodore Roosevelt, which had just pulled into the Adriatic Sea shortly before the attacks began. The Roosevelt, with 36 F-18s and 14 F-14s

aboard, as well as numerous support planes, was diverted from a scheduled port call Tuesday in Greece. It had been steaming in the eastern Mediterranean where it participated in a joint U.S.-Jordanian exercise.

The United States also has many Air Force warplanes based at Aviano, Italy, just across the Adriatic from Sarajevo. These include F-15E Strike Eagle strike aircraft, F-16 Fighting Falcon attack planes, OA-10 ground-attack planes, EF-111 radar jamming planes and AWACS airborne warning and control aircraft.

British, French, Dutch and other nations' aircraft also are in the region as part of a NATO fleet that has been enforcing a U.N. "no fly" zone over Bosnia.

Clinton said Tuesday's air attacks were "consistent with the commitments that were made by the United

Nations, by NATO, by the United States and its allies."

He added, "I do not expect it to interrupt the peace mission," referring to the negotiations U.S. diplomats and other western allies are conducting with the warring parties in Bosnia.

Assistant Secretary of State Richard Holbrooke, head of the American delegation in Paris, had been scheduled to travel to Belgrade, the Serbian capital, to meet with Serbian President Slobodan Milosevic.

Serb led Yugoslavia has endured more than three years of U.N. sanctions for inciting Serb rebellions in Bosnia and Croatia. Holding out the possibility that those sanctions might be lifted, negotiators are trying to persuade Milosevic to recognize both Bosnia and Croatia, and pressure the Bosnian Serbs into accepting a peace deal.

## State briefs

### Merging cattle groups decide upon new name

DENVER (AP) - Three merging cattle industry groups have settled on a name for the new organization - the National Cattlemen's Beef Association.

The consolidation of the National Cattlemen's Association, the National Livestock and Meat Board and the Beef Industry Council is scheduled to be completed next year.

The merger has been on the drawing board for several years but gained in popularity after the industry hit some rocky spots, including falling prices in 1994.

Kendall Frazier of the NCA said the groups decided on a name at a transition meeting last week in San Antonio.

### Congressman says boot camp a good idea

COTULLA (AP) - A 48-bed juvenile boot camp has won high praise from U.S. Rep. Frank Tejeda.

The camp, which opened June 1, is the first of its kind for juveniles in South Texas.

The center mainly houses non-violent offenders between 14 and 17 years old. The youths are carefully screened and ordered to the facility by a judge.

La Salle county commissioners like the camp so much they've already approved a 24-bed expansion. County Judge Jimmy Patterson said he expects that project to be completed next year.

The conversion cost the county less than \$1,500 and it created 20 new jobs. Also, the center is on course to pump about \$36,000 into the county's coffers within a year, Patterson said.

Jack Crump, executive director of the Texas Commission on Jail Standards, said the state likely will see more such facilities.

### Legal action continues over aquifer regulatory panel

SAN ANTONIO (AP) - Legal wrangling continues to keep the new Edwards Aquifer Authority in limbo.

The authority's board members were to have taken office Monday, but that was canceled after a Medina County water group opposed to the regulatory panel obtained a temporary restraining order preventing the swearing in.

Attorneys for the board members failed Monday to persuade the 4th Court of Appeals in San Antonio to dissolve the court order.

A hearing is set for Friday in Hondo at which the Medina County Underground Water Conservation District will ask state District Judge Mickey Pennington to turn the temporary order into a temporary injunction, thus extending it.

The Medina water district obtained the initial order from Pennington last Tuesday. The water district alleges aquifer users would suffer irreparable damage if the board is seated.

## Traditional Chautauqua fun



(Special photo)

Spencer Hanks hits his target, Richard Thigpen, with a confetti egg as featured at the First Presbyterian Youth Booth during the annual Chautauqua festivities. Chautauqua, with its entertainment, food, arts and crafts, displays and games for children, returns on Labor Day, Sept. 4, to Central Park.

## Postal worker shoots two at postal processing center totally dumbfounding fellow employees

PALATINE, Ill. (AP) - A long-time postal worker accused of shooting two friends at work, leaving one critically injured, had been receiving treatment for severe depression, his lawyer said.

"He's not a violent man," Terry Gillespie said of his client, Dorsey S. Thomas. "My understanding is that Mr. Thomas has never been in trouble before in his life."

Thomas' co-workers agreed. "Don't make it seem like he was some type of vicious person, some fiend, because he was just a nice guy," said Willie Little.

Gillespie said Thomas, 53, was on an undetermined type of medication for physical problems and depression.

Investigators had not determined a motive for the shootings, said Postal Inspector Ida Gillis. She said Thomas, whom she described as a "loner, a quiet individual," had acted normal at work until Tuesday morning.

He arrived for the start of the 7

a.m. shift in this suburb 31 miles northwest of Chicago, walked to the second floor sorting area and shot clerk Mike Mielke in the head and chest, witnesses and police said.

He then ran downstairs and shot clerk Steve Collura twice in the chest, kicked him and hit him with the semiautomatic pistol, investigators said.

Postal worker Cynthia Murray said she was on the first floor when she heard two quick shots, then saw panicked employees trying to leave the building.

"People were just falling all over each other," she said. "I saw people trample over people and I saw the smoke from the gun."

Thomas was arrested 20 miles away near his home in the suburb of Northlake. He was charged with attempted murder of two federal employees and ordered held until a bond hearing Thursday.

Collura, 45, was in good condi-

tion today. Mielke, 41, was in critical but stable condition after 2 1/2 hours of surgery.

"I can't figure out why he did it," said clerk Maude Kelly, who had worked with Thomas and the victims for about 20 years. "We've been here for a long time. He was just a beautiful guy. We would joke and laugh together."

A tall man with graying hair, Thomas processed registered mail and had little contact with the public. Union officials said he had an exemplary record in about 20 years of service.

A recent federal report found that murder was the second leading cause of death on the job for postal workers and third for all workers.

On July 9, a postal worker allegedly killed his boss at a mail-processing center in City of Industry, Calif. On March 21, a former postal worker killed four people and wounded another at Montclair, N.J.

## Environmental groups file against NAFTA logging law

WASHINGTON (AP) - Two dozen environmental groups are filing the first formal complaint under the North American Free Trade Agreement, challenging a new U.S. logging law they say violates a side pact on the environment.

The groups want an international panel to take the first step toward blocking the logging law, which exempts some timber-cutting in national forests from regulations protecting fish and wildlife.

The U.S. conservationists say the logging law that President Clinton reluctantly signed last month violates the NAFTA side agreement that the administration demanded out of concerns that Mexico would try to gain an unfair trade advantage by skipping on environmental protections.

"It is ironic that the first complaint would be filed against the United States," said Patti Goldman, a lawyer for the Sierra Club Legal Defense Fund in Seattle.

The Sierra Club and the other groups were filing their complaint today with the North American Commission for Environmental Cooperation in Montreal.

The logging provision suspends the Endangered Species Act and other laws to expedite harvests of salvage timber in an effort to reduce wildfire threats in federally owned forests.

It also directs the Forest Service

to log - free from the normal environmental constraints - some of the Pacific Northwest's oldest forests that are home to threatened northern spotted owls and marbled murrelets.

Further, the logging is insulated from administrative appeals or court challenges.

Clinton has said he would not take advantage of those exemptions and would authorize only logging that is consistent with existing laws.

"As a result, many environmental violations will be left unaddressed and a great deal of on-the-ground environmental harm will occur," the environmentalists said in their complaint.

The logging law "offends the spirit of the NAFTA admonition to avoid waiving or derogating from environmental measures to attract or retain investment," the groups said. Besides the Sierra Club they include the National Audubon Society, The Wilderness Society, Friends of the Earth and the Natural Resources Defense Council.

The three-member commission, composed of Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Carol Browner and her counterparts in Canada and Mexico, will be asked to investigate whether it complies with NAFTA's environmental side agreement, the Sierra Club's Goldman said.

## AFR schedules special programs

Four specials of interest to area residents have been scheduled for broadcast during September by American Family Radio, 90.9 FM.

*Scopes: Creation on Trial* is scheduled for Thursday, Aug. 31, at 5 p.m. and Sunday, Sept. 3, at 5 p.m. This program takes a look at the famous trial that examined creation vs. evolution in public schools. The presentation includes drama, history, reenactments based on actual court transcripts and commentary from historians, lawyers and creation scientists.

*Ray Boltz: Concert of a Lifetime* will air Thursday, Sept. 7, at 8 p.m. and Saturday, Sept. 9, at 3 p.m. Popular contemporary artist Ray Boltz will be featured

in song and interview. The program is hosted by Bill and Gloria Gaither.

*Jonathan Pierce Special* is scheduled for broadcast Saturday, Sept. 16, at 10 p.m. The former singer with the Imperials talks about his music in a special hosted by Jon Rivers.

*Light in the Darkness: The Story of the Brooklyn Tabernacle Choir* is scheduled for Thursday, Sept. 21, at 8 p.m. and on Sunday, Sept. 24, at 5 p.m. The 250 member, multi-racial/ethnic Brooklyn Tabernacle Choir, which is selling out auditoriums nationwide, is featured performing their music.

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## House Republicans setting records in raising campaign contributions

WASHINGTON (AP) — Led by an aggressive freshman class, the new Republican-controlled House is eclipsing all records in raising campaign cash and proving the Washington adage that money follows power.

Overall, House members of both parties raised \$43.8 million through the first six months of this year, the beginning of a two-year election cycle, according to the Federal Election Commission.

That represented a 38 percent increase over the comparable period in 1993, when incumbents raised \$31.5 million, and was the highest total in the 20 years records have been kept.

The increase is attributable to industrious money raising by Republicans, who raked in \$27.5 million as they retired debts from last year's campaign and built political bank accounts to defend their majority in 1996. That is more than twice what they raised as a minority.

"Fund raising in general is a lot easier" now that the GOP has taken over, said Dan Morgan, who raises money for about 40 House Republicans including Majority Leader Dick Armey of Texas. "People are returning my calls, saying, 'Let me find the money to do that.'"

Comparing raising money for Armey when he was a mid-level leader in the minority with now, when he ranks No. 2 to Speaker Newt Gingrich, Morgan said, "It's like night and day."

"Among some PAC groups, there's been a sense of panic because they had invested so much in Democrats," said Steven Stockmeyer, a Republican who runs an association of business political action committees. "Now they are playing catch-up, unashamedly. That's one reason you're seeing the big numbers."

Still, the person leading the fund-raising list was a Democrat, House Minority Leader Dick Gephardt of Missouri, who amassed \$1.2 million in the first half of the year. That figure included a \$250,000 transfer from another committee. Gingrich was second, collecting nearly \$885,000.

In all, 36 of the top 50 money-raisers were Republicans. Two years ago, when Democrats controlled the House, just 15 of the top 50 came from the GOP.

It was not veterans, however, but freshman lawmakers who accounted for most of the increase. The

average GOP freshman raised \$142,000 in the first six months after being elected, compared with just under \$78,000 for the average freshman Democrat. Ten first-termers, all Republicans, made the top 50 list.

In fact, a few first-term Republicans who won assignment to powerful committees found they could ask for — and get — \$1,000 per ticket to a PAC fund-raising event. That amount used to be commanded only by committee chairmen and leadership figures.

"It raised a few eyebrows in the PAC community," Stockmeyer said. "You wonder where this ends."

Among freshmen asking \$1,000 per event were Reps. John Ensign, R-Nev., a member of the tax-writing Ways and Means Committee, and Daniel Frisa, R-N.Y., a Commerce Committee member.

Among Ensign's \$1,000 givers were the National Restaurant Association, which has pushed for higher tax deductibility of business meals; Boyd Gaming, which like other gambling companies wants to avoid higher gambling taxes; and the American Chiropractic Association, which hopes to avoid getting nicked by GOP Medicare cuts.

Frisa collected similar contributions from tobacco companies, which are regulated by his committee; cable television, and cellular, local and long-distance telephone companies, all affected by a massive rewrite of telecommunications law the panel produced; and health care, insurance and securities interests, all of which depend on the Commerce Committee.

"Obviously with a Republican majority you've got a two-fer situation," said Stockmeyer of his business PAC clients. "You can not only support those in power, but you also can support those you agree with."

GOP fund-raising experts said the aggressive level of activity this year comes in part from Gingrich and his top lieutenants, who, like the Democrats before them, have sought to turn their majority status into fund-raising advantage.

The National Republican Congressional Committee earlier this year put together a friends and enemies list, showing how PACs split their giving between the parties. Leadership officials also have used their clout to encourage interest groups to help freshmen retire debt.

## 'Mortal Kombat' keeps top box office spot

By JOHN HORN  
AP Entertainment Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A slumping *Mortal Kombat* managed to hold on to the top spot at the weekend box office as seven movies debuted with lukewarm results.

*Mortal Kombat*, a martial arts film inspired by the video game of the same name, was down 56 percent from a week ago with a \$10.3 million take.

Miramax's animated musical *Arabian Knight*, a much-delayed Aladdin clone, had one of the worst openings in recent years, bringing in less than \$320,000 in 510 locations. That means only a dozen or so customers attended some screenings.

Two other new releases, *Desperado* and *Clive Barker's Lord of Illusions*, were mildly popular. *The Amazing Panda Adventure* debuted terribly.

Returns were weak for *Beyond Rangoon* and *Dr. Jekyll and Ms. Hyde* but relatively strong for the rap documentary *The Show*. The low-budget studio release *The Brothers McMullen* did well in its first weekend of wide release.

The Top 20 movies at U.S. and Canadian theaters Friday through Sunday, followed by studio, gross, number of theater locations, receipts per location, total gross and number of weeks in release, as compiled by Monday by Exhibitor Relations Co. Inc.:

1. *Mortal Kombat*, New Line, \$10.3 million, 2,628 locations, \$3,923 per location, \$43.1 million, two weeks.
2. *Desperado*, Columbia, \$7.9 million, 2,027 locations, \$3,903 per location, \$7.9 million, one week.
3. *Dangerous Minds*, Disney, \$7.8 million, 1,578 locations, \$4,928 per location, \$46.4 million, three weeks.
4. *A Walk in the Clouds*, 20th Century Fox, \$5.5 million, 1,750 locations, \$3,136 per location, \$31 million, three weeks.
5. *Clive Barker's Lord of Illusions*, MGM, \$4.8 million, 1,533 locations, \$3,131 per location, \$4.8 million, one week.
6. *Something to Talk About*, Warner Bros., \$3.9 million, 1,767 locations, \$2,215 per location, \$40.1 million, four weeks.
7. *Babe*, Universal, \$3.7 million, 1,780 locations, \$2,075 per location, \$36.8 million, four weeks.
8. *Waterworld*, Universal, \$3.5 million, 2,197 locations, \$1,615 per location, \$76.3 million, five weeks.
9. *Apollo 13*, Universal, \$2.6 million, 1,482 locations, \$1,735 per location, \$157.9 million, nine weeks.
10. *The Net*, Columbia, \$2.4 million, 1,506 locations, \$1,603 per location, \$42.1 million, five weeks.
11. *The Amazing Panda Adventure*, Warner Bros., \$2.4 million, 1,692 locations, \$1,426 per location, \$2.4 million, one week.
12. *Beyond Rangoon*, TriStar, \$2 million, 802 locations, \$2,503 per location, \$2 million, one week.
13. *The Babysitter's Club*, Paramount, \$1.7 million, 1,709 locations, \$1,001 per location, \$7 million, two weeks.
14. *The Show*, Savoy, \$1.5 million, 336 locations, \$4,413 per location, \$1.5 million, one week.
15. *The Brothers McMullen*, 20th Century Fox, \$1.3 million, 272 locations, \$4,950 per location, \$2.4 million, three weeks.
16. *Batman Forever*, Warner

17. *Nine Months*, 20th Century Fox, \$1 million, 975 locations, \$1,118 per location, \$179.5 million, 11 weeks.

18. *Casper*, Universal, \$970,000, 755 locations, \$1,285 per location, \$97.3 million, 14 weeks.

19. *Clueless*, Paramount, \$968,000, 1,012 locations, \$957 per location, \$51.5 million, six weeks.

20. *Dr. Jekyll and Ms. Hyde*, Savoy, \$901,000, 350 locations, \$2,574 per location, \$901,000, one week.

### BOX OFFICE

#### Top weekend movies

Weekend of August 25-27, 1995  
All dollar figures in millions

Rank	Title	Gross to date, weeks in release, number of screens	Weekend gross
1	<i>Mortal Kombat</i>	\$43.1, two weeks, 2,628 screens	\$10.3
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3	<i>Dangerous Minds</i>	\$46.4, three weeks, 1,578 screens	\$7.8
4	<i>A Walk in the Clouds</i>	\$5.5, three weeks, 1,750 screens	\$5.5
5	<i>Clive Barker's Lord of Illusions</i>	\$4.8, one week, 1,533 screens	\$4.8
6	<i>Something to Talk About</i>	\$40.1, four weeks, 1,767 screens	\$3.9
7	<i>Babe</i>	\$36.8, four weeks, 1,780 screens	\$3.7
8	<i>Waterworld</i>	\$76.3, five weeks, 2,197 screens	\$3.5
9	<i>Apollo 13</i>	\$157.9, nine weeks, 1,482 screens	\$2.6
10	<i>The Net</i>	\$42.1, five weeks, 1,506 screens	\$2.4

Source: Exhibitor Relations Co., Inc. AP

## Solution found for bobbing traffic lights

By JEAN PAGEL  
Associated Press Writer

LUBBOCK (AP) — Out in a thorny field where jack rabbits play, nowhere close to any streets, Texas Tech University researchers put up a traffic light.

Then they tackled an engineering enigma: Signal lights that bounce in the wind.

Tech's Institute for Disaster Research spent three years and a \$280,000 state grant to study wind stress on traffic lights. That work wrapped up last month with a report identifying a solution touted as practical and economical.

Researchers say that a flat metal plate — attached a few inches above the light — changes the air flow and virtually stops the bouncing.

"It's a relatively simple solution to a complex problem," said institute director James McDonald. "This will cut it down to almost zero."

Tim Dradberry, senior design engineer for the Texas Department of Transportation in Austin, said he expects the solution to be widely adopted. Tech mailed 145 copies of its report to state and federal agencies across the country.

Sideways vibration on a traffic light is called buffeting.

But it is the vertical vibration, called galloping, that distracts motorists and causes cracks in light poles. McDonald said galloping occurs under a narrow set of circumstances depending on the light's shape and the way it hangs.

"They knew the problem was there and they were concerned it would increase," he said. "They didn't know what to do about it."

McDonald said a traffic light fell in Dalhart just as Tech started its study in 1992.

"A rare occurrence," Dradberry said, "but it is something that concerns us."

Kishor Mehta, director of the

university's Wind Engineering Research Center, said vibrations will become more of a factor as streets get wider and arms get longer on light poles.

Mehta said the metal-plate solution that Tech recommends can virtually eliminate a 12-inch gallop.

Studies at Tech moved from the analytical stage to a 150,000-gallon tow tank, where students used dye patterns to simulate wind, to the isolated field where they erected the traffic light. Various towers at the field measured wind speed, wind direction, barometric pressure relative humidity and temperature.

The light could swivel full circle to face the prevailing wind. Researchers duplicated the galloping effect thanks in part to Lubbock's ample supply of breezy days.

In fact, McDonald said, "it's not that easy to find a day when the wind is not blowing."

## Agency unveils new rules for private rehab centers

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas Department of Criminal Justice is putting new contract requirements on private substance abuse treatment providers and has put off granting long-term contracts for at least 90 days.

"Going this route means there will be no disruption of services, but from today forward the state

will get a dollar's worth of services for every dollar spent," Andy Collins, the agency's executive director, said Tuesday.

The Criminal Justice Department is handling some 175 private vendor contracts for prison and parole treatment services after the Legislature took away the responsibility from the Texas

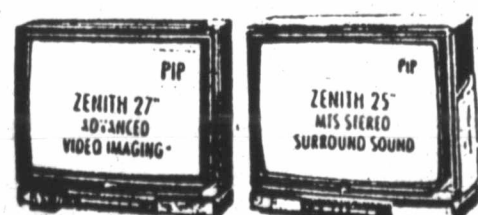
Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse.

The move followed allegations that funds were mishandled in the programs.

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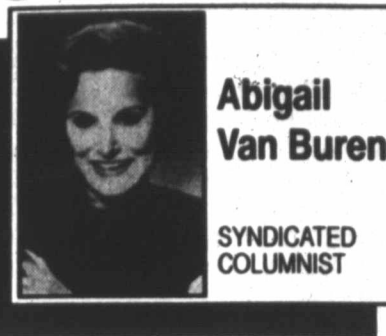
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## Doctor's Wife Seeks a Remedy To Wedding Invitation Dilemma

**(EDITOR'S NOTE: Dear Abby is on vacation. She left behind some of her favorite letters from 1980.)**



**Abigail Van Buren**

SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

**DEAR ABBY:** Years ago, when married people were invited to weddings, the invitations were addressed to "Mr. and Mrs."

Have times changed? Recently, my physician husband received two wedding invitations addressed to him only. One was from a nurse, the other from a patient. He said both knew he is married.

He attended both weddings by himself because he is dedicated to his profession; but I feel my not being invited, and his accepting without me, was rude.

Can you update me on the present customs?

**INVISIBLE PARTNER**

**DEAR PARTNER:** Forget customs, etiquette and all the rest. Kindness and common sense outrank propriety and tradition any day in my book.

The invitations should have included you. But since they did not, your husband should have either requested permission to bring you — or stayed home himself.

argument. Where I work, there is this woman who has silver-gray hair, but a young face and a good figure. She must be about 50 but looks younger. She has 12 grandchildren, and she swims with them, rides a bicycle with them and belongs to three bowling teams.

She says she never baby-sits with her grandchildren unless there is an emergency. Everyone says I am all wet with my ideas, but I think a grandmother should act like a grandmother, and should be more proud of her grandchildren than her bowling score.

**A MOTHER**

**DEAR MOTHER:** This grandmother is acting like a grandmother. A modern one. Nowadays you can't tell a grandmother by looking at her, and I say more power to her!

**DEAR ABBY:** Before I met "Bob," I corresponded with several men who wanted to communicate with women by mail. (I had signed up with a "lonely hearts" club.) Well, after marrying Bob, I quit writing to these men, but every now and then I get a letter from a strange man who wants to correspond with me.

Abby, this club I signed with is no longer in business, but it must have sold its membership list to another such club because I'm still getting letters from men.

Bob says I should tear up these letters without even opening them. I say that because the letters are addressed to me, I have the legal right to read them, and then tear them up if I want to.

My husband gets very upset by these letters. He says that a happily married woman who really loves her husband (and I do) should have no interest whatsoever in reading a letter from a strange man, and I should destroy such mail without even reading it. What is your opinion?

**BOB'S WIFE**

**DEAR WIFE:** Loving your husband as you do, why upset him by showing even the slightest interest in mail from men who are seeking to form a relationship with an unattached woman? When the next letter arrives, ceremoniously set fire to it (unopened) in Bob's presence. It will warm his heart.

DEAR ABBY: Please settle an

## Horoscope



**Your Birthday**

Thursday, Aug. 31, 1995

In the year ahead, you might have a chance to become closely involved with an individual whose endeavors are usually successful. Don't let this opportunity slip past you.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** Seriously consider suggestions offered by a close companion today. This person's practical advice can be used beneficially if followed properly. Know where to look for romance and you'll find it. The Astro-Graph Matchmaker instantly reveals which signs are romantically perfect for you. Mail \$2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 4465, New York, NY 10163.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** Developments might present themselves today that enable you to enhance your financial position. They may start thin-waisted, but will grow in girth.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)** You may have unusually good luck today in an arrangement where others struggle. Make the most of these developments while your luck holds.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)** A confidential family matter can conclude satisfactorily today outside of the earshot of others. Work it out among those directly involved.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** Do not hesitate to request advice today from an older, more experienced friend if you're baffled by a new assignment.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)** Compensation is in the offering for you for something you have earned on your own merits. Your rewards will be in proportion to the effort you expend.

**PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)** If you promote something significant today, speak to others in a direct and purposeful manner. They will be more receptive if they see you're serious.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** Stay alert for an opening today that might enable you to collect something owed you which is long overdue. It could be something material or a favor.

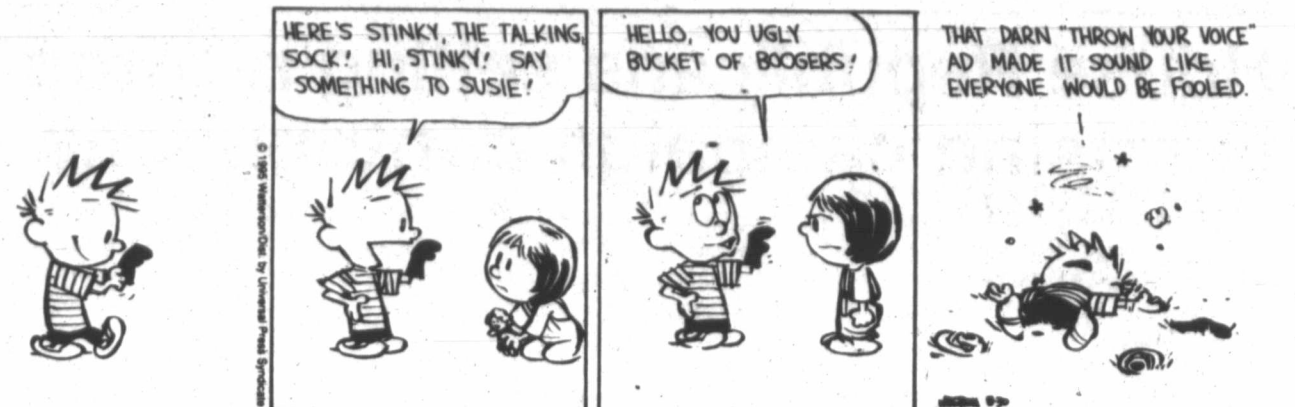
**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** To maintain harmony in a cherished relationship, it might prove necessary to make certain concessions to a friend today.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** Conditions will be conducive today for doing something unique with your career. However, it will require boldness and tenacity on your part.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** To further your ambitions today, it might be necessary to give away something that is of little value to you but of considerable value to another.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** A commercial matter can be concluded to your advantage today. There will be a nominal amount of profit attached to the victory, but that won't be its primary benefit.

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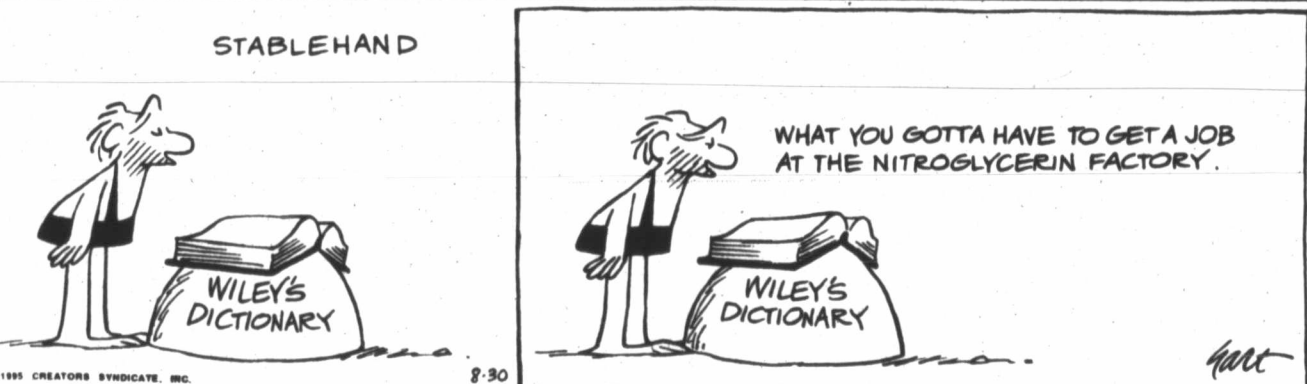
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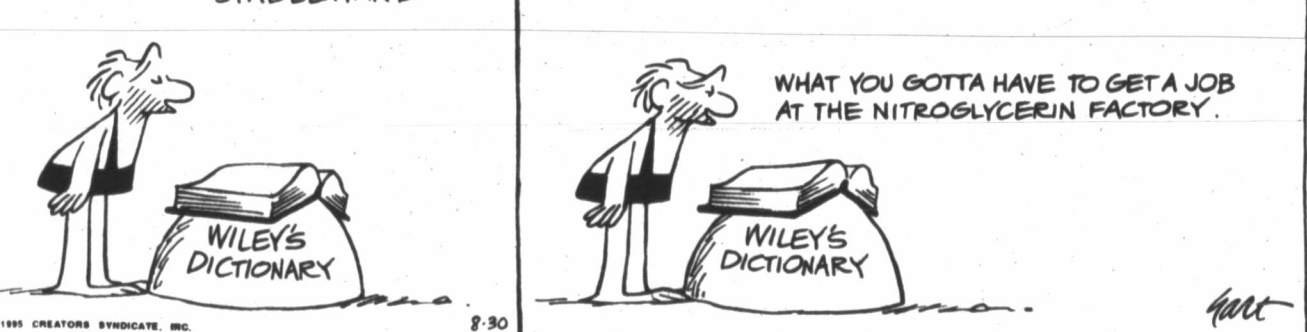
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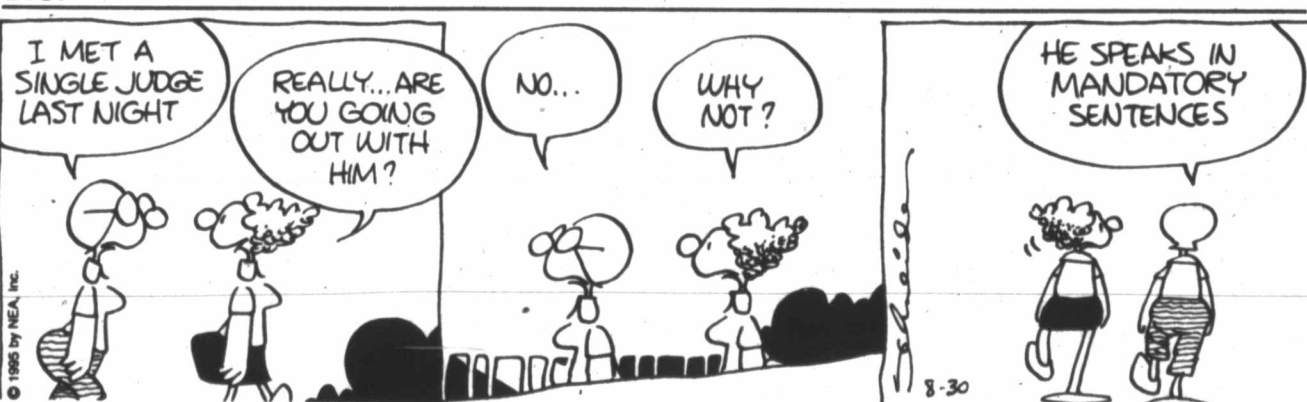
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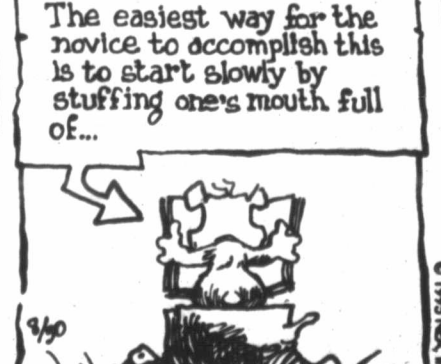


"That's not a bug on my arm, that's a freckle."

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## Disenchanted Demos see more trouble ahead

By JOHN KING  
AP Political Writer

PELL CITY, Ala. (AP) — Sara Jane Tackett is a Christian conservative and a fiscal conservative. And a dispirited Democrat.

Her husband, Jim, says he's a Democrat, too. An Alabama Democrat anyway. "The national Democratic Party has left a lot of good people in Alabama," Tackett laments.

At the Ark, a roadside seafood shack 40 miles east of Birmingham, talking politics is as popular as Miss Sylvia's fried shrimp and catfish. But the once-dominant Democratic Party has fallen out of favor. As has its leader.

Jim Tackett says it isn't personal.

"I like Bill Clinton," he says. "But we got whacked locally in the last election and we need to get back what we lost. Because there probably will be a Bill Clinton stigmatization here, we have to work for our local candidates as a primary concern."

Clinton didn't have much of a prayer in Alabama anyway. But with the president in bad shape here, and across the South, other Democrats have more to worry about. An anti-Clinton mood often can carry down the ballot, as it did last year; and if Clinton knows he can't win a state, it will get less national Democratic money, making it tougher to win local races.

And then there are the issues. An evening of dinner talk with five Alabama couples, and interviews with voters in more than a dozen other states, offers a portrait of a party in deep trouble, still far from recovered from the shellacking it took in 1994. If they aren't dispirited, Democrats are likely to be defensive.

"I don't like being branded a

liberal because I am a Democrat," said Terry Bain, an iron worker and local labor official. "I don't like people saying that because you are a Democrat you can't be for prayer in schools. Or because you are a Democrat you are for gay rights, or gun control."

Such sentiments of discontent are not lost on the Clinton camp.

One of Clinton's pollsters, Stanley Greenberg, warned the president in a recent memo that he was "fundamentally mispositioned for 1996" among "working class, non-college white voters." Greenberg said these voters do not believe Clinton is working to address their "lives and daily struggles."

More proof comes in the early Clinton electoral targeting. Senior political advisers say that, except for Arkansas, they are not counting on winning any of the Southern and border states Clinton carried last time: Georgia, Louisiana, Tennessee and Kentucky.

At the Ark, teacher Thelma Jones predicts things might be different had Clinton and the former Democratic Congress not fought so much — alienating even Democrats in the process. Yet such feuding hasn't stopped. "They should be supporting President Clinton," she says.

Bain says the Democrats' liberal label sticks because of signals sent by Clinton and other national Democratic Party leaders, leaving little choice for Democrats who want to be successful in these parts but to distance themselves from their own party.

Or leave altogether. More than 100 elected officials have switched from the Democratic to Republican Party since Clinton was elected president, the bulk of them here in the South. Not to mention the defecting voters.

## Police sweep homeless from Golden Gate Park

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Police swept into Golden Gate Park to clear the 1,000-acre area of homeless people Tuesday, only to find many squatters already had fled, leaving tents, bedding and trash behind.

The sweep was prompted by an incident Aug. 18 in which a transient walked into a park encampment and allegedly shot three squatters, a police officer and a police dog, killing the dog.

Mayor Frank Jordan, who is in the midst of a tough re-election battle, watched as officers on horseback and motorcycles and in squad cars made good on his promise to rid the park of squatters.

"We've given them all the time, the warnings, and now we're telling people today it's time to move," he said. "You can take the hotel or the shelter we're giving you, but we cannot allow you to stay in the park under these conditions."

Estimates of the park's overnight population have ranged

from 100 to 500 people, but police found only about 15 squatters Tuesday.

Bulldozers and park employees worked to clear away the debris.

Police made no arrests but issued citations to campers who balked at leaving and refused referrals to homeless shelters or low-rent hotels.

Homeless advocates called the cleanup a heartless political ploy, noting that San Francisco has an estimated homeless population of more than 10,000 but only 1,400 shelter beds.

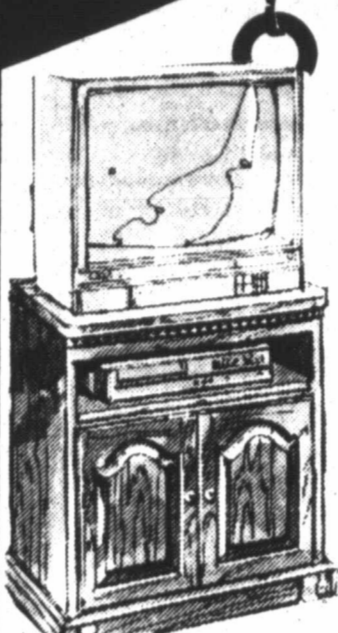
"Mayor Jordan's flurry of activity in Golden Gate Park is designed to give voters the impression he is taking decisive action to solve the problem of homelessness in our city," said Sister Bernice Galvin of Religious Witness with Homeless People.

"In reality, Jordan has merely squandered millions of taxpayers' dollars and added untold misery to the lives of homeless people."

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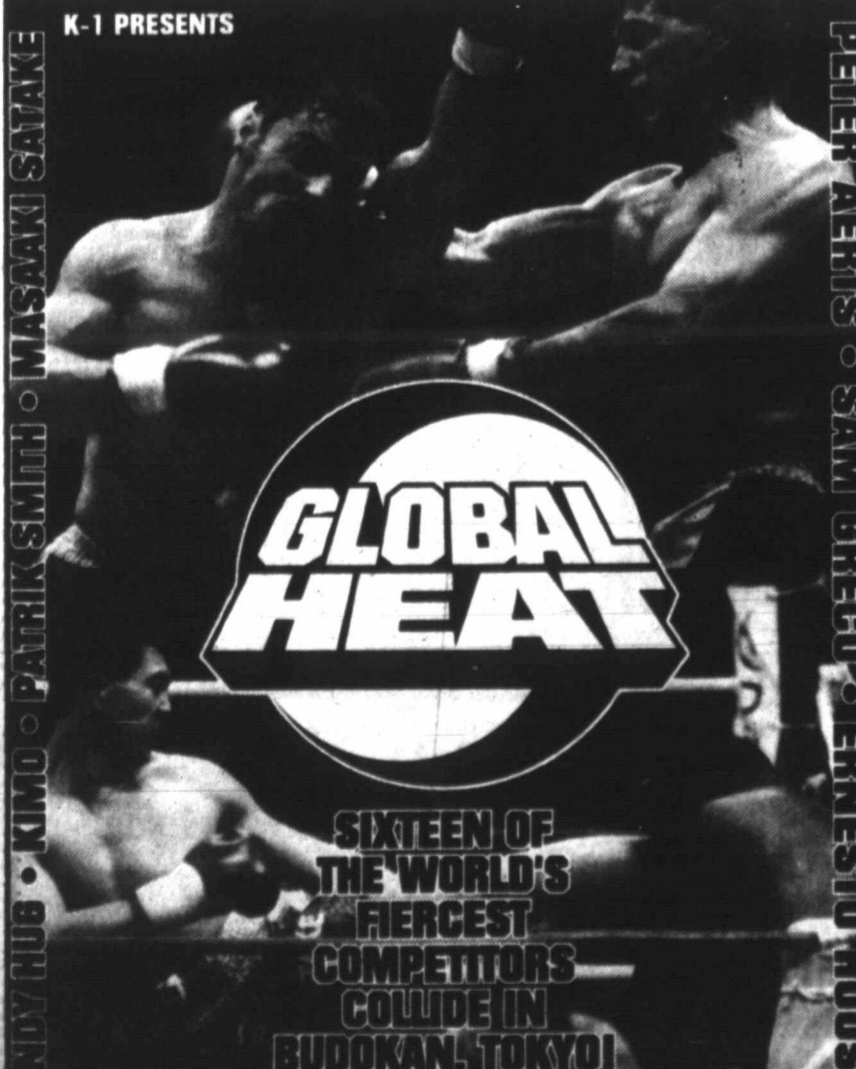
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