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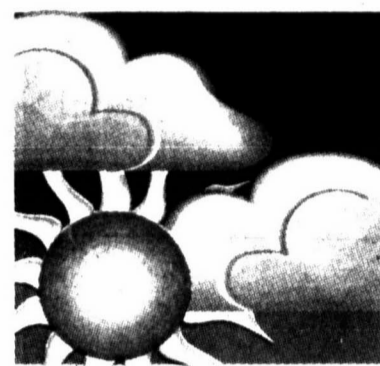
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weather details.

AMARILLO — Pampa school superintendent Dr. Dawson Orr will discuss Goals 2000 and the impact of Senate Bill 1 as a panelist tonight at 9 on KACV's *Perspective*.

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

A background video will feature the Amarillo Area Center for Advanced Learning, which AISD administrators say is a direct result of the Goals 2000 initiative.

Viewers will have an opportunity to call in with questions and concerns.

Perspective is broadcast on channel 2 or on cable channel 12 in Pampa. The program will be rebroadcast the following Sunday, Sept. 3, at 5 p.m.

PAMPA — The Celebration of Lights committee will meet Wednesday at 7 p.m. in the M.K. Brown Memorial Auditorium.

Plans will be finalized for Chautauqua. Volunteers are needed to help with that event.

Also, the decorating committee will be organizing a work day. "We need anyone that can cut, sand, paint or just lend a helping hand," said Kathleen Chaney, Celebration of Lights spokesperson.

Chaney asked all committee members and other interested persons to attend Wednesday's meeting. "Believe it or not, Christmas is just around the corner," she said.

PAMPA — Classes for Clarendon College Pampa Center start Wednesday, but registration and late enrollment is continuing, said center director Joe Kyle Reeve.

Both registration and acceptance of late enrollment are being conducted at the center office. Also, the office will remain open until 7:30 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday for those conducting late enrollment for night courses.

MIAMI — The Miami Independent School District board will meet in special session Wednesday at 8:30 p.m. in the administration office, 100 Warrior Lane.

Action items on the agenda include amendments to the 1994-95 budget, amendments to textbook adoption and hiring personnel.

Meetings are open to the public.

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School board ponders possible tax increase

By CHIP CHANDLER
Staff Writer

Pampa Independent School District initial enrollment figures are down, causing school officials to reconsider lowering this year's tax rate.

Business Manager Mark McVay says the school's proposed budget, up for approval at a special board meeting Thursday night, was drawn with the assumption of a \$1.42 tax rate, one cent less than last year's.

However, that budget was also put together with an estimated average student enrollment of 3,954 — 51 more students than enrollment on the fourth day of school.

The enrollment figures are important, McVay explained, because the amount of money the school receives from the state is based on the average daily attendance (ADA) of the school system.

The school district receives approximately \$2,500 in state money for each student in ADA figures.

Assuming the figures gathered on the fourth day of school remain true — an unlikely assumption — the school would receive about \$127,500 less from the state.

Enrollment numbers are likely to drop further as the year continues, school officials say.

	AUG. 19, 1994	AUG. 24, 1995
Austin	497	456
Baker	262	250
Lamar	265	263
Mann	319	319
Travis	331	320
Wilson	264	252
Pampa Middle School	954	937
Pampa High School	1157	1048

* — Based on fourth day enrollment numbers.

To make up for that loss, the school board may consider raising the tax rate by "a couple of cents" at their September meeting, tentatively scheduled for Sept. 21.

Every cent of a tax rate generates \$75,000 locally, a figure matched by \$25,000 for every penny from the state, McVay says.

"We'll present all options to the board and let them decide what's best for the school district," he says.

With or without a new tax rate, McVay says the board must adopt a budget Thursday night.

The proposed budget is 1.8 percent higher than last year's general operating fund, up \$293,111 to \$16,630,951.

The majority of that increase is attributable to district-wide payroll increases of three to 4.4 percent — almost a half million dollars total.

Cuts and reductions in almost all other areas minimize that increase, McVay says.

Broken down, the budget looks like this:

- Payroll costs — \$13,211,405, up \$493,431.
- Purchasing and contract services — \$1,671,429, down \$77,792.
- Supplies and materials — \$967,010, down \$115,347.
- Other expenses — \$491,861, down \$22,380.
- Debt service — \$178,500, up \$43,808.
- Capital outlay — \$110,746, down \$28,609.



Helen Keeton Danner, right, of Pampa, was among those in attendance at the news conference of Carole Keeton Rylander, Texas Railroad Commissioner. Both share the same family history. Rylander was in Pampa Thursday at the Railroad Commission district office discussing the first steps toward re-engineering the Railroad Commission.

Railroad commissioner wants re-engineering to modernize agency

By CHERYL BERZANSKIS
News Editor

Texas Railroad Commissioner Carole Keeton Rylander is a woman who admits to talking 365 miles an hour with gusts up to 400.

If she works as fast as she talks, the commission will have no choice but to change in terms of deregulation, reorganization and computer modernization as she promised during a quick visit to Pampa Monday. Rylander spoke to more than 40 people in city commission chambers, both agency employees and the public, who gathered to hear her vision for "re-engineering" the agency.

Rylander said the words people wanted to hear: competition, jobs, deregulation, privatization and modernization.

Economic deregulation of intrastate trucking is scheduled to begin Sept. 1, leaving truckers subject to Department of Transportation and Department of Public Safety regulations only, she said.

Rylander said she wants to modernize the commission's computers to make them accessible for oil and gas facts, job postings and electronic filing.

"We're working on the technology to get us to the 21st century," Rylander said.

She also promised to oppose further federal regulation.

"I'm going to fight regulatory overkill and environmental extremism," she said.

People and jobs must have priority over endangered species,

the commissioner said. "I intend to use the Railroad Commission as a bully pulpit to prevent excess regulation," Rylander continued.

It is her goal to make the commission into the "energy commission" as Texas heads into the 21st century, she said.

"I thought it was wonderful," said Joe Watkins of JW Resources. "I think Carole needs to be up here more. I feel like she will be very well received."

"No one could do it alone. With help, I think that lady could put it together," Watkins said.

Other facets of re-engineering the agency include:

- Closure of a state run compressed natural gas conversion center in Austin, in favor of the private sector.
- Keeping recorded minutes of commission meetings, which had not been done before her tenure.
- Change in injection well permits, which is expected to save the oil industry \$500,000.
- Implementation of PRIDE philosophy, an acronym for productivity, responsibility/responsiveness, integrity, dedication to the team and enthusiasm in service.

Rylander traveled to San Angelo, Abilene and Amarillo, besides Pampa. With her were Bob Beard, legal counsel; Rex King, assistant director oil and gas division; and David Beshear, communications director.

Rylander plans to return to the Panhandle for the Panhandle Producers and Royalty Owners Association party this month.

Ruth Durkee to retire



(Photo by Darlene Holmes)

Ruth Durkee, right, will be retiring as director of the Pampa Sheltered Workshop on Thursday after 26 years of service to the workshop. At left, Jane Goode will become the new workshop director on Friday. Durkee was honored at a reception at the workshop on Sunday afternoon, with approximately 200 people dropping by to show their appreciation for her many years of service. Among those attending the reception were all five of her children, her brother from Fort Worth and various grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

FDA OKs thalidomide for AIDS syndrome

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Food and Drug Administration has approved the broadest use of thalidomide ever allowed in this country: an experimental treatment program for AIDS patients who are wasting away.

Thalidomide is the tranquilizer and morning-sickness antidote that caused babies overseas to be born in the 1950s with arms or legs missing. "By the time it was banned worldwide in 1962, 12,000 deformed babies had been born in 48 countries.

Thalidomide was never approved in the United States, because the FDA caught its risks early. But today, thalidomide is being studied anew as a treatment for certain illnesses —

including the possibility that it could counteract the wasting, or severe weight loss, that emaciates 150,000 AIDS patients.

Celgene Corp., based in Warren, N.J., is conducting clinical trials to see if its brand of thalidomide, called Synovir, will fight wasting.

There is little proof yet that it works. But two other wasting therapies are only moderately effective, so some patients who don't meet the strict criteria for the Synovir clinical studies have demanded the drug.

The FDA is allowing Celgene to give Synovir experimentally to any AIDS patient who is wasting and also has infections, malignancies, has failed other

treatments or is near death.

Patients will be given one of two doses — 50 milligrams or 200 milligrams — and then will be tracked for weight gain.

Women of childbearing age are allowed in the trial, but they must sign an agreement to use two forms of birth control, both a barrier method and a hormone. They also must take a pregnancy test every two weeks; if they become pregnant, they will immediately be taken off Synovir.

The FDA already allows some special limited access to thalidomide for AIDS patients with a painful type of mouth ulcer and for leprosy, but the Celgene program will allow broader use.

Anti-drug group given green light to continue marching

ALICE, Texas (AP) — An anti-drug group whose tactics include standing outside the homes of suspected drug dealers and chanting for half an hour can keep marching for at least another month.

The City Council on Monday night unanimously approved marching permits through the end of September for Turn Around Alice, which had been denying such permission since July 28.

Organization members say they may hit the streets this weekend.

The return to the pavement comes a week after the group filed a lawsuit alleging that the city was violating the organization's First Amendment rights of free speech and assembly by denying the marching permits.

The suit seeks a temporary restraining order that would lift the ban on the marches.

Rev. Frank Martinez, a plain-

tiff in the lawsuit, said he wasn't sure whether the lawsuit would be dropped now that the group would get to march again.

City Attorney Richard Terrell told council members Monday night that after speaking with the Texas Attorney General's Office he was recommending approval of the permits.

Police Chief Jack Compton said he was pleased that the group would march again. They first hit the streets in mid-May.

"I'm very thankful that we have the ability to proceed with this program. It's proven to work all over the United States," Compton said.

The council also voted to approve forming a committee that would study Turn Around Alice activities and Mayor Octavio Figueroa Jr. has said he wants to set up guidelines and policies to protect the group's marchers.

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Services tomorrow

KUYKENDALL, Virgie W. — 2 p.m., Bethel Assembly of God, Dumas.
PRICE, Joy — 10 a.m., First Baptist Church, Pampa.

Obituaries

JOY PRICE
 Joy Price, 71, of Pampa, died Monday, Aug. 28, 1995. Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday in the First Baptist Church with Dr. Claude Cone, executive director of the Baptist Convention of New Mexico, officiating. Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors.
 Mrs. Price was born Sept. 5, 1923, at Tabor, Iowa. She married Onis Price Jan. 14, 1944, at Harvard, Neb. She moved to Pampa in 1951 from Chama, N.M. She was a Pampa Sheltered Workshop volunteer and a supporter of the Crisis Pregnancy Center. She was a member of the First Baptist Church, the Business and Professional Women's Bible Class and the Women's Missionary Union.

Survivors include her husband, Onis, of the home; three daughters, Ellen Sharpley of DeSoto, Charlotte Brown of Dallas and Jo Linda Carter of Canyon; two sons, Harold Price of Pampa and Dr. Charles Price of Canyon; a sister, Dorothy Yorek of Fort Worth; two brothers, Harold Reeves of Fairfield Bay, Ark., and Moulton Reeves of Bellview, Neb.; and 10 grandchildren.
 The family requests memorials be to the Hospice of the Panhandle, Crisis Pregnancy Center or to the Pampa Sheltered Workshop.

Ambulance

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

MONDAY, Aug. 28
 8:27 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1200 block of North Wells on a medical assist and transported one patient to Coronado Hospital.
 12:03 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to Coronado Hospital for a patient transfer to High Plains Baptist Hospital in Amarillo.
 12:07 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1200 block of North Hobart on a motor vehicle accident and transported one patient to Coronado Hospital.
 4:33 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to Coronado Hospital and transferred one patient to a local nursing home.
 5:39 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 500 block of North Cuyler on a medical assist. No patient was transported.

Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by Atchafalaya Grain of Pampa		Cabot O&G	13.5/8	NC
Wheat	4.47	Chevron	48.1/4	dn 1/8
Milo	4.70	Coca Cola	64.5/8	dn 1/8
Coro	5.20	Columbia HCA	47	dn 1/4
		Diamond Sham	26	dn 3/8
		Enron	33 1/2	dn 3/8
		Halliburton	41 1/8	up 3/8
		Ingersoll Rand	39 1/2	dn 1/8
		KNE	25 7/8	up 1/8
		Kerr McGee	54 1/4	dn 1/8
		Limited	18 3/4	NC
		Mapco	53	up 1/8
		McDonald's	36 3/8	up 1/8
		Mobil	95 3/8	dn 1/8
		New Atmos	19 5/8	dn 1/4
		Parker & Parsley	20	NC
		Penney's	45 1/2	NC
		Phillips	32 3/4	dn 1/8
		SLB	62 1/4	dn 1/8
		SPS	30 1/4	dn 1/8
		Tenneco	48 1/2	dn 3/8
		Texaco	64 1/2	dn 1/4
		Wal Mart	25	up 1/2
		New York Gold	383.30	
		Silver	5.63	
		West Texas Crude	17.84	

Police report

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

MONDAY, Aug. 28
 A 32-year-old woman reported assault by contact at 1201 N. Hobart which occurred between 8:55 and 9 a.m. Monday.
 Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported which occurred two months ago. Stolen were a Smith and Wesson revolver, \$200; checks; Optimist brand stereo, \$50; and two 10-inch bass speakers, \$150.

TUESDAY, Aug. 29
 Lowe's Market, 1420 N. Hobart, reported theft which occurred between 8 p.m. Monday and 6 a.m. Tuesday.

Arrest
MONDAY, Aug. 28
 George Thomas Reames, 1108 Willow, was arrested on Department of Public Safety warrants alleging failure to appear, speeding and no liability insurance. He was transferred to Gray County jail where he paid fines and was released.

Accidents

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

MONDAY, Aug. 28
 12:14 p.m. — A 1987 Chevrolet S-10 pickup driven by Michael Rae Bledsoe, 31, 911 Cinderella, was in collision with a 1988 Toyota Camry driven by Harold Robert Muns, 56, 1920 Lynn, in the 1200 block of North Hobart. The Camry was then in collision with a 1992 Ford XLT pickup driven by Luther Milburn Carroll Jr., 44, 2301 Evergreen. No citations were issued.

2:06 p.m. — An unknown vehicle was in collision with a 1989 Pontiac Sunbird driven by Ricardo Paul Botello, 17, 1136 Crane, in the 300 block of North Hobart.

6:48 p.m. — A 1979 Ford pickup driven by Steven Michael Willett, 15, was in collision with a 1994 Toyota pickup driven by Julia Nylene Lee, 32, 1439 Dogwood, in the 300 block of East Harvester. Willett was cited for driving without a valid license and failure to control speed and direction.

Fires

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

MONDAY, Aug. 28
 8:56 a.m. — One unit and two personnel responded to a trash fire at 517 N. Cuyler.
 8:59 a.m. — Three units and six personnel responded to an alarm malfunction at 1321 W. Kentucky.
 11:53 a.m. — Two units and four personnel responded to a structure fire seven miles east of Pampa on Highway 152.
 5:42 p.m. — One unit and four personnel responded to a medical assist at 517 N. Cuyler.

Sheriff's Office

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

MONDAY, Aug. 28
 VFW, McLean, reported vandalism.
 Domestic violence was reported in the 1000 block of South Christy.

Area briefs

CHICAGO — The city of Pampa was awarded the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada's Distinguished Budget Presentation Award.

The award reflects compliance with nationally recognized guidelines for effective budget presentation. These guidelines are designed to assess how well a government's budget serves as a policy document, financial plan, operations guide and communications device.

Budget documents must be rated "proficient" in all four categories to receive the award.

Since 1984, approximately 650 jurisdictions have received the award.

Government Finance Officers Association is a nonprofit association serving 12,650 government finance professionals throughout North America.

PAMPA — A meeting is planned for later in the week with officials of E.D. Baker to discuss the street rehabilitation project, said Public Works Director Richard Morris.

Morris said he hopes to work out a schedule of completion for Frost and Duncan streets.

Duncan had been scheduled for a top coat Saturday; however, it was not applied.

Other area contractors have suffered rain delays, lime and base delivery delays, as has the Pampa contractor, Morris said.

WHITE DEER — The board of directors of Panhandle Ground Water Conservation District No. 3 is to meet Wednesday for two public hearings and a meeting at district offices at 300 Omohundro.

The first public hearing to consider the 1995-1996 budget is to begin at 7:30 p.m.; the second hearing to consider the tax increase begins at 8 p.m.; and the meeting, which includes an executive session to discuss the Quixx lawsuit, begins at 8:30 p.m.

Also on the agenda are review of transportation reports and permits for Engineered Carbons Inc., Phillips 66 Company and city of Amarillo; review and possible action on city of Amarillo's contract with the district; and discussion and possible action on

Southwestern Public Service application for permit to transport water.

The meetings are open to the public.

PAMPA — The exit-level TAAS test and the TEAMS test will be administered at Pampa High School on the following dates:

- Oct. 23, writing
- Oct. 25, math
- Oct. 26, reading

Testing begins at 8:15 a.m. each day. Individuals who are no longer enrolled in school and who have not previously met minimum expectations on all sections of the TAAS test — but who have met all other graduation requirements — may retake the necessary sections.

The same opportunity applies to those who need to take the TEAMS test to complete graduation requirements.

Out-of-school students must register in advance for the testing. Registration packets are available in the PHS Counselors' Office. Deadline for registration is Sept. 22.

Two wounded in shooting at postal mail center

PALATINE, Ill. (AP) — An employee walked into a Postal Service mail processing center today and opened fire on coworkers, wounding two people, authorities said. The suspect was later arrested at his home.

The gunman shot one person in the lobby of the U.S. Postal Service building in this northwestern Chicago suburb, walked to the second floor and shot another

man in the postal sorting area, police Cmdr. Jim Haider said.

One man was in critical condition. All three workers were postal clerks, said plant manager Mark Tovey.

Worker Cynthia Murray said she heard two quick shots, then saw panic break out among the roughly 200 employees at the sprawling glass and steel 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."

Clerk Maude Kelly said she's worked with both the victims and the gunman for about 20 years. All were friends, she said.

"I can't figure out why he did it. We've been here for a long time. (The gunman) was just a beautiful guy. We would joke and laugh together."

Mobile office fire



(Pampa News photo by David Bowser)

Firefighters from Pampa and Hoover work to extinguish a blaze which eventually consumed this mobile office about noon Monday near the intersection of Texas 152 and US 60. The office was under tow by Barney Emberton of Oklahoma City to a new job site in Dumas when the fire occurred. According to John Clark of Wheeler, who was passing by and saw the fire, the floor of the office rubbed against its tire, igniting the blaze. Clark said he and Emberton tried to extinguish the blaze but once it spread to the insulation, it was impossible to do so. Another passerby dialed 911 and alerted firefighters.

McDougal pleads innocent in Whitewater case

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) — President Clinton's Whitewater business partner pleaded innocent today to federal charges of conspiring with a former judge who accused the president of pressuring him to make shady loans.

James B. McDougal was arraigned on 19 counts in a federal indictment that also named his former wife, Susan McDougal, and Gov. Jim Guy Tucker.

"To all counts I plead not guilty," McDougal told U.S. Magistrate Jerry Cavaneau, who set a trial date for Oct. 10.

Tucker pleaded innocent to 11 counts on Monday. Mrs. McDougal, charged in eight counts, is to be arraigned later this week.

The three are accused of lying about the real purposes of \$3 million in federally backed loans and using some of the money for themselves.

The McDougals were partners with then-Gov. Bill Clinton and his wife, Hillary, in the failed Whitewater land development deal.

Four of the counts against

McDougal and his wife related

specifically to a \$300,000 loan made to Mrs. McDougal in 1986 by David Hale, a former judge, through Hale's federally backed Capital Management Services Inc.

Hale has said Clinton pressured him to make the loan. Clinton has called Hale's statement "a bunch of bull."

McDougal said after today's arraignment that he said he was looking forward to being acquitted but did not relish a trial that could drag on for two months.

"It would be like having a root canal every day," he said.

He said he would not cut a deal. "I wouldn't plead to a \$50 speeding ticket," he said. "I will not bargain with these political prosecutors."

The Aug. 16 indictment makes no mention of Clinton. It deals with about \$3 million in loans from Madison Guaranty Savings and Loan, which McDougal once owned, and Hale's company.

McDougal and his wife owned Madison. Tucker held interests in businesses that received loans

from both companies.

In 1986, federal regulators ousted McDougal from Madison Guaranty. The S&L failed three years later — investigators blamed his leadership while McDougal blamed government mismanagement — at a taxpayers' loss of \$65 million.

McDougal, who takes medication for manic-depression, has lived on disability checks since 1986 and has said interest in Whitewater has been stirred by Republicans in order to damage Clinton politically.

During today's hearing, the magistrate appointed a lawyer to represent McDougal.

In addition to fraud and conspiracy, the indictment contains charges of fraudulent participation in loans, making or causing a false statement to a financial institution and misapplying financial institution funds.

The charges are punishable by up to five years in prison and fines of up to \$250,000, except for one false statement count against Tucker, which has a penalty of two years in prison and a \$250,000 fine.

Weather focus

LOCAL FORECAST
 Clear tonight with a low near 70. South winds 5-15 mph. Wednesday, partly cloudy with a high near 95. South winds 10-20 mph. Monday's high was 94; the overnight low was 70.

REGIONAL FORECAST
 West Texas — Panhandle: Tonight, mostly clear. Lows in mid 60s to around 70. Wednesday, partly cloudy. Highs in low to mid 90s. South Plains: Tonight, mostly clear. Lows in low 60s to near 70. Wednesday, mostly sunny low rolling plains, partly cloudy elsewhere. Highs in mid to upper 90s.

North Texas — Tonight, fair to partly cloudy. Lows 71 to 77. Wednesday, partly cloudy and hot with isolated thunderstorms west and north, and widely scattered to scattered thunderstorms east and south.

Highs 95 west to 101 east.

South Texas — Hill Country and South Central: Tonight, partly cloudy with widely scattered evening showers or thunderstorms. Lows from upper 60s Hill Country to upper 70s south central. Wednesday, partly cloudy with scattered afternoon showers or thunderstorms.

Highs in upper 90s to near 100, near 103 west. Coastal Bend and Rio Grande Plains: Tonight, partly cloudy. Widely scattered showers or thunderstorms coastal plain. Lows from mid 70s inland to near 80 coast. Wednesday, partly cloudy. Scattered showers or thunderstorms coastal plain. Highs from mid 90s inland to near 90 coast, upper 90s to near 100 Rio Grande plains. Upper Coast: Tonight, partly cloudy with widely scattered early evening showers or thunderstorms. Becoming fair. Lows in mid 70s

inland, near 80 at the coast. Wednesday, partly sunny and continued hot with scattered mainly afternoon showers and thunderstorms. Highs near 100 well inland, mid 90s at the coast.

BORDER STATES
 New Mexico — Tonight, widely scattered evening showers and thunderstorms west and north, otherwise fair to partly cloudy. Mostly fair southeast. Lows 40s and 50s mountains, upper 50s to near 70 east and south. Wednesday, partly cloudy west and north with scattered afternoon and early nighttime thunderstorms. Fair skies southeast. Highs 70s and 80s mountains and northwest, upper 80s and 90s east and south.

Oklahoma — Tonight, mostly clear. Lows from mid 60s northwest to mid 70s southeast. Wednesday, mostly sunny. Highs from mid 90s to near 100.

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.

HUMID HOT weather is causing blackspot fungus on roses. We have what you need to control this and keep your roses beautiful and healthy at Watson's Feed & Garden. Adv.

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

SECRET PALS - Check out our special gift program designed to keep your identity a secret. Only at the Coffee & Candy Barn, 1318 N. Hobart, 665-4426. Adv.

STARTING SOON Income Tax Course! Learn a New Skill! Learn the New Tax Laws! For more information call H&R Block, 1301 N. Hobart, Pampa, Tx. 1-800-829-2000 or 665-2161. Adv.

COOLOFF with a 99% fat free frozen chocolate cappuccino at The Coffee & Candy Barn, 1318 N. Hobart. Adv.

BIRTHDAY AND anniversary greeting books tells everything that was happening the year you were born or married also available on video cassette at Celebrations, 665-3100. Adv.

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

LANZERA TOP - Tech Soccer Shoes - regular \$140, Sale \$99.99. New shipment. Soccer sandals \$9.99. T-Shirts & More. 665-3036. 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.

THE PIGS of Pigsville are now in stock. Start your collection today. Celebrations, Hwy. 60 East. Adv.

TOP O Texas Quick Lube and Wash - the telephone number in 1996 directory was incorrect. The correct number is 665-0959, located at 1805 Alcock. Adv.

State lawmakers push for study on no-fault auto insurance

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) — Some key state lawmakers are pushing for a serious look into whether Texas should adopt a no-fault system for auto insurance.

A no-fault system would compensate accident victims for medical expenses and lost income from their own insurance companies, no matter who is at fault in an accident.

The industry says the system would reduce lawsuits stemming from auto accidents.

"No-fault is tort reform," said state Rep. Billy Clemons, D-Pollock, who sponsored an unsuccessful no-fault bill during this year's session.

State Rep. Todd Hunter, D-Corpus Christi and attorney, says the state must settle on not only whether to adopt a no-fault system, but what kind.

Hunter, chairman of the House Civil Practices Committee, has asked House Speaker Pete Laney, D-Hale Center, to let the committee conduct an interim study on the matter.

"I believe that between now and the next legisla-

tion session that there will be a push for a study, or the implementation of a no-fault system," Hunter said. "I do believe that there will be some sort of groundswell over no-fault. Whether you're for or against the issue (no-fault), it needs to be studied and analyzed."

Hunter developed major tort reform legislation during the recent legislative session.

However, Michael L. Slack, an Austin-based trial lawyer and legislative chairman of the 4,000-member Texas Trial Lawyers Association, says it's all an insurance industry con.

"They want to get lawyers out of the system," he said. "It's another way to take away our voice. We all will lose voice if someone that stands up for the common person is out of the system."

Under a pure no-fault system, almost all lawsuits related to auto accidents are eliminated, and policyholders pay premiums to protect themselves.

Under the state's current system, motorists must

buy insurance to pay for someone else's losses rather than their own. The victim can collect both economic losses, medical costs and lost wages and noneconomic losses, primarily pain and suffering compensation, if negligence can be proven.

There is no pure no-fault system in the United States. The Hawaiian legislature recently adopted what would have been the first, but the governor vetoed it and called no special session to allow an override attempt.

Modified no-fault auto insurance, which allows accident victims to be paid by their own companies as well as file a lawsuit under specific conditions, has been around since the 1970s.

Since 1970, 16 states and Puerto Rico have adopted some form of modified no-fault, while four states have repealed their no-fault law since then. Pennsylvania adopted no-fault in 1976, repealed it in 1984 and re-enacted it in 1990.

Michigan and New York often are cited as having

good experiences with no-fault, while Georgia and Connecticut, both of which repealed no-fault in the 1990s, often are cited as having bad experiences with the system.

Basic modified no-fault plans have thresholds. After thresholds are met, claims can go to court. Georgia, which repealed its no-fault, had a low monetary threshold of \$500. Hawaii set its monetary threshold at \$11,000.

Despite the records in other states, some officials still predict no-fault would reduce auto insurance premiums by between 20 percent and 45 percent in Texas. Gov. George W. Bush and Insurance Commissioner Elton Bomer have taken up the cause.

However, Slack cited a 1993 study by the National Association of Insurance Commissioners that showed New Jersey and Hawaii, two no-fault states, had the highest average car insurance rates in the nation. Texas ranked 18th on the list, the most recent available.

Pampa woman invited to storytelling festival

LOUISVILLE, Ky. - Lorealee Cooley of Pampa will be a featured storyteller at the 20th Corn Island Storytelling Festival in Louisville, Sept. 14-16.

It will be her third appearance at the festival.

During her 18-year career as a storyteller, she has been featured at "Celebration," an annual arts festival at Eastern Illinois University, Charleston, Ill., Shreveport, La.'s "Red River Revels," has appeared on WSB-TV in Atlanta, Ga., and WRC-TV in Washington, D.C., and has taught for several seasons at the Ghost Ranch Conference Center, Abiquiu, N.M. She has been on the South Carolina Artist Roster since 1986.

In 1982, she founded the Atlanta-based Southern Order of Storytellers, which presents two festivals annually, and was host organization for this year's National Storytelling Conference with the National Storytelling Association.

Cooley's travels have included Scotland, England and the Republic of Georgia (part of the



Lorealee Cooley

former Soviet Union), and she has included folk tales of these nations in her storytelling.

The Corn Island Storytelling Festival, an internationally recognized event welcoming guests and storytellers from all parts of the world, attempts to preserve and perpetuate the ancient art of storytelling.

Lawmakers approve compromise Medicaid proposal

AUSTIN (AP) — State lawmakers have approved a compromise proposal that would provide health care to half the number of adults expected to receive coverage under the Legislature's Medicaid reform package.

Monday's vote came after Gov. George W. Bush last week told lawmakers the state could not afford all of the changes included in the Legislature's plan.

However, some lawmakers said the compromise would simply shift the burden to local health care providers.

"The local entities have a tremendous concern about what this is going to dump in their lap and how much we're going to expect them to pay that they're not paying right now," said Sen. Mike Moncrief, D-Fort Worth.

Last week, the House and Senate health care committees rejected a Bush backed plan to expand Medicaid rolls by 255,000 adults next year.

The plan failed to reinvest savings from managed care into the Medicaid program — a key component of the Legislature's reform package.

Managed health care would direct Medicaid clients into health maintenance organizations for preventative care. Lawmakers had planned to use the savings from managed care to expand Medicaid rolls by 486,000 adults.

The compromise proposal, unanimously approved by the committees, still would add just 255,000 adults to the rolls by limiting eligibility to single adults with no children who make no more than \$3,000 a year or 45 percent of the federal poverty level.

The proposal includes an ultimate goal of opening eligibility to adults who make 75 percent of the poverty level.

Coverage would not be guaranteed, but the proposal includes a target of guaran-

teed coverage for 12 months.

The compromise recommends using managed care savings for administrative improvements rather than to expand the rolls. The use of managed care savings would be subject to approval by the governor and the Legislative Budget Board.

The plan hinges on the federal government, which must give the state permission to wave certain federal rules in order to implement the changes.

Karen Hughes, Bush's press secretary, called the compromise a "more conservative and cautious approach."

"He wanted to make sure that as people are transferred from county indigent care to Medicaid that we put children and families first, and this clearly does that," Ms. Hughes said. "He also didn't want any savings from managed care to be further used to expand the Medicaid rolls, and this does that."

Moncrief said the compromise plan would make the situation worse for local hospitals because it concentrates coverage on children, who are at lower risk of contracting serious illnesses.

"It is going to increase the burden and it's going to reduce their enthusiasm over participation," he said.

"If we can increase the number of people being served in managed care, then we can also reduce the dependence on involved medical procedures, on hospitalization, on all of the things that cost the system so much."

The Medicaid reforms are intended to cut the growing cost of providing health care to the poor. The state currently spends \$18.7 billion to administer the program and is one of the nation's largest Medicaid spenders. However, Texas ranks 48th nationally in the benefits it provides.

Missing IRS employee found in trunk days after car impounded

GALVESTON (AP) — IRS worker Dianne James was last heard from Aug. 20 when she spoke to her mother on the telephone. The next day, she didn't show up at work and was reported missing to Austin police.

Last Friday, police in Galveston found in a valuable piece of evidence regarding Ms. James' disappearance when they discovered her car.

On Monday, a decomposing body believed to be Ms. James was finally discovered — in the trunk of her car, which was opened only when police tried figuring out what was causing a stench at a Sheriff's Department garage.

"All indications are that it's her," an Austin police spokeswoman said.

An autopsy was to be conducted this morning at the Galveston County medical examiner's office. The death is being investigated as a homicide, Police Capt. Leo Singleton said.

But Austin police are wondering why Galveston officials didn't begin investigating sooner.

"The information we got from Galveston was that the car was in good condition, that nothing was amiss, and thus they felt processing could be deferred until Monday," said Ann Taylor, department spokeswoman. "The Austin Police Department investigator handling the case did request, when the car was found, that it be processed immediately. Why that was not done is really a question you'll have to ask Galveston."

Not so, says Singleton. "We informed Austin we were going to have it towed," Singleton said. "We were awaiting their reply as to how they wanted the vehicle processed. We didn't hear from them all weekend. So it wasn't until Monday morning when we discovered the body."

An off-duty officer first noticed the car Thursday parked near a vacant building. When it was still there the next day, authorities ran the license plate number through a computer and traced it to Ms. James.

The four-door car had no exterior damage and there was no blood or anything suspicious inside the vehicle, police said.

But when they opened the trunk Monday, officials found the body, a purse, a pair of shoes, a plastic shopping bag and some blood-stained blankets. Singleton said the woman may have been dead since Wednesday.

"We're all still reeling from the blow," said Vera Knauss of Austin, Ms. James' mother. Ms. Knauss believes her daughter was kidnapped from an automated teller machine or from a parking lot near her workplace.

"She didn't feel real safe where she parked her car because she parked in an area with a lot of transients," Ms. Knauss said.

Austin police have found that Ms. James' ATM card was used for four withdrawals beginning at 7:19 a.m. the day she disappeared. Two were from the same bank branch in Austin near the trailer park where she lived, one in Houston and another in Sealy.

State briefs

Judge steps down, claims 'Political Harassment'

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A county court-at-law judge who served jail time for ignoring a higher court and claimed she was the victim of "vicious political harassment" is resigning.

Judge Bonnie Reed, surrounded by dozens of supporters, announced her resignation Monday.

Ms. Reed denounced a state law that gives court case delays to attorneys who are legislators while the Texas Legislature is in session. It was Ms. Reed's interpretation of that law that led to her legal trouble this summer.

In June, Ms. Reed was ordered jailed by the 4th Court of Appeals because she disobeyed one of the appellate court's orders. She served 13 days of a 30-day sentence in the county jail.

Operation Rescue facing possible eviction

DALLAS (AP) — The national office of Operation Rescue, which made itself an unwel-

come next-door neighbor to a Dallas abortion clinic earlier this year, may need a new home.

The landlord who leased an 1,100-square-foot space to LifeChoices Inc., home of Operation Rescue's headquarters, in March filed a petition for eviction on Monday.

The lawsuit claims LifeChoices hasn't paid \$3,300 in rent and is in default of its lease. LifeChoices is located next door to A Choice For Women, whose most famous employee was the "Jane Roe" of the Roe vs. Wade decision that made abortion legal.

Less than a month ago, Norma McCorvey, or Roe, quit her clinic job and joined forces with Operation Rescue. She is now a filing clerk for the anti-abortion group.

The Rev. Philip "Flip" Benham, the fundamentalist preacher who leads Operation Rescue and who baptized Ms. McCorvey in a backyard swimming pool Aug. 8, said the matter would have to be settled in court.

Wheeler Extension to offer 'mystery quilt' class series

WHEELER — The Wheeler County Extension Service will be offering "It's Another Mystery Quilt" class for six consecutive weeks beginning Monday, Sept. 11, and ending Monday, Oct. 16.

Two sessions are being offered. Participants can attend either a 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. session or a 6-10 p.m. session.

Participants will learn techniques for rotary cutting and machine piecing a quilt top. The

majority of the quilt top will be made in class.

Class size is limited; therefore, participants need to pre-register by Wednesday, Sept. 6, by calling (806) 826-5243. Class fee is \$20. One half of the class fee is due at pre-registration, and the balance can be paid at the door.

A supply list can be picked up at the Wheeler County Extension Office on the second floor of the courthouse, or it can be mailed to the participant.

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Parents expect more from Exxon

BAYTOWN, Texas (AP) — Exxon Co. USA has promised to clean up a sticky, black tar-like material that for the last two months has been oozing to the surface of the playground at G.W. Carver Elementary School.

Some parents say the company waited too long. They blame Exxon for their children's illnesses and they want the school closed until the problem is cleaned up.

The school board will meet in an emergency meeting this week to discuss Exxon's cleanup offer.

A meeting at the school Monday night included a report from environmental consultants

that said 19 samples taken at the site show there shouldn't be a health hazard.

Toxicologist B.C. Robinson, however, said a minor health hazard could result if the children had direct contact with the hydrocarbons.

Parents of about 30 students complained the fumes have made their children very sick since returning to classes this month at the low-income area school.

Typical symptoms reported by parents include nausea, vomiting, headaches, watery eyes, breathing troubles, loss of appetite, sluggishness and fever.

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Opinion

International war games, interference

At first glance it seems a little curious. All the representatives of the vaunted "international community" have proclaimed all along that their chief motivation in intervening, scolding or lecturing about the war in Bosnia has been to prevent a wider war. Yet when Croatia launches an attack on the Krajina region, taken by Serb armies in 1991 and held by the Serbs since then, criticism is curiously muted. Indeed, there is some evidence that American diplomats were ever so quietly and discreetly urging the Croatians onward.

And, in fact, the Croatian action might just constitute a first step to the end of the bloody war in the former Yugoslavia.

But there is little evidence that the U.S. State Department understands even now the nature of the conflict or the best way to bring it to a conclusion. That lack of understanding could end up prolonging a conflict even more.

In the atomic age, which has coincided with the development of international institutions whose ambitions have generally exceeded their resources or will, has become conventional wisdom that local wars must be "contained" by the dominant international powers. The implicit model is almost like a board game, with the local conflict being the board and the international players able to dictate the outcome through strategic moves - a bombing strike here, the insertion of peace-keeping troops there, the imposition or lifting of an embargo - and achieve containment.

Using the model of rational management and manipulation by wise international players, however, has probably prolonged the Balkan conflict rather than shortened it. That is because countries (or leaders) fueled by resentment, ambition, or local causes generally end wars when ambitions are achieved or thwarted on the battlefield - when the winners are unsure they can win the next battle and the losers are tired of being beaten. At that point, diplomacy can play a constructive role.

It can be frustrating and sad to watch a local conflict and not try to end it. But when well meaning outsiders try to impose a "peace" crafted by bureaucrats in Geneva or Brussels, they often ignore local conditions and resentments. Even if a semblance of peace can be imposed by outsiders it is likely to be temporary and unstable.

The international effort to "contain" conflicts in the Balkans have prevented those with the most direct stake from determining their own destiny, increased frustration, and probably prolonged the conflicts. If the U.N. and NATO had left the matter to the locals, the war could well have been bloody and brutal, but it would probably be over by now.

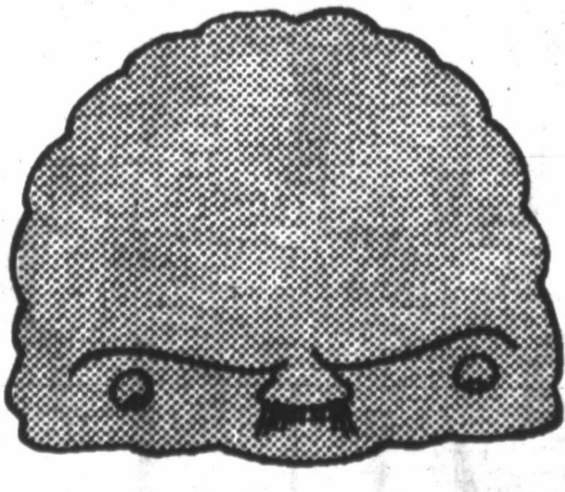
The Croatian attack has proven that Serb forces, which had seemed invincible against ill equipped forces or civilians, can be routed by soldiers from a neighboring country. It could induce the kind of realistic assessment that could lead to a settlement. It could also, of course, lead to resentment and a counter attack.

It might seem passive or fatalistic, but the "international community," including the United States, might consider letting the people in the Balkans settle their disputes themselves.

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Emerging myth of Bill Bradley

The senior senator from New Jersey announced recently that he wouldn't run for reelection, and suddenly, he attained greatness. This is "a loss to the Senate in terms of principles and values," mourned *The New York Times*. "The most admirable senator of this era," gushed Albert Hunt of *The Wall Street Journal*, who said the senator "will remain a towering figure in American public life."

Remain? I was still waiting for Bill Bradley to become a towering figure in American public life, instead of a better-than-average senator whose legislative achievements never quite matched his name identification. But Bradley chose the shrewdest possible way to make his exit: depicting the existing political system as too sordid and hateful for one as decent as he. So he was congratulated for being too good to stay mired in it. That puts him in a good position to offer himself as a savior in the next presidential election by running as an independent and thus attempting to remake the entire system.

Maybe Bradley is sincerely disenchanted and thinks badly needed reforms cannot come from the existing parties. But a less charitable interpretation could explain his action. He may not want to run for reelection simply because he's afraid he'll lose - as he almost did in 1990. Losing a Senate race would scotch any future presidential bid.

Or maybe he just wants to run for president right away but sees little chance of unseating an incumbent president in the Democratic primaries. By running as an independent, he doesn't have to. There is nothing reprehensible about making such calculated choices. But neither is there anything saintly.

Bradley was a smart and capable senator with at least one major achievement: shepherding through the 1986 tax reform. But it's a bit grating to hear him



Stephen Chapman

portray our democracy as "broken" just because it doesn't serve Bill Bradley's causes. Pronouncing himself "disgusted," he complained that both Republicans and Democrats "have moved away from my own concept of service and my own idea of what America can be." Neither party, he said, "speaks to people where they live their lives."

But whose fault is all that? Bradley could have run for president in 1988 or 1992, as many people thought he would. Then, he would have had the opportunity to move at least one major party in the right direction. But he stayed out of the fray, keeping himself spotless by spurning the sweaty business of trying to win over the electorate. By not putting his views to a national test, he preserves the right to insist that they represent what Americans really want.

The charge that the major parties ignore the realities of people's lives sounds odd coming from Bradley. He nearly lost his Senate seat five years ago because he was accused of spending too much time on arcane national issues remote from the lives of ordinary New Jerseyans. Bradley also infuriated many voters by refusing to say what he thought of a

highly unpopular state income tax increase pushed by a Democratic governor. He hurt himself, in short, by ducking a tough issue - not what you'd expect from the "most admirable senator of this era."

Bradley has often gotten praise for uttering high minded but politically safe bromides - like the time he accused President Bush of "using race to get votes." By the time he said that, it was conventional wisdom. He claimed that his 1990 scare had a "liberating effect," allowing him to be "simply whatever I am." But it didn't make him any bolder. Nothing he has done since then could be characterized as politically dangerous.

While he says Democrats are too pro government and Republicans are too anti government, Bradley is not exactly an ideological maverick. His voting record gets very high ratings from liberal and labor groups and very low ones from conservative organizations. As a rule, reports *The Almanac of American Politics*, Bradley is a "fairly liberal and partisan Democratic."

It is hardly a disgrace to be a conventional politician, and Bradley is better than most such creatures. But it is annoying to see him pretending to be above the compromises that other elected officials make or uncontaminated by the tired ideologies of his fellow members of Congress.

His past ought to be kept in mind if he decides to offer himself as a daring "third way" in the 1996 presidential race. His main difference from other politicians is that he keeps telling you how different he is. On concrete issues, you'd need a microscope to distinguish him from anyone else. Bradley might make a decent president. But those looking for a break from the status quo had better look elsewhere.

Today in history

By The Associated Press
Today is Tuesday, Aug. 29, the 241st day of 1995. There are 124 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:
On Aug. 29, 1944, 15,000 American troops marched down the Champs Elysees in Paris as the French capital continued to celebrate its liberation from the Nazis.

On this date:
In 1533, the last Incan King of Peru, Atahualpa, was murdered on orders from Spanish conqueror Francisco Pizarro.

In 1632, English philosopher John Locke was born in Somerset.

In 1809, American author Oliver Wendell Holmes was born in Cambridge, Mass.

In 1877, the second president of the Mormon Church, Brigham Young, died in Salt Lake City, Utah.

In 1896, the Chinese-American dish chop suey was invented in New York City by the chef to visiting Chinese Ambassador Li Hung-chang.

In 1943, responding to a clamp-down by Nazi occupiers, Denmark managed to scuttle most of its naval ships.



Proposal to end law as we know it

Charley Reese

ting anything right. They tend to swing, like a loose cannon on an old sailing ship in heavy seas, from one extreme to the other.

For the last few years, Congress has whiled away the hours in between its profligate spending, grafting, fundraising and lobby catering activities by creating seemingly endless grounds for people to sue each other.

Having 700,000 lawyers in the country is kind of like having a backyard full of hungry tigers. Lawyers feed on litigation and are themselves ingenious at thinking up new opportunities for a lawsuit.

I have often thought that we should dismantle our nuclear weapons and threaten to ship lawyers to any country that commits a hostile act against us. To the degree that their leaders are intelligent, the prospect of having 100,000 lawyers suddenly descend on them would be far more frightening than the threat of war.

A nation can recover from war for example, Japan; it's not at all certain a nation can recover from lawyers - for example, the United States.

At any rate, corporate executives, whom no one

would ever nominate to lead a bayonet charge to begin with, are scared of litigation to the point of dehydration. After all, litigation, win or lose, costs money, and a corporate executive who costs the corporation money is generally dead meat. These days most corporate directors seem to have graduated cum laude from the Silas Marnet School of High Finance.

But let it not be said that I don't have solutions for problems.

First, we shall outlaw discrimination based on intelligence and knowledge.

Second, we shall close all the nation's law schools for a five-year period. At the end of five years, any student wishing to study law must present, in addition to his undergraduate records and test scores, the certified copies of death certificates of ten lawyers.

Third, we shall legalize dueling as an alternative to crowded court dockets.

Fourth, we shall eliminate the contingency fee and put the regulation of lawyers under the same bureaucrats who regulate plumbers and contractors. Lawyers, after all, have reduced what was once an honorable profession to nothing more than a particularly voracious business.

Fifth, we shall require that each time a bill is introduced, the legislator must chop off one finger to prove his sincerity. With this law on the books, legislators themselves would soon favor term limits.

The dumbest smart men in Congress



Joseph Spear

If there's anything worse than a dum-dum, a high-school buddy of mine used to say (using slightly saltier language than I can quote here), it's a dum-dum with a college degree.

A wise man was my street philosopher pal, who went on to carve out an honorable career in truck driving. Sometimes you just can't tell from the degrees on a person's curriculum vitae how much sense they really possess. I have no statistics to back this up, but my files overflow with anecdotal evidence.

Can you think of anything, for example, that would make a resume look more impressive than the words, "Rhodes Scholar?" Not I. Only 32 really smart Americans are chosen every year, plus some students from Germany and the Commonwealth countries.

Nothing written here should be regarded as an indictment of the Rhodes Scholarship program which, year in and year out, graduates extremely capable people. Sen. Bill Bradley of New Jersey, for example, was a Rhodes Scholar. He has the charisma of a croquet ball, but no one questions his intelligence. Former congressman Jim Cooper of Tennessee, also a former Rhodes Scholar, is in my judgment a brilliant man, and I was disappointed to see him lose his race for the Senate last year.

Former Rep. Tom McMillen of Maryland, a Rhodes Scholar in 1978, was a top notch brain, although I did not think much of his politics. Former Sen. David Boren of Oklahoma, a self-infatuated boor but certainly no block head, is a Rhodes alumnus.

I don't know if you noticed, but I'm sort of segueing into more questionable specimens of Rhodes Scholarship material here.

Remember Josh Steiner, the former Treasury Department official who recorded in a diary the efforts of his boss, Roger Altman, to evade senatorial questioning in the Whitewater affair, then testified that his diary was probably inaccurate? Josh was a Rhodes Scholar. Remember James Woolsey, the former CIA director who was at the helm when the Aldrich Ames scandal broke and refused to fire anyone? James was a Rhodes Scholar.

William Jefferson Clinton was a Rhodes Scholar. I don't know what that says to you, but to me it's pretty much of a draw. I have deep respect for the man's raw intelligence, but there are times when I don't think he has a lick of sense. Such as when the first issue he chose to tackle as president was gays in the military. Or when he allowed himself to be in the same hotel room alone with a coquette

by the name of Paula Corbin Jones.

Now we come to a couple of names that Oxford officials probably do not brag about when they stop by the club for a Beefeaters and tonic. I refer to Reynolds and Pressler.

Mel Reynolds is the Chicago congressman, husband, father of three who has been on trial for solicitation of child pornography, having sex with a minor and obstruction of justice. The woman who testified that she and Reynolds "had sex" was 16-years-old when the liaison got underway, and she once suggested that she bring along a 15-year-old to join them - an offer which Reynolds allegedly accepted. Mel got his Oxford degree as a Rhodes Scholar in 1976.

Larry Pressler is the senior senator from South Dakota and chairman of the Commerce Committee, which is overseeing a massive overhaul of telecommunications law. How smart is Old Lar? To put it as gently as I can: If brains were butter, he'd be eating dry toast. They call him the Forrest Gump of the U.S. Senate, and the analogy is almost perfect. He is very possibly the dumbest smart man ever to sit in that hallowed institution.

He was a Rhodes Scholar, he graduated from Harvard Law School, and he failed the South Dakota bar exam twice. *The Wall Street Journal* described him as a "show horse." *Spy* magazine named him the fifth "dopiest" lawmaker in Washington. The *Washingtonian* magazine once declared him "brain dead."

Goes to show: You can't judge a chap by his sheepskin.

Low pesticide levels found in 7 out of 10 produce samples

WASHINGTON (AP) — Seven out of 10 produce samples tested by the Agriculture Department in 1993 had traces of pesticides, but the government says the amounts are too small to cause worry.

For apples the amount was even higher — 97 percent had pesticide residues.

The department gathers the data so regulators can figure out what really turns up in food and limit pesticide use accordingly. The figures will become more important as the government looks for a way to set levels that consider the eating habits and growing bodies of infants and children.

The report noted that the residues in a dozen popular fresh fruits and vegetables were far below the legal limits set by the Environmental Protection Agency. It also noted that illegal residues were found in only 1.5 percent of the 7,328 samples. Fifty-eight different pesticides were detected.

Many samples of other fruits and vegetables

showed no pesticide traces at all. Three-quarters of the broccoli samples and nearly half the lettuce had no detectable residues.

"These data reinforce the fact that the nation's food supply is one of the safest in the world," said Lon Hatamiya, administrator of the Agricultural Marketing Service, the USDA agency that did the study.

Critics, however, said it's wrong to make safety judgments based on current tolerances — the level of pesticide residues determined by the EPA to be safe. And, they said, the government's approach of regulating each pesticide individually fails to recognize the combined effect of different chemical compounds on one piece of produce.

"The important part is to look at preventing exposure to these things rather than figuring out what is the acceptable poison," Kert Davies, analyst for the Washington-based Environmental Working Group, said Monday.

The Agriculture Department began data collection in 1991.

In 1993, the department tested fresh apples, bananas, broccoli, celery, carrots, green beans, grapefruit, grapes, lettuce, oranges, peaches and potatoes. The apples were washed and cored, the bananas were peeled and the other samples also were prepared as if ready to cook or serve.

The scientists, using equipment that can find even the tiniest amount of pesticide, discovered 10,329 residues, meaning some fruits and vegetables had more than one residue.

Apples, the most popular fruit, had the highest number of residue detections; 97 percent of the 654 samples had residues. Celery followed, at 93 percent, and peaches had residue in 91 percent of samples.

The percentages then dropped, to 79 percent for oranges and potatoes, 75 percent for grapes and 72 percent for grapefruit. They were followed by

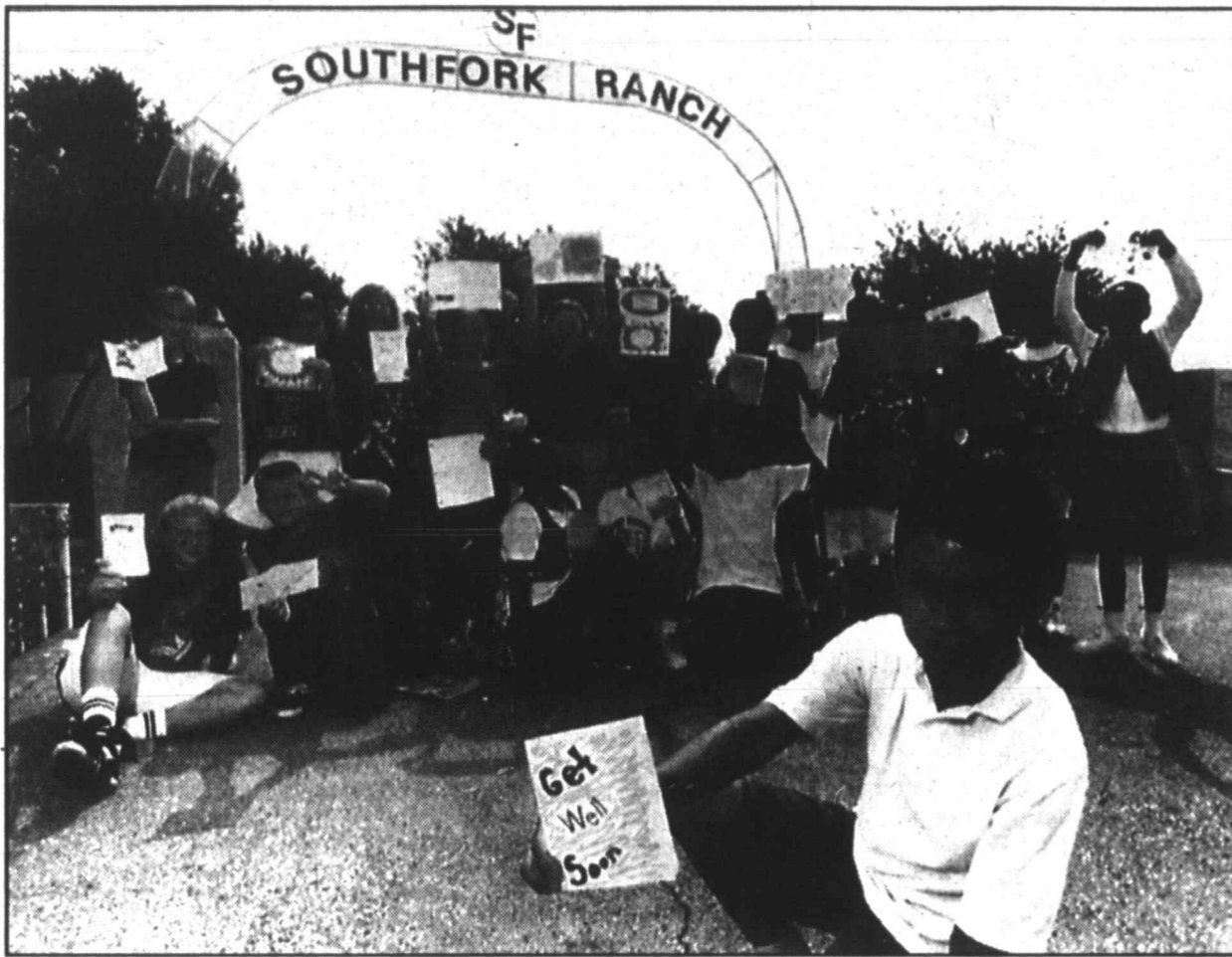
green beans, 66 percent; carrots, 65 percent; bananas, 61 percent; lettuce, 51 percent; and broccoli, 25 percent.

The amounts detected were extremely small, however. Thiabendazole, a fungicide, was found on 62 percent of the apples. The EPA allows a residue of 7.6 parts per million. Nearly all the thiabendazole residues were at 11 percent of that allowed level or lower.

Diphenylamine, used to keep apples from "scalding" or turning brown during shipment, was found on 53 percent of the apples, but at no more than 15 percent of the allowed levels. Azinphos-methyl, an insecticide, was found on nearly one-third of the apples, but at less than 5 percent of the allowed level.

A 1993 report from the National Academy of Sciences recommended tailoring allowable levels to infants and children, and the new data will be useful for that effort.

Get well cards for actor



(AP photo by Ron Heflin)

Pedro Lopez, 11, poses with his science class from Dallas' Polk Elementary School at the entrance to the Southfork Ranch in Parker, Texas. The students have created get well cards and letters for actor Larry Hagman, who starred in the television series Dallas and I Dream of Jeannie. Hagman is recovering from a liver transplant operation he had last week.

Survey shows many favor letting Chiapas rebels become political force for Mexico

SAN CRISTOBAL DE LAS CASAS, Mexico (AP) — Ballots counted Monday in a grassroots survey requested by Chiapas rebels showed a majority of respondents favor the guerrillas becoming an independent political force.

Organizers said at least 1 million people took part Sunday in the nationwide survey, requested by the Zapatista National Liberation Army, the second straw poll since the January 1994 uprising.

That was far less than the 2 million people forecast, but some said rain and a lack of funds for advertising kept many away — and that anything over 600,000 ballots would constitute a real accomplishment.

"I consider the consultation a success," said political scientist Octavio Rodriguez Araujo, one organizer. "The citizenry was able to set up more than 10,000 polling places and more than a million people voted."

Nearly 60 percent of those vot-

ing expressed support for the Zapatistas becoming a political force, according to preliminary totals with 40 percent of the ballot counted.

But the results showed opinion split on whether the Zapatistas should join with other political groups to press their demands: about 48 percent of ballots favored the idea while 43 percent did not.

Civic Alliance, a non-partisan watchdog group that monitored the August 1994 election of President Ernesto Zedillo, conducted the polling and was counting the results.

The early totals showed 98 percent of respondents sympathized with 16 rebel demands, namely for greater democracy and better social services, education, jobs and health care for Mexico's poor and ethnic groups.

Subcommandante Marcos, leader of the Zapatista uprising, said it would help his group "put an important part of its destiny ... in the hands of the civil society."

But he has vowed not lay down arms until all demands are met.

Meanwhile, Zedillo's government is unlikely to consider the consultation a valid survey of public opinion that would affect policy toward the rebels. Both sides are involved in peace talks that have made little progress.

Officials said the turnout was too light to indicate anything.

"They did not receive massive support. We don't think the consultation is an argument for anything in the negotiations," Ambassador Gustavo Iruegas, a member of the government negotiating team, said.

But more important than answers was the symbolism of the appeal for public participation. Organizers set up 10,398 tables throughout Mexico.

Nearly 60,000 people in 28 countries have already responded to the survey, which also was issued over the Internet, including director Oliver Stone and actresses Susan Sarandon and Melanie Griffith.

Fish deaths the result of unusual conditions

MATAGORDA, Texas (AP) — A rare combination of natural forces caused oxygen levels in the Colorado River to plummet and killed an estimated 50 million fish, state officials say.

The fish died last Friday and Saturday near the area where the Colorado empties into the Gulf of Mexico, said Jack Ralph, field response coordinator for the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department.

Ralph said several critical factors worked in concert to trigger low oxygen levels and suffocate the fish.

"You have a double-whammy," Ralph said. "There was no way

for anything to produce the oxygen or anything, so you just had this big festering pit. It was a strange coincidence of events."

Possible manmade causes essentially were ruled out, he said.

Game wardens and biologists from Parks & Wildlife, the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission and the Lower Colorado River Authority continued to investigate the kill Monday.

Biologists who flew over the area, about 100 miles south of Houston, estimated that 90 percent of the fish had washed into the Gulf and were scattered about a mile offshore by Monday morning.

Nearly all the dead fish are

menhaden, a 7- to 8-inch fish in abundance on the Texas coast, Ralph said. Also among the dead were some sand trout, speckled trout, eels and flounder.

Ralph said an extremely high tide in the area last week is a major suspect in the kill. The tide came into the Colorado River delta and remained for several days.

Normally, the tide would come in and leave in the same day, increasing river and oxygen flow. When the tide remained, oxygen circulation in the river was inhibited, and that was further hampered by a lack of strong winds to stir the waters.

Judge Ito warns against boring the jury

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The judge may have been right.

Superior Court Judge Lance Ito recommended that prosecutors spend a scant 30 minutes cross-examining Henry Lee, lest they bore the jury and open themselves up to more damage from the nation's most respected forensic scientist.

Instead, Deputy District Attorney Hank Goldberg spent almost all of Monday's court session on a rambling interrogation that reached its nadir in a discussion of whether a white splatter at the murder scene came from a bird or a squirrel.

"Most of it was incomprehensible," said Loyola Law School professor Laurie Levenson, one of several analysts who thought the prosecution stumbled in handling one of Simpson's most important witnesses.

"Perhaps Hank Goldberg, in retrospect, should have taken Judge Ito's advice," Levenson said. "The points he's trying to make seem to

be getting lost. Much of it just seems downright perplexing."

Jurors, sequestered for more than seven months, didn't hide their fatigue as Lee finished his testimony. Although they took copious notes last week during Lee's direct testimony under the theatrical defense lawyer Barry Scheck, most of them wrote hardly a word during cross-examination.

Prosecutors have little time to recover. Ito set aside today to deal with the explosive Mark Fuhrman tapes, which the defense wants to play for the jury to brand Fuhrman a racist liar who is capable of framing Simpson.

The tapes contain interviews between Fuhrman and an aspiring screenwriter who now lives in North Carolina. On them, Fuhrman repeatedly uses racial slurs and speaks of beating and framing suspects. Spokesmen for the recently retired detective have said he was playing a role to make for a better story.

The judge has been studying 16 hours' worth of tapes and transcripts. The defense wants jurors to hear about an hour's worth of material.

Fuhrman testified that he found a bloody glove on Simpson's property the morning after the killings. Prosecution experts testified that the glove contained blood matching that of Simpson and his slain ex-wife and her friend.

The tapes have set off a furor outside the courtroom. A group of black community leaders on Monday called upon Attorney General Janet Reno and California Attorney General Dan Lungren to investigate alleged police misconduct and abuses "noted or implied" in the interviews Fuhrman gave to the screenwriter from 1984 to 1994.

In addition, Danny Bakewell, president of the Brotherhood Crusade, said the group wanted Ito to release the tapes publicly to ease tensions among blacks.

Three company managers convicted in tire recycling scam

BEAUMONT (AP) — Three tire company managers were convicted Monday for their roles in a scheme in which the company was reimbursed for tires that were never received or processed, cheating the state of about \$700,000.

Jurors deliberated just over three hours before returning the verdict for the managers of Safe Tire Disposal Corp. — Johnny "Keith" Hallum, Michael Darrin Riley and William J. Stephens.

All three were convicted on four counts of wire and mail fraud, the U.S. Attorney's Office said in a prepared release.

Texas has paid registered tire-disposal companies, including the Oklahoma-based Safe Tire, to recycle used or scrap tires under a law that went into effect in January 1992.

Hallum was a transportation manager at Safe Tire, while Riley worked as plant manager and

Stephens was the general manager, according to the indictment.

The men are accused of running the scheme from Jan. 1, 1993, until Feb. 11, 1994, by manipulating the weight of tire materials.

The wire fraud conviction stems from the faxing of false receipts to company headquarters in Ardmore, Okla. The mail fraud charge stems from letters delivered through the mail in connection with the scheme.

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Nation briefs

Nurse accused of contributing to 26 deaths
INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — A nurse contributed to at least 26 deaths by giving the patients intravenous medication without authorization, authorities say. No criminal charges have been filed against Orville Lynn Majors, but an investigation continues. Investigators might exhumate some dead patients, police say. Medical experts have reviewed 20 patient files and begun sharing information with authorities. The state attorney general's office issued a civil complaint Monday charging Majors with contributing to the deaths at Vermillion County Hospital in Clinton, about 60 miles southwest of Indianapolis. Majors' attorney was not available for comment, his office said. The complaint also says Majors failed to disclose on his nursing license application that he had been convicted of a misdemeanor, falsely claimed to be a certified respiratory therapy technician, failed to document patient care — including what drugs patients had received — and repeatedly quit health care jobs without notice or was fired or disciplined for not showing up. The Indiana State Board of Nursing suspended Majors' license in April and he was suspended with pay by the hospital. The board will decide at a hearing Sept. 18-20 whether to revoke Majors' license.

Their owners thought people were stealing the expensive animals. The thief, it turns out, was a 500-pound alligator that turned a game trail into his private diner, grabbing dogs as they ran across Coldwater Creek in pursuit of foxes or deer. Their barking apparently was his dinner bell. At least six hunting dogs met their fate in the gator's jaws. The 10-foot, 11-inch reptile was captured Aug. 15 by state-contracted gator hunters. Four men harpooned the beast, taped its mouth shut and wrestled it until they had the animal hogtied. During the struggle the gator spit up Flojo's \$125 tracking collar. The gator was estimated to be 50 years old.

Mountain becomes New Age hangout
WEED, Calif. (AP) — Ellen Stamps says she saw a refugee from a lost continent who lives in the volcano at Mount Shasta. Sharon Rose says UFOs have flown over the volcano and a disembodied voice rumbled "Welcome, you're home," when she first saw the mountain. And the giant faces of spirits occasionally appear to Irene Annell Binder. Scores of New Age believers have flocked to the two towns at the base of Mount Shasta to immerse themselves in the volcano's magic, avail themselves of its healing powers and access its gateway to the spirit world. Many got their first look at the mountain in 1987, when 5,000 people held a "harmonic convergence" to celebrate a planetary alignment. Some never left.

Dog-eating gator collared electronically
PENSACOLA, Fla. (AP) — For the past 20 years, hunting dogs have been disappearing in the Blackwater River State Forest.

Selena movie possibly in the offing
LOS ANGELES (AP) — The life of murdered Tejano singer Selena will be the subject of a movie directed by the director of *Mi Familia*, the singer's father announced. Abraham Quintanilla, Selena's father, will be the executive producer on the project in a joint venture with his Q Productions

and Esparza-Katz Productions, according to a statement Monday. Gregory Nava was the co-writer and director of *Mi Familia*, while Mochesuma Esparza and Robert Katz produced the award-winning *Gettysburg* and TNT's *The Cisco Kid*. Esparza's credits also include *The Milagro Beanfield War*.

Banks continue to make big mergers


By the Associated Press

National City Corp., a financial services company, has agreed to buy the Pittsburgh-based bank holding company Integra Financial Corp. for \$2.1 billion in stock, the companies said Monday. In another bid to keep up with the recent wave of bank mergers and strengthen its presence in California, Dallas-based First Nationwide Bank agreed to acquire San Francisco Federal Savings and Loan Association for \$250 million, the banks also announced Monday. The deals mark another step in the consolidation of the financial services industry and would create a company with about \$50 billion in assets. National City, which is based in Cleveland, said the deal would help it expand into an adjacent market whose population resembles its own. David A. Daberko, National City's president and chief executive, called the deal "a logical and attractive opportunity." National City Corp., with \$35 billion in assets, operates banks and other financial services subsidiaries primarily in Ohio, Kentucky and Indiana. Integra, which has \$15 billion in assets, operates banks and other financial concerns primarily in western Pennsylvania. The deal is subject to regulatory and shareholder approval, but

is expected to close in the second quarter of 1996, National City said. Under the terms of the merger, Integra shareholders will receive 2 shares of National City common stock for each share of Integra common stock they now own. National City said that at its recent stock prices, that gives the deal a value of \$62.75 per share. The two deals were announced the same day as a much larger one: the \$10 billion merger of Chemical Banking Corp. and Chase Manhattan Corp. that will create the biggest banking company in the United States. The Dallas and San Francisco institutions will have combined assets of \$18.8 billion and 195 branches in California, Florida, New York, New Jersey, Michigan, Ohio and Texas. The all-cash transaction is subject to approval by shareholders of SFFed Corp., the holding company for San Francisco Federal Savings, and by federal regulatory authorities. It is expected to close in the first quarter of 1996. "While we have long said we would like to see San Francisco Federal remain independent, we also recognized that, given the changing landscape in financial institutions, keeping our special franchise in Northern California independent might not be in the best long-term interest of our shareholders, customers and

employees," said SFFed Corp. Chairman and Chief Executive Officer Roger L. Gordon. First Nationwide had been in the market to acquire other banks for some time, bank spokeswoman Mary Ann Dunnell said. They had been in talks with San Francisco Federal for several months. The actual deal was signed Sunday night. The merger will make First Nationwide, with headquarters in Dallas, Texas, one of the leading banks in Northern California. "This enabled First Nationwide to enhance its position in California, which is an important market," she said. "SFFed was a good fit." What it would mean for branch closures and layoffs was not yet certain. SFFed Corp. also granted First Nationwide an option to purchase 1,574,638 shares of its common stock at a price of \$26.25 per share. The option will terminate when the merger is completed. San Francisco Federal, with total assets of \$4.1 billion and deposits of \$2.7 billion, operates 35 retail banking offices and six loan production offices in Northern California. First Nationwide Bank has total assets of \$14.7 billion and operates approximately 160 branches in the seven states. The agreement follows a wave

Top five bank mergers



Chemical Banking Co.-Chase Manhattan Corp., August 1995
\$10 billion

First Union-First Fidelity, June 1995
\$5.4 billion

First Chicago Corp.-NBD Bancorp. Inc., July 1995
\$5.3 billion

BankAmerica Corp.-Security Pacific, August 1991
\$4.7 billion

NCNB Corp.-C&S Sovran Corp., July 1991
\$4.5 billion

(The value of the First Chicago-NBD deal is the investment firm's estimate of the stock swap transaction. The other deals are prices announced by the merger participants.)

Source: Keele, Bruyette & Woods Inc. AP

Judge orders Hispanic woman to speak English to daughter

AMARILLO (AP) — A 5-year-old kindergarten, accustomed to hearing her mother speak Spanish, now is getting a little English at home. A judge overseeing the child's custody case ordered Mexican native Marta Laureano to speak English to her daughter. But Hispanic groups are incensed that state District Judge Samuel C. Kiser has equated Spanish-only speech with child abuse. "If she starts first grade with the other children and cannot even speak the language that the teachers and the other children speak, and she's a full-blood American citizen, you're abusing that child and you're relegating her to the position of a housemaid," Kiser said, according to a transcript of a hearing this summer. Kiser's order, dated Aug. 16, does not prohibit Ms. Laureano from speaking Spanish at

home. Instead, Kiser ordered the mother to speak English in conjunction with Spanish. The judge himself studied in South America as a college student and said he occasionally speaks Spanish to his children at the dinner table. Language became an issue in the child-custody case when the girl's father claimed that the only English she was learning was what he taught her. Timothy Garcia was seeking rights for unsupervised visits with his 5-year-old daughter. Kiser granted the father's request. Ms. Laureano, who was born and raised in Mexico, speaks English fluently. She said she uses Spanish at home because she wants her daughter to grow up bilingual. She uses a little English now, she said Monday. "It's not 100 percent, but I'm just doing my

best," she said, adding that she plans to appeal. But her ex-husband defended the judge. "He was fair," Garcia said. "He was fair to both of us." Teachers say the case illustrates misconceptions about bilingual education. Ann Prichard, director of bilingual education for the Amarillo Independent School District, said teachers use the strengths of a child's native language to teach academic skills. "It keeps them from falling behind," Ms. Prichard said. Some Hispanic leaders want to talk it over with Kiser. "People are really upset because they feel (the judge) insulted people of Hispanic origin or any race that speaks another language at home," said Ramon Godoy, editor of a Spanish-language newspaper in Amarillo.

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Delegates begin arriving in Beijing

By KATHY WILHELM
Associated Press Writer

BEIJING (AP) — Thousands of delegates from around the world converged Monday on Beijing for two conferences on women, bringing hopes of promoting progress in areas ranging from health care to jobs to — most elusive of all — political power.

"I think they come here with a level of excitement, a level of frustration and a level of anger and determination that there will be change," said delegate Sunera Thobani as she pushed her luggage out of Beijing's international airport.

Thobani, president of Canada's non-governmental National Action Committee on the Status of Women, and most of the others arriving Monday were headed for a conference of private groups that opens Wednesday, five days before the U.N. women's conference.

The first of three women's trains, the U.N.-sponsored Beijing Express from Warsaw, Poland, arrived with 250 women. They had spent eight days on the rails talking, singing and dancing.

"They made enough contacts with each other ... and I think they have a lot more confidence to face the issues and really get what they want out of the conference," said Stacey Gilbert, a U.N. worker who rode the train.

About 24,000 delegates are expected at a women's Non-Governmental Organizations Forum, while about 6,000 are expected for the U.N. 4th World Conference on Women, which runs Sept. 4-15.

The U.N. conference will

Women in government

Countries where there are no women ministers or subministers

- Europe
- Albania
- Czech Republic
- Malta
- Romania
- Ukraine
- Africa
- Comoros
- Libyan Arab Jamahiriya
- Morocco
- Somalia
- Sudan
- Asia and Pacific
- Mongolia
- Brunei Darussalam
- Burma
- Afghanistan
- Nepal
- Bahrain
- Iraq
- Kuwait
- Lebanon
- Saudi Arabia
- United Arab Emirates
- Yemen
- Papua New Guinea

Source: United Nations

That is why many of the delegates arriving Monday pinned their real hopes not on the formal declaration and government action, but on the women arriving around them.

There are 200 women taking part from Pakistan. Many come from the grassroots, from villages. When they go home and share their information, that will have effect," said Nageen Malik, who represents a Pakistani group that offers legal, medical and financial help for women.

The Canadian delegate, Thobani, said her group will push for the NGO group to establish a permanent, international women's network to work on issues ranging from health care to jobs to political power in between high-profile conferences.

"In preparing for the Beijing conference, we have already laid the groundwork" for such a network, she said.

Conference organizers, meanwhile, prepared the hall where the U.N.-sponsored meetings will take place, raising the Chinese and U.N. flags outside the building Monday morning.

"This will be the biggest, and I dare say most important United Nations conference in history," said Gertrude Mongella, a Tanzanian diplomat and secretary general of the conference. "This is a conference for action."

In groups small and large, delegates arrived throughout the day and for the most part were smoothly directed to buses and taken to registration centers.

Most arrived with bags bulging from brochures and workshop props, and Chinese volunteers in

bright pink T-shirts helped heft the luggage onto buses.

Zhang Xiaohang, vice president of a Beijing travel agency, was among the pink-shirted greeters. He said they got to the airport at 4 a.m. and would work in shifts until the day's last flight came in, at 10 p.m.

"Today is our busiest day so far, and it's gone pretty well," he said. "We have people who speak English, French, Russian and Arabic."

After months of logistical confusion caused in large part by China's last-minute shift of the NGO meeting site to a distant Beijing suburb, order seemed to be prevailing. Apartments for the delegates in the suburb of Huairou were finally ready, and maps and schedules began to circulate.

China's relocation of the NGO Forum from a Beijing gymnasium caused tremendous controversy abroad, as did its refusal to let groups representing Taiwan or Tibet participate. Chinese Embassies last week reportedly were refusing to issue visas to several thousand women because of their political views.

But some of the women arriving Monday said other governments did not seem overly disturbed that China was keeping participants far from Beijing, where they might be able to lobby delegates to the U.N. conference.

"There's very little access given by all the governments to women," said Vuyiswa Keyi-Ayema, who is representing a Toronto women's health center. "It's very hypocritical of them to pretend only China is very closed."

Immigrants reach highest proportion since World War II, study results show

WASHINGTON (AP) — As debate rages over immigration policies, Census Bureau figures show that foreign-born residents of this country have reached the highest proportion of the population since World War II.

U.S. residents who were born elsewhere made up 8.7 percent of the population last year, according to a Census study released Monday. That means 22.6 million people — nearly one in 11 U.S. residents — were foreign-born. One-third of them lived in California. One-fifth of the immigrants, or 4.5 million people, arrived here in the past five years.

The 8.7 percent figure is up from 7.9 percent in 1990 and nearly double the 1970 level of 4.8 percent. It compares with 8.8 percent in 1940. The Census findings cover legal and illegal immigrants.

Congress is considering bills that would cap rates of legal immigration and seek to slow illegal immigration, and Republican presidential hopefuls have made immigration a hot issue.

On Monday, with the Statue of Liberty as a backdrop California Gov. Pete Wilson formally kicked off his GOP presidential campaign and denounced illegal immigration as an example of unfair burdens borne by law-abiding Americans. That theme helped him win reelection as governor last year.

More than 4 million people are believed to be in the United States illegally, with some estimates reaching 5.4 million. About 1 million people were admitted to the country legally in 1994.

The Clinton administration is planning to admit 20,000 fewer refugees next year — an 18 percent reduction in refugee admissions — despite a steady increase in the number of people forced to flee their homes because of war, famine or other causes.

Five states with large immigrant populations — Arizona, California, Florida, New Jersey and Texas — have sued the federal government, accusing it of not enforcing U.S. border controls and seeking reimbursement for education, health care and prisons used by hundreds of thousands of illegal immigrants.

Federal judges have dismissed the lawsuits by California, Florida and Texas. California officials have said they planned to appeal the ruling, and similar appeals could be made by Florida and Texas.

The Census Bureau study showed that immigrants who arrived in this country since 1990 are more likely to receive public assistance than people born here — 5.7 percent vs. 2.9 percent — but those who arrived before 1970 are less likely to receive it — 1.4 percent.

Hawkish trade chief expected to lead Japan's biggest party

TOKYO (AP) — Japan's foreign minister announced Monday that he won't seek re-election as leader of the country's largest party, virtually assuring trade hawk Ryutaro Hashimoto of the job and a shot at becoming prime minister.

Foreign Minister Yohei Kono's decision to give up the presidency of the Liberal Democratic Party could shake up Japan's ruling coalition, and it marks a turning point for the party that governed Japan alone from 1955 to 1993.

For those 38 years, the president of the Liberal Democrats was always prime minister. But that changed two years ago, when voters fed up with corruption deprived the party of its parliamentary majority.

The current prime minister, Tomiichi Murayama, is a Socialist. But the Liberal Democrats dominate the governing coalition and may regain full power in the next elections for parliament's lower house, expected by next summer.

Kono's surprise announcement leaves the field open for Hashimoto, the 58-year-old trade

minister, to win the party presidency in elections Sept. 22. That would put Hashimoto in the prime minister's chair if the Liberal Democrats win the election.

The rise of Hashimoto is not assured — the opposition New Frontier Party has been successful in recent elections — but if he does become prime minister he could swing Japan in a more conservative direction.

Hashimoto, 58, gained prominence earlier this year for taking a hard-line stand in trade negotiations with the United States. He successfully demanded that Washington drop its insistence that Japan guarantee foreign makers of autos and auto parts a greater share of the Japanese market.

The trade minister has also tended to minimize Japan's aggression in World War II while stressing the need to honor Japanese war dead. Hashimoto heads a group of families of war victims.

He had been expected to defeat Kono in the election for party leader, but few thought Kono would bow out so soon.

World briefs Newest gadget for Israelis: The cell phone

Colombian president's campaign chief in hot water

BOGOTA, Colombia (AP) — A probe into whether President Ernesto Samper's campaign accepted drug traffickers' money took a step closer to the chief executive when prosecutors filed charges against his campaign director.

Fernando Botero, who resigned as defense minister on Aug. 2, was charged with taking campaign money from drug traffickers and falsifying documents to hide the contributions, Prosecutor General Alfonso Valdivieso's office announced Monday.

The charges mean prosecutors have gained enough evidence to doubt Botero's repeated denials that the Cali cartel helped fund Samper's campaign. They also cast doubt upon the president's own denials.

Former Beatle cancels U.S. tour to be with daughter

LONDON (AP) — Former Beatles drummer Ringo Starr has canceled his U.S. concert tour and flown to London to be with his daughter after she had an operation to drain fluid from her brain.

His daughter, Lee Starkey, entered the London Clinic on Friday. She is the daughter of Starr's first marriage, to Maureen Cox Starkey Tigrett, who died in January in Seattle after a bone marrow transplant to treat leukemia.

The couple had three children — Lee, 24, and sons, Zak, 29, and Jason, 27. The couple divorced in 1975; both have remarried.

Starr, 55, visited his daughter at the \$1,085-a-day hospital accompanied by his second wife, actress Barbara Bach, and by Zak.

JERUSALEM (AP) — A wedding singer stops in mid-tune to answer his cellular phone, while the guests dance on unperturbed. An undertaker borrows a mourner's cell phone to call — from graveside — for a forgotten piece of equipment to lower the coffin.

Cell phones are suddenly ringing everywhere in Israel, spurred by some of the lowest calling prices in the world.

Even distant military outposts are no longer so remote: One Israeli soldier called a Palestinian vendor to order fresh fish for his platoon, and troops in southern Lebanon ordered pizza delivered to the border.

But when soldiers started getting private calls during military exercises and on patrol, the army intervened, ruling that cell phones can't be used on duty.

Soldiers can still call home at other times, as long as they don't give out military secrets, such as where they're calling from.

"It's a hectic country; we are always in a hurry," explains Varda Shilo, perhaps Israel's only expert in the field of etiquette. "Everyone thinks he must know everything here and now."

A year ago there were 100,000 cell phones in Israel. Today there are almost 300,000 — about one

for every 16 of Israel's 5 million people.

Communications experts expect that share to rise to one in 10 in the next few years — on par with the United States.

Though fewer Israelis have cellular phones than Americans, they spend much more time on their phones — eight times as much, says Moshe Pearl of Israel's communication ministry.

"Everybody wants to be the commander with a handset in his hand," says Ron Mandelbaum, a spokesman for Israel's Bezek telephone company.

"You see many people with a gun on the left and a cell phone on the right."

In Israel, unlike the United States, cell-phone users pay only for calls they make, not those they receive.

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market dominated for 12 years by Pelephone, a joint venture of Bezek and Motorola.

Most attribute the popularity of the phones to a general fixation with high-tech gadgets in Israel, where the percentage of people with videocassette recorders, color televisions and cable is among the highest in the world.

As their popularity widens, the army isn't alone in seeing a need to limit the use of "Telephones" as they are known here.

Police, leery of the effect of the hand-held phones on Israelis' already notorious driving, started enforcing a regulation that drivers keep both hands on the steering wheel.

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Boxful of Nameless Faces Is Testimony to Faded Memory

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

DEAR ABBY: You suggested that "older people" should mark the backs of family pictures while they can still remember who's who, and where the pictures were taken and the approximate dates. But why only "older people"? That's something everybody should do as soon as a snapshot or picture is developed.

For years I was too busy (or lazy) to do it, and now that I'm retired and have plenty of time, I can't remember who half the people are!

My parents can't help me because my father has been dead for 25 years, and my mother is in a rest home unable to remember much of anything.

So here I sit with a big box of family pictures, beating my brains out trying to recall names, dates and places. What a mess!

Abby, please remind your readers often to label their pictures. Then their grandchildren won't have to go through what I'm going through now.

KICKING MYSELF IN ASBURY PARK

DEAR KICKING: Not only should family pictures be labeled, but accounts of historical events and newspaper clippings of births, graduations,



Abigail Van Buren

SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

marriages and deaths in your family should be dated and kept in a sturdy scrapbook. Fascinating family histories could be preserved if younger members interviewed older relatives. A tape recorder would be ideal for this purpose.

Succeeding generations will love it. Trust me.

DEAR ABBY: Our very pretty and bright 18-year-old daughter (I'll call her Nancy) graduated from high school last May. She decided to stay home and work for a year before going to college. Nancy met a 29-year-old professional man about six months ago and they started dating. (I'll call him Paul.) They never actually went steady, but Paul gave her a big rush.

Well, for Christmas, Paul surprised Nancy with a beautiful one-carat diamond ring. It came as a big shock to Nancy because she wasn't

considering marriage with Paul. In fact, she told me she hated to kiss him because he had a bad case of halitosis!

When Nancy saw the ring, she told Paul she didn't think she should accept it, but he started to cry, so she kept it because she didn't want to hurt his feelings.

Nancy is very persuasive, so every time she tries to return the ring, Paul cries, and talks her into keeping it.

Nancy is very tenderhearted and Paul is very persuasive, so do you think it would be all right if Nancy's father returned the ring to Paul?

POST-CHRISTMAS DILEMMA

DEAR DILEMMA: No! Nancy should return the ring herself, and if he cries, he cries.

It's high time Paul learned that he can't buy whatever he wants with tears and diamonds. And Nancy needs to learn that people who "give in" in order to avoid hurting someone else's feelings usually end up hurting themselves. (P.S. About Paul's halitosis: Someone should tell him.)

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Horoscope



Your Birthday

Wednesday, Aug. 30, 1995

Over the past two years, you've made valuable friends who are more concerned about your well-being than you may realize. The months ahead could reveal how much they care.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) It will be difficult to achieve your objectives and aims today if they are not clearly defined. Once you establish a goal, be consistent and see it through to its finish. Virgo, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing \$2 and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 4465, New York, NY 10163. Make sure to state your zodiac sign.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Conditions over which you have no control might impel you to alter your plans today. If you're flexible, the adjustments you make could work out fairly well.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) If you are careless or indifferent today, you might unwittingly snatch defeat from the jaws of victory. Work for your best interests, not against them.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Where your career is concerned, deal with competitors carefully. If you're unfair with them today, they'll try to balance the account later.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You are more likely to help associates today if you feel it's of your own volition. Conversely, when demands are made of you, you may resist.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Usually you enjoy social experiences, but today you may attend a gathering where someone you dislike is present, so you may want to treat everyone coolly.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) You will be capable of substantial achievements.

today, but there is a possibility that you might be plagued with self-doubts and quit when the going gets tough.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You might hold strong opinions today and this is well and good if you behave constructively. Do not impose your views, however, on those who are unresponsive.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) If you're required to help a friend today, do so with your pal's resources. Avoid situations where you have to pay the freight.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Try not to anticipate the probable actions of others from a negative perspective today. This could create complications and doubts where none need exist.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Spend some time today doing things you find personally gratifying, but don't neglect your responsibilities to others.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Grasp the reins today if you get in a situation that you can handle better than a friend. However, it might make things worse if you don't do it properly.

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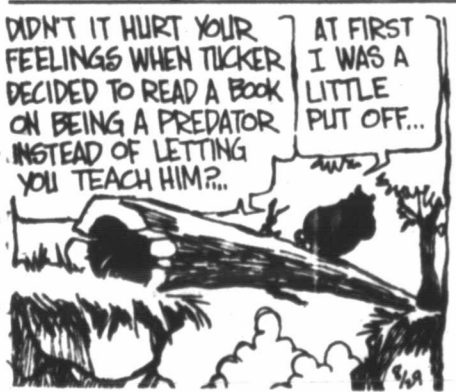


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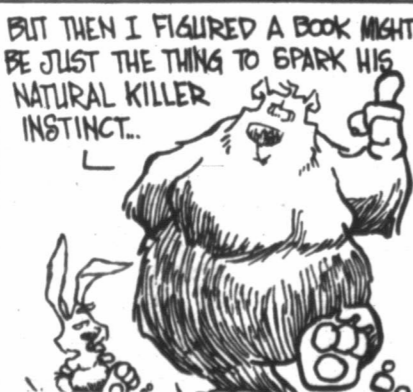


"I got half of him out of bed, but I think the other half is still asleep."

The Family Circus



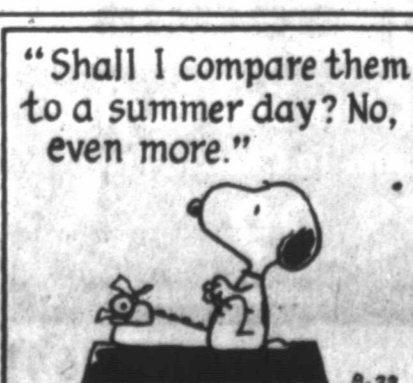
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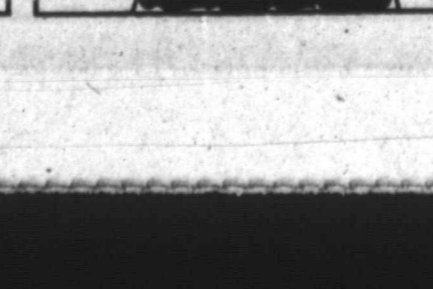
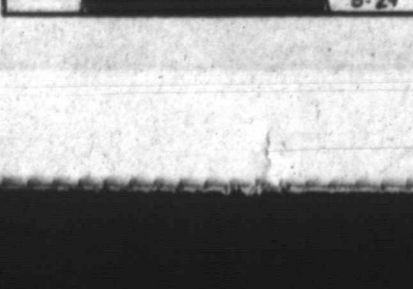
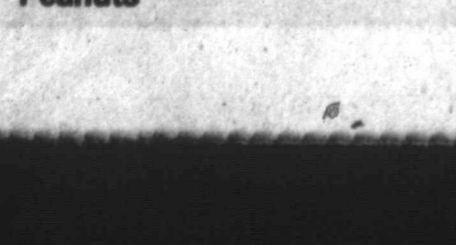
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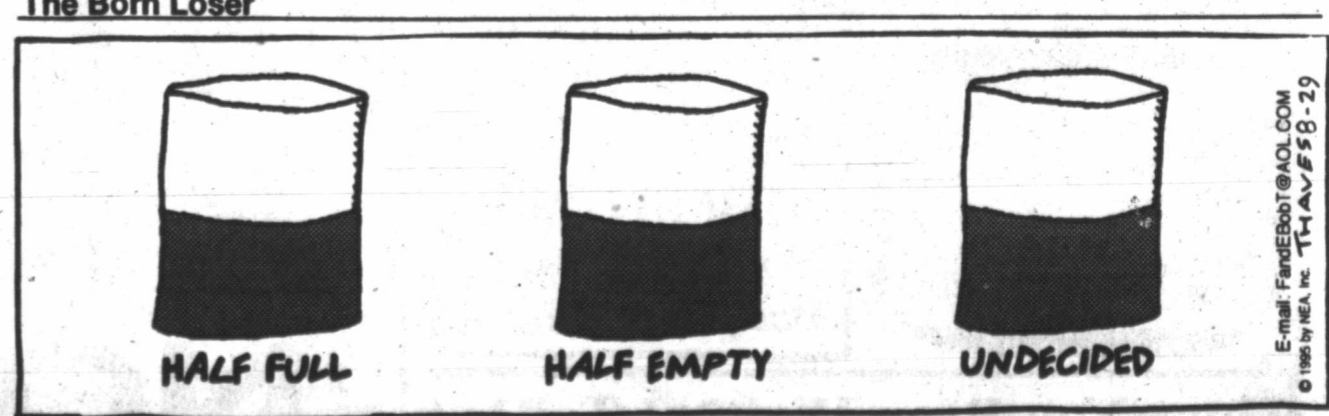
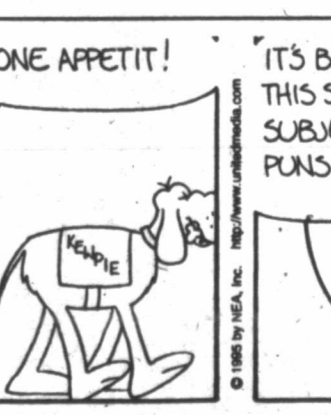
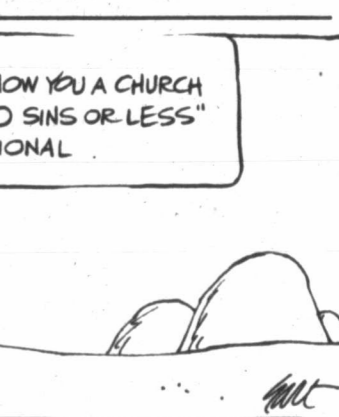
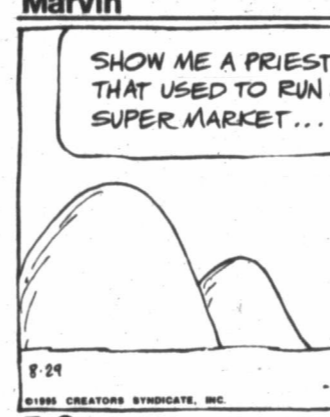
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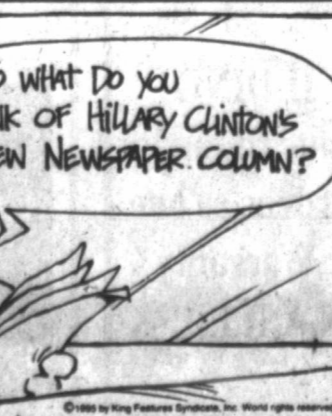
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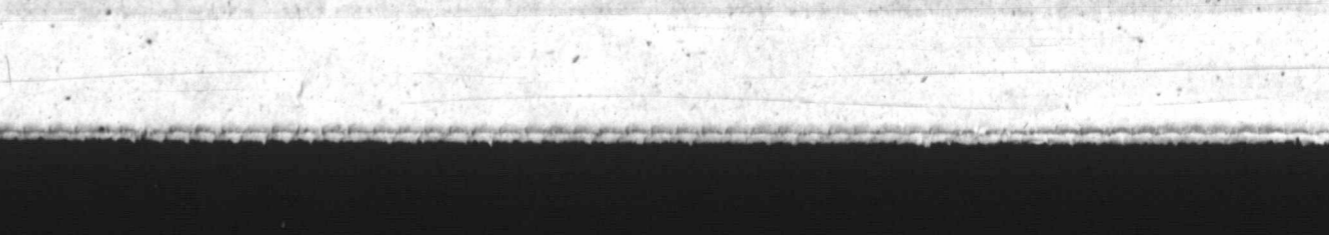
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FOOTBALL

OLATHE, Kan. — Sammy Laury, son of Joyce Laury of Pampa, has been awarded a football scholarship at MidAmerica Nazarene College in Olathe, Kan. Laury will be a freshman this fall at MANC. MidAmerica Nazarene College is one of the largest private four-year colleges in Kansas and offers 40 fields of study leading to five degree options: an Associate of Arts, Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Science in Nursing, a Master of Education and a Master of Business Administration. Laury, a running back, holds the Pampa High School rushing record with 1,950 yards, which was set in 1991.

VOLLEYBALL

PAMPA — Pampa hosts Perryton tonight in high school volleyball action. The junior varsity match will be played at 6 p.m., followed by the varsity. The Lady Harvesters recently returned from the Lubbock Tournament where they went unbeaten in pool play (6-0) and placed fourth in the tournament.

BASEBALL

JACKSON, Miss. (AP) — Jeff Bagwell went 0-for-2 with two walks in his first game in four weeks as the designated hitter for the Houston Astros' Double-A Jackson team. Bagwell, the 1994 National League MVP, hadn't played since breaking his left hand July 30 when hit by a pitch. It was the third straight season he suffered that injury. Bagwell, 27, was hitting .283 with 16 homers and 66 RBIs at the time of his injury. **CHICAGO (AP)** — Jose DeLeon was traded by the Chicago White Sox to the Montreal Expos for Jeff Shaw in a swap of right-handed relievers. DeLeon, 34, was 5-3 with a 5.19 ERA in 38 games, while Shaw, 29, was 1-6 with three saves and a 4.62 ERA in 50 games. **NEW YORK (AP)** — Los Angeles Dodgers catcher Mike Piazza, who hit .467 with eight homers and 14 RBIs, was selected National League player of the week. B.J. Surhoff of Milwaukee won American League honors, hitting .464 with three homers and 10 RBIs.

GOLF

VIRGINIAWATER, England (AP) — Nick Faldo and Jose Maria Olazabal were added to the European Ryder Cup team as wild-card members for next month's competition against the defending champion United States in Rochester, N.Y. The 38-year-old Faldo, once No. 1 in world rankings, will be making his 10th consecutive Ryder Cup appearance, tying the record held by Christy O'Connor Jr. Olazabal, playing his fifth straight Ryder Cup, has teamed with fellow Spaniard Seve Ballesteros in the most successful Ryder Cup partnership in history with 11 wins, two losses and two halves. The 10 European team members who automatically qualified: Scotland's Colin Montgomerie and Sam Torrance, Bernhard Langer of Germany, Costantino Rocca of Italy, Ballesteros, England's David Gilford, Howard Clark and Mark James, Ireland's Philip Walton, and Per-Ulrik Johansson of Sweden.

Cowboys' roster loaded with young blood

By DENNE H. FREEMAN
AP Sports Writer

IRVING (AP) — A fifth of the Dallas Cowboys roster will be rookies, a "compliment" to the scouting department, says coach Barry Switzer. "We needed an infusion of young blood and we think we got some," Switzer said. The only draft choices not to make the team were former Butkus Award winning linebacker Dana Howard of Illinois, a fifth-rounder, and Linc Harden of Oklahoma State, a fourth-round pick. Offensive lineman Shane Hannah, a second-round pick, underwent knee surgery on Aug. 4 and will be on the injured reserve list. He can practice but not play for the Cowboys this season. "There were some surprises," Switzer

said. "Who would have thought we would keep a kickoff specialist? But to help the kickoff teams we decided to keep Jon Baker. That's why we had to make some tough cuts in other areas." Baker was a free agent as was Billy Davis of Pittsburgh, who can play both wide receiver, special teams and defensive back. Chris Boniol will be the field goal and extra point man. The others among the 10-man rookie class included tight end Eric Bjornson, a fourth-round pick from Washington; defensive tackle Darren Benson of Trinity Valley Community College, a third-round supplemental draft choice; cornerback Alundis Brice of Mississippi, a fourth-round pick; wide receiver Ed Hervey of Southern California, a fifth-round pick; defensive end Oscar Sturgis

of North Carolina, a seventh-round pick; tight end Kendall Watkins of Mississippi State, a second-round choice; safety Charlie Williams of Bowling Green, a third rounder; and running back Sherman Williams of Alabama, a second-round pick. "We're pleased with the way this group progressed in training camp," said personnel director Larry Lacewell. "We're certainly impressed with the way they played against Houston in the final pre-season game." The Cowboys second team beat the Oilers first team 10-0 Saturday night in the Alamodome. The Cowboys kept out most of their first line regulars. Brice returned an intercepted pass for the only touchdown of the game. "We had some criticism on draft day about our choices so it was nice to see

this bunch come through like they did," Lacewell said. Bjornson was expected to see immediate duty along with Watkins but suffered a bruised shoulder against the Oilers, which will make him doubtful for Monday night's opener against the New York Giants in the Meadowlands. "That's one of the reasons we didn't want to play (starting tight end) Jay Novacek," Switzer said. "We hope Eric can be ready." Watkins will come in when the Cowboys go to a double tight end set. The remainder of the rookies will play on special teams with Williams giving Emmitt Smith a breather at running back should he need one. This isn't the most rookies a Cowboys team has kept. The 1975 team kept an even dozen.

Tiger practice



Quarterback Ben Reeser hands off to running back Jonathan Galley as McLean's offense runs a play during football practice Monday. The Tigers open the season Sept. 8 at Patton Springs. The 1-1A opener is Oct. 13 against Higgins. "The way our district is shaping now, anybody can win it," McLean coach Jerry Miller said. "It should be pretty tough."

Garden City coach predicts close contest between Harvesters, Buffs

PAMPA — The Pampa Harvesters will be going for their third straight win over Garden City, Kan. when the two teams meet in the 1995 football opener Friday night in Garden City. All three games played in the series have been lopsided. Pampa lost the opener, 19-6, in 1992, but came back to win big, 21-0, in '93 and 42-0, last year. Garden City head coach Dave Meadows, who scouted the Harvesters in last weekend's scrimmage against Lubbock Estacado, looks for this year's

contest to be much closer. "Pampa has an impressive looking bunch," Meadows said. "They look tough, but I feel like we can match up with them pretty good. It should be a fun game. We sure want to play them a much better game than we did last year." The Buffaloes return seven starters from last year's team and a group of up and coming reserves. "I feel like we'll have one of our most talented teams in years. Now if we'll just go out and play like it. We've got a bunch who aren't new to the

program, but they didn't get to play much last year," Meadows said. "However, they've made a lot of progress since last year. They're really working hard." Meadows said the Buffaloes won't have much size, but they will have some strength and quickness. "We're about average in size," Meadows said. "Our down linemen are in the 220-230 pound range." With the opener just four days away, Pampa head coach Dennis Cavalier is feeling a little-pressed for time. "I'd take six more months of

practice," Cavalier joked. "I feel like we're very short of time. It's been awfully hectic since school started." After the Garden City game, the Harvesters have an open date before hooking up with Amarillo High on Sept. 15 in Harvester Stadium. "Hopefully with the schedule the way it is (Pampa's open date), we can come back and work on things we didn't get a chance to cover much before. I don't know if things ever work out that way, but that's what we're shooting for," Cavalier said.

Piersall gets golf award

PLANO — the PGA of America, Northern Texas Section, has awarded the Horton Smith Award to Mickey Piersall, Pampa Country Club golf professional. Piersall and other award winners will be formally honored during the Northern Texas PGA President's Dinner on Dec. 4 in Dallas. The Northern Section presented Donald Bryant of San Angelo with the highest regional award, Golf Professional of the Year. Bryant has served the PGA in numerous capacities, including Northern Texas president, vice-president and secretary. In addition, he has served as PGA West Texas Chapter junior golf chairman. Other award winners include: Teacher of the Year - Randy Smith, Royal Oaks CC, Dallas; Junior Golf Leader - Sherwin Cox, Ross Rogers GC, Amarillo; Bill Strausbaugh Award-Mac Spikes, River Crest CC, Fort Worth; Assistant Professional of the Year - James Williams Jr., Lakewood CC, Dallas. THE PGA also recognizes golf professional achievement in golf shop operations as indicated by the following Merchandiser of the Year Awards: Public Course Category - Bob Smith, Tenison Park GC, Dallas, and Chuck Higgins, Battle Creek, GC, Mart; Resort Course Category - Larry Box, Hyatt Bear Creek Resort, Dallas-Fort Worth Airport; Private Course Category - Gordon Johnson, Preston Trail GC, Dallas, and Clay Kinnaird, Odessa CC, Odessa.

Bumpy road for Rangers

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — The road to the American League playoffs is getting bumpy for the Texas Rangers. After racing to the lead for the AL wild-card spot, things have suddenly stalled. They had a chance to extend their lead Monday night, but a couple of blown chances with men on base and some hard-hit balls in the 10th inning led to the Minnesota Twins' 4-3 victory in the Metrodome. With one out in the bottom of the 10th, Kirby Puckett lined a ground-rule double and scored the game-winning run on a sharp single by Pedro Munoz. Despite the loss, Texas remains a half-game up on Milwaukee for the wild-card spot. The Rangers had their chances to cash in on baseball's worst pitching staff. With the score tied 3-3 in the seventh and two on, lefty-swinging Will Clark faced right-handed reliever Pat Mahomes, who's had trouble keeping the ball in the park this season. But Clark flew out to left. An inning later, with two on and two outs for Craig Worthington, Mahomes got a strikeout. The Rangers tried to stay in the game in the bottom of the 10th, when Otis Nixon raced to the center-field fence and leaped high to rob Rich Becker of a game-winning home run. But Texas reliever Roger McDowell could not get the next two hitters as Puckett doubled and Munoz singled. "We might be in some sort of race, but the last three or four days haven't been much fun," said starter Bobby Witt, who went six-plus innings and struck out six while giving up three runs.

Seles makes triumphant return to U.S. Open

By BOB GREENE
AP Sports Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Hit and giggle tennis is back in prime time. Monica Seles made a triumphant return to the U.S. Open with a display of hard-hitting tennis, needing only 56 minutes to trample Ruxandra Dragomir of Romania 6-3, 6-1 in her first-round match Monday. Then came another winning performance in her giggle-filled news conference. "I was nervous," Seles said of her first match at the National Tennis Center since she captured the women's singles title in 1992. "I was just real nervous that I was going to play the Open." Sidelined since being stabbed during a tournament in April 1993, Seles returned to the sport two weeks ago in Toronto, winning the Canadian Open. She hasn't lost a match at the U.S. Open since falling in the third round in 1990. Dragomir, who had never played Seles before, was impressed. "She is unbelievable," the

Romanian said. "I couldn't even imagine that she is that good." Seles is seeded second behind the co-favorite, Steffi Graf, who was scheduled to play her opening round match today against Amanda Coetzer in an intriguing rematch. The unseeded South African upset Graf in the second round of the Canadian Open two weeks ago. It was Graf's first loss of the year in 33 matches. Coetzer, currently ranked 21st in the world, pulled off two more upsets in Toronto, ousting Jana Novotna and Mary Pierce before losing to Seles in the final. Andre Agassi, the defending men's champion and No. 1 seed, will follow Graf onto Stadium Court, taking on Bryan Shelton, whose only two ATP Tour titles have come on grass at Newport, R.I. Then comes No. 2 Pete Sampras, who won here in 1990 and 1993. Sampras will play Fernando Meligeni of Brazil. Other matches today involving seeded players pit No. 4 Conchita Martinez against Kathy Rinaldi-Stunkel, No. 5

Novotna against Sandra Cecchini, No. 7 Kimiko Date against Silke Meier, No. 10 Lindsay Davenport against Petra Kamstra, No. 11 Anke Huber against Yayuk Basuki, No. 12 Natasha Zvereva against Jana Kandarr, No. 13 Iva Majoli against Barbara Paulus and No. 14 Mary Joe Fernandez against Judith Weisner. Also scheduled to play today were No. 7 Yevgeny Kafelnikov, No. 9 Thomas Enqvist, No. 11 Sergi Bruguera, No. 13 Marc Rosset, No. 14 Jim Courier and No. 15 Todd Martin. Seles appeared to be in a hurry to get into the next round when she finally got on Stadium Court. She took no time between serves, and was always waiting for Dragomir to settle down for the next point to begin. She said it was nerves. "Today is very different obviously because it is the first time you are going out there to play at the Open," Seles said. "I mean, there is so much excitement, so much nervousness. I went out there just trying to focus on the ball, and I wasn't focusing on the ball. I was hitting them as they were com-

ing. I was missing them as they were coming. I had no plans." All the time she talked, she smiled, obviously pleased to be back on a tennis court and playing in a Grand Slam tournament. But her nervousness showed in her giggling and in the way she constantly drummed with her left hand. "Tonight, I was having fun, but ... my face was so serious," Seles said. "I said, 'Relax, Monica, your face, you are so tight.' My muscles were just like so tight. But that is normal, I think. As the matches go on, I will be more relaxed." While Seles was the star of the show's opening night, the women's defending champion raced through her first round easily as third-seeded Arantxa Sanchez Vicario crushed Romanian Catalina Cristea 6-1, 6-1. "I think it is normal that all the attention is on Monica," Sanchez Vicario said. "I mean, she is back and after two years. It is normal that all the attention is on her. It is better in some ways for me because it will take the pressure off for me."

Scoreboard

BASEBALL National League At A Glance

By The Associated Press
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Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlanta	72	40	.643	—
Philadelphia	59	55	.518	14
Montreal	54	59	.478	18 1/2
Florida	51	60	.459	20 1/2
New York	49	63	.437	23

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Cincinnati	71	41	.634	—
Houston	57	56	.504	14 1/2
Chicago	56	57	.496	15 1/2
St. Louis	48	66	.421	24
Pittsburgh	47	66	.416	24 1/2

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Los Angeles	60	54	.526	—
Colorado	59	55	.518	1
San Diego	55	57	.491	4
San Francisco	52	61	.460	7 1/2

Monday's Games

Chicago 7, Atlanta 5
Cincinnati 5, St. Louis 2
Florida 6, Houston 4
Colorado 6, Pittsburgh 3
Philadelphia (Quinnell 9-8) at San Francisco (Muholland 3-10), 3:35 p.m.
Chicago (Foster 7-9) at Florida (Hammond 7-4), 7:05 p.m.
St. Louis (Osborne 0-5) at Cincinnati (Burba 8-2), 7:35 p.m.
Colorado (Ritz 9-9) at Pittsburgh (Wagner 2-13), 7:35 p.m.
Houston (Reynolds 8-9) at Atlanta (Mercker 7-8), 7:40 p.m.
New York (Jones 7-8) at Los Angeles (Martinez 13-7), 10:05 p.m.
Montreal (Fassero 12-10) at San Diego (Hamilton 6-5), 10:05 p.m.

Wednesday's Games

Philadelphia (Juden 2-1) at San Francisco (VanLandingham 4-3), 3:35 p.m.
Chicago (Castillo 8-7) at Florida (Burkett 11-11), 7:05 p.m.
St. Louis (Morgan 5-7) at Cincinnati (Portugal 8-8), 7:35 p.m.
Colorado (Rekar 3-2) at Pittsburgh (Parris 6-5), 7:35 p.m.
Houston (Reynolds 8-9) at Atlanta (Smoltz 10-5), 7:40 p.m.
New York (Micki 6-6) at Los Angeles (Candiotti 6-11), 10:35 p.m.
Montreal (Heredia 4-8) at San Diego (Blair 6-3), 10:35 p.m.

American League At A Glance

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Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Boston	70	43	.619	—
Baltimore	54	59	.478	16
New York	54	59	.478	16
Toronto	49	63	.438	20 1/2
Detroit	46	66	.411	23 1/2

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Cleveland	77	35	.688	—
Milwaukee	58	55	.513	19 1/2
Kansas City	55	56	.495	21 1/2
Chicago	48	63	.432	28 1/2
Minnesota	40	72	.357	37

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
California	67	47	.588	—
Texas	59	55	.518	8
Seattle	57	56	.504	9 1/2
Oakland	55	60	.478	12 1/2

Monday's Games

Cleveland 9, Toronto 1
Kansas City 4, New York 3
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Tuesday's Games

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Cal's Countdown

By The Associated Press
A look at Cal Ripken counting down to Lou Gehrig's record of 2,130 consecutive games played.
CAL-ending: Ripken and the Orioles next play Tuesday night at home against Oakland. They were off Monday.
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MIAMI (AP) — Not even the Colt .45s were this bad for this long.

The Houston Astros will try to end the worst slump in franchise history tonight against a team with the NL's best record. Houston takes an 11-game losing streak into its three-game series at Atlanta.

"It doesn't matter who we're playing," Houston's James Mouton said. "A lot of people are beating us now."

The Astros' losing streak became their longest ever with a 6-4 defeat Monday night against the Florida Marlins. By sweeping four games from Houston, the Marlins extended their club-record home winning streak to 14 games.

All the Astros won was sympathy.

"I feel for those guys," Florida manager Rene Lachemann said. "It's not going to be a happy trip to Atlanta. But they'll come out of it."

Houston had lost 10 in a row four times, most recently in May 1974. Even the expansion Colt .45s, who lost 96 games as Houston's first major-league team in 1962, managed to avoid losing 11 straight.

"I want as few questions as possible," Houston manager Terry Collins told reporters following the latest loss. "I'm tired. I'm all done complimenting the other team on how good they're playing."

Barely three weeks ago, Houston led the NL wild-card race by 5 1/2 games. Now they're 1 1/2 games behind Philadelphia and Colorado, the new wild-card leaders.

The last team to lose so many consecutive games and still make the playoffs was the 1982 Atlanta Braves, who lost 11 in a row.

"We have to forget about what has happened," Houston shortstop Craig Shipley said.

The mystifying Marlins, meanwhile, find themselves just 6 1/2 games behind Colorado and Philadelphia. And Florida still has three games to play against the Rockies and seven against the Phillies. The Marlins open a three-game series at home tonight against Chicago.

To move into the wild-card lead, the Marlins must overtake seven teams. But slugger Gary Sheffield and catcher Charles Johnson are expected to return from the disabled list Friday, which should bolster both the offense and defense.

"We'll try to win as many games as we can, and see where we are come October," Lachemann said.

If none of the other wild-card contenders plays better than .500 ball the rest of the way — a big if — the Marlins would need a 24-9 finish to make the playoffs.

The Marlins might do better than that if they could play the rest of their games at home. They start-

ed the season 0-8 at Joe Robbie Stadium. But Florida's last loss at home was to San Diego on July 27.

Miami fans have yet to catch pennant fever. The Marlins' home winning streak is the longest in the majors this year, but Monday's crowd of 16,332 was the smallest of the season at Joe Robbie. Weather held down the turnout; the start was delayed 26 minutes by rain.

Dave Weathers (4-5), who lost his slot in the rotation this week to rookie Marc Valdes, earned the win in relief.

Weathers replaced Valdes, a former first-round draft pick making his major league debut, with a 3-3 tie, the bases loaded and none out in the fourth inning. Weathers pitched out of the jam while allowing only one run — on Derek Bell's double-play grounder.

"Dave Weathers did a super job," Lachemann said. "That's what saved the game for us."

Florida scored twice in the bottom half of the inning to take a 5-4 lead against Doug Brocail (4-3). After Jesus Tavarez led off with a triple, Quilvio Veras had an RBI single and scored on Jeff Conine's two-out double.

"I didn't feel any pressure out there," Brocail said. "I thought the pressure was on them. Nobody wants to lose to a team that has lost 10 games in a row."

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Annie, get your gun: Concealed handgun courses set to begin

By PAULINE ARRILLAGA
Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN (AP) — Jerry Patterson is headed to school on Friday. His supplies will include a .45-caliber pistol and 50 rounds of ammunition.

Patterson is no ordinary student, and his is no ordinary class.

As the state senator who sponsored legislation allowing citizens to carry concealed handguns, Patterson will be among the first Texans attending the state's handgun training courses that begin Friday, when the new law takes effect.

"I think it's important that I have that ability to defend myself," said Patterson, R-Pasadena. "Probably when I did so in the past, I did so illegally."

Of all of the bills to come out of the Legislature's 1995 session, the concealed-handgun measure was the most controversial.

But the debates are long over, and all efforts now focus on implementing the law.

Texans may begin applying for concealed-gun permits on Friday, but they must first pass the state-required handgun proficiency course.

"They do need to keep in mind that the license itself will not be valid until Jan. 1, 1996. Right up until then, it's still illegal to carry a concealed weapon," said Mike Cox, a spokesman for the Texas Department of Public Safety, which is overseeing implementation of the law.

That process actually began earlier this summer when the DPS started training people to teach the handgun proficiency course.

Cox said about 1,000 firearms instructors will be certified by the time the law takes effect. Others will be trained as long as there is demand.

The application process for people wanting to carry concealed guns started in mid-August. The DPS distributed 200,000 application request cards around the state. The postcards were quickly scooped up, prompting the agency to order another 200,000.

The cards must be returned to the DPS to receive an application packet.

Cox said the high demand for the application request cards could indicate that more than the originally estimated 180,000 Texans will apply for handgun permits.

"We may get 200,000. There seems to be an awful lot of interest," he said.

The request card asks for name, birth date, driver's license number, sex, height, weight, race, mailing address and phone number. The DPS will run a criminal background check on people who mail in the postcards, Cox said.

Application packets will include an instruction sheet on how to fill out the four-page application; a 33-page booklet on the new law and related statutes; and affidavits that must be notarized that attest to an applicant's eligibility and basic understanding of the new law and that consent to the release of certain confidential records needed to confirm an applicant's eligibility.

Applicants do not need to have obtained the packets before taking the training class, but the application must include proof of completing the course.

"We have 90 days once we receive an application to process it and either issue or deny, which does mean that probably there will be some who apply early in September who actually get the piece of plastic sometime before Jan. 1," Cox said.

Firearms instructors and range operators are eagerly awaiting Friday's arrival. For them it means not only a new law but new business, as well.

"We've been working toward getting the people of Texas the right to protect themselves for a number of years, and we're excited it finally is available," said J.D. Sayers, co-owner of the Pasadena Gun Center.

The DPS developed the handgun course requirements in accordance to the new law. It must be 10 to 15 hours and include both classroom and range instruction. The classroom time will focus on the state's firearms laws, conflict resolution and liability issues.

"A major emphasis is on the legal aspects of having a gun," said Cox. "It's an awesome responsibility, and the potential for liability is great. You can't just shoot somebody if they pull into your parking space or run a red light."

"Using a handgun is an absolute last resort. That's really the heart of it," he said.

On the range, students must shoot at least 70 percent accuracy from various distances, the maximum being 15 yards.

The cost of the course is left up to the instructor.

Patterson said he's heard of prices as high as \$250 and as low as \$110. He believes the cost will drop with time.

"I think it'll be down to under \$100 for the course by the end of the year," he said.

Patterson will be one of about 24 other people attending the Pasadena Gun Center's first course, beginning Friday.

He will pay \$150 for the 15-hour course, which includes targets, range time, the certificate and handouts. Students may either provide their own firearms or rent guns there at a cost of \$15. The ammunition, with a minimum of 50 rounds required, will cost about another \$15.

The \$140 nonrefundable application fee, which is cut in half for senior citizens, is on top of that, as are other incidental costs such as fingerprinting and photo IDs.

Despite the cost, firearms instructors are reporting long waiting lists. At the Pasadena Gun Center, 170 people already have signed up.

Grant Bethurum, an instructor at Arlington Arms Gun Co., said he has a waiting list of more than 200 people. Bethurum, who has not yet been certified by the DPS, plans to begin teaching the course in October.

"I knew that initially there would be quite a flow of people," Bethurum said. "I've been trying to calm people down by telling them the permits aren't going to be issued until Jan. 1. They can rock their applications down to the DPS and hurry and take the class, but the permits still aren't going to be valid until Jan. 1."

The four-month lag between when the law and the permits take effect may be needed because questions still remain over various portions of the law.

Two attorney general's opinions are pending over whether business owners may prohibit both their employees and customers from carrying concealed guns and whether metropolitan transit operators may prohibit their passengers from packing pistols.

Patterson said the first question is moot. "A business owner has a right to determine who he serves or sells to, and a business owner can prohibit anyone from coming on his premises. This bill did not change the operator's or the business owner's rights to refuse service to anyone."

Firearms-related laws, other than the concealed-handgun law, slated to take effect Sept. 1:

— SB 68: Creates the offense of reckless discharge of a firearm inside a municipality having a population of 100,000 or more punishable as a Class A misdemeanor.

— SB 130: Prohibits the sale, rental, lease, loan or giving of a handgun to a person who is under active protective orders. A violation is a Class A misdemeanor.

— SB 840: Creates gun- and weapon-free zones around school by prohibiting a person from carrying a firearm, illegal knife, club or prohibited weapon on the premises of a school, college or university, or passenger vehicle of a school or

institution of higher education. An offense is a third-degree felony.

— HB 44: Creates two levels of misdemeanor offenses for making a firearm accessible to a child; authorizes a court to sentence offenders to attend a firearms safety course or perform public service; and allows school districts to provide firearms safety education.

— HB 94: Provides that a person may use deadly force against an intruder who is committing an offense of unlawful entry in the habitation of the person. The legal requirement that deadly force is justified only if a reasonable person would not have retreated does not apply to unlawful entry of a habitation.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX INCREASE

The Gray County Commissioners will hold a public hearing on a proposal to increase total tax revenues from properties on the tax roll in 1994 by 7.99* percent. Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property.

The public hearing will be held on September 5, 1995 at 9:00 a.m.

FOR: the proposal: Commissioner James Hefley, Joe Wheeley, Gerald Wright, Judge R. Peet

AGAINST: the proposal: Commissioner Jim Greene

PRESENT and not voting: None

ABSENT: None

The statement above shows the percentage increase the proposed rate represents over the effective tax rate that the unit published on August 17, 1995. The following table compares taxes on an average home in this taxing unit last year to taxes proposed on the average home this year. Again, your individual taxes may be higher or lower, depending on the taxable value of your property.

	Last Year	This Year
Average home value	\$27,692	\$28,772
General exemptions available (amount available on the average home, not including senior citizen's or disabled person's exemptions)	-0-	-0-
Average taxable value	\$27,692	\$28,772
Tax rate	.3981/\$100	.4392/\$100 (proposed)
Tax	\$110.24	\$126.36 (proposed)


Under this proposal taxes on the average home would **increase** by **\$16.12** or **14.62*** percent compared with last year's taxes. Comparing tax rates without adjusting for changes in property value, the tax rate would **increase** by **\$.0411** per \$100 of taxable value or **10.32*** percent compared to last year's tax rate. These tax rate figures are not adjusted for changes in the taxable value of property.

Criminal Justice Mandate (for counties):

The Gray County Auditor certified that Gray County Has spent \$12,700.00 in the previous 12 months beginning January 1, 1994, for the maintenance and operations cost of keeping inmates sentenced to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. Gray County Sheriff has provided information on these costs, minus the state revenues received for reimbursement of such costs.

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