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## Governor willing to use powers to ban fireworks

By JANINE ZUNIGA  
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Fourth of July celebrations from the Panhandle to the Mexico border may fizzle as the severe drought has compelled several counties — and even the Texas Pyrotechnic Association — to ban certain fireworks.

"We're as concerned about the drought as anyone else," Royce Trout, secretary-treasurer of the pyrotechnic association, said Monday. "We don't want there to be a lot of fires. It's bad publicity for us. We also want to protect our interests. This is our business."

The drought, forecast to be one of the worst natural disasters to hit Texas this century, has meant the land is parched and flammable.

Gray, Deaf Smith and Roberts counties in the Panhandle have banned the sale, use and possession of all fireworks countywide. Other counties, such as Hartley, Potter and Randall have restricted the essential ingredient in Independence Day festivities. A number of counties were considering action.

The Panhandle Regional Planning Commission has asked Gov. George W. Bush to use his powers under the Texas Disaster Act of 1975 to suspend the sale and use of fireworks in the Panhandle.

"The cities and communities of the Texas Panhandle will no doubt be vulnerable to damage, injury and the loss of life and property if the sale and/or discharge of fireworks remain unchecked," the letter to Bush said.

Karen Hughes, a spokeswoman for Bush, said the governor had not received the letter as of Monday.

She said the governor is unwilling to declare a ban on a regionwide or statewide basis, but would issue bans on a county-by-county basis in such cases where a county commissioners' court specifically requests it.

"Gov. Bush is very concerned about the potential fire hazard because of the drought and dry conditions and he's also an advocate of local control," Ms. Hughes said.

**Gray County Judge Richard Peet said today it will take action by the commissioners' court to ask Gov. George W. Bush to ban fireworks in the county under the Texas Disaster Act of 1975.**

**He expects to convene the court in special session this week to discuss the request, though a meeting time has not been set.**

**Roberts County Judge Vernon Cook said his court will discuss the governor's offer at 9 a.m. Monday in Roberts County courthouse.**

**Cook said he has received no information from the governor's office and he has questions about who can lift the ban if Bush enacts it.**

**His court, he said, is comfortable with the local ban of sale, use and possession of fireworks in spite of the lawsuit filed against Gray County for similar action.**

**"It's a done deal. You play with the cards you're dealt," Cook said.**

Meanwhile, the pyrotechnic association, which represents a majority of the state's 25 or so fireworks manufacturers and distributors, filed a lawsuit against Gray County seeking an injunction against its complete ban and challenging its constitutionality.

Trout said organization members voted last week to institute a voluntary ban on aerial fire-

works, meaning the manufacturers will not provide them to the thousands of Texas roadside vendors.

Aerial fireworks, which represent one quarter of their sales, generally are bottle rockets and other missile-type projectiles.

The aerial devices were banned because their landings cannot be controlled. Non-aerial fireworks such as fountains, fire crackers, sparklers and whistlers still will be available.

Professional displays will not be affected.

Mark Roughton, a spokesman for the Texas Commission on Fire Protection, said an already parched Texas and the destruction earlier this year of thousands of acres to wildfires has the agency concerned.

In 1994, the latest year for which complete data is available, fireworks caused 1,282 blazes — 873 in July — and \$271,042 in damages. Last year, fireworks touched off approximately 800 fires, Roughton estimated.

Katie Garrett, 13, of Rowlett and her 12-year-old friend, Jessica Reddy of Wylie, both said they liked shooting fireworks, but understood the restrictions.

"We've done it every year since I was little, but I wouldn't want to do it if it was going to cause a fire," Katie said.

Added her mother, Libby Garrett: "I'd be furious if some kids' fireworks fell on my house and burned it down. I think they're scary anyway."

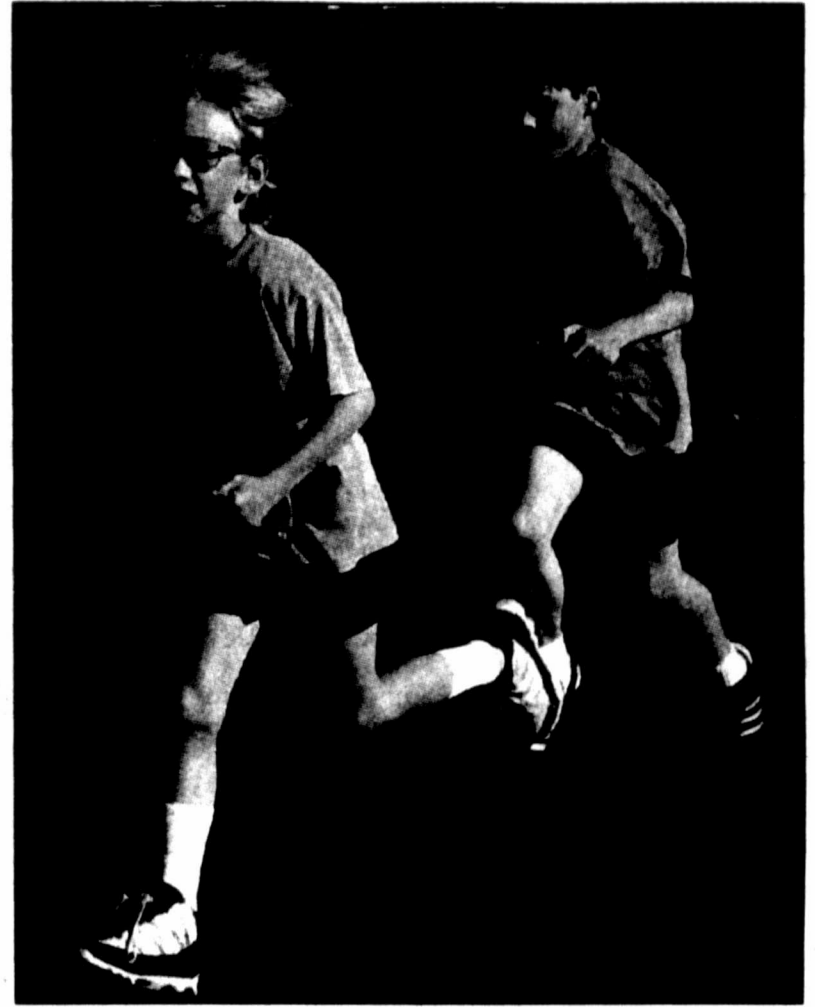
A law passed three years ago allows counties to restrict fireworks during dry conditions by designating a "safe area" of either public or private land where residents can ignite fireworks.

Trout said he had a meeting Monday morning with Parker County, urging it to exercise its options under the legislation that was passed to protect the fireworks industry in the event of a drought. He said he would like to avoid filing another lawsuit.

"That was the whole purpose of the bill, to say that if there's a problem in the drought areas, let's limit it to one site and better control the area," Trout said.

Consumer fireworks cannot be sold until June 24.

## Summer recreation fun



(Pampa News Photo by Tiffanie Franks)  
**Dusty Sanders and John Cree do warm up sprints at the PHS track during summer recreation this morning. The program is designed to give students an opportunity to play different types of sports and learn about teamwork.**

## Dole woos middle class with talk of low interest and balanced budget

By SANDRA SOBIERAJ  
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CHESTER, Va. (AP) — Keeping up his drumbeat on the balanced budget amendment before this week's Senate vote, Bob Dole courted middle-class homeowners today with visions of lower interest rates.

The Republican presidential candidate also advised tax-weary voters to be wary of President Clinton's competing offers. While Dole campaigned this morning at a Richmond-area housing development, Clinton was in New Jersey delivering the commencement address at Princeton University, where he proposed new tax breaks for college tuition.

"There he goes again," Dole scoffed from a makeshift platform in front of a home still under construction. He reminded the small crowd gathered on the lawn that Clinton campaigned in 1992 on a middle-class tax cut but pushed through a \$265 billion tax increase as president in 1993.

"Who knows what taxes he'll increase if he should be re-elected," Dole said, with Virginia Gov. George Allen and Sen. John Warner at his side.

Dole, the outgoing Senate majority leader, said he would hold one last vote on the balanced budget constitutional amendment on Thursday. He also said he had settled on a date to resign the Senate next week. "Tuesday. One o'clock. After lunch," he told reporters.

Dole arrived in this middle-class suburb south of Richmond to tour two houses in a new "affordable homes" neighborhood and make the point that the federal budget deficit has spiked interest rates by about 2 percent, costing homeowners thousands of dollars in mortgage interests.

He said Senate passage of the constitutional amendment, which the House has already approved, could

yield "a drop in interest rates almost overnight because (the financial markets) have confidence that the states will ratify the amendment and make it part of the Constitution."

Mark and Amy Dalton showed Dole the three-bedroom home they had hoped to buy before consulting lenders. Making a perfect fit with Dole's political message of the day, the Daltons said the increase in interest rates since January alone added \$65 to their prospective monthly mortgage payments.

"If interest rates do climb even a little, people like us are priced right out of the homes," said Mark Dalton, cradling his 1-year-old daughter, Allison.

Later, challenging Clinton to deliver Democratic votes for passage of the balanced budget amendment, Dole told neighborhood residents, "Here they understand it. I'm not sure they understand it in the White House."

On Monday, Clinton called the amendment a stalling tactic and countered that Dole should help negotiate the requisite spending cuts for a real balanced budget instead of putting a requirement in the Constitution.

A poll released Monday indicates Americans are split over whether it's possible to cut taxes and balance the budget.

The survey, conducted for CBS News and The New York Times, found 46 percent of Americans saying it is not possible to do both and 46 percent saying it is.

Asked to choose, 49 percent said they would prefer reducing the deficit, while 47 percent prefer tax cuts.

Deficit reduction was favored most strongly by Republicans surveyed. Fifty-eight percent of them said the deficit should come first, compared with 45 percent of Democrats and independents.

The telephone poll, conducted with 880 adults May 31 to June 2, had a margin of error of 3 percentage points.



**Low tonight in mid 60s, high tomorrow 90s. See Page 2 for weather details.**

**TYLER (AP) —** Four Texans have pleaded guilty to charges of transporting wildlife across state lines in violation of hunting laws, federal prosecutors say.

The men went on a hunting trip to Wyoming, where they used artificial lights at night to kill five mule deer and a bobcat, court documents show.

The Texans then brought the animals to Texas.

But the mule deer and the bobcat are protected game animals in the State of Wyoming, documents show.

The U.S. attorney's office said defendants pleading guilty to participating in a November 1995 conspiracy to transport in interstate commerce wildlife taken in violation of state law include Billie John Harpole Jr., 42, of Golden.

The defendants face up to one year in prison, a \$100,000 fine and one year of supervised release, along with restitution to the state of Wyoming.

**FORT WORTH (AP) —** Prosecutors want a convicted child molester's bail boosted following his indictment on federal firearms charges, with police prepared to gather supporting signatures from his Central Texas home town.

Timothy Ernest Nemecek, a member of one of the most prominent families in West, has been held at the U.S. Federal Correctional Institute in Seagoville since his indictment last month.

That prompted prosecutors to ask U.S. District Judge Robert Maloney for an increase in Nemecek's \$25,000 bail.

Since his return to the streets, Nemecek has been arrested twice on child-sex charges.

**HOUSTON (AP) —** A 160-year-old Houston map, missing for eight years, is back in the hands of its rightful owners.

John Fox, a former Houston Title employee, sued nationally-known antiques dealer W. Graham Arader III over ownership of the map.

In court documents, Fox said he acquired the map several years ago and had it framed and hung in his living room. He said he had his sister-in-law take it to Arader's Houston shop for an appraisal.

Arader, however, said the sister-in-law wanted to sell the map. He sent her a check for \$8,000. But Fox later demanded the map returned, saying Arader had put a \$98,000 price tag on it.

Meanwhile, a former employee of Houston Title read about the feud in the *Houston Chronicle* and called to say the company might be the rightful owner of the map.

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## City leaders begin budget talks

By CHERYL BERZANSKIS  
News Editor

Pampa commissioners plan to meet again at 5 p.m. tonight to hear more proposals from department heads and board members about what the city needs and how badly they need it. They spent over four hours Monday listening to department heads talk about their departments' missions and plans in preparation for serious budget discussions later this summer.

Managers of two facilities told the panel compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act is major part of their planning for the next year. M.K. Brown Auditorium manager Seleta Chance said the most important part of her capital improvement plan is commissioning a \$22,000 architectural study to find out how to comply with ADA.

Librarian Dan Snider estimated \$18,000 will pay for architectural and engineering work to learn how to bring Lovett Memorial Library in to ADA compliance. He said he expects the advisory board to hire a consultant Monday to do the work. Snider also expects the Lovett Library Foundation to underwrite capital improvements to the library which include computers and interior lighting.

Chance said the auditorium owns amplifiers for the hearing impaired, but needs restroom

renovation to ADA standards.

An outdoor ramp has been remodeled to the standards, she said.

She also urged continuation of an auditorium rewiring program to replace aluminum copper alloy wiring. The project is about 60 percent complete, she said.

A second 70 ton air conditioner is needed at a cost of \$32,000, she said.

Chance said because more and more auditorium users are not smoking, she believes a high volume air cleaner is not necessary and significant restroom repairs can be postponed until the ADA study is complete.

New draperies are to be installed within 90 days and the auditorium floor is being refinished, Chance explained. The light dimmer system was repaired with grant money this year, she said.

Thirty thousand people will play at Hidden Hills Public Golf Course this year, said advisory board member Doug Dubose, with up to 50 men playing on Wednesdays alone.

Dubose told the panel he has volunteers at work on cart paths with 300 feet of concrete placed. He noted revenue up 17.5 percent for the year.

He told commissioners he does not believe the course should be pressured to pay its way when other departments do

not, such as the library.

"I love that golf course, but I assure you the commissioners have been generous in keeping that thing afloat," Mayor Bob Neslage told him about the city subsidized course.

The capital improvement budget for the course includes a utility truck, green mower, tree program, cart path program and golf cart lease payments totaling \$65,500.

Reed Kirkpatrick of the parks and recreation department told commissioners his top three capital improvements include a four-wheel driver mower at \$15,000, restrooms at Lions Club Park at \$50,000, and a Ditch Witch machine at \$17,500.

Lions Club Park is receiving more use due to the soccer games being played there and its adoption by Hispanos Unidos and a Boy Scout Troop.

Parks and recreation advisory board member Rey Cardenas asked commissioners to set up a separate account for the \$1 monthly donation-by-water-bill so "citizens could see more accountability in the use of their money for park improvement. Seventy five cents of the \$1 donation goes to parks, the other 25 cents to Clean Pampa Inc.

From a test survey conducted by the advisory board, Cardenas said, he learned citizens believe their parks are in poor condition.

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## Services tomorrow

**MEECH, Dora H.** — Graveside services, 11 a.m., Fairview Cemetery, Pampa.

## Obituaries

### WILLIAM DARRILL FLOYD

William Darrill Floyd, 37, of Pampa, died Monday, June 3, 1996. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday in Fairview Cemetery with the Rev. Delbert White, pastor of the Fellowship Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Floyd was born Jan. 24, 1959, at Pampa. He was a lifetime Pampa resident. He was a 1978 Pampa High School graduate and member of the Pampa High School Band. He was a member of the Four Square Church and was an avid Dallas Cowboys football fan.

He was preceded in death by his father, William Floyd, Jr., in 1987, and by a sister, Sandra Gill Whitney, in 1969.

Survivors include his mother, Oneta Floyd, of the home, and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

### CLYDE MEDKIEF

Clyde Medkief, 93, of Pampa, died Monday, June 3, 1996. Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday in Carmichael-Whitley Colonial with Dr. R.L. Kirk, pastor of the First United Methodist Church, officiating. Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Medkief was born Sept. 19, 1902, in Georgia. He married Lola Venice Cook on Jan. 1, 1936, at Seymour, Texas. He was a longtime Pampa resident and was a member of the First United Methodist Church. He was an avid fisherman.

Survivors include his wife, Lola, of the home; two sons and daughters-in-law, Clyde Jr. and Helen Medkief of Augusta, Kan., and Huey Cook and Norma Medkief of Houston; four grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and a great-great-grandchild.

The family will receive friends from 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home and requests memorials be to the First United Methodist Church.

### DORA H. MEECH

Dora H. Meech, 86, a former Pampa resident, died Monday, June 3, 1996, at Amarillo. Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday in Fairview Cemetery with Dr. Jordan Grooms, retired Methodist minister, officiating.

Burial will be under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Meech was born May 3, 1910, at Woodward, Okla., and graduated from Woodward High School. She married Charles S. Meech on May 26, 1935 at Woodward; he died in 1979. She moved to Pampa in 1943 and to Amarillo in 1983. She taught school at Horace Mann Elementary in Pampa for 20 years, retiring in 1970. She was a member of the Polk Street United Methodist Church.

Survivors include a daughter, Linda Adkins of Amarillo; a sister, Ruth Reynolds of Monroe, La.; two grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to the Baptist/St. Anthony's Oncology Unit, 1600 Wallace Blvd., Amarillo, 79106; or to a favorite charity.

## Stocks

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

Wheat	5.49	
Milo	7.86	
Corn	8.59	

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

Nowco	25 5/8	dn 1/4
Occidental	25 1/2	NC

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

Magellan	74.70	
Puritan	17.76	

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

Amoco	72 1/8	dn 1/8
Arco	119 3/4	up 1/4
Cabot	27 1/2	up 1/4
Cabot O&G	16 3/4	NC
Chevron	59	dn 1/4
Coca-Cola	46 1/8	dn 1/8
Columbia/HCA	53 1/2	up 1/8
Diamond Sham	32 3/8	dn 1/2
Enron	40 1/4	NC
Halliburton	55 1/4	up 1
Ingersoll Rand	41 7/8	NC
KNE	33 1/4	dn 1/4
Kerr McGee	59 3/4	up 1/2
Limited	21 3/8	up 1/8
Mapco	57 7/8	NC
McDonald's	48 1/8	dn 1/2
Mobil	113 3/8	up 1
New Atmos	24	dn 1/4
Parker & Parsley	24 7/8	up 1/8
Penney's	51 5/8	up 1/8
Phillips	41 3/4	up 1/2
SLB	83 1/2	up 1 1/4
SPS	31 1/4	up 1/2
Tenneco	54 1/8	up 1/4
Texaco	83 5/8	up 1/2
Wal-Mart	26 3/8	up 3/8
New York Gold	390.00	
Silver	5.23	
West Texas Crude	19.86	

# Libertarians host statehood forum

By MICHAEL HOLMES  
Associated Press Writer

The Libertarian Party of Texas, which wants voters to decide the question of independence or statehood, has invited Republic of Texas officials to discuss their call for independence at a forum accompanying the party's convention in Lubbock this weekend.

"Libertarians believe in letting people present their ideas," convention chairman Richard H. King said Monday.

"We don't run from ideas; we love to debate and argue them. We wanted there to be a place where they (the Republic) could state for the record what they're all about," King said.

The Republic of Texas group's members believe the U.S. annexation of Texas in 1845 was illegal and, therefore, do not recognize

Texas statehood.

Recently members of the group staged demonstrations, convened their own "common law" courts and filed hundreds of nuisance lawsuits and liens.

Several weeks ago, one Republic of Texas leader, Rick L. McLaren, was ordered to jail by U.S. District Judge Lucius Bunton until he promised to stop his group from serving landholders with bogus liens.

"There's so much on the Internet about what the Republic of Texas guys are doing. And also, an issue with Libertarians is property rights and personal freedoms," King said.

He said the Friday night forum will be open to the public.

"We're inviting everyone in Lubbock who is interested in this question to attend the public forum."

Wesley W. Burnett of Post, a

Libertarian official, said the party's platform long has called on the Texas Legislature to place a binding referendum on the question of statehood or independence on the ballot.

"It's been in the platform for a number of years," Burnett said. "It goes back to the earliest days (of the party)."

Burnett also said he expects the issue to be discussed by Libertarian candidates before the November general election.

Gov. George W. Bush said Monday there's no reason for a referendum and that history is on his side.

"We are a state. We ought to remain a state," he said. "My predecessor Sam Houston resigned office as a result of Texas making this decision (to secede). He felt Texas ought to remain a state and I agree with him."

## Police report

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

### FRIDAY, May 31

A missing person was reported in the 2600 block of Cherokee.

### SATURDAY, June 1

Threats were reported by an 18 year old boy in the 1800 block of North Christy.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 1100 block of Prairie at 8:44 a.m. Saturday.

Forgery was reported by Albertson's, 1233 N. Hobart.

A 39 year old man reported aggravated assault in the 800 block of South Faulkner at 6:15 p.m. Saturday.

Theft was reported in the 100 block of South Starkweather.

Alco, 1207 N. Hobart, reported theft.

Domestic violence was reported by a 21 year old woman in the 100 block of North Gray.

Pride of Texas Shows reported theft of seven assorted stuffed animals, six 12-county packs of inflatable bones and a picture of bulldog. Total loss \$70.

### MONDAY, June 3

Assault - Class C was reported in the 400 block of Yeager at 12:10 p.m. Monday.

Theft of a \$230 money order was reported in the 800 block of Beryl. It occurred between 1:30 and 2 p.m. Monday.

Alco, 1207 N. Hobart, reported theft.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 800 block of East Jordan at 2:28 p.m. Monday.

An information report was filed by Officer Kyle Battin in the 1500 block of Dogwood. No further information was available.

### TUESDAY, June 4

Officer Kyle Battin reported someone evading arrest or detention in the 900 block of Duncan at 1:24 a.m. Tuesday.

## Ambulance

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

### MONDAY, June 3

10:02 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1900 block of North Banks on a medical assist and transported one patient to Columbia Medical Center.

2:34 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the intersection of 23rd and Price on a medical assist and transported one patient to Columbia Medical Center.

2:43 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 700 block of West Brown on a possible trauma. No patient was transported.

6:25 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1800 block of North Zimmers on a medical assist and transported one patient to Columbia Medical Center.

7:19 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to a local nursing facility on a medical assist and transported one patient to Columbia Medical Center.

### TUESDAY, June 4

Midnight — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1000 block of South Farley on a medical assist and transported one patient to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

12:14 a.m. — Two units and four personnel responded to 1025 S. Farley on a medical assist.

## Fires

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

### TUESDAY, June 4

12:14 a.m. — Two units and four personnel responded to 1025 S. Farley on a medical assist.

## 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, June 3

Agency assistance was rendered to Hutchinson County Sheriff's Office.

### TUESDAY, June 4

A 1982 Chevrolet pickup was reported stolen at the Black Gold Restaurant. Loss is \$2,000. It was driven off while the owner was inside.

## Calendar of events

### BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC

Quality LifeStyles of Pampa will be conducting a free blood pressure clinic from 10-11 a.m. Wednesday, June 5, at Wal-Mart. The clinic is available for anyone who wishes to take advantage of the clinic.

## Getting ready to read



(Pampa News photo by Chip Chandler)

Griven Kissell, seated, and brother Ian Kissell get a head start on their summer reading Monday afternoon after registering in the library summer reading program. Lovett Memorial Library's yearly program kicked off Monday, continuing next week with a program on swimming safety. Programs begin at 1 p.m. Participants get prizes after reading more than 400 total minutes over the summer, librarian Dan Snider said. Though the program only runs this month, Snider said kids who aren't in town throughout June can still earn points all summer.

## Mescalero gambling pact illegal, judge says

By MARTHA MENDOZA  
Associated Press Writer

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — In a decision that could have far-reaching effects for Indian gambling in New Mexico, a federal judge has ruled that a casino operated by the Mescalero Apache tribe is illegal.

The compact between the Mescaleros and the state of New Mexico is a nullity. Therefore, there is no compact in effect," U.S. District Judge John Conway said after a 40-minute hearing in federal court here Monday.

Conway's decision, which he said he will follow with a written ruling later this week, was a blow to Mescalero Apache President Wendell Chino.

"Once we get out of New Mexico, we will get a better shot," said Chino, referring to a possible appeal that could be

heard at the 10th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Denver.

But Chino refused to say more to reporters, and his attorney, Gregory Quinlan, said he been asked by the tribal president not to comment.

Conway's ruling answers the first of two legal questions about gambling in New Mexico: whether compacts signed in January 1995 by Gov. Gary Johnson — but not approved by the state legislature — were legal.

Monday's ruling, backed by previous state Supreme Court rulings and opinions from the state Legislature, say those agreements were not valid because they did not have the necessary approvals.

A second question — whether casinos are legal in New Mexico under any circumstances — remains to be answered by U.S. District Judge Martha Vazquez of

Santa Fe. She has scheduled arguments on motions in the case June 18-19.

Federal law on Indian gambling says tribes may conduct games that are permitted in New Mexico for other organizations. If charitable organizations can't conduct casino games at Las Vegas style fund-raisers, neither can the Indians operate casinos, opponents argue.

The state Supreme Court last November ruled that electronic and video games and Las Vegas-style gambling are illegal in New Mexico.

Victor Marshall, an Albuquerque attorney who argued on behalf of the state, said Monday's decision should go a long way toward eliminating gambling from the state.

"This decision takes us a giant step forward to help prevent New Mexicans from being swindled,"

## City briefs

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**CHICKEN EXPRESS** - Tuesday Only, Customer Appreciation Day 15% off. 2201 Perryton Parkway. Adv.

**1996 PAMPA High School** Graduation Video, \$15. 665-8186. Adv.

**JENNIFER, SCOTT** and big sister Kailyn welcome Logan Scott McClelland, June 3, 1996. Maternal grandparents Mike and Donna Caskey, Shawn Caskey, uncle. Adv.

**CHANEY'S CAFE** - Tuesday 5-8 p.m. Pork chops, baked chicken, chicken gizzards, chicken fried steak. 716 W. Foster. Adv.

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## Weather focus

### LOCAL FORECAST

Partly cloudy tonight with a low near 65 and south winds 10-20 mph. A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Wednesday, partly sunny with a high near 92 and south winds to 20 mph and gusty. A slight chance of showers. Thursday, variable cloudiness with a high near 92 and a low near 65. Monday's high was 81. Pampa received 0.32 inch of moisture in the 24-hour reporting period ending at 6 a.m. today.

### REGIONAL FORECAST

**West Texas - Panhandle:** Tonight, partly cloudy with a slight chance of evening thunderstorms west and central. Chance of evening thunderstorms east. Lows in the mid 50s to mid 60s. Wednesday, partly sunny with a slight chance of late afternoon thunderstorms east. Highs 90 to 95. Wednesday night, a slight chance of mainly evening thunderstorms east, otherwise mostly clear. Lows in the upper 50s to mid 60s. South Plains/Low Rolling Plains: Tonight, partly cloudy with scattered evening showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the mid 60s. Wednesday, mostly sunny. Highs in the mid 90s.

Wednesday night, fair. Lows in the 60s. Permian Basin/Upper Trans Pecos: Tonight, partly cloudy with scattered evening showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the mid 60s. Wednesday, mostly sunny. Highs near 100. Wednesday night, fair. Lows 65-70.

**North Texas - Tonight,** considerable cloudiness with scattered thunderstorms. More numerous northeast with rain heavy at times. Lows 65 to 71. Wednesday, partly cloudy and windy central and west. Mostly cloudy east. A chance of thunderstorms central and east. Highs 85 to 93. Wednesday night, partly cloudy. A slight chance of thunderstorms east. Lows 69 to 74.

**South Texas - Hill Country and South Central Texas:** Tonight, partly cloudy with isolated thunderstorms. Chance of rain less than 20 percent. Lows in the lower 70s. Wednesday, some morning cloudiness, then partly sunny and hot. Highs in the upper 90s. Wednesday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 70s Southeast Texas and Upper Texas Coast: Tonight, mostly cloudy with a slight chance of showers. Lows in the lower 70s inland to near 80 coast. Wednesday, some morning cloudiness, then partly sunny and hot with a slight chance of

showers or thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 90s inland to upper 80s coast. Wednesday night, mostly cloudy with a slight chance of showers or thunderstorms. Lows in the lower 70s inland to near 80 coast.

### BORDER STATES

**NEW MEXICO —** Tonight, partly cloudy with a few evening thunderstorms east. Fair skies west. Lows upper 30s to mid 50s mountains and northwest, 50s to mid 60s elsewhere. Wednesday, mostly sunny. Warm to hot in the afternoon. Highs 80s to mid 90s mountains and north, mid 90s to near 105 eastcentral plains and southern lowlands. Wednesday night, fair skies. Lows upper 30s to mid 50s mountains and northwest, mid 50s to 60s elsewhere.

**OKLAHOMA —** Tonight, mostly cloudy with a chance of showers and thunderstorms, mainly central, south central, and southeast Oklahoma. Lows in the 60s. Wednesday, partly cloudy with a slight chance of afternoon showers and thunderstorms central and southeast Oklahoma. Highs from the mid 80s to lower 90s. Wednesday night, partly cloudy. A slight chance of thunderstorms central and southeast Oklahoma. Lows mainly in the 60s.

# Medicare hospital fund will run out of money sooner than expected, trustees report

WASHINGTON (AP) — Medicare trustees are to report Wednesday that the system's hospital fund is going broke even faster than previously expected.

While that news is not unexpected, it prompted the head of the American Hospital Association to say that partisan political factions aren't likely to fix the program and that an independent citizens commission should be established to find a solution.

Republicans and Democrats have been debating Medicare "and demonizing one another," AHA President Dick Davidson said. "That hasn't served the American people."

The new report, he said, "will tell us

what we knew last year: The situation gets worse and worse."

Asked about an independent citizens commission, House Speaker Newt Gingrich said today that, "certainly, that's one of the things we ought to be exploring as a way of getting it solved."

Gingrich said Medicare reform could be accomplished "if the president will sit down and say, 'all right, we can find a compromise, I think sometime this summer we could pass a Medicare bill.'"

In their report a year ago, the Medicare trustees predicted the hospital fund would be broke by 2002. Preliminary reports from the trustees since then and an estimate from the Congressional Budget Office now predict bankruptcy by 2001.

Whether the fund goes broke in 2002, 2001, 2000 or sooner is the wrong focus, Davidson said.

"We need a long-term solution," he said during a panel discussion on Medicare at the National Press Club.

Under Davidson's plan, a fulltime commission on Medicare would evaluate the funds needed to maintain current commitments. Then Congress would set a target for how much it wants to spend on the program.

The commission would hold public hearings and translate the congressional target into recommendations for a benefits package and provider payments.

The nine-person, permanent commission would be experts in health care

appointed by the president and confirmed by the Senate, Davidson said.

Last August, Rep. Phil English, R-Pa., introduced a bill to create such a commission, but the measure has not gotten very far in Congress.

On Monday, Democrats responded to comments over the weekend by Gingrich, who accused President Clinton of misleading the elderly about the GOP plans for Medicare "for the purpose of getting their vote."

"People who live in glass houses shouldn't throw stones," House Democratic leader Dick Gephardt said.

"They want to end the Medicare system as we've known it for 30 years," Senate Democratic leader

Tom Daschle said of Republicans.

Laura Tyson, head of Clinton's council of economic advisers, accused Gingrich of "defending the old Republican Medicare program." Interviewed today by CBS, she said it is appropriate to call the GOP proposal a Medicare cut because medical costs would rise more rapidly than Medicare payments.

"If you listened to the numbers he used, he was actually referring to the \$270 billion of cuts that were proposed last year and, I think, resoundingly, defeated by the American people's reaction," she said. "And he questioned whether it was appropriate to call \$270 billion of cuts in Medicare a cut or slowdown in the rate of growth of spending."

## State briefs

### Attorney general's letter raises equipment hauler's ire

FORT WORTH (AP) — Identified by the state as an anti-government group's agent, an El Campo man has criticized Texas Attorney General Dan Morales for the listing.

While a spokesman for Morales says Tim Ryan should disregard one of 55 letters the attorney general's office mailed, the southeast Texas oilfield equipment hauler's lawyer was concerned about possible damage.

"It's incredible to me that a group of lawyers wouldn't realize the impact of a letter like that," said Geep Hardy of Houston, Ryan's lawyer. "If you brand somebody, it takes a helluva lot of surgery to remove that brand."

Last month, Ryan and others received a notice from Morales that if members of the Republic of Texas group break state laws, they will be prosecuted.

But Ryan, who was listed with the Secretary of State's office as agent for the Republic group, said he isn't associated with its members.

### Texas congressman alleges wrongdoing by feds in L.A.

WASHINGTON (AP) — A Texas congressman has alleged that Federal Reserve employees in Los Angeles were ordered to falsify reports to cover up up \$178 million in discrepancies.

Rep. Henry B. Gonzalez, D-Texas, the senior Democrat on the House Banking Committee and a longtime Fed critic, said he asked the General Accounting Office to conduct an investigation. His allegations are the latest in a string of reports about sloppy management at the Fed.

The Federal Reserve operates one of the biggest currency processing centers in the United States.

"We cannot allow the central bank of the United States, the main custodian of the nation's currency and coin, to commit continual and serious errors in reporting its currency and coin operations," the San Antonio Democrat said Monday in a letter to Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan.

Gonzalez said he was informed by sources, whom he did not identify, that Fed personnel in Los Angeles had been instructed to eliminate discrepancies in currency flows at the Los Angeles vault that in the last three months of 1995 totaled \$178 million.

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## Bush optimistic about natural gas industry

AUSTIN (AP) — After a bruising decade, the future is looking brighter for natural gas, Gov. George W. Bush says.

Now, he wants to make sure the federal government doesn't do anything to change his optimism. Bush, in a Monday speech to the Texas Independent Producers and Royalty Owners Association, praised oil and gas producers for "surviving 10 of the toughest years any industry has ever gone through."

Bush, a former oil and gas producer in Midland, said he would fight to keep the federal government from setting regulations that would slow the growth of natural gas. Texas is the country's leading producer and consumer of the clean-burning fuel.

He said policies set in the late 1970s and early 1980s, such as the Fuel Use Act and Natural Gas Pricing Act, "destroyed the natural gas business" in favor of coal producers.

"The federal government decided how to price the product ... and also in its infinite wisdom, who could use natural gas," Bush said.

"We must never let that happen again in our country. The natural gas business has never yet fully recovered because of those rules and regulations, and yet our environment is worse because of it."

"One of the roles I will play is to say to the federal government when the natural gas business gets good, and I'm convinced it's about to get good again, 'Leave Texas alone.'"

Bush said any time demand has increased for natural gas "there is a temptation by East Coast-type senators and members of the House to confiscate

cash flow and overregulate the business.

"My job as governor is to raise the political stakes for any attempt to do that."

Bush said Mexican government officials have indicated a desire to use natural gas in the country's industrial plants.

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Opinion

**Replacing 'most favored' status**

The first thing to do regarding China is to eliminate the term "most favored nation" from the lexicon of international diplomacy as part of a deliberate and well-publicized policy of divorcing economic policy from diplomatic and political policy. Then violations, or alleged violations, of international agreements can be handled as circumstances determine.

The most-favored-nation status, which the Clinton administration recently decided to confer on China even as it announced it was ready to impose sanctions over the issue of violations of copyright and intellectual property rights, means that a country gets to ship goods here at the lowest tariff rates available.

But the very terminology implies that doing so is a great boon or benefit bestowed on that country by the all-wise rulers of the United States - even though most countries, including many with sorry human rights records, have most-favored-nation status. Those words imply that high tariffs are the norm, and imposing lower tariffs is something done only for very special friends with pristine political records.

When understood that way, it's little wonder many Americans wonder whether China deserves MFN status, even if its government does rule over a quarter of the Earth's population. If low tariffs, even zero tariffs, are considered normal, and high tariffs reserved only for special circumstances involving egregious nastiness - and even then used rarely because policy-makers know they hurt American consumers more than they do foreign governments - the psychology could be reversed.

So replace the "most favored nation" terminology with something like "normal economic relations" and announce that normal economic transactions are not to be subjected to political manipulation, no matter how obnoxious another regime is. In the long run, that will be the best way to spur democratic and liberal (in the best sense of the word) reform, which typically follows when a country becomes prosperous enough to have a large middle class with the means to demand political rights.

In such a policy regime, political and diplomatic problems could be handled separately from economic activity. If China upsets the United States - as it seems to be trying to do with provocative actions like the recent war games near Taiwan and the manufactured flap over allowing Taiwanese president Lee Teng-hui to visit the United States - then deal with the regime politically, using political sanctions rather than threats of economic sanctions.

That wouldn't offer an automatic solution to the current dispute over unauthorized copying and mass duplication of American products - computer software, music CDs and tapes - by Chinese companies. Such production (sometimes, apparently, for export, in direct competition with authorized products) does harm American companies. And the Chinese government did enter into a solemn agreement to crack down on such activity, which it seems to have observed sporadically at best.

All that is reprehensible, but is the threat of sanctions on unrelated Chinese products the best way to gain compliance? For that matter, should it be the job of the U.S. government, funded by all taxpayers, to act as enforcers for particular American companies that hold copyrights?

If the Chinese really want to develop their economy through international trade, they will eventually have to come to terms with protection of intellectual property. If American and other non-Chinese companies believe they're being ripped off systematically, they'll become more reluctant to trade with China and economic growth in China and elsewhere will be retarded.

At the same time, however, the growth and dissemination of reproduction technologies and institutions such as the Internet have made protection of intellectual property a whole new ball game. Copyrights, invented to protect those who put words on paper, have only limited relevance to an electronic world.

It's more likely that private companies with a direct interest in protecting their rights (and profits) will develop new ways to protect those rights (probably through a trial-and-error process that involves numerous errors) than that the world's governments will successfully adapt copyright concepts to a new technology. Maybe the governments should get out of the way and let the companies - many of which are large and more sophisticated about international business than most diplomats handle this problem.

**Lip service to drug problems**

Americans are endlessly searching for solutions to our drug problem. Beefing up law enforcement has cost a lot but accomplished little. Legalization is too scary. Education and "just say no" campaigns haven't gotten rid of the dealers or the addicts. Is there another answer?

It so happens there is, at least for the growing problem of heroin addiction, but it comes with a catch. This solution costs very little, reduces the crime and other social ills caused by drug use and doesn't involve legalization. What's the catch? The catch is that we have to be sensible for a change.

The remedy is methadone, which has been used for nearly 30 years to relieve the symptoms of withdrawal from heroin addiction. Drug experts widely agree that of all the forms of drug treatment we have tried, methadone is by far the most effective.

Junkies who turn to methadone, studies have shown, improve their lives in all sorts of ways. They commit less crime. They reduce or eliminate their use of illegal drugs. They are less apt to contract the virus that causes AIDS. They pose less of a danger to themselves and everyone else.

Many patients have to stay on the drug indefinitely, but this is no cause for concern. At about \$4,000 a year to participate in a treatment program, it's much cheaper than a heroin habit, which can cost ten times that much. In the right dose, methadone doesn't produce a "high" or a sedative effect. Patients remain clear-headed, alert and able to carry on normal daily tasks, from working to driving. There are no significant side effects or long-term risks.

The downside? There is none. Skeptics lament the diversion of some methadone to the black market and disapprove of trading one form of opiate addiction for another.

But this is petty carping. Methadone is never going to be a big party drug. The only people likely



Stephen Chapman

to buy it are addicts who would otherwise buy heroin - possibly people who want to quit but can't or won't go to a clinic. How, exactly, does that worsen the drug problem?

True, it makes absolutely no sense to trade one addiction for another - unless, of course, you want to help junkies become rational, productive, law-abiding citizens whose drug "problem" is no worse than that of a depressed person on Prozac. Why should it bother us if reformed heroin addicts need a legal drug to stay clean? Isn't staying clean enough of an accomplishment?

Unfortunately, our national policy on methadone has been defined by its minor dangers, not its great promise. Ethan Nadelmann and Jennifer McNeely of the Lindesmith Center, a drug-policy think tank in New York, wrote recently in *The Public Interest*, "Methadone-maintenance patients - many of whom stay in treatment for 20 or 30 years - are often subject to stricter supervision than convicted probationers and parolees."

An addict who wants methadone treatment has to go to a special clinic that is staffed by doctors who have been specifically authorized to dispense the drugs, laboring under a welter of regulations on staffing, security, record-keeping and treatment. In

some places, an addict has to go to the clinic every day to get her medicine, even if it means hours of driving. Regular urine tests are mandatory.

As a result, methadone treatment costs far more than it needs to, and many addicts give it up or never start it because of the hassle. A study issued last year by the National Academy of Sciences found that current policy "puts too much emphasis on protecting society from methadone and not enough on protecting society from the epidemics of addiction, violence and infectious diseases that methadone can help reduce."

The best alternative is simple: Make methadone available by prescription, like other medicines, letting doctors dispense it to their patients who need it. Some addicts would continue to prefer clinics that provide counseling and job help. But, for the majority, whose only real need is methadone, the change would be a great boon.

Making methadone easier to get would almost certainly entice many heroin addicts to kick the habit. In Amsterdam, where methadone is much easier to get legally, the proportion of addicts in treatment is three times higher than in the United States.

Dr. Marc Shinderman, a psychiatrist who owns and runs the well-regarded Center for Addictive Problems in Chicago, argues that the medicine is now "severely overregulated" and notes studies showing that addicts improve when they get no services but only methadone. "There would be some abuses with greater access, but they would be trivial compared to the benefits in terms of crime in the streets, illness and illicit drug use," he says.

Drug enforcers think we need even tighter controls. But they've got it backward. Methadone is a solution, not a problem. If we're not willing to embrace it, we should stop pretending that solutions are what we want.

**Today in history**

By The Associated Press  
Today is Tuesday, June 4, the 156th day of 1996. There are 210 days left in the year.

Today's highlight in history:  
In the early hours of June 4, 1896, Henry Ford made a successful test run with his horseless carriage, called a "quadricycle," through the streets of Detroit.

On this date:  
In 1812, the Louisiana Territory was renamed the Missouri Territory.

In 1878, Turkey turned Cyprus over to the British.

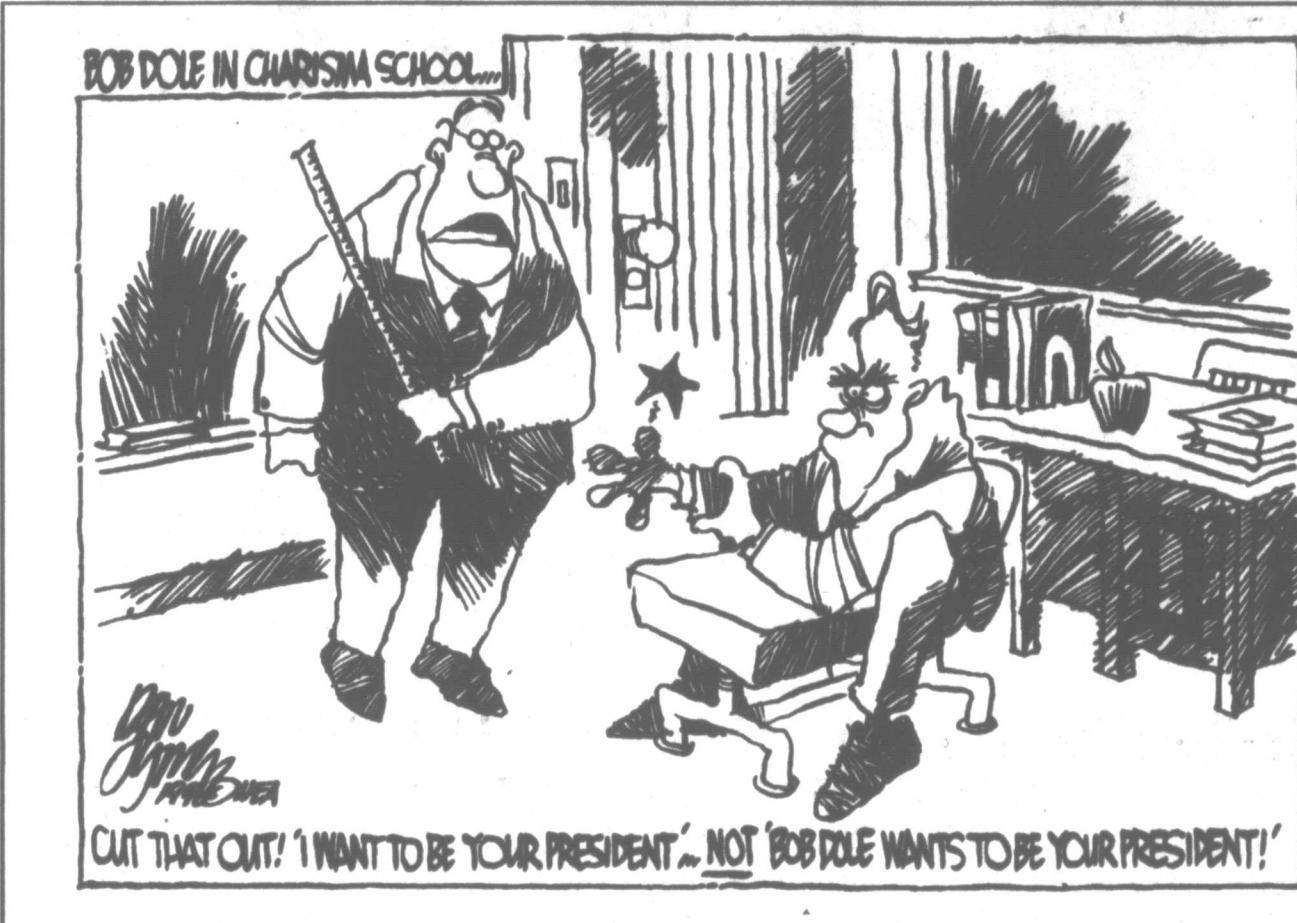
In 1892, the Sierra Club was incorporated in San Francisco.

In 1940, the Allied military evacuation from Dunkirk, France, ended.

In 1942, the Battle of Midway began during World War II.

In 1947, the House of Representatives overwhelmingly approved the Taft-Hartley Act.

In 1954, French Premier Joseph Laniel and Vietnamese Premier Buu Loc initiated treaties in Paris according to "complete independence" to Vietnam.



**Dole's savvy exit from the Senate**

Charley Reese

For those of you interested in the tactics of the presidential race, Bob Dole made a very smart move in resigning from the Senate. The Democrats had him in a box, and now he's escaped.

As majority leader of the Senate, Dole was in a no-win situation for a number of reasons. First, the Republican majority in the Senate is not a conservative majority, and enough Republican liberals side with Democrats to weaken Dole considerably.

For example, it was almost impossible to muster the 60 votes necessary to cut off a filibuster (a refusal to end debate on a bill). That meant the Democrats could, by filibustering, prevent just about any bill from passing. By threatening a filibuster, Democrats could force concessions from Republicans.

This situation is not Dole's fault, but he would, and has, as majority leader been blamed for being an ineffective leader.

Second, the majority leader's position is not a good bully pulpit. As majority leader, Dole is forced to defend a collective work product whose provisions he personally may not even like. But as long as he had to work with other senators, he could not afford to directly criticize his fellow Republicans.

Now that he is outside the Senate, Dole can say what he personally believes and what he personally wants to accomplish without regard for that

collection of giant egos we call a Senate.

A third reason for getting out of the trap of the Senate is that it tied Dole too closely to House Speaker Newt Gingrich. As majority leader, Dole was obligated to try at least to get Gingrich's bills passed. The Democrats have already begun to campaign against "Dole-Gingrich."

Despite that some hard-core Republicans like him, Gingrich in a general election situation is a political liability. His negatives with the public are much greater than Clinton's are. That's in part due to Democrats, but in a large part it is due to Gingrich, whose ego often causes him to suffer from foot-in-mouth disease.

If I were a Dole campaign advisor, I'd tell Gingrich to run the House and stay the heck out of the presidential campaign. Dole needs to project Dole's vision (if any) of America and not be saddled with Gingrich's.

Finally, being majority leader just takes too much time. While Dole was wrestling with legislation, constantly being ambushed and potshot by Democrats, President Clinton has been free to

fly about the country campaigning at the taxpayers' expense.

All incumbent presidents do that. Clinton flies from photo-op to photo-op, from speech to speech, while Dole was hidden away in the Senate arguing and cajoling other senators.

Free from his Senate duties, Dole can also "act presidential" and fly from photo-op to photo-op, and from speech to speech. He is no longer saddled with the work product or the failures of the Senate. He is no longer tied directly to Gingrich.

As a tactical move, Dole's resignation is a big winner, and I'm frankly surprised Dole was smart enough to do it. More than likely, his inner circle convinced him that he was sinking fast where he was. Even so, it is always encouraging to see a man who can recognize when he's in trouble and take action in an effort to get out of it.

None of this means Dole can beat Clinton. But it does mean he has a better chance now than he did, while he was stuck in the Senate.

It is far too early to make any predictions about the vote in November. These days, things happen fast, and nothing is more fickle than public opinion. George Bush went from approval ratings in the 90s all the way to defeat, and it's conceivable, Clinton could sink, too. At any rate, Dole can now at least make it a horse race.

**Curmudgeon calls for sports boycott**

One of the things that sets curmudgeons apart from the crowd is their support for lost causes, and I've got a new one: I'm going to organize a boycott of big league sports.

Another defining characteristic of curmudgeons is that they can't organize worth a hoot, so I anticipate this endeavor will be a flop. So far, I've enlisted only two supporters - myself and my old college roommate, Mr. Richard Klitzberg, formerly of Brooklyn, currently of Boca Raton, Fla. Actually, he's a curmudgeon, too, which means he probably won't join anything. Let me just say I have his sympathy.

Even this is saying a lot. My old roommate went to college on a basketball scholarship, and for four years I heard the names Cousery and Russell a dozen times a day. But now, he pays scant attention to the pro game. He says that too many players are overpaid, egotistical jerks and not worth his time. I agree, which is one of the reasons I am thinking of a boycott.

It really is getting outrageous. A few days ago, Michael Jordan let it be known he will leave the Chicago Bulls next year if they don't pay him \$36 million for the next two years, and that was "the absolute bottom figure." Given, Michael is a good guy, the league's Most Valuable Player and a star of untold brilliance - but \$18 million A YEAR? And this doesn't even count his \$40 million a year in commercial endorsements.

A number of other players - Orlando's Shaquille O'Neal, Miami's Alonzo Mourning and Washington's Juwan Howard to name but three



Joseph Spear

have also let it be known they will be seeking contracts of some \$20 million a season. The AVERAGE salary in the NBA is now \$2 million. Where does this madness stop?

Athletes in other major sports do not make quite as much, but the salaries are still absurd. National Hockey League and National Football League players bring home \$1 million a year on average. Major League Baseball salaries averaged \$1,176,967 on opening day, a jump of 9.9% over the strike-shortened season of 1995.

What makes the situation even more galling is that many of the athletes pulling down the big money are hopeless schmucks. You could name a dozen without drawing a breath, but consider just two. Albert Belle of the Cleveland Indians (\$5.5 million a year) is a dangerously ill-tempered man who frequently lashes out at fans and media and could seriously hurt someone someday. Deion Sanders of the Dallas Cowboys (\$5 million a year)

is such a creep that former Chicago Bears coach cum television analyst Mike Ditka refuses to buy products that Sanders endorses.

Friends who have heard me run through this litany routinely respond, it's the market, stupid. Which, of course, it is. Owners and players would not be raking in millions, and corporations would not be underwriting them, if the public would not bear the cost. And oh, how costly it is getting to be.

As measured by the "fan cost index" devised by the Team Marketing Report newsletter, it costs a family of four \$247.28 to attend a Boston Celtics game, if you include the cost of tickets, parking, programs, souvenirs, food and drink. An Oakland Raiders football game sets the family of four back \$286. A Boston Bruins hockey game rears a \$260 hole in the family budget. An Atlanta Braves contest costs \$121.76.

Yes, it is the market, stupid. And you know what: I am the market. One little sliver of it, anyway - and that is why I am boycotting. You want to contribute to Dennis Rodman's hair dye and tattoo budget, and his \$9,000 a month alimony stipend and his \$3,800 Ferrari payment, feel free. I'm done with it.

As a lifelong sports fan, I'll check the scores, now and then, but I'll seldom watch a game, in stadia or on tube.

I'll give my attention to golf, I think. Yes, it's also a rich game, but at least golf is akin to piece-work. They don't perform, each and every time, they don't take home the bread.

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## As summer heats up, keep lightning safety tips in mind

April showers may be widing down, but watch out for those summer thunderstorms.

That's the advice of the National Weather Service, which marked May as the beginning of lightning season in the U.S. Most Americans can expect to witness roughly 30-35 thunderstorms from May through September, with most occurring in the central and eastern regions of the country.

Lightning packs up to 100 million volts into a space of about one inch. An average bolt holds enough current to light a 100-watt light bulb for three months. The force behind this power is responsible for over \$250 million dollars in property damage annually in the U.S. alone. Most of the damage is to homes and businesses, with more than 30,000 damaged by direct strikes or through lightning transients that are induced onto power lines.

The Lightning Protection Institute (LPI) cites lightning responsible for more than 30 percent of church fires, while the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) lists lightning as the No. 1 cause of fire in rural areas and a leading cause of fire in urban areas (second only to defective flues and/or faulty wiring).

"It's impossible to predict where and when lightning will strike," says Vladimir Rakov, associate professor of electrical engineering with the Lightning Research Laboratory at the University of Florida in Gainesville. "Lightning's properties continue to baffle our researchers, even though we've been studying the subject for more than 20 years," he adds.

Beyond extensive property damage, lightning claims about 80-100 lives annually — more than hurricanes and tornadoes combined.

"Many lightning-related deaths, injuries and property damage are needless and preventable," says Andrew Larsen, executive director of the Lightning Protection Institute (LPI). "The safest place to be in a thunderstorm is a building equipped with a properly installed lightning protection system."

According to Larsen, a properly installed protection system forces lightning's harmful electrical discharge onto a specified path, dissipating the current, thereby eliminating damage by fire or explosion within non-conductive parts of a structure. The system intercepts the electrical charge and safely guides the current to the ground.

Rakov agrees. "The effectiveness of the lightning protection system depends on the quality of

the system. There are three basic parts to a protection system — the lightning rods, which intercept the lightning; the downward lead, which conducts the lightning to the ground; and the grounding rod itself. If any one part is missing, the system will be ineffective."

Rakov also stresses the importance of connections between all three parts, which must be welded or bolted together. Proper connections prevent gaps that could permit sparking and ignite fires.

"Keeping aware of changing weather conditions and knowing how to react in a storm can save lives. LPI offers the following safety tips to help consumers "weather" the storm season:

- Seek shelter in a protected structure — one guarded by a lightning protection system, which safely harnesses the energy of a strike.

- Avoid contact with the stove, sink, plumbing fixtures, electric appliances and metal objects. Never use the telephone.

- When outdoors, keep away from trees, metal fences, poles and similar upward-projecting objects.

- In a grove of trees, take shelter under the smallest tree and avoid step voltage injury by staying a minimum of 100 ft. away from the most prominent tree or highest point.

- Practice the "flash/bang" method for measuring lightning distance (time from seeing the stroke to hearing thunder). For every slow count of five, lightning is one mile away — a count of 10 equals two miles away, etc. At a count of five, take immediate defensive action. Seek safety in a protected shelter.

- On a golf course, seek shelter in a protected structure (never an isolated shed, which can become a lightning trap), or find a ditch, staying crouched as closely to the ground as possible.

- In the event of injury, call 911 and stay with the victim until help arrives. Victims can suffer electric shock, but won't carry a charge and can be touched to administer care. If the victim is not breathing and has a pulse, administer artificial respiration; if no pulse, begin CPR. Follow up with a physician.

To obtain a free booklet on lightning and safety tips or information on lightning protection systems and a list of LPI Certified Professionals, send a self-addressed, stamped business-size envelope to: LPI, 3335 N. Arlington Heights Rd., Suite E, Arlington Heights, Ill. 60004.

The Lightning Protection Institute is a national not-for-profit organization, based near Chicago, which promotes lightning safety and lightning awareness.

## Former lab executive enters guilty plea in water fraud case

HOUSTON (AP)—A former owner of a laboratory that tested water for cities, refineries and other companies has pleaded guilty to federal charges after misrepresenting the lab's methods were government-approved.

Daniel Brown pleaded guilty Monday to a charge of conspiracy to commit mail fraud involving claims that the results of testing drinking water and wastewater by Texas Environmental Services Inc., of Nederland, were valid.

Brown, former vice president and co-owner, admitted that his company falsely claimed that it was following state and federally approved testing methods between late 1993 through last February.

Brown, 38, faces a maximum sentence of five years in federal prison and a \$250,000 fine. U.S. District Judge Richard Schell will sentence Brown after federal officials complete a pre-sentencing report.

In 1993, the state Natural Resource

Conservation Commission ordered Texas Environmental to stop conducting organic analysis of water. State inspectors found the company's testing procedures were incapable of yielding data of known precision and accuracy.

The tests were designed to detect harmful bacteria in wastewater and drinking water, mainly water that had been treated by industries in the Beaumont-Port Arthur area, said prosecutor Tom Kiehnhoff.

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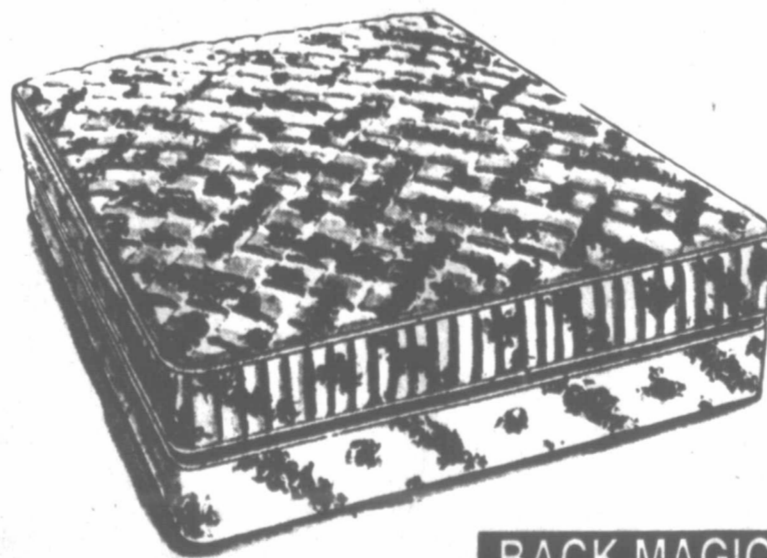


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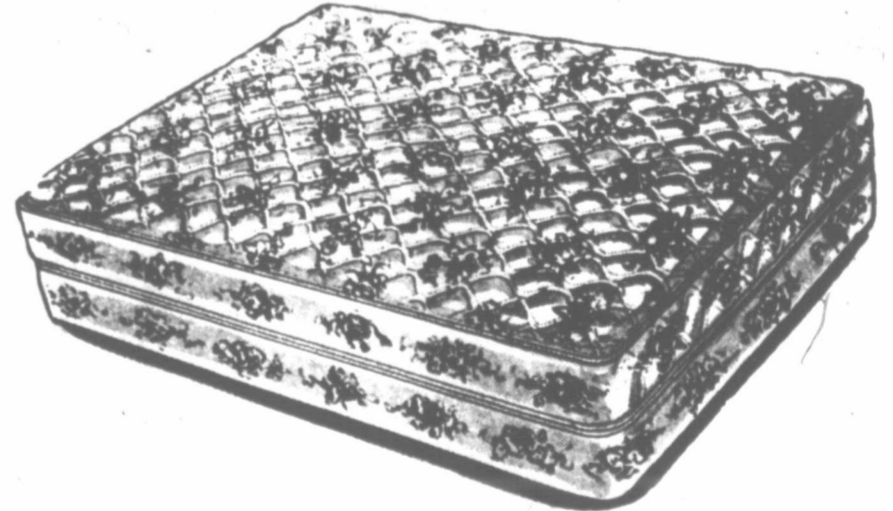
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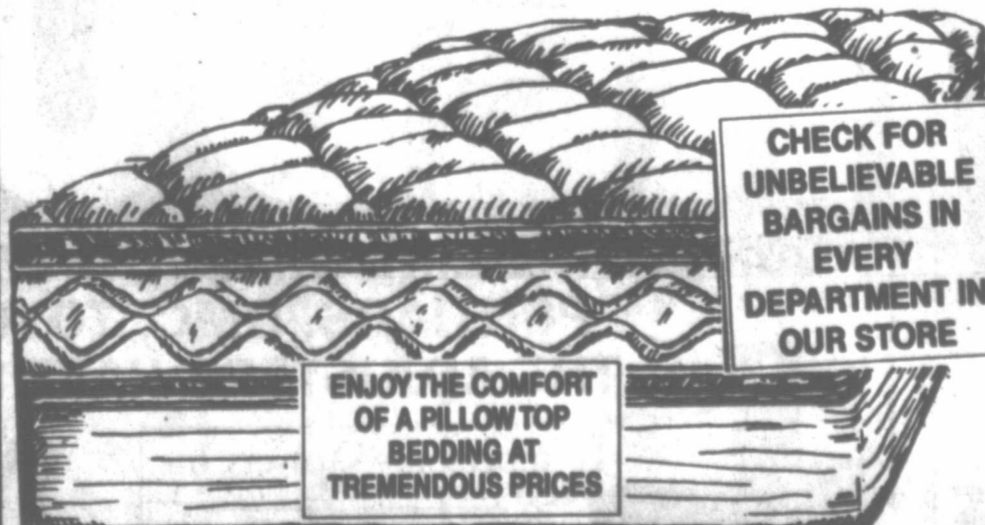
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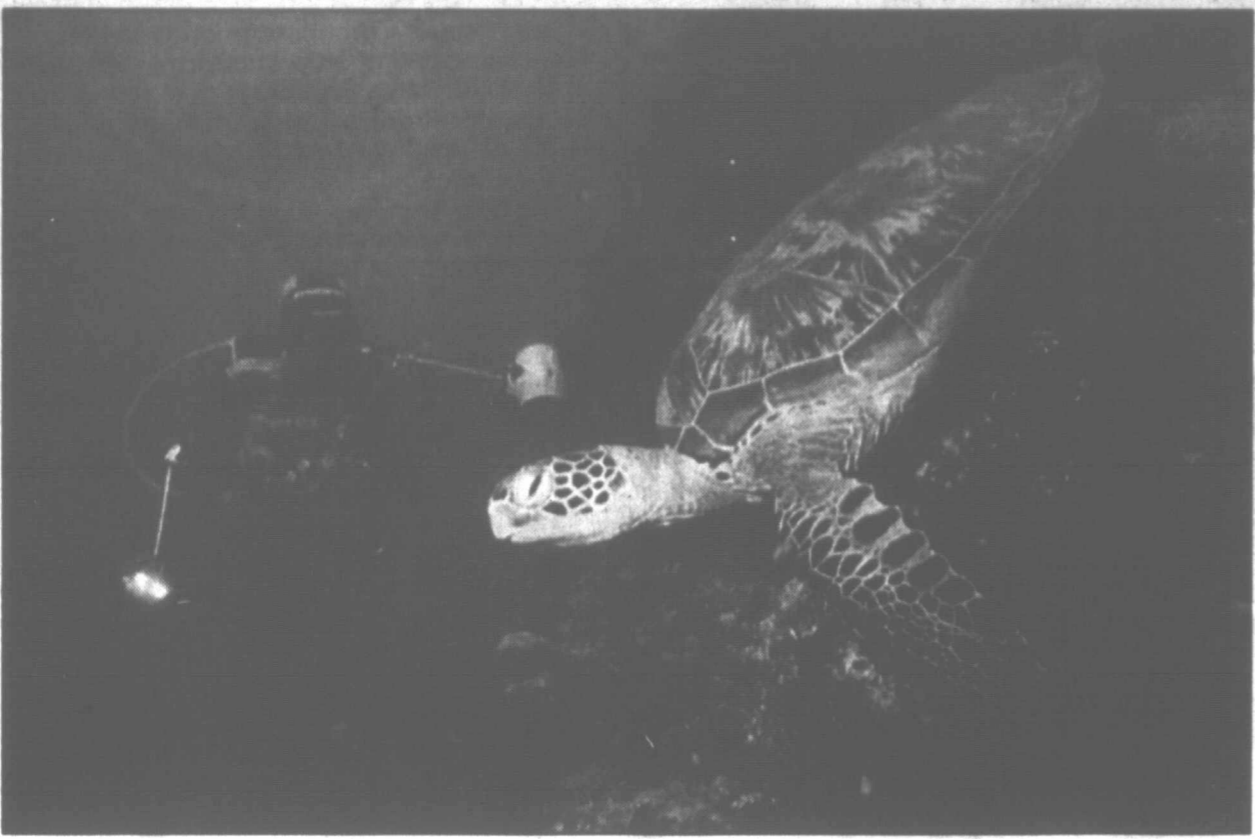
\*The level of revenue increase in these communities constitutes a "major change" as defined by state law.

Copies of the filing are available at the Energas Office at 5110 - 80th Street, Lubbock, Texas 79424, and your local Energas Office.

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## Deep sea spying



(AP photo)

A diver prepares to capture a sea turtle on film in the waters off Sipadan. The island, off the east Malaysian state of Saban, draws divers from around the world.

## Campaign contributions from children; who's really doing the contributing?

WASHINGTON (AP) - It wasn't 8-year-old Jason Corcoran's idea to spend \$1,000 from his bank account to buy a ticket to a Bill Clinton fund-raising lunch last October. Nor was it the idea of his sister Jessica, 17, or brother Joe, 13.

"It was the individual kids' money. It was my idea that they contribute it," said their father, Thomas Corcoran, the president and CEO of a hotel chain. He said he fondly remembered being exposed to the world of politics at a young age, and wanted his children to be able to meet the president.

In taking his wife and children to the Dallas luncheon, Corcoran contributed as much to the Clinton re-election campaign as the legal limit for the political action committee of a major union or corporation: \$5,000.

Last year, people who listed their occupations as "student"

gave more than \$407,000 to presidential primary campaigns, according to a report on a national study by the New Hampshire affiliate of Citizen Action, a liberal advocacy group.

Most of the money came in contributions of the maximum amount an individual can give - \$1,000. And most of the student gifts were "bundled" together with other gifts of family members who were also giving the legal limit.

While Federal Election Commission records do not indicate the age of campaign contributors, Citizen Action said it is likely that many of those listed as students are children whose giving decisions are being made by their parents.

Such gifts can run afoul of campaign finance law, which does not allow campaign contributions to be made in the name of another person and does not permit parents to transfer money to

children with prior knowledge that it will be used as a political contribution.

Kids may give, but only if they "knowingly and voluntarily" do so with their own money, according to federal rules.

The Citizen Action report said the information suggests that families which bundle contributions may circumvent the intent of the law, which is to limit the ability of wealthy individuals to effect the outcome of elections.

The computerized study isolated those who listed their occupations as "student" with the same last name as others in the same city who gave to the same candidate on about the same dates in 1995.

It found that the largest recipient of bundled student contributions was President Clinton, who received \$182,150. His presumptive GOP opponent, Kansas Sen. Bob Dole, received just \$23,000 in student gifts.

## Nation briefs

### Ten-year-old killed in theme park wagon accident

BRANSON, Mo. (AP) - A 10-year-old Mississippi boy was killed when a horse-drawn wagon overturned at an Ozarks theme park, throwing passengers over an embankment.

The wagon's wheels locked up while rounding a corner on an asphalt path Monday, said Doug Sullivan, general manager of the Shepherd of the Hills Homestead and Outdoor Theatre.

The sudden stop caused the two Clydesdale horses to lurch forward and snap a wooden beam that connects the wagon to the animals, Sullivan said.

The wagon lost a wheel on the front left side and the vehicle tipped over, throwing its 11 passengers down an embankment, Sullivan said. The horses then dragged the wagon 50 yards before stopping, he said.

### Judge: Rush Limbaugh book banned from classroom

LYNCHBURG, Va. (AP) - A federal judge has ruled that an elementary school can keep a book by Rush Limbaugh out of the classroom - for now.

The father of Jason Gardner sued Montvale Elementary School after a teacher took Limbaugh's *The Way Things Ought To Be* away from his 9-year-old son during a reading period last month.

U.S. District Judge James Turk denied the father's request for an injunction against the school, saying that because there were only four days left in the school year, continuing the ban would do no harm.

Teacher Bruce Bays said he confiscated the book after noticing a chapter titled "Condom-Bungee Jumping, The New Diploma." The school agreed with the action and banned Jason from reading the book.

### Powell endorses Wisconsin welfare plan

MILWAUKEE (AP) - Retired Gen. Colin Powell said Wisconsin's welfare plan awaiting President Clinton's approval can "break the cycle of welfare dependency" while caring for children.

Powell, in a telephone interview Monday with the *Wisconsin State Journal of Madison*, said he hoped Clinton would waive federal welfare requirements so the plan can take effect.

Wisconsin Works, also known as W-2, would replace the current welfare program, Aid to Families with Dependent Children, with jobs and job training.

Republican Gov. Tommy Thompson visited the White House last week to ask for the waivers. On Friday, Republican House leaders said if Clinton doesn't sign the waivers soon, they will try to pass a bill to allow the program.

## Veterans Land Board reduces interest rates

AUSTIN - The Texas Veterans Land Board has reduced interest rates on land loans to veterans to 6.65 percent.

The board set a 6.65 percent interest rate for loans up to \$20,000 on a 30-year term. On loans up to \$40,000 the new rate will be 8.85 percent on a 30-year term. A five percent minimum down payment is required.

The rates had been 7.64 percent on loans up to \$20,000 and 9.8 percent on loans up to \$40,000.

"This reduction reflects the board's commitment to keeping interest rates for veterans well below market rates in general in both our land and housing program," said Texas Land Commissioner Garry Mauro. "And it reflects the VLB's intention to react quickly and efficiently to market conditions."

In addition to the land program, Texas veterans can receive both home and home improvement loans, a total \$110,000 low-interest loan package.

All Texas veterans loans are

funded by bond sales and there are discount points charged, according to a press release from Mauro's office. Loan costs under the program have consistently been among the lowest in the nation with rates that usually range from a point to point-and-a-half below market rates. Fees on each loan cover the costs of administering the program and the bonds are retired as the borrowers pay off their loans.

The VLB has made nearly 150,000 loans to Texas veterans totaling \$2.5 billion since the program began making loans in 1949.

Last November Texas voters approved a constitutional amendment authorizing the issuance of an additional \$500 in bonds to finance low-interest housing loans for Texas veterans. The measure won voter approval with 59.7 statewide.

Veterans can call the VLB at 1-800-252-VETS for information on rates and eligibility requirements.

## Three agencies say rail merger would harm farmers, exporters

WASHINGTON (AP) - Three federal agencies want to scuttle or drastically alter the proposed Union Pacific-Southern Pacific railroad merger, which they say would cost consumers millions, harm farmers and put U.S. exporters at a disadvantage.

The \$5.4 billion merger, which would create the nation's largest railroad, was attacked Monday by the Agriculture, Justice and Transportation departments as reducing competition and service for rail freight customers.

Nevertheless, the Union Pacific predicted approval when the Surface Transportation Board rules on the deal July 3.

In the toughest comments, the Justice Department estimated the merger could cost consumers \$800 million a year in higher prices and urged the board to kill it as too flawed to remedy.

The Agriculture Department said freight costs probably would rise enough to harm farmers and leave U.S. exporters less competitive in foreign trade. Because Union Pacific did not accept Agriculture's earlier recommendation that it sell off rail segments from the Midwest to the

Gulf and to the West Coast, USDA also opposes the deal.

The Transportation Department added its opposition but argued reduced competition could be remedied if portions of the combined line were sold off to other railroads.

But Union Pacific President Dick Davidson said, "This merger is overwhelmingly pro-competitive and has the written backing of over 1,300 shippers" and support from port officials on the West Coast and in Texas.

He argued the deal could meet the public interest standard used by the board, which is a division of the Transportation Department that succeeded the Interstate Commerce Commission and has authority over the merger.

Union Pacific claims that, with more than 35,000 miles of track, the combined railroad would save more than \$750 million annually and improve Western freight service.

But Justice argued that Southern Pacific's troubles are not serious enough to jeopardize its role as a significant competitor, and the competitive harm would outweigh the claimed benefits.

## U.S. attack bomber shot down by Japanese by mistake

HONOLULU (AP) - A Japanese destroyer accidentally shot down a U.S. attack bomber during joint military exercises off Hawaii. Its two American crew members ejected safely and were rescued in good condition.

The accident occurred at 7:15 p.m. HST Monday (1:15 a.m. EDT today) as the U.S. Navy's A-6E Intruder was towing a gunnery target 1,600 miles west of Hawaii. The Japanese vessel Yuugiri fired at the target but hit the plane instead, and it crashed into the Pacific Ocean, U.S. and Japanese officials said.

The pilot and bombardier, whose names were not immediately released, were rescued within

minutes by the Yuugiri and were able to walk on their own power. The men were taken by helicopter to their home ship, the aircraft carrier USS Independence, and were expected to arrive back in Honolulu by Saturday.

"It's a unique and unfortunate accident, but it's not a tragedy because we recovered both crew members in good condition," Capt. Steve Clawson, spokesman for the U.S. Pacific Fleet.

The 450-foot Yuugiri, which carries a crew of about 200, was using a 22 mm weapons system capable of firing bursts of 3,000 rounds per minute, said Tensuke Kobayashi, a Japanese navy official.

## Texas Archeological Society announces upcoming tour

CLARENDON - A guided tour by Texas Archeological Society members will be conducted at prehistoric and historic sites overlooking Greenbelt Lake in Donley County on June 14 from 2 to 5 in the afternoon. Take Route 70 from Clarendon or I-40 to Howardwick. The route will be marked from Howardwick.

The site is private and closed to the public any other time.

Do you wonder about that rock on your desk, or that arrowhead in your drawer? An artifact identification session will be held at the same time and place as the tour. No artifacts will be kept; however, experts on local archaeological materials will discuss your materials with you. You will learn what the artifacts are and their age. You will be asked where the artifacts originated

and photographs will be taken. This valuable information helps you and scientists build a better picture of the Panhandle Region and makes area site interpretations stronger.

The Texas State Archeologist's Office will have persons present to share with you information on recording and preserving archeological sites on your land, how to join a network of interested persons, and the importance of all archeological resources for the present and the future. They have material for your children and others interested in archeology.

Starting June 8, 200 members of the Texas Archeological Society will be working and learning at their field school on the Greenbelt Lake site. The prehistoric site is dated about 1200-

1400 and was a village that farmed and hunted bison which were plentiful. The crops included corn and probably beans and squash as well. The TAS workers will be on site during the tour to answer your questions.

The youth section of the TAS Field School will be excavating a small Old Clarendon historic structure, probably a house. Old Clarendon, founded by Rev. Carhart in 1878, was the first community in the area.

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# Officials to open forgotten tombs for viewing; hope to attract attention to lesser pyramids

By EILEEN ALT POWELL  
Associated Press Writer

GIZA, Egypt (AP) — Visitors to Egypt will soon be able to see for themselves that pyramids come in many shapes, colors and sizes. Two Pharaonic burial grounds will open to the public this summer in a move archaeologists hope will both take pressure off the Great Pyramids at Giza.

"These are the sites of the forgotten Pharaohs," said Zahi Hawass, antiquities director at Giza. "We've discovered 97 pyramids so far in Egypt, and we're working to make more of them accessible."

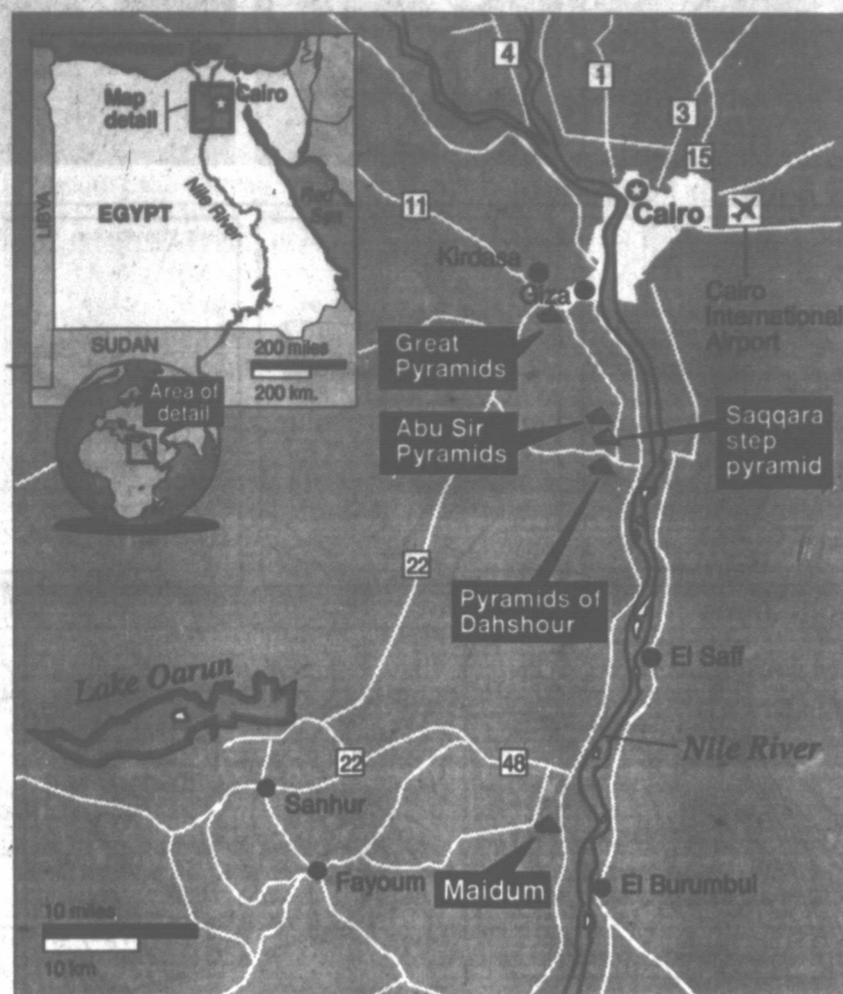
The biggest draw is likely to be the "bent" pyramid built for the Pharaoh Sneferu at Dahshour, 15 miles south of the Giza plateau. It got its nickname because its sides start out at a relatively steep 54-degree angle, then change halfway up to a gentler 43 degrees.

Archaeologists still debate why it got its squat rhomboid form 4,600 years ago, but they agree it's one of the world's earliest examples of an architectural design gone awry.

Also at Dahshour is a red pyramid, colored by the iron in its stones, as well as the gray granite hulk of a third and the white limestone dust of a fourth. At Abu Sir, just six miles to the north, a newly restored funeral complex from the 5th Pharaonic dynasty will open.

Hawass says that one goal of opening Dahshour and Abu Sir is to lure people away from the three Great Pyramids at Giza, on Cairo's western outskirts.

Twelve million tourists visited Giza last year. Those who went inside Cheops, Chephren and Mycerinus contributed to a



AP/Carl Fox

worsening water vapor problem that is causing salt to leach from interior stones and weaken them.

Cheops, Egypt's largest pyramid, was repaired in 1990. Chephren, the middle pyramid, is shut for repairs, and Mycerinus will undergo renovation later this year.

Hawass says it may be necessary "to keep one of them closed at all times to save them." The interiors of the Dahshour and Abu Sir pyramids will not be open.

Rainer Stadelmann, head of the German Archaeological Institute who has done extensive work at Dahshour, believes the ancient Egyptians developed the pyramid as "a pure geometric form" and that the massive monuments "were a symbol of the power of the society and its belief in the afterlife."

The Pharaonic builders experimented for some time to reach their ideal, not always with success.

The first large construction in stone was the step pyramid at

Saqqara for King Zoser, who ruled from 2667 to 2648 B.C. It is shaped like a wedding cake and brought such fame to master builder Imhotep that he was deified.

King Sneferu's rule starting 35 years later sparked a Pharaonic construction boom.

His builders first tried to improve on Zoser's design by filling in the spaces of the steps of a pyramid at Maidum, 40 miles south of Giza, in an effort to make smooth sides.

Some archaeologists believe the hybrid structure collapsed before it was finished. Worried builders already hard at work on a smooth-sided pyramid at Dahshour took note of the collapse and "bent" their creation so it wouldn't meet a similar fate.

Stadelmann disagrees, saying that the Maidum pyramid likely was completed, only to be destroyed centuries later by Greco-Roman conquerors who quarried its limestone for their villas in a nearby oasis.

He theorizes that what really went wrong at Dahshour was that the pyramid was built on clay that couldn't support its weight and that cracking at the base forced the change in the angle of the sides.

The German archaeologist said the straight-sided pyramid was unique to Egypt's Pharaohs, noting that the step pyramids in Iraq and Latin America did not evolve like those here.

Sneferu's builders constructed yet a third pyramid for him, the red pyramid at Dahshour in which he was buried. It shares a hilltop overlooking the Nile River with the ruins of the gray and white pyramids that date to about 1800 B.C.

## China moving to prevent iodine deficiency

BEIJING (AP) — Health officials are distributing iodine capsules and seeking other ways to prevent widespread deficiency in the mineral that is a major cause of mental disability and other health problems in China.

Iodine deficiency is one of China's most severe, chronic and preventable health problems, said Xu Honghai, manager of the local disease prevention office of the Health Ministry, said in an interview today.

The disease is particularly bad in inland areas where little or no seafood is eaten.

Iodine deficiency disorder has been reported in all parts of China except Shanghai. It has been linked to miscarriages, premature births, deafness, muteness, goiter and inadequate brain development in fetuses and children.

A recent official report said 80 percent of all children in China's large cities had inadequate levels of iodine in their diets.

## Gorbachev appeals to voters to reject Yeltsin, Communists

MOSCOW (AP) — Former Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev appealed to voters today to reject Boris Yeltsin and his Communist rival in this month's presidential elections, saying they were only interested in seizing power and wealth.

Gorbachev, who is running for president despite an almost total lack of support, charged that neither Yeltsin nor the Communists would help ordinary Russians suffering from years of social and economic turmoil.

"It is a struggle for power and property," Gorbachev said of Yeltsin's race against Communist candidate Gennady Zyuganov. "If you support me, we'll

quickly show them their place," he added in one of the free radio spots allowed presidential candidates.

Gorbachev, the last head of the Soviet Union and winner of the Nobel Peace Prize in 1990 for de-escalating the Cold War, scores about 1 percent in opinion polls for the June 16 presidential election. Many Russians blame him for unleashing the poverty, corruption and general misery now bedeviling the country.

Yeltsin's campaign today continued to warn Russians of the possible dangers of electing Zyuganov, saying the Communists would ruin the economy. Russians would have to stand in long lines for flour and other staples as they did in the Soviet era, Yeltsin's latest campaign spot warned.

## Discarded cupid statue found, worth \$1.5 million

LONDON (AP) — Lost for two centuries, Cupid has now been found — in an English garden.

For years, the 4-foot statue was thought to be a garden ornament. But Sotheby's said this week it was a long-lost work by the 18th-century artist Antonio Canova, worth upwards of \$1.5 million.

It will be auctioned July 4. "The statue had been painted white and was covered in moss and dirt," said Sotheby's Conrad Webb.

During two centuries in a series of gardens, Cupid had lost his hands, part of his bow and a romantically vital organ. However, they have been restored, Webb said.

The owner, who wished to remain anonymous, bought the statue for a few thousand dollars. The statue, one of a set of four, was sculpted in 1791 for an Irish banker's son. It was last heard of in the early 1800s.

# Crater within a crater yields largest pieces of wreckage found in Everglades crash

MIAMI (AP) — Divers hoped to find more pieces of ValuJet wreckage after they found a new crater within a crater at the Everglades crash site and recovered the largest sections of the airplane yet.

With half the plane, including the cockpit section, still missing, the search was to continue today.

"All the stuff we haven't found, I think we're just about to find it," said Joe Farrell, president of Resolve Towing and Salvage.

On Monday, divers searching the new hole pulled out pieces of the aircraft measuring up to 5

or 6 feet, along with the largest pieces of human remains so far and belongings such as wallets and photo albums, Farrell said.

"Our divers can actually put their arms down through the edges of that opening," he said.

The 20-by-30-foot hole, gorged out of the limestone rock at the bottom of the Everglades muck, is at the southern tip of the 175-foot-long, 60-foot-wide crater created by the impact of the DC-9. All 110 people aboard died in the May 11 crash.

Workers plan to remove mud from around the smaller hole to keep it from spilling in. Farrell

would not speculate on what else divers may find, but he said "something significant cracked the rock."

National Transportation Safety Board investigators did not return a call seeking comment Monday evening.

Meanwhile, a truck driver who worked for Resolve Towing and Salvage was charged with stealing parts of the aircraft. Michael E. Gadsden, 35, of Fort Lauderdale, said he took the parts as souvenirs, according to the FBI. He was released on \$50,000 bond.

The FBI said a search of his

home turned up a 12-by-8-inch piece of the fuselage and a circuit breaker panel, which apparently came from the cockpit.

Investigators had been eager to inspect the circuit breaker panel to see if it played a role in the fire that burned aboard the plane before it crashed. ValuJet said after the crash that the airplane's circuit-breaker boxes had been

replaced before it took off that day.

Gadsden was fired from his job, which was to carry pieces from the crash site to a hangar where investigators are trying to reconstruct the DC-9, and was charged with illegally removing and concealing parts of an airplane involved in an accident, a federal offense. If convicted, he could get up to 10 years in prison and a \$250,000 fine.

Also Monday, relatives of the crash victims announced plans to build a memorial for their loved ones. Few details have been decided, said Richard Kessler, an Atlanta attorney who lost his wife, Kathleen, in the crash.

Possibilities include a memorial at the desolate Everglades crash site or elsewhere in Miami and one in Atlanta, the flight's destination.

## Opening statements get underway in 911 abduction trial

FORT WORTH (AP) — Prosecutors were ready to call their first witnesses today to recount for a federal jury the grisly hours between the abduction and death of Arlington teen-ager Lisa Rene.

Bruce Webster, 22, of Pine Bluff, Ark., is the second defendant in the case to go on trial for his life in the 1994 slaying of the 16-year-old girl. Prosecutors are seeking the death penalty for Webster, who is charged with kidnapping that leads to death.

Prosecutors made opening statements Monday, but defense attorneys chose to not make an opening statement.

Seven months ago, a federal jury in Fort Worth convicted Orlando Hall of El Dorado, Ark., and sentenced him to death for abducting the 16-year-old girl and burying her alive to punish her brothers for cheating them out of \$5,000 on a drug deal.

The Webster trial was scheduled to begin in March, but a fed-

eral judge postponed it until a psychologist could be available to testify that the defendant is mentally retarded.

In court documents, Webster's defense lists retardation as a mitigating factor for the jury to consider.

Miss Rene was dragged from her sister's Arlington apartment in September 1994 as she pleaded with a 911 operator for

help. She was raped by several of her abductors and held for nearly two days before being beaten with a shovel and buried alive in Arkansas, according to testimony from the first trial.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Richard Roper said Webster's voice can be heard on the tape recording of the 911 call. He said Webster identified himself as an FBI agent.

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## Professional Juries Violate The Spirit Of Our Republic

**DEAR ABBY:** The term "professional juror" is an oxymoron. A jury, by its very character, is an amateur body composed of ordinary citizens who represent a cross section of the community. As soon as the hearing body becomes "professional," it is no longer a jury.

Professional jury systems have already been tried. They have been called "special juries" or "blue ribbon panels," and the results were often disastrous and supported the tyrannies that sponsored them.

The amateur jury has a proud record. When it acts independently and is fully informed of its powers and duties, it is our strongest protector of liberty and the greatest of all defenses against oppression.

A jury of one's peers is the essence of our American constitutional republic. It is the only right of the people held in such high esteem by our Founding Fathers that it is guaranteed by three specific mentions in our Constitution, as well as secondary mentions elsewhere. A "professional" system would violate all these parts of the Constitution.

The answer to your reader's concern is not to destroy our jury system, but to require courts to show respect for jurors regarding time, compensation, etc. Contrary to popular belief, the juror is the highest-ranking official in the courtroom, for he or she is the one responsible for the verdict.

GODFREY D. LEHMAN,  
SAN FRANCISCO



Abigail Van Buren

SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

**DEAR MR. LEHMAN:** I received a slew of compelling letters (such as your own) that argue persuasively against tinkering with our jury system. Read on:

**DEAR ABBY:** American juries are supposed to be a group of the defendant's peers, but because most companies don't pay their employees while they serve on jury duty, most Americans cannot afford to serve in this capacity. So, "peers" turn out to be retired folks, the rich, those who cannot work for some reason, homemakers, a few who are willing to make a financial sacrifice, and those who think they can later write a book about their experiences.

There should be a law requiring companies over a certain size to reimburse employees for jury duty. Jury duty should not be a sacrifice, but a welcomed duty and an educational experience. Jurors need not be paid other than their normal salaries, and most Americans would

be happy to serve their beloved country in this manner.

SARA LOUISE NORTH,  
LA MESA, CALIF.

**DEAR ABBY:** I find the idea of "professional" jurors frightening. Part of the problem with courts seems to be their indifference to reality. Judges seem more interested in presenting new and creative interpretations of laws than in seeing that they are implemented for the good of the citizens. Lawyers select jurors who will give them the verdict they want, not necessarily a just and honest one. Courts are filled not with trial hearings, but performances designed to appeal to jurors' emotions.

However, establishing "professional" juries won't change any of this. What it will do is establish a bureaucracy that's capable of setting its own political agenda as to who goes to court. Many tyrannies have "judge panel trials" for this reason. If a panel gives too many politically incorrect verdicts, they are fired.

I remember a speech I heard as a child that was pressing for more individual participation in public affairs. The speaker said too many people were willing to "let Joe do it" when civic duties presented themselves. He reminded us that Joe's last name might very well be Stalin. Government should be controlled by the people — not the politicians.  
DAVID KERMES,  
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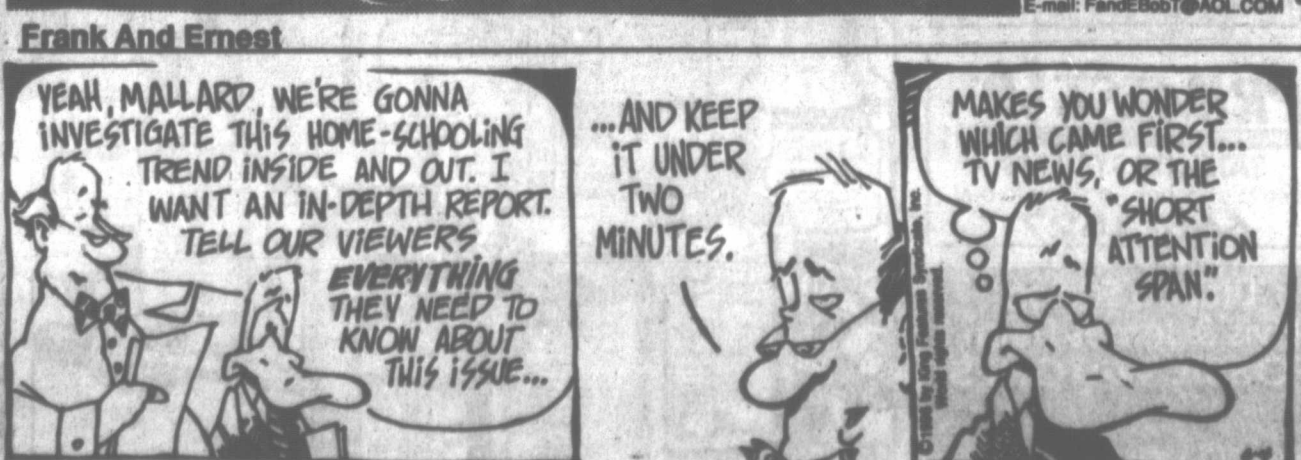
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## Horoscope



Your Birthday

Wednesday, June 5, 1996

Interesting times could be in store for you in the year ahead. Your chart indicates that you might have a relationship with an unusual individual. This person might help change your life.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** Contact a special individual who understands how to expedite something. He or she might have the time to help you today. Gemini, 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 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Make sure to state your zodiac sign.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** You can progress toward an ambitious goal today if you make the appropriate adjustments. Change or eliminate impediments that have held you back.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** Conditions will continue to look positive regarding your present plans, but don't try to do everything independently. Try to work with a partner.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** You will have good luck today, especially in your material affairs. A windfall may result from a calculated risk.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** Various kinds of relationships should work out fortunately for you today. The more alliances you have, the more benefits you will receive.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)** Make the most of today's opportunities in regard to your career. Doors that are open now might be closed tomorrow.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)** This will be a good day to negotiate an important agreement. Make an effort to ensure

that your bargaining partner will benefit as well.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** Try to be positive today. If your faith in yourself is strong enough, you can realize your wildest dreams.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)** You will continue to have good luck in areas where big issues are at stake. Make sure to set your sights high enough to achieve your most meaningful goals.

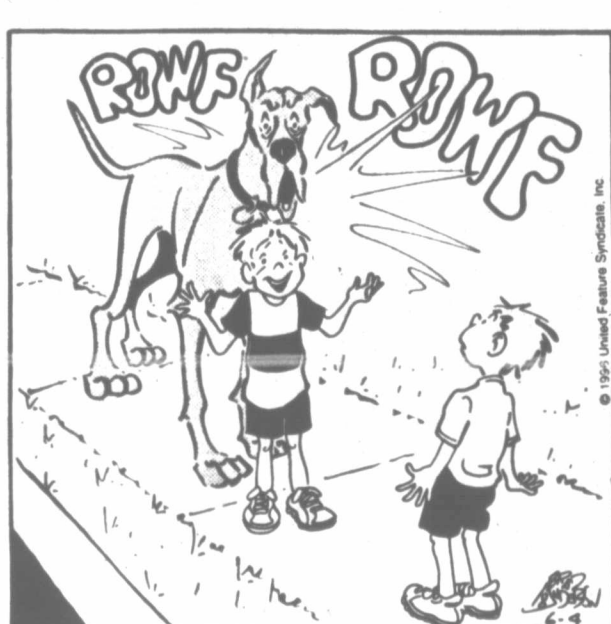
**PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)** Something of material value might develop through an unexpected source today. Prepare yourself for several unique developments.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** If you've contemplated launching a new endeavor, this will be a good day to get started. However, first discuss it with a close friend who can help you.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** Your instincts regarding ways to improve your life will be on-target today. Follow your instincts, even if they direct you to do something new and unusual.  
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## Sports

## Notebook

## GOLF

**PAMPA** — The Hidden Hills Senior Golf Association sponsored a recent tournament to raise funds for the junior golf program.

Results are as follows:

## Under 70 Division

Low net: Bob Swope 59, Bill Washington 60, Louis Haydon 60, Bill Harwood 62.

## Over 70 Division

Low net: Irvin Williams 60, C.C. Lewis 60, Ken Reeves 63, Bob Brandon 66.

Closest to hole on No. 6:

John McGuire

## Long drive winners

Butch Reynolds, B Division on No. 4; Bob McGinnis, A Division on No. 4; J.B. Holt, C Division on No. 17; Bill Burton, D Division on No. 17.

There were 43 players entered in the tournament.

## FOOTBALL

**MINNEAPOLIS (AP)** — Whether Warren Moon will be around at age 42 to collect the big payoff in the final year of his three-year, \$15 million contract extension with the Minnesota Vikings remains to be seen.

But the Vikings expect Moon to do much more than collect fat paychecks until then, and he could be worth every penny of the richest deal in team history if the second half of the 1995 season is an indication.

"He's a marvel," Vikings vice president Jeff Diamond said Monday. "Here's a guy that over the last eight games last year had 23 touchdown passes and five interceptions. We had the No. 4 offense in the league. You can talk about age all you want, but we prefer to talk about productivity."

The extension averages \$4.3 million in 1996 and '97 and \$6.4 million in 1998. However, it gives the Vikings more salary cap room next fall because of the way it was structured.

The deal includes a \$2 million signing bonus and a \$2 million reporting bonus. Moon, who will be 40 in November, was to earn \$3.2 million next season in the final year of his previous three-year deal with the Vikings.

## BASKETBALL

**HARTFORD, Conn. (AP)** — Marcus Camby, who entered the NBA draft after winning college player of the year honors last season, has admitted accepting cash from one agent and jewelry that another agent bought, according to a newspaper report.

In a tearful interview with his hometown newspaper, The Hartford Courant, Camby admitted accepting the money and expensive gifts while still a player for the University of Massachusetts.

Camby is attending the NBA pre-draft testing in Rosemont, Ill., and is projected as one of the first three picks in the June 26 draft.

His eyes swollen with tears, Camby made the admissions from his airport hotel room.

## TENNIS

**PARIS (AP)** — The clay court grind finally took its toll on Thomas Muster.

Known for his seemingly inexhaustible drive, the defending French Open champion faded in his fourth-round loss to Michael Stich on Monday.

"Clay court players have 10 weeks, and they have to play all 10 weeks," the second-seeded Austrian said after Stich's 4-6, 6-4, 6-1, 7-6 (7-1) victory. "Some of them suffer burnout, some are tired."

While Muster insisted he was "not overworked," he agreed he was a little worn down.

"I didn't put my game together as I usually do," he said. "I wasn't aggressive enough."

Said Stich, "He was looking a bit tired after the third set. He was definitely not on top of his game."

## Let George tell it: SuperSonics can win

**SEATTLE (AP)** — George Karl is convinced.

If the Seattle SuperSonics play against the Chicago Bulls as they did in Game 7 of the Western Conference finals, they can be the NBA champions.

"I don't think we're a tremendous underdog," Karl said Monday. "You all think we're a tremendous underdog. I think we have a solid basketball team that can win the series."

By beating Utah 90-86 for the conference title Sunday, the Sonics earned their first trip to the NBA Finals since they won the league title in 1979.

They open the best-of-7 series in Chicago on Wednesday night. And Karl knows the Sonics must be at their best to beat a team that won a record 72 games this season before sprinting to the

finals with an 11-1 record.

The Sonics, Karl said, need the kind of effort the team showed in beating Utah in Game 7 on Sunday.

"I told my players today that you're probably going to have play six or seven of those type of games to win this series and when you play that type of game you're going to have to be more dedicated to come back," he said.

During the season, Seattle beat Chicago 97-92 at home and the Bulls pummeled the Sonics 113-87 in Chicago. Dennis Rodman missed the Bulls' loss in Seattle on Nov. 26.

In Chicago, Michael Jordan said he didn't need to win a fourth NBA title to validate his career. He said he's already proved himself after his 15-month retirement from basketball.

"I'd be disappointed, yes," Jordan said. "But I think I've proven my point even before we win. That I can get back to the point that I left."

Bulls coach Phil Jackson is concerned about how his team will stay with Shawn Kemp, who will often be guarded by lumbering Chicago center Luc Longley. Jackson also is concerned the referees will let the Sonics get away with zone defenses.

But one thing doesn't concern him: that Jordan suddenly has softened his stance on the importance of winning.

"When he comes this far, the direction is straightforward to the championship," Jackson said.

The Bulls are well rested after sweeping Orlando. The Sonics are tired and limping after grinding it out for seven games against

the Jazz.

"Sometimes that works for you, sometimes that works against you," Karl said.

In Karl's view, the Bulls can be beaten because the Sonics are good. The Sonics won a best-in-the-West 64 games during the season and eliminated two-time defending champion Houston in four straight in the conference semifinals.

If the Sonics can beat Hakeem Olajuwon and the Rockets, they can beat the Bulls, too, Karl reasons.

"Chicago is a great team, but in our minds, we think we're a great team, too," he said. "We're going to go after them and we feel very good about our chances."

"They haven't proved anything against us. For me, it's a coin toss as to which is the better

basketball team."

The first two games are in Chicago, and the Sonics' goal is to win one of them.

"We're going into Chicago looking for a win," said Kemp; the hero for the Sonics in Game 7 against Utah with four free throws in the final 77 seconds. "If you think differently, you're lost."

Gary Payton, the NBA Defensive Player of the Year, will be guarding Jordan at the end of games after Hersey Hawkins starts out on Jordan.

Jordan scored 22 points in Chicago's loss in Seattle and 35 in the Bulls' win over the Sonics.

"You can't stop Michael Jordan," Payton said. "We just hope to prevent him from getting the big baskets at critical times."

## Cowboys hold second camp

By DENNE H. FREEMAN  
AP Sports Writer

**IRVING, Texas (AP)** — Emmitt Smith was stuck in his football pads with those baseball blues again.

"Where'd the summer go?" the Dallas Cowboys star tailback asked as he and his teammates started their second mini-camp of the off season.

"We're going to training camp in five weeks and I can't believe it. It seems like we just played Pittsburgh in the Super Bowl. I blinked and now it's time to play again."

Michael Irvin wasn't talking Monday and Charles Haley didn't show as the Super Bowl champions went through their workouts.

Smith, the newly graduated alumnus of the University of Florida was thinking baseball, pulling for the Texas Rangers to make the playoffs for the first time.

"It wouldn't steal my thunder for them to be playing in October," he said. "I'd like to see it. But it won't happen if their bullpen doesn't get better."

The Rangers took a 5-3 lead into the ninth inning of two weekend games with Minnesota, but lost both games when relievers couldn't hold off the Twins.

Smith, who has one year left on his contract, said he still hasn't heard from owner Jerry Jones about renegotiating.

"All I hear is a bunch of echoes ... nothing ... nothing ... nothing," Smith said.

Irvin, who goes on trial June 24 on a charge of drug possession, practiced, but wasn't talking about his case because of a judge's gag order.

Haley didn't show for the first day of camp, but the Cowboys say he had an excused absence. Backup defensive lineman Darren Benson also was absent. Benson said several weeks ago he was retiring to become a roofer. Benson then said he had changed his mind. But he was a no-show Monday.

"I'm disappointed about Darren," coach Barry Switzer said. "I hope he can fight through whatever is bothering him."

Eight rookies didn't appear because of an NFL rule regulating appearances at training camps based on the dates of their college class graduations.

The Cowboys' workouts will end Wednesday. They will start training camp on July 17 in Austin.

## Hayes named Tri-State Queen

**DALHART** — Amber Hayes of Vega has been chosen as the 1996-97 Tri-State High School Rodeo Association Queen.

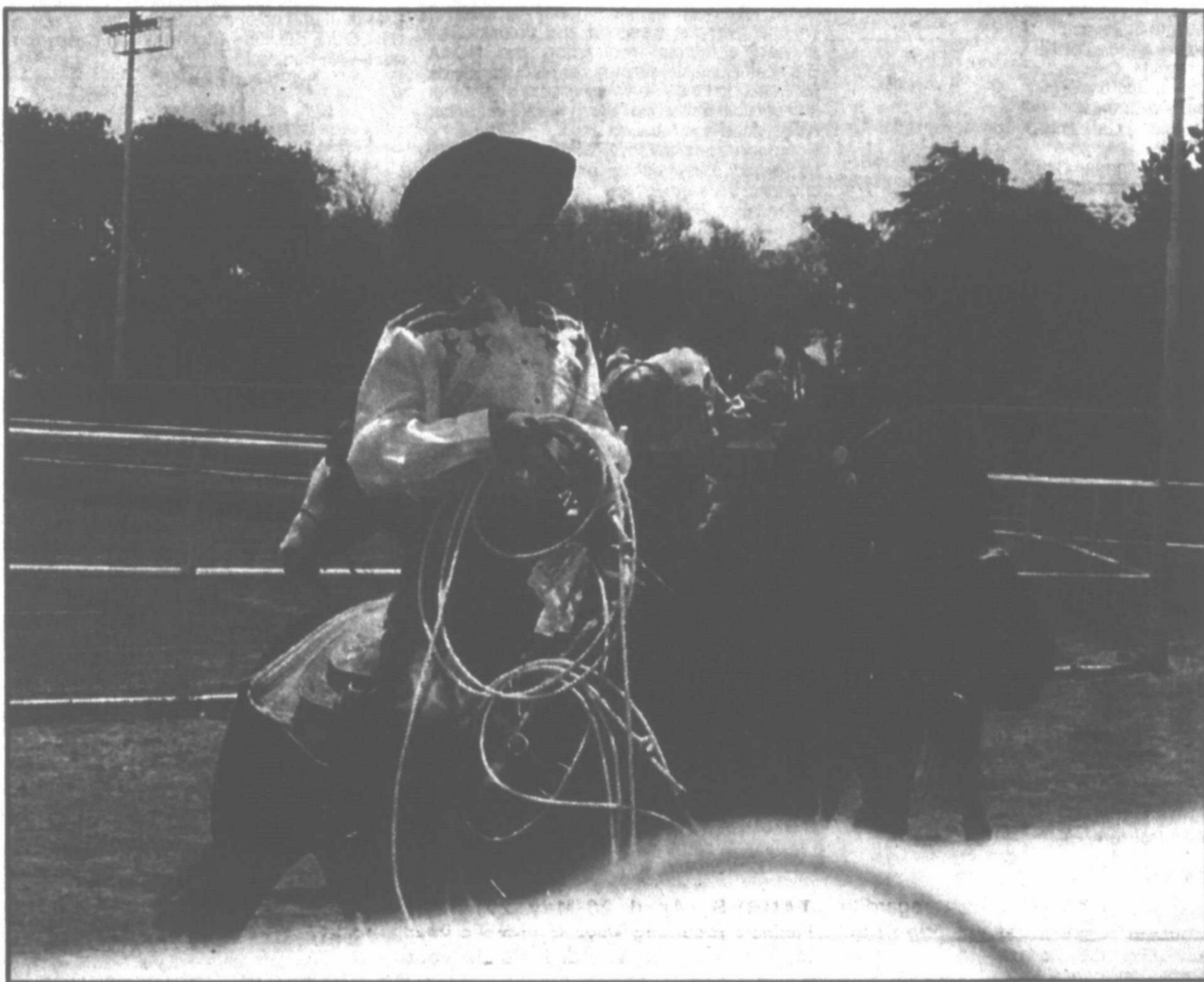
Hayes was honored as Miss Tri-State Queen during Association's year-end banquet held Sunday in Dalhart. She was selected by Tri-State Club members.

Other queen candidates were Kembra Malberg of Pampa, Taylor Laws of Canyon, Holly McCloy of Gruver and Sequin Downey of Randall.

Sahala McCloy of Gruver is the outgoing queen.

The banquet wrapped up three days of the Tri-State High School Rodeo Finals held at the XIT Arena in Dalhart.

## Champion breakaway roper



(Pampa News photo by L.D. Strafe)

Randall's Manchie Light won year-end honors in breakaway roping at this year's Tri-State High School Rodeo Finals held at the XIT Arena in Dalhart. Light, who also won the Reserve Champion Cowgirl Award, was first in average after three rounds in both breakaway roping and goat tying at the Tri-State Finals.

## Braves rally to save Smoltz

By The Associated Press

John Smoltz's 11-game winning streak was in jeopardy — against the New York Mets no less — when the Atlanta Braves finally woke up.

Smoltz trailed the last-place Mets 4-1 when he was lifted for a pinch-hitter in the sixth inning Monday night. But the Braves bailed him out and left his winning streak intact by scoring three runs in the seventh and one in the eighth to beat New York 5-4.

"I caught a break tonight," Smoltz said. "Maybe I can go out now and better myself."

Ryan Klesko tripled to the wall in right-center field off Bob MacDonald (0-2) to score Fred McGriff from first base with the winning run in the eighth inning as the Braves won for the 21st time in 26 games.

"I was yelling at Fred, 'Hurry up,'" Klesko joked. "He's had some sore parts lately and I was hoping he could make it all the way around. He was gasping for air there at the end."

Smoltz struck out 10, but also gave up eight hits as the Mets picked their spots against baseball's hottest pitcher.

"I really had good stuff," said Smoltz, who had allowed only 54 hits in 88 1-3 innings entering the game. "Every time I made a good pitch, I got them out. But when I hung a pitch a little bit, they always seemed to find a hole. You've got to give them some credit, too."

Brad Clontz (3-2) earned the win, and Mark Wohlers pitched the ninth for his 10th save. Wohlers gave up a one-out walk, but got Lance Johnson to line into a game-ending double play.

Mets starter Jason Isringhausen, only 2-7 for the season, gave up a leadoff homer to Marquis Grissom, but didn't allow another hit until the sev-

enth, retiring 16 in a row in one stretch.

Isringhausen personally out-hit the Braves through six innings. He singled in his first at-bat and doubled in the fifth to spark a two-run inning that gave the Mets their 4-1 lead.

Elsewhere in the NL, it was San Francisco 6, Cincinnati 3; Pittsburgh 7, Colorado 2; Chicago 4, Philadelphia 3; and St. Louis 3, San Diego 0.

## Giants 6, Reds 3

At Cincinnati, Matt Williams ended San Francisco's home-run drought with a two-run homer and also hit a two-run double.

The Giants scored three runs in the first inning, highlighted by Williams' 13th homer. He added a two-run double in the ninth off Jeff Brantley. Williams' homer ended a streak of eight homerless games by the Giants.

William VanLandingham (4-7) allowed just six hits and two unearned runs in 6 1-3 innings for his second consecutive win. Rod Beck pitched the ninth.

The Reds are 20-30 to fall 10 games under .500 for the first time this season. It's their worst start in 25 years — they opened the 1971 season with an identical mark.

Dave Burba (0-7) remained winless in 12 starts.

## Pirates 7, Rockies 2

At Pittsburgh, Matt Ruelbel pitched seven solid innings to get his first major-league win as Pittsburgh ruined Colorado starter Bill Swift's first appearance of the season.

In only his third start, Ruelbel (1-0) allowed two runs and five hits. He struck out four and allowed one single in his last five innings.

Jeff King's two-run homer in the fifth off Mike Farmer (0-1) broke a 2-2 tie. Carlos Garcia went 4-for-5 for Pittsburgh.

Swift, who had arthroscopic surgery on his right shoulder last October, pitched 3 1-3 innings. He left after throwing 51 pitches, six more than the limit set for him.

## Cubs 4, Phillies 3

At Chicago, Jose Hernandez, a defensive replacement in the seventh inning, led off the bottom of the ninth with his first homer of the season.

Hernandez lined a 2-2 pitch from Ken Ryan (2-2) over the ivy in left-center, giving the Cubs a victory in their final at-bat for the 10th time this season.

Bob Patterson (2-2), who worked 1 1-3 innings of scoreless relief, got the victory.

Chicago starter Steve Trachsel hit his first major league homer to give the Cubs a 3-1 lead in the fifth.

But in the seventh, he surrendered homers to Mike Benjamin and Ricky Otero, his first in the majors.

## Cardinals 3, Padres 0

At San Diego, rookie Alan Benes atoned for his worst outing of the season by pitching a six-hitter for his first shutout as St. Louis won its fifth straight.

Benes (5-3) had lasted only two innings in a 10-4 loss to the Padres on May 5.

The Padres had men on second and third with two outs in the sixth, but Benes got Brian Johnson to pop up to second baseman Luis Alicea.

Former Cardinals pitcher Bob Tewksbury (5-2) opened with three perfect innings, then was hurt by three straight singles and a two-run throwing error as the Cardinals took a 3-0 lead in the fourth.

## Miami, Denver heating up for Stanley Cup

**DENVER (AP)** — Three years ago, the 1996 Stanley Cup finalists did not exist under their current names.

Tonight, the Florida Panthers and Colorado Avalanche start to play for the Stanley Cup with hockey fever gripping both areas.

"In Miami, Fort Lauderdale and South Florida, the excitement is unbelievable," Panthers coach Doug MacLean said Monday. "We have so many good new fans, old fans, former Montreal and Toronto fans. They've quit all their old teams, they are all Florida Panther fans, it's beautiful."

No wonder they're excited in Florida. This is only the Panthers' third year of existence, and they can become the quickest expansion team to win the Cup and the first team to win the Cup in its first playoff appearance.

"I haven't been around town that much, but I've certainly seen it in the media," MacLean said. "I think it's the biggest break the NHL's had in a long time that the Panthers and Avalanche are in the finals."

"I think it's terrific for two new centers in the NHL. It encourages expansion, (and) we've brought in a lot of new hockey viewers and hockey fans."

Same could be said of the Avalanche, who are playing in Denver for the first year after relocating from Quebec.

"There is a lot of attention here through the media," Colorado forward Scott Young said. "This is very big for the city."

"You can see about 10 different stories on the Avalanche in the newspapers. It is good to see all the attention, especially how it affects the kids and what it means to them. You know, when you're a kid your dream is to win the Stanley Cup."

Even though some of the players in this series have Stanley Cup rings, the experience of playing for the oldest sports trophy in North America never gets old.

"We're all very excited," said Florida captain Brian Skrudland, who as a rookie won the Stanley Cup with Montreal in 1986. "This is the opportunity of a lifetime; and I don't really think it matters if it's your first year or your 11th year. We are all ready to drop the puck."

The Avalanche, actually, have been waiting since last Wednesday when they wrapped up their Western Conference finals with Detroit. The Panthers played more recently, winning their series in a Game 7 showdown with Pittsburgh on Saturday.

Although the "home-ice advantage" hasn't generally been much of an advantage in the playoffs so far, the Avalanche are happy to have it.

"With the first two games at home, we're comfortable here and we like to play here," Colorado forward Mike Ricci said. "We've played all year for home-ice advantage, and now at the Stanley Cup finals it's time to take advantage of it."

"This is what we are going to try to do."

The Avalanche will try to do it without Claude Lemieux, hockey's version of the straw that stirs the drink. The feisty Lemieux has been suspended for the first two games of the series by the NHL; for what the league thought was a cheap-shot hit of Detroit's Kris Draper in the Western Conference finals.

# LSU, Florida State notch College World Series wins

By TOM VINT  
AP Sports Writer

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — For one day, the College World Series becomes the SEC-ACC Challenge.

Two Southeastern Conference powers, the top seeds at the College World Series, face elimination against two Atlantic Coast Conference teams that would like nothing better than to send them home.

Top-seeded Alabama (50-18) meets No. 4 Clemson (50-16) in today's first game, while No. 2 Florida (49-17) goes against in-state rival and seventh-seeded Florida State (52-16).

thing that happened was good for PSU. "Looper is a big-timer. That's a little bitty baseball he's throwing up there."

A walk by Looper and two bunt singles with no outs loaded the bases in the eighth. He then walked Scooby Morgan to bring in the go-ahead run. Travis Wyckoff relieved and his first pitch was a two-run single by pinch-hitter Jeremiah Klosterman.

Drew, who finished with five RBIs, followed with a check-swing, two-run single to make it 8-3.

Florida State's Randy Choate, a 15-game winner who had not made a relief appearance all season, came on in the ninth with the bases loaded and no outs. Choate, the starter in the opener, struck out the side on 14 pitches for his first save.

Florida had its problems controlling Louisiana State's power game. Chad Cooley, Justin Bowles and Mike Koerner homered for the Tigers, who beat the Gators for the first time in five meetings this year.

"I don't think anybody can beat us five times in a row," Cooley said. "It's not a football or hockey mentality or anything. I just think it's hard for anybody, even us, to beat somebody five times in a row."

LSU beat Florida despite committing five errors and allowing three unearned runs. The Gators, who rallied past LSU three times this season and won 25 games in come-from-behind fashion, didn't have the muscle to stay with the top home run hitting team in the CWS.

"Coach has said we're going to live or die by the home run," Cooley said.

"Naturally I am disappointed to give up the five errors," LSU coach Skip Bertman said. "But I think it was an indication that we are good enough to play with anybody. But we need to play better in the championship round."

LSU entered the tournament with 125 homers and picked up two more in its 9-8 opening win over Wichita State.

"We've been fortunate this year against them in controlling their bats," Florida coach Andy Lopez said. "We knew there was going to be a high level of intensity. But that's a group that's really swung the bats well since regional."

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Besides, it would be payback for a 5-2 first-round loss to the Gators on Saturday and would prevent a third-straight 1-2 performance in Omaha for the Seminoles.

Clemson is coming off an 8-5, 10-inning win over Oklahoma State in its Sunday night elimination game, while Alabama will try to rebound from a 15-1 shelling by Miami.

Florida lost 9-4 to fellow SEC member Louisiana State (50-15) on Monday. Florida State avoided an 0-2 showing in Omaha by beating one of the nation's best relief pitchers in an 8-4 survival match with Wichita State on Monday night.

The Shockers went to star reliever Braden Looper in the sixth inning to protect a two-run lead. But the right-hander with the 96 mph fastball and 1.16 ERA gave up a two-run single to J.D. Drew to tie the game at 3 in the seventh, and three runs were charged to him in a five-run Seminole eighth. Looper (4-1) had given up seven earned runs all season.

"In Braden Looper's defense, this is the first time all year long he's been taken out of a game, blown a save or lost a game," Wichita State coach Gene Stephenson said. "We got to thinking Braden Looper was Superman. But it's a whole lot of pressure on a young man."

"When Looper came out of the bullpen and we were behind 3-1, we realized something had to happen," Martin said. Fortunately, he added, every-

thing that happened was good for PSU. "Looper is a big-timer. That's a little bitty baseball he's throwing up there."

A walk by Looper and two bunt singles with no outs loaded the bases in the eighth. He then walked Scooby Morgan to bring in the go-ahead run. Travis Wyckoff relieved and his first pitch was a two-run single by pinch-hitter Jeremiah Klosterman.

Drew, who finished with five RBIs, followed with a check-swing, two-run single to make it 8-3.

Florida State's Randy Choate, a 15-game winner who had not made a relief appearance all season, came on in the ninth with the bases loaded and no outs. Choate, the starter in the opener, struck out the side on 14 pitches for his first save.

## Rangers defeat Brewers, 9-6

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Darryl Hamilton was a little out of sorts when he returned to Milwaukee in the red, white and blue uniform of the Texas Rangers.

"I didn't know how to get to the visiting clubhouse," confessed Hamilton, whose seven-year stay in Milwaukee came to a bitter end last season with caustic comments instead of cheers.

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a sore hamstring and that the Brewers were out of the playoffs by the time he'd gotten better, which meant he had to play prospects instead.

Hamilton settled for \$275,000, became a free agent and signed with Texas. But his hurt feelings didn't heal quickly.

He said Garner's comments about his hamstring hindered his marketability, and then he took exception when the Brewers signed Chuckie Carr — whose season was ended by injury last week — and proclaimed they'd found the lead-off and defensive spark they lacked when Hamilton was around.

But Hamilton said he'd made peace with the past.

"The way things worked out, I think it was a blessing in disguise," he said.

Hamilton's offseason workouts have given him more strength and speed, and he proved as much by skillfully dodging a shaving cream pie from Brewers shortstop Jose Valentin in the Rangers dugout before the game.

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## RODEO

Results after Sunday's Tri-State High School Rodeo Finals at the XT Arena are as follows:

**Year-end results**  
 Poles: 1. Leann Keithley, Wheeler, 90; 2. Sequin Downey, Randall, 77; 3. Danna Garcia, Dumas, 70.

**Steer wrestling:** Matt Reeves, Canadian, 58; 2. Rusty Slavin, Canadian, 34; 3. Tanner Winkler, Pampa, 23.

**Team roping:** Header — 1. Travis Holland, Gruver, 51; 2. Blake Williamson, Canyon, 58; 3. Kyle Hawkins, Dumas, 55; 4. Shandon State, Randall, 55; Header — 1. Patra Maynes, Gruver, 68; 2. Randy Meness, Gruver, 53; 3. Ty Boggsman, Hereford, 52.

**Goat tying:** 1. Sequin Downey, Randall, 113; 2. Manchie Light, Randall, 104; 3. Shay Henderson, Hereford, 100.

**Year-end winners**  
 Reserve All-Around Cowgirl: Manchie Light, Randall.

**All-around cowgirl:** Sequin Downey, Randall.

**Reserve Rodeo Cowgirl:** Jacoy Richardson, Wheeler, 118 points.

**Rodeo Cowgirl:** Denise Sexton, Wellington, 130 points.

**Reserve All-Around Cowboy:** Rusty Slavin, Canadian, 247 points.

**All-Around Cowboy:** Casey Dora, Wheeler, 275 points.

**Reserve Rodeo Cowboy:** Monty Lewis, Hereford, 85 points.

**Rodeo Cowboy:** T.J. Good, Randall, 135 points.

## College World Series

By The Associated Press  
 All Times EDT  
 At Rosenblatt Stadium  
 Omaha, Neb.  
 (Double Elimination)  
 Friday, May 31  
 Alabama 7, Oklahoma State 5  
 Miami 7, Clemson 3  
 Saturday, June 1  
 Florida 5, Florida State 2  
 LSU 9, Wichita State 8  
 Sunday, June 2  
 Miami 15, Alabama 1  
 Clemson 8, Oklahoma State 5, 10 innings  
 Oklahoma State eliminated  
 Monday, June 3  
 Florida State 8, Wichita State 4, Wichita State eliminated  
 Tuesday, June 4  
 Game 9 — Alabama (50-18) vs. Clemson (50-16), 3:30 p.m.  
 Game 10 — Florida (49-17) vs. Florida State (52-16), 7:30 p.m.  
 Wednesday, June 5  
 Game 11 — Miami (49-13) vs. Game 9 winner, 7:30 p.m.  
 Thursday, June 6  
 Game 12 — LSU (50-15) vs. Game 10 winner, 3:30 p.m.  
 Friday, June 7  
 Game 13 — Game 5 winner vs. Game 9 winner OR Game 7 winner vs. Game 10 winner, 3:30 p.m., if necessary  
 Game 14 — Game 7 winner vs. Game 10 winner, 7:30 p.m., if necessary  
 Game 15 — Championship Game, 1 p.m.

## American League

By The Associated Press  
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 East Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
New York	31	21	.596	—
Baltimore	29	23	.558	—
Toronto	25	30	.455	7 1/2
Boston	22	32	.407	10
Detroit	13	43	.232	20

Central Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Cleveland	36	18	.667	—
Chicago	34	20	.630	—
Minnesota	28	28	.500	10
Milwaukee	24	30	.444	12
Kansas City	25	32	.438	12 1/2

West Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Texas	35	21	.625	—
Seattle	29	25	.537	5
Oakland	27	28	.491	7 1/2
Oakland	25	30	.455	9 1/2

## CWS Notebook

**COACHES CONVERGE:** OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — The College World Series annually brings many of the nation's top college baseball coaches to Omaha, even when their teams fail to qualify for the tournament.

The American Baseball Coaches Association board also took the opportunity to meet in Omaha over the weekend and unanimously passed a motion requesting the NCAA Baseball Rules Committee develop standards for non-wood bats so they become somewhat comparable with wood bats in weight variance, hitting zone and rebound effect.

Board members said they were concerned non-wood bats being used today have changed the way college baseball is a negative manner. The board also feels the players' safety may be in concern.

The board is made up of 21 active and former coaches.

Its motion will be presented to the NCAA Baseball Rules Committee meeting July 10-12 in Kansas City.

**NOT FROM THIS PLANET:** LSU coach Skip Bertman has seen enough of Florida freshman Brad Wilkerson to know he is a special ballplayer.

"This kid is not from this planet," Bertman said. "He's Superman. You can look up. He's from Smolok, not Columbus (Ky.). I looked up and he's in right field, then he was in the bullpen, then he was stealing second base, and then he's pitching against us. Thank God for the Kryptonite we had in the dugout because this kid is unbelievable."

Wilkerson, who drove in four runs and picked up a save for the Gators in the first-round win over Florida State on Saturday, gave up two homers and struck out in a key situation in a 4-4 loss to LSU on Monday.

## SOFTBALL

City of Pampa Spring Softball League Standings

**Men's Open Division One**

Team	Won	Lost
Brogan's Stars	11	1 1st*
Chick Electric	11	1 2nd
Sandy's Place	6	6 3rd
Regional Eye Center	5	7
Jay's Drive Inn	4	8
West Texas Ford	3	9
A&G Equipment	2	10

**Men's Open Division Two**

Team	Won	Lost
Jordan Unit	8	2 1st
Harvesters	7	3 2nd
Panther Pizza	4	4 3rd
J & J Motor Co.	4	6
Giles	3	7
Cabot	2	8

**Men's Open Division Three**

Team	Won	Lost
Autozone	7	2 1st*
Crall Products	7	3 2nd
Thomas Automotive	6	4 3rd
Michael's Garage	5	5
Celanece	4	6
O & G Fences	0	10

**Women's Open**

Team	Won	Lost
Carter Sand & Gravel	10	2 1st
Clifton Supply	9	3 2nd
Southwest Tile & Carpet	8	4 3rd
R & W	5	7
Rick's Body Shop	5	7
Celanece	4	8
Smash Hit Subs	1	11

**Men's Church Division One**

Team	Won	Lost
St. Vincent's	7	3 1st
Brianwood	6	4 2nd
Bible Church	6	4 3rd
Pace's	5	5**
Central Baptist	5	5
First Baptist	1	9

**Men's Church Division Two**

Team	Won	Lost
First United Methodist	9	1 1st
Calvary Baptist	8	2 2nd
Cross Road	7	3 3rd
First Christian	4	6
Trinity Fellowship	2	8
Mary-Elton Harvester	0	10

## MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

National League  
 At A Glance

By The Associated Press  
 All Times EDT  
 East Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlanta	37	18	.673	—
Montreal	32	24	.571	5 1/2
Florida	28	28	.500	9 1/2
Philadelphia	27	28	.491	10
New York	23	32	.418	14

Central Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
St. Louis	27	29	.482	—
Houston	27	30	.474	1/2
Chicago	24	32	.429	3
Pittsburgh	23	33	.411	4
Cincinnati	20	30	.400	4

West Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
San Diego	35	22	.614	—
Los Angeles	30	27	.526	5
San Francisco	28	27	.509	6
Colorado	26	27	.491	7

## COLLEGE BASEBALL

Monday's College World Series Lineups

By The Associated Press  
 All Times EDT

Team	W	L	SOW	Pts	GF	GA
Florida 120	0	0	0	0	4	9
LSU 020	200	32x	—	9	11	5

**Wichita State** 00102001 — 4 7 3  
**Florida State** 1000025x — 8 14 3

Foral, Looper (6), Wyckoff (8), Bluma (8) and Reese, Preston (8); Morgan, Chavez (8); Niles (8), Neill (8), Davis (8), Choate (8) and Salazar, W-Neill, 4-1, L-Looper, 4-3, S-Choate (1).

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## SOCCER

Major League Soccer  
 At A Glance

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 Eastern Conference

Team	W	L	SOW	Pts	GF	GA
Tampa Bay	6	3	0	18	18	13
D.C.	3	7	1	10	18	21
Columbus	3	7	0	9	22	24
New England	2	4	2	8	13	13
NY-NJ	2	6	2	8	11	15

Western Conference

Team	W	L	SOW	Pts	GF	GA
Los Angeles	0	0	0	0	24	18
Dallas	4	5	2	14	13	15
San Jose	4	5	1	13	16	14
Kansas City	4	6	1	13	18	24
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 Los Angeles 2, Tampa Bay 1  
 Kansas City 2, New England 1  
 San Jose 3, Columbus 2, SO (2-1)  
**Sunday's Games**  
 NY-NJ 1, Dallas 0  
 D.C. 3, Colorado 2, SO (3-1)  
**Wednesday's Games**  
 San Jose at D.C., 7:30 p.m.  
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**Thursday's Game**  
 Los Angeles at New England, 7:30 p.m.  
**Saturday, June 8**  
 Colorado at Tampa Bay, 2:30 p.m.  
 Kansas City at Columbus, 2:30 p.m.  
 San Jose at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.  
 Sunday, June 9  
 Los Angeles at NY-NJ, 3 p.m.

## TRANSACTIONS

**Monday's Sports Transactions**  
 By The Associated Press  
**BASEBALL**  
 AL—Suspended Cleveland Indians OF Albert Belle five games for his forearm at the face of Milwaukee Brewers 2B Fernando Vina; Cleveland Indians P Julian Tavarez five games for throwing umpire Joe Brinkman to the ground during a brawl; and Milwaukee Brewers C Mike Matheny five games for hitting the mound in a game on May 31.  
 MINNESOTA TWINS—Placed RHP Dave Stevens on the 15-day disabled list. Recalled INF Brian Raabe from Salt Lake City of the PCL.  
 OAKLAND ATHLETICS—Named Pedro Berrios coaching assistant for Southern Oregon of the Northwest League.  
 TEXAS RANGERS—Announced a tentative agreement on a four-year contract extension with Charlotte County, Fla. for spring training facilities. Signed P-GS George Carrion. Activated RHP Kevin Gross from 15-day disabled list. Optioned OF Rikrent Faneys to

## MAJOR LEAGUE SOCCER

Major League Soccer  
 At A Glance

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**Thursday's Game**  
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# Pairing of World War II war hero with Vietnam war hero viewed as possibility

By EUN-KYUNG KIM  
Associated Press Writer

PHOENIX (AP) — Decades after John McCain escaped the horrors of a North Vietnamese prison camp, Bob Dole revealed to his fellow senator last year that he had proudly worn McCain's POW bracelet during the Vietnam War.

Now McCain is extolling Dole's virtues as a presidential candidate and popping up with increasing frequency on lists of potential running mates for the presumptive Republican nominee.

"I was very touched," the Arizona senator recalls of Dole's revelation about the POW bracelet. "It was something I never knew."

The pairing of Dole and McCain — a World War II combat veteran and a Vietnam War hero — offers obvious appeal.

"His military record, coupled with Bob Dole's, would be no match for the president," said state Attorney General

Grant Woods, chairman of Dole's campaign in Arizona.

And the longtime friendship between Dole and McCain could offset any harm caused by McCain's stint as national chairman of Phil Gramm's short-lived presidential campaign. McCain stresses that he never said a negative word about Dole during the time he was pushing his presidential rival.

"It was a difficult time because the enormous affection and respect I had for Dole, I had the same for Gramm," McCain said. "But I never thought they were mutually exclusive. I always felt I could work with and be a part of Dole's team on certain issues."

The son and grandson of Navy admirals, McCain grew up in Virginia, attending a private boarding school for boys and graduating from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1958.

Although he spent more than 20 years in the Navy, it is the 5 1/2 years he spent as a prisoner of war in

Vietnam that most people remember.

McCain was 31 when his jet was shot down over Hanoi on Oct. 26, 1967. He broke both arms and shattered a shoulder and a knee in the crash. Once on the ground, he was stabbed with a bayonet in the ankle and groin by a North Vietnamese mob.

The injuries left McCain, 59, with a slight limp, most noticeable when he is tired. He retired from the Navy in 1980 and that same year married Cindy Hensley, the daughter of an Arizona beer baron, and moved to Phoenix.

He began running for the House of Representatives, ignoring critics who labeled him a carpetbagger, and won in 1982. Just four years later, he moved to the Senate.

The darkest spots on McCain's resume developed in 1991, when reports surfaced about his dealings with failed financier Charles H. Keating.

McCain and four other senators known as "the Keating Five" were

rebuked by the Senate Ethics Committee for intervening with federal savings and loan regulators on Keating's behalf.

The ethics panel said McCain showed poor judgment in his efforts for Keating, who had been a major contributor to his campaign.

McCain, who later turned over \$112,000 in Keating campaign contributions to the Treasury, agrees he "did wrong."

"I used poor judgment, like they said, and it will always be there," McCain said. "The topic isn't brought up very often by the media, but I'm sure it will show up on my tombstone."

The two worst times in his life, McCain said, were his years in the Vietnam prison and the months surrounding the Keating scandal.

"They are not comparable, but the Keating thing, mentally, was just as painful because it was an attack on my honor and integrity," he said.

A measure of vindication arrived in

1992, when McCain was re-elected to a second Senate term by a nearly 2-1 margin.

As McCain has grown more comfortable on the national stage, he has demonstrated he isn't afraid to butt heads with fellow Republicans on issues including foreign policy and lobbying reform.

He prodded Dole last month to endorse campaign finance reforms. And in December, he was one of President Clinton's supporters in the decision to deploy troops to Bosnia.

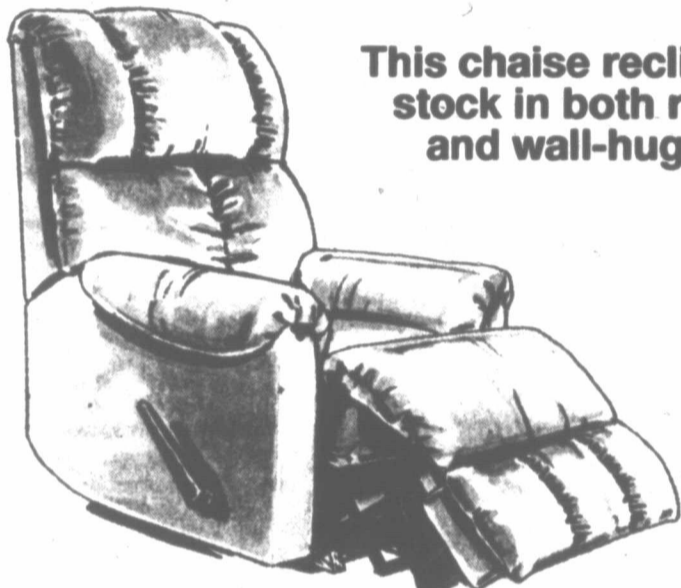
McCain insists he's not interested in the vice presidential slot.

"I've now got a position in the Senate that allows me to have influence over a broad variety of issues," he said. "The only power you get as vice president is the power that the president allocates to you."

But if Dole really wanted McCain, colleagues believe it would be hard for him to say no.

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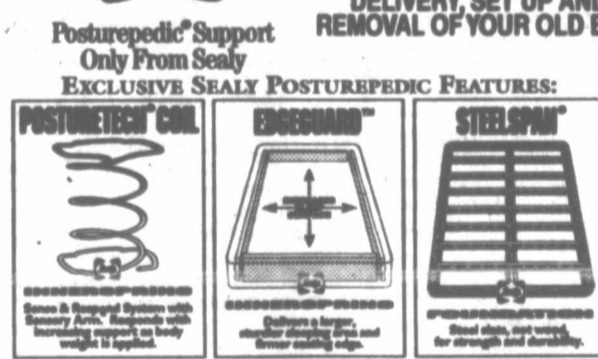
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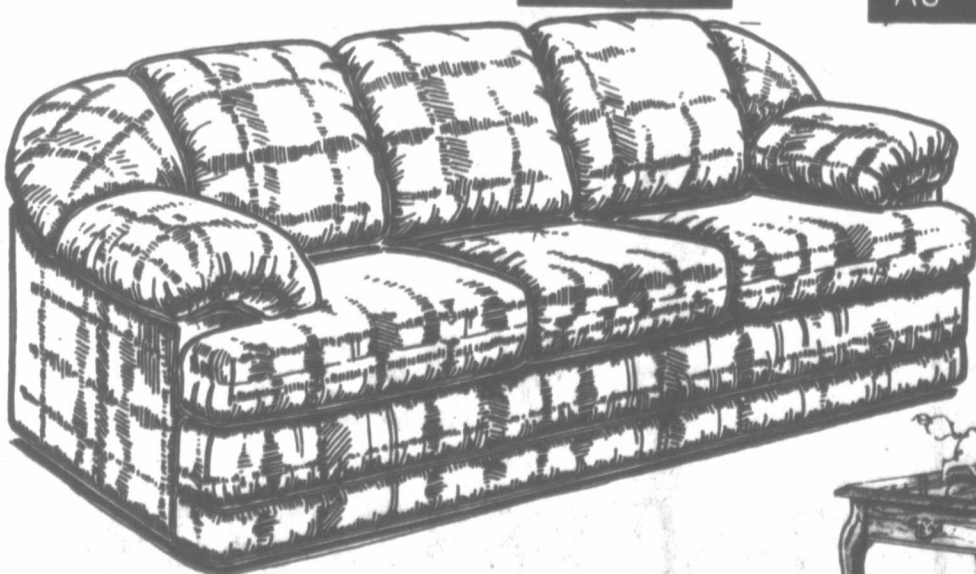
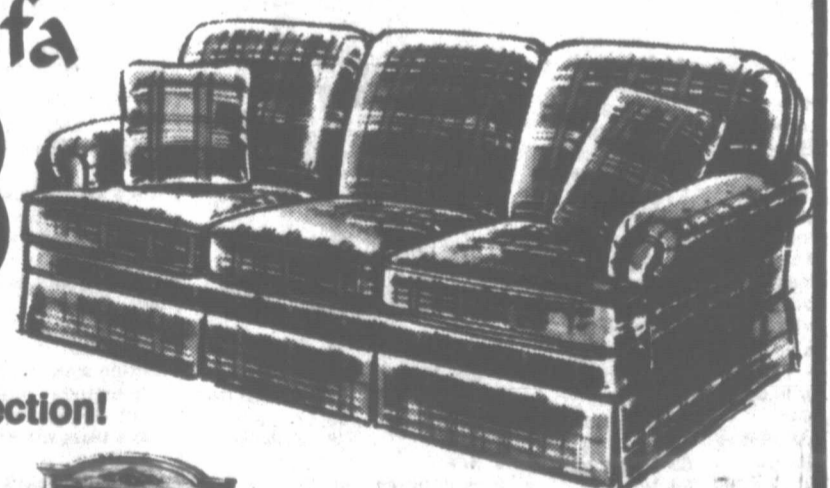
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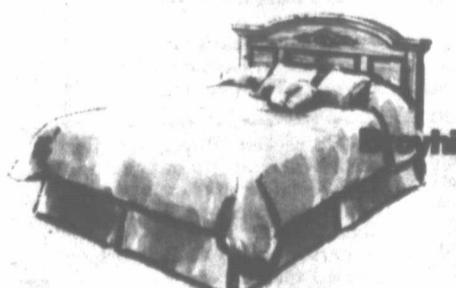


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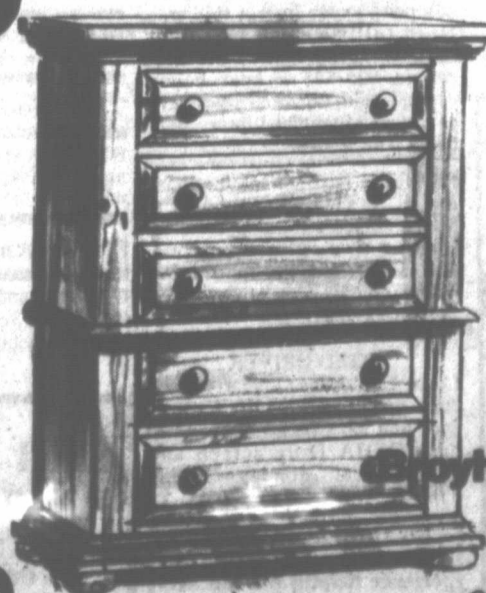


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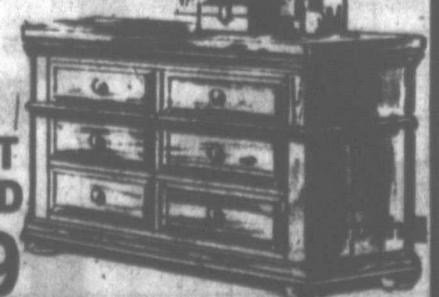
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