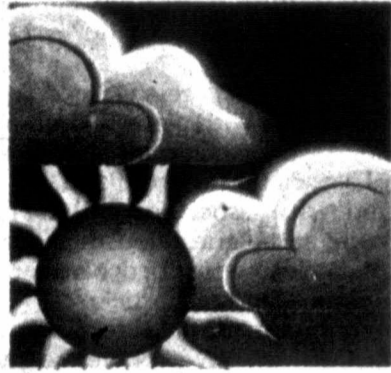


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LEFORS - The Lefors City Council will meet in regular session Monday at 7 p.m. in the town civic center. Items on the agenda include discussion of the following: Energas representatives, part-time summer help, fireworks and vacant lots. Also on the agenda are mayor's report, marshal's report and an executive session for attorney consultation, discussion of real property and personnel matters. Meetings are open to the public.

AMARILLO - Southwest Cowboy Poets Breakfast is set for 8:30 a.m. Saturday at Big Texan Steak Ranch with Charlie Cahill of Midwest City, Okla. as headliner. Preshow music is by Rusty Nichols, Borger, and intermission music is by Tom Moss of Amarillo, guitarist, vocalist and speaker.

Cahill, registered land surveyor, writes a column for *The Sooner Surveyor* and his work is published in the Oklahoma County's Newspapers Inc. editorial page. A raffle will follow the breakfast and a book of cowboy poetry, a gift certificate from the Big Texan and print will give away. An open mike will follow the raffle.

CLARENDON - The 14th annual Area I FFA Leadership Conference will be held June 10-12 on the Clarendon College campus. Attending the conference will be outstanding young men and women who serve as state FFA officers, area FFA officers and district president. Area vocational agriculture teachers will also be in attendance.

The Texas Area I reaches north to the top of the Panhandle, covering Amarillo and extending south to Lubbock. For more information regarding the conference, contact Jerry Hawkins at (806) 874-3571 or (806) 874-2446.

ALFRED, Maine (AP) - A former prep school teacher convicted last month in New Hampshire of child pornography has been indicted on molestation charges. David Cobb, a highly respected teacher for 27 years at prestigious Phillips Academy in Andover, Mass., was indicted Thursday by a York County grand jury on two counts of unlawful sexual contact. He is accused of molesting two Lebanon boys on July 3, 1985. The boys were 9 and 12 at the time. Cobb's attorney Philip Utter said he was unaware the case had been presented to the grand jury, and declined to comment.

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Attorney responds to Bush's fireworks ban

By CHERYL BERZANSKIS
News Editor

An attorney for Texas Pyrotechnic Association said today he plans to meet with Gov. George W. Bush's staff next week to learn more about the breadth and intentions of a gubernatorial ban on the sale and use of fireworks in Gray County. "We are not sure of the full parameters of that order," said Dave La Brec of Dallas. Bush issued an executive order Thursday banning fireworks in Gray County because of drought conditions in the Panhandle. The order was issued at the Wednesday request of the commissioners' court. In late May, commissioners issued their own emergency order prohibiting the sale, use and possession of fireworks in response to the severe lack of rainfall which has plagued the area.

TPA filed a lawsuit against the county and asking District Judge Lee Waters to prohibit the county from enforcing the order and declare it invalid. A hearing is set for 2 p.m. Tuesday in the third floor courtroom of Gray County courthouse. However, La Brec said the two

issues - Bush's executive order and the county's ban on fireworks - are different matters.

"We will deal separately with the issue of the order the governor issued," he said.

It is not his belief Bush intended to put fireworks stands out of business, La Brec said.

La Brec said he talked to County Attorney Todd Alvey and told him if Gray County would withdraw its ban, TPA would not continue its legal efforts through the hearing.

In its lawsuit, TPA maintains the county is outside its legal authority to regulate fireworks as defined by the Local Government Code. The code is the only authority extended to the county to deal with fireworks, La Brec said.

The governor's proclamation may address a separate issue, La Brec said.

"Even though the governor has come out with some proclamation, it does not change our position with regards to the ordinance - that the commission exceeded their authority in issuing that ordinance," La Brec said.

However, County Attorney Todd Alvey said today Gray County commissioners never

intended to operate under the Local Government Code, but proceeded under the Texas Disaster Act of 1975, a provision of the Texas Government Code.

"If you look at the Local Government Code, we've not followed the fireworks section in the code. We've not intended to, it's not comprehensive enough. We intended to follow the Texas Disaster Act of 1975, which is found in the Texas Government Code. There is a difference in the Texas Government Code and the Local Government Code," Alvey said.

The commissioners' court is meet next week to discuss Tuesday's hearing, he said.

"They're not going to meet 'til the 12th. They are going to meet to discuss what happens on the 11th, but that's after the hearing," Alvey said.

He said there had been "brief discussions" about rescinding the fire works ban.

La Brec said his clients are committed to resolving the issue within the bounds of the law.

"We can't do it by ultimatum," he said.

Putting fireworks vendors out of business is not a solution palatable to his clients, he said.

Black church building burns; 29th fire in year

By PAUL NOWELL
Associated Press Writer

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) - A suspicious fire destroyed a wooden sanctuary on the grounds of a black church, and federal investigators were on the scene today because of the rash of fires at other Southern black churches.

The blaze at Matthews-Murkland Presbyterian Church was reported late Thursday by residents who saw flames shooting through the sanctuary roof. No injuries were reported.

The sanctuary building, which dates to 1903, hadn't been used for years. The congregation of 175 members now worships in a new building 100 yards away.

Investigators knew little yet about the cause of the blaze. "The only thing we know now is that we don't know," the Rev. Larry Hill, the church's pastor, said today.

It was at least the 29th fire at a black Southern church since early 1995 and the second this week. Authorities said that was reason enough to describe Thursday's fire as suspicious.

Some of those fires have resulted in arrests, but authorities have said they have found no evidence of a national racist conspiracy.

"All I can tell you right now is we are working very hard to get to the bottom of this," President Clinton told reporters when asked

about the fires today. He said he would discuss it more in his weekly radio address Saturday.

John Morley, special agent in charge of the Charlotte FBI office, said his agency would begin a civil rights probe if fire investigators suspect racism was a factor in the fire.

He was at the scene this morning, along with agents from the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms.

"We won't say it's connected to the series of fires, but we're just getting information from the scene," said ATF agent Mark Logan. He would not say if anyone saw anything suspicious.

According to a tally of cases the ATF considers "open," six black churches have burned in Tennessee, five each in Louisiana, South Carolina and Alabama, three each in Mississippi and North Carolina, and one each in Virginia and Georgia. The tally includes Thursday's fire.

Hill said the church had received "nothing remotely close to anything that could be considered a threat." However, he said a wire barrier church members had erected to keep traffic from entering the grounds had been knocked down Thursday before the fire started.

Hill told ABC-TV's "Good Morning America" today that he wasn't certain the electricity had been completely turned off at the building. The church was planning to renovate it and use it as a wedding chapel or other activities, he said.

Retired cowboy keeps memories of youth alive

By SHERRY CROMARTIE
Staff Writer

Retired cowboy Sam Moore keeps memories of his youth and cowboy days alive when telling about the past history of his days as a cowboy.

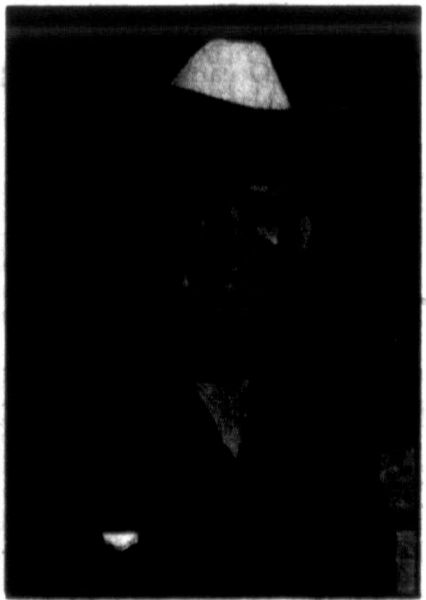
Starting at an early age, he worked on different farms and ranches in the Pampa area. The Panhandle has always been his home.

"I was born May 20, 1914, right here in Pampa," he said, "... raised on a farm near White Deer, and lived most all my life in this area.

"After I reached my 70s, I decided I was too old to get up on a horse, and too tired to break horses anymore, so I quit," Sam Moore said.

"I ain't done nothing much lately - for a year or more; I don't have my pickup anymore, and nobody wants me. ... I'm too dang'd old," he said.

Although slightly bent with age and somewhat hard of hearing, he still stands tall, has broad shoulders and dresses western style - a real cowboy. Moore's friends share many



Sam Moore

hours visiting with him, listening to him talk about the early days of ranching and cowboying, neighbor Dottie Morrison said.

"He is a good, gentle man, and he has a good sense of humor," Morrison said. "He can tell some really funny stories, keeping us laughing and well entertained."

Learning lessons the hard way is how a cowboy earns experi-

ence, said Moore. He was one of three cowboys who gained some quick experience and learned a lesson to "never to leave watch" over a herd.

"It was a pretty good size group (of cows), and we was delivering them to a man called Dilly, the baker man from Amarillo. He had already bought 'em and we was to drive 'em across the Canadian River to Spearman, where Dilly was to meet us," Moore said.

"Well, it started raining on us, and we didn't have our slickers on. We drove the herd down in a draw, and then hitched a ride to town in the back of a pickup with a man and his family. Boy, we were freezin' cold when we got to Spearman," Moore said.

"The cafe there had hot chili, and we ate plenty of it to get warm," he said.

"When they (his sidekicks) were dry and warm again, they decided to get back to the herd, even though the new owner hadn't been found. When we got back to the river, they (the herd) were all gone ... headin' back home.

"It took us three cowboys four

Vacation Bible School



(Pampa News Photo by Tiffanie Franks) Ryan Goldsmith carries the yellow Olympic ring this morning in First Baptist Church's vacation bible school. The theme this year was 'Go for the Gold' and each morning the group lesson centered around the Olympic circles and the meaning of their colors in relation to Christ. Close to 700 children attended the school this week.

AG office obtains temporary injunction against local firm

HOUSTON (AP) - The Texas attorney general's office has obtained a temporary injunction against a Pampa telemarketing firm suspected of enticing consumers with "gifts" that were not really free prizes. State District Judge Richard Hall granted the injunction against Ad-Specs Unlimited Inc., its offshoot, Republic Advertising Co. and Dwayne Graybeal, described as the owner of the firms.

No wrongdoing has been admitted by the defendants. An attorney for the defendants did not immediately return a phone call to The Associated Press on Thursday.

The injunction bans the firms, which recently relocated to Pampa from Houston, from transferring assets and requires them

to comply with state laws that they disclose information about supposed contests and prizes.

That includes giving the cost of alleged gifts, the odds of winning and the names and addresses of winners of the most valuable prizes.

The attorney general's office filed a suit against the three after they failed to register with the state and did not deliver prizes as promised.

Assistant Attorney General Richard Tomlinson said the firms used telephones or faxes to notify customers nationally that they had "won" one of six gifts which included a new pickup truck, \$3,000 in cash, an audio-visual stereo system, computer system, bass boat or four-night trip to Hawaii.

days to round them all up again, in that river bed and across that rangeland," he said.

Working the cattle consisted of gathering yearlings, steers, sheep, branding, dehorning and vaccinating calves. Calves had to be cut from mother cows for branding.

During the interview, he mentioned several cattle brands, including the "U-U" in the Donley and Gray counties and the "Cross-Bow," he said. With his forefinger, he drew images of brands on a table top, recalling some of the ranches where he'd worked.

As a rancher's hired hand, he said he worked cattle and horses for ranchers Ed Moore and his nephew, Barn Moore (no relation) on the old U-Ranch near Skellytown. He worked cattle at the Crutchfield Ranch north of White Deer, and he worked for S. D. McElroy.

"When McElroy was in the Borger area, although he owned a big spread in Fort Worth," Moore said.

"Crutchfield owned more cattle to see after than the other ranchers because he was a buyer

and a shipper," Moore recalled.

"We had a lot of cattle to brand and feed in the winter for him," Moore explained, "because he would buy the cattle and keep them on his range lands through the rough winters to fatten them up for the drives to the railway yards for shipping in the spring.

"His numbers ran way up there - in the thousands. I would sometimes go with him to auctions to help unload, load and haul cattle to the next point, either in White Deer or Skellytown, where there were two holding pens, or we'd leave 'em at the railroad stockyards," he said.

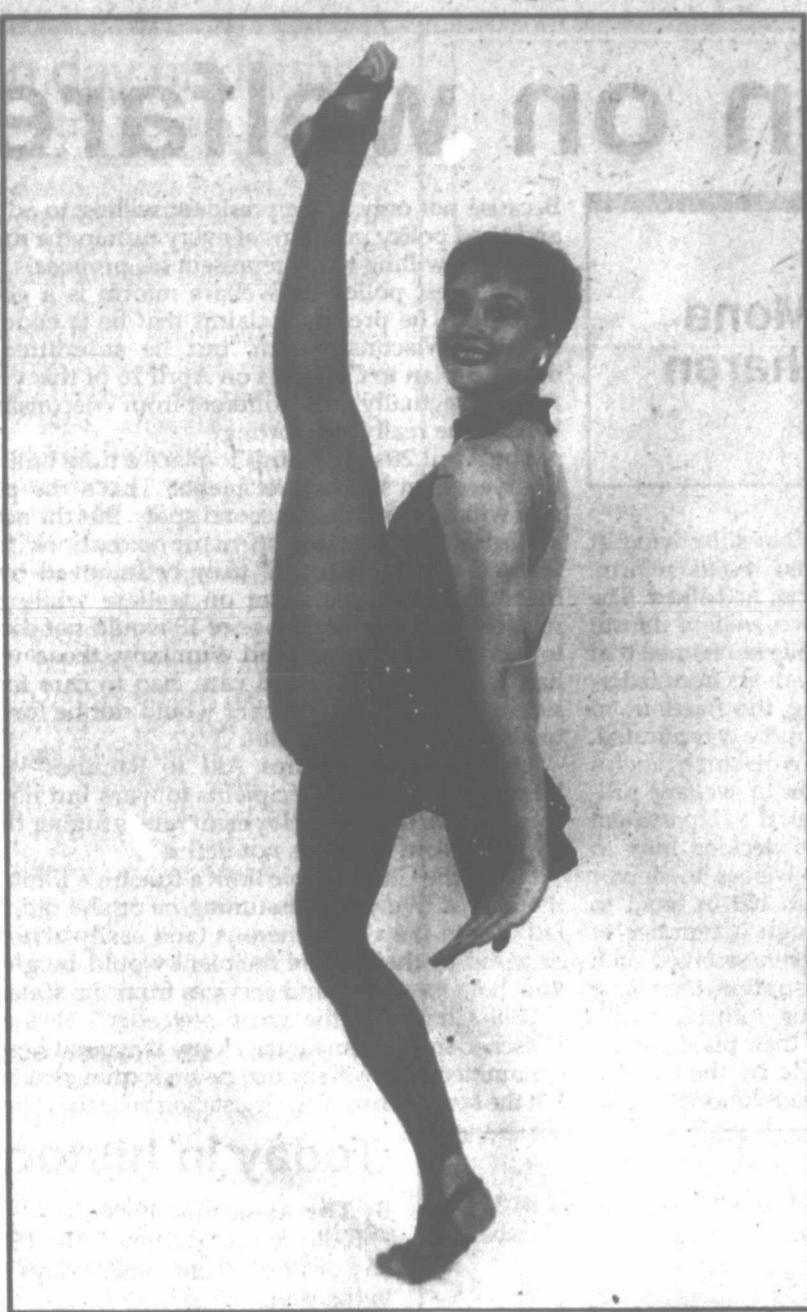
"We covered many miles herding and hauling cattle," Moore said.

Moore couldn't remember working with a very large cowboy crew.

"Usually, there were about seven to eight cowboys watching over a herd, but too often there were not enough of us. The work day was long, and sometimes it was rough," he said.

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Local dancers and gymnasts to perform Saturday



Brandy Chase, Miss Dance of Texas of 35 of Dance Masters of America will perform in the Fantasy Fest at 7:30 p.m. Saturday. Chase has been a student of Madeline Graves for 15 years and graduated in May from Oklahoma City University. She will compete in New York City in July for Miss Dance of America.

Students of the Madeline Graves Dance and Gymnastics Center are to host a recital at 7:30 p.m. Saturday at M.K. Brown Auditorium.

Students include Katherine Abraham, Ashley Allison, Abby Aderholt, Brianna Bailey, Natasha Bailey, Christina Brashears, Kaylie Brewer, Nikkie Brown, Brooke Barton, Alyssa Bromwell, Brooklyn Barker, Lauren Cook, Rachel Cook, Annie Chumbley, Meagan Clark, Kathryn Campbell, Victoria Campbell and Bethany Casados.

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Agriculture secretary confirms Clinton administration's intent to release grain

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Clinton administration will release 45 million bushels of emergency feed grain reserves to help farmers and ranchers pinched by the severe drought, Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman says.

Emerging from a Capitol Hill meeting Thursday with Texas lawmakers, Glickman confirmed that the administration has decided to tap the emergency reserves of corn, barley and grain sorghum. The reserves have a market value of approximately \$200 million.

Congress this week approved a resolution urging the Agriculture Department to release the feed grains. A 1970 law permits the release of commodity reserves during emergencies, either by presidential disaster declaration or congressional resolution.

Parts of the South and Southwest are experiencing the worst drought in more than a century, leaving grain stocks at record-low levels and forcing the sale of livestock at disaster prices.

Texas officials estimate the drought already has cost growers some \$2.4 billion, making it the second-worst natural disaster to hit the state this century.

Before the reserves are released, Glickman said, his department must decide where to sell the grain, whether prices should be at market value or lower, and where to plow back the profits.

President Clinton "wants a plan in place before the grain is released to make sure it's out sensibly and responsibly," he said.

Sen. Phil Gramm, R-Texas, who had been critical of Clinton's refusal to declare the drought a disaster, pronounced himself "delighted" by the impending grain sale.

While welcoming sale of the reserves, Rep. Mac Thornberry, a Clarendon Republican who himself is a rancher, said it's likely to produce little relief. "I don't know that it's going to have an appreciable effect on the price of grain," he said.

Nonetheless, Thornberry added: "The bottom line really is that there are only very small things the federal government can do to help. And we ought to do all that we can to help."

Glickman went to Capitol Hill at the request of Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, R-Texas, to brief the Texans about the steps the government is taking to help farmers and ranchers reeling from the lack of rain. Some Republicans had questioned whether the government was doing enough.

Some lawmakers saw more merit in the meeting than others.

"Nobody in there can make it rain, so we're wasting our time," said Rep. Ralph Hall, D-Rockwall, as he emerged from the closed-door meeting attended by both senators and 10 of the state's 30 House members.

Trade practices in meat industry under review

WASHINGTON (AP) — A federal advisory committee says the Agriculture Department is not adequately enforcing a law designed to protect ranchers and others from unfair trade practices in the meat industry.

In a report released Thursday, the special Advisory Committee on Agricultural Concentration also called for more open reporting of prices throughout the livestock trade.

Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman said he would consider the recommendations by the 21-member committee, which he appointed three months ago to review problems of concentration in the meat industry.

Though not saying which proposals he would support, Glickman noted the conclusion that the department's market reporting system and its enforcement of the Packers and Stockyards Act have not kept up with changes in agriculture.

He said farmers and ranchers worry more about concentration than any other issue in agriculture.

"President Clinton and I share those concerns," Glickman said. "We believe that there must be a fair and equitable balance of power in the marketplace, that free and open competition must

be enhanced, that more openness and transparency will help the market work better."

A 10-year slump in cattle prices has prompted cattle ranchers to complain more loudly that slaughterhouses are using their market power to hold down prices. Just three companies control more than 80 percent of cattle slaughter.

The report also looked at the impact of vertical integration in the hog and broiler industries, where companies control production from breeding to slaughter, buying pigs and chicks under contract with farmers.

Democratic chairman touts party's unity at convention

DALLAS (AP) — Texas Democrats have a history of feuding among themselves, but those days are over, state Democratic Chairman Bill White says. Now, he says, it's the Republicans' turn.

"We are a party united like we haven't been before. . . . The Texas Democratic Party is back with a vengeance," White told the State Democratic Executive Committee as they prepared for today's kickoff of the two-day state convention.

"If you want to find a big feud and ideological divisions, don't come here, go to San Antonio in a few weeks" for the GOP convention, he said.

Republican National Committeeman Ernie Angelo of Midland, in response, said the

Democrats are "having hallucinations."

White noted reports that presumed GOP presidential nominee Bob Dole is skipping his party's state convention later this month.

"He has other places that he's going to be. I'm sure that has nothing to do with the fact that the abortion plank is going to rip the hearts out of their party and rip it apart," White said.

Democrats will be united in hearing from First Lady Hillary Clinton today and U.S. Senate nominee Victor Morales on Saturday, White said, scoffing at scheduled Republican convention speakers Pat Buchanan, Alan Keyes and Steve Forbes.

"Two of the three are continuing to run against Dole for presi-

dent saying that he's a sure loser. And the third person is openly attacking the economic policies of Dole," White said.

Angelo, the Republican National Committeeman, said of White's comments:

"He's dreaming. Every two years, they say we're going to self-destruct."

Angelo added: "I think they're having hallucinations just like they had in '94," when Democratic then-Gov. Ann Richards criticized the Texas GOP's takeover by conservative Christians and ended up losing her seat to Republican George W. Bush.

Angelo said while Keyes and Buchanan still "technically" have campaigns, he doesn't expect any of the speakers to criticize Dole.

And, he said, Dole or his wife may still show up if scheduling problems can be worked out.

As for abortion, Angelo said the party has been debating the issue for years and he expects it to end up with a "pro-life" platform.

White said the Democrats' state convention will highlight their belief in such mainstream values as fairness, community and "opportunity through hard work."

Democrats are concentrating on building grassroots support and are "breaking the back of the Rush Limbaugh movement that has dominated the media in this state" with a television advertising campaign and a film highlighting prominent Democrats, past and present, he said.

Drought takes toll on illegal immigrants

SARITA (AP) — The trail peeks out from under a clump of mesquite trees whose skimpy flowers provide no shade from the merciless Texas sun.

As you plod forward, thick dust kicks up, coating your lips and scratching your throat. It takes only a moment to feel choked.

Desperate for water, you look around for relief. Empty plastic water jugs are strewn about teas-

ingly, amid yellow and red wildflowers. Across the endless expanse of ranch land, milelong river beds — once filled with water — are bone dry.

This is the trail where two female illegal immigrants died of dehydration and heat exhaustion in the past week. About 30 miles to the west, on a similar stretch of South Texas ranch land, two other female immigrants died for the same reasons.

Border Patrol agents say the drought is at least partly to blame.

Lawmaker claims Houston reporter 'invaded' his home

FRIENDSWOOD (AP) — A Republican lawmaker's visit at home from a reporter has prompted accusations of trespass and assault, although an aide later acknowledged he invited the man inside.

The *Houston Press* reporter, Tim Fleck, denied engaging in any physical confrontation at Congressman Steve Stockman's Houston area home on Thursday. Stockman volunteer Booker Stalworth acknowledged that he had asked Fleck in, thinking he was another volunteer.

"When he came in, he took off a badge and said, 'I'm Tim Fleck with the *Houston Press*.' I told him to wait a second and he tried to push his way in and a girl — a photographer — was trying to pop in also," said Stalworth, who closed the door on the photographer.

"We said you shouldn't just bust into people's homes and he started screaming and talking in a loud voice," said Stalworth. "He started yelling and screaming. You're pathetic and acting very unprofessional."

DeLay supports I-69 'highest priority' designation

WASHINGTON (AP) — A Texas congressman says he will support creation of a "highest priority" category for programs like the proposed Interstate 69 project linking the Rio Grande Valley with the Great Lakes.

The House Majority Whip said at a Capitol Hill news conference Thursday that "high priority" isn't good enough for the 1,800-mile road, dubbed the NAFTA superhighway.

The Sugar Land Republican wants to create a new ranking.

"I think it makes sense for America's future to put a special emphasis on projects that will spur economic growth and create jobs for Americans," said DeLay, who is co-chairman of the I-69 Congressional Caucus.

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Fort Worth Star-Telegram on tax cuts:

The nation, which has been going through the (perhaps necessary) agony of hacking away at federal spending and making difficult choices about national priorities while shrinking government in the name of deficit reduction, is now about to be told to forget all that stuff and rejoice in lower taxes.

It makes little sense, but this is an election year, and Republicans are desperate. Indeed, the Democratic president is also somewhat desperate; his budget proposal for 1997 also includes tax reductions, although nothing at all like what the GOP is talking about.

Republicans want Sen. Bob Dole, their candidate, to embrace the Reagan-era supply-side notion of big tax cuts. It worked for Reagan. He got elected twice (and the tax cuts eventually led to exploding deficits and higher taxes). It worked in New Jersey more recently for Gov. Christine Whitman (although the tax cut had to be paid for out of state pension funds).

Well, nobody likes high taxes. Everyone would like lower taxes. But we will repeat what we have said before, and what many Republicans and conservative Democrats and organizations like the Concord Coalition say: If America is serious about deficit reduction and budget-balancing, it should wait until that war is won before going crazy about tax cuts. It's hard enough to balance the budget without tying one arm behind us.

Promising tax cuts for the purpose of getting elected, no matter what side does it, is just as reprehensible as promising spending to get elected — or perhaps even worse, it means that those who convinced us of the necessity of deficit reduction are now saying, "King's X — it's an election year."

The Marshall (Texas) News Messenger on space aliens and the laws of physics:

Is there, or has there ever been, life elsewhere in the universe? Almost certainly, according to the odds put forth by scientists.

Has any of this life been in active contact with earth civilizations? That's a bit iffy.

We haven't been present to observe the whole of mankind's history, but the most important conclusion we can draw is that given the lack of continued contact, no space civilization has found us sufficiently interesting. The "believers" say, well, we have been — are being — "contacted." They maintain that thousands of people have been "abducted" or otherwise "contacted" by other worlds. Just because the earth's media would prefer that aliens land in front of a live television camera doesn't mean "visitors" would choose that method of opening a relationship, they say.

In the absence of more concrete evidence — a real spaceship, a radio signal, or the stars regrouping to spell out "HELLO" — we must conclude that we are effectively alone. That doesn't mean we should stop looking. The current effort to listen to the heavens for any sign of intelligent life should continue. Something might just turn up. But with the upcoming release of the motion picture, "Independence Day," it is helpful to review certain facts.

"Independence Day" is a fictionalized account of the day aliens do decide to pay mankind a visit, and the aliens are more akin to the creature from "Alien" than "E.T." The chief fact is that there's no way known to our science to travel faster than the speed of light, 186,282 miles per second. Sure, that's fast, but within the vastness of the universe, it's a crawl.

Our nearest star system neighbor, Centauri, would take a space traveler 4.3 years at that impossible speed to reach. More typically, the distance to stars is measured in hundreds and thousands of light years. An alien civilization would become aware of our existence first through radio waves. We've been emitting radio waves for a few decades. It's going to take a long time for any signal we send to reach any civilization capable of receiving it, and an equal amount of time for aliens to send a response of any kind.

Alien invaders would have to accomplish a great deal to reach out and grab us. It would take political will, immense resources, stunning technological achievements and incredible life spans. We can't summon up the political will to make another jaunt to the moon. Why should we believe aliens are prepared to leap across solar systems to punch us in the nose?

It says something about the sad state of science education in this nation that more people don't "pooh-pooh" the idea of alien invasions. Perhaps it's because we enjoy being scared out of our wits at the movies. Such films do provide an escape from the realities of life — among those realities, the laws of physics.

Gauging Clinton on welfare

Some people, it is said, seek the presidency to be something. Others seek it to do something. Which type is President Clinton? Well, what does Bill Clinton want to do?

He adopts and then jettisons positions on important policy matters like a teenager trying on clothes for a first date.

Seeking to upstage Sen. Robert J. Dole's major speech on welfare reform, the president endorsed a version of Wisconsin's welfare reform plan. He asked the Congress to draw up similar legislation, promising to sign it right away. "We should get it done," he said in his weekly radio address.

For those who have followed the president's ricocheting positions on welfare, the latest reversal is enough to cause whiplash.

Recall that in 1992 the president used the promise of "ending welfare as we know it" to sway key states. He talked of "two years and out" and other reforms. Once in office, though, the president submitted a budget that increased existing welfare programs by \$110 billion over five years. Unchecked, the president's budget would have perpetuated welfare as we know it into the indefinite future.

After the Republican sweep of 1994, the president announced himself in favor of welfare reform again — doubtless as a sop to the conservative-leaning electorate. After all, if his 1992 position had been genuine (that is, based on a sincere evaluation of its merits), he would have moved to translate it into policy sometime in the first two years of his administration. In fact, he did the opposite.



Mona Charen

When Republicans seemed to have the wind at their backs, the president decided to talk reform. But when the time came for action, he balked. The president vetoed not one but two welfare reform bills passed by Congress. And while he claimed that his administration had granted waivers from federal rules for all states requesting the freedom to experiment, the truth was a little more complicated.

Because the federal government disburses such a huge chunk of money that goes to welfare programs (the states also contribute), the Department of Health and Human Services decides how to implement the rules. If a state wishes to depart from those rules, it must first go hat in hand to HHS to request a waiver. Though a number of reformist Republican governors have received such waivers from the Clinton administration, they have often been forced, in negotiations with HHS officials, to drop the strictest part of their plans first.

When it comes to claims made by the Clinton White House, it's important to read the small print.

Because not only is the president willing to adopt and shed policy positions at every turn in the road, he is also willing to misrepresent his proposals.

The latest policy on welfare reform is a good example. The president claims that he is endorsing the Wisconsin plan, but he submitted a detailed plan to Congress on April 26 of this year. And it is actually quite different from Wisconsin's. What is he really supporting?

The April 26 plan claims to place a time limit of five years on welfare recipients. That's the part you will hear on the 30-second spots. But the actual legislation contains so many exceptions that few aid recipients would truly be removed from the rolls. Any time spent on welfare while the recipient was under the age of 18 would not count toward the five-year limit. Similarly, those who had trouble finding child care, had to care for a sick relative or got pregnant would not be forced to abide by the time limit.

The proposal requires Aid to Families With Dependent Children recipients to work but not in areas where the unemployment rate is higher than 8%. The word "area" is not defined.

Nor is the Clinton time limit a true time limit. At the end of five years, assuming he or she did not fall within the very generous (and easily abused) exceptions, the welfare recipient would be given vouchers for goods and services from the state.

"Bill Clinton is the great pretender," says Ari Fleischer, spokesman for the House Ways and Means Committee. "He will say that he's reforming welfare, but the actual terms of the legislation belie the claim."

Today in history

By The Associated Press
Today is Friday, June 7, the 159th day of 1996. There are 207 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:
June 7, 1769, is recognized by Kentucky's Historical Society as the date that frontiersman Daniel Boone first began to explore the present-day Bluegrass State.

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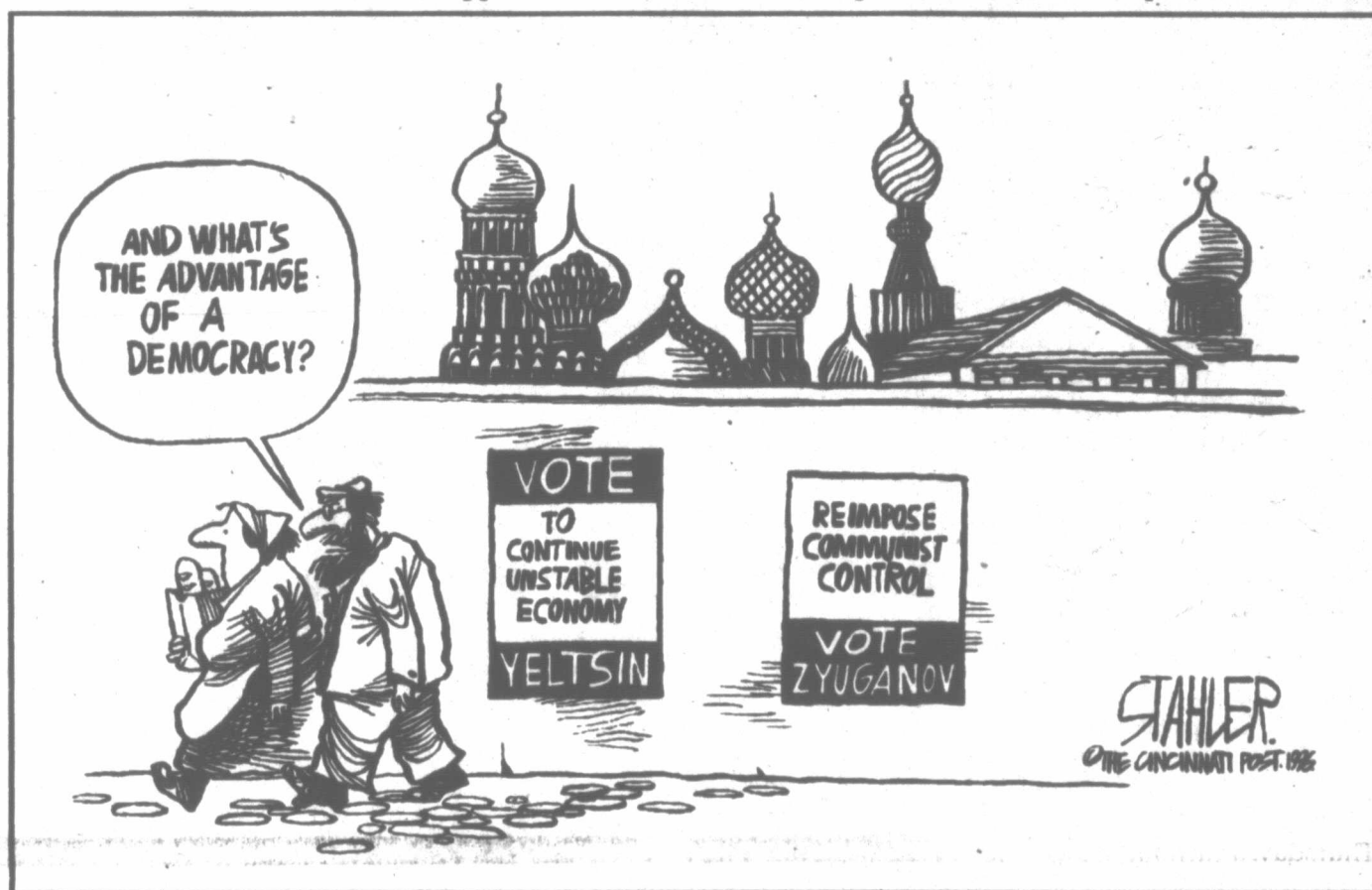
In 1654, Louis XIV was crowned King of France in Rheims.

In 1776, Richard Henry Lee of Virginia proposed to the Continental Congress a resolution calling for a Declaration of Independence.

In 1848, French postimpressionist painter Paul Gauguin was born in Paris.

In 1864, Abraham Lincoln was nominated for another term as president at his party's convention in Baltimore.

In 1929, the sovereign state of Vatican City came into existence as copies of the Lateran Treaty were exchanged in Rome.



Go with the odds: Fly ValuJet

In *The World According to Garp*, John Irving's 1978 bestseller, the title character decides to go house-hunting. He sees a plane drop from the sky and crash into one particular home. Garp immediately decides to buy the home, reasoning that the odds of such a freak accident recurring are next to nil.

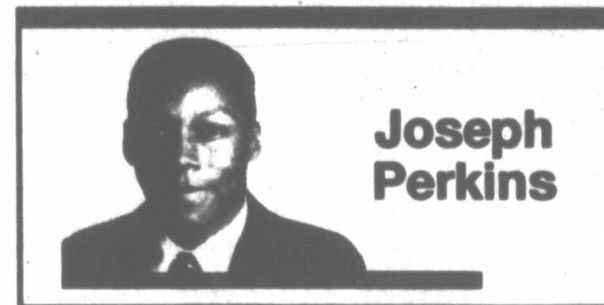
This comedic passage comes to mind after reading a Time-CNN poll in which a majority of those surveyed said they are less likely to fly ValuJet in the wake of the recent fatal crash of one of its planes (but, of course). Although the public's reaction is entirely understandable, the reality is that now is probably the absolute best time to fly the discount airline.

That's because the very last thing that ValuJet executives want to happen at this point is another accident that further undermines public confidence in the Atlanta-based airline's safety. That's why ValuJet announced this week that it is cutting its daily flights from 320 to 160 (to have a back-up jet for each flight, in case there are any mechanical or safety problems whatsoever).

This is the free market at work. The government did not have to dictate that ValuJet cut its daily flights in half. The airline has done so voluntarily (at a cost of \$611,000 a day) because it recognized that such an action is a first step toward winning back its customers.

Indeed, the entire airline industry has a tremendous interest in safety, which would exist even without the government's regulatory oversight. As the Air Transport Association declares, "Safety not only is a moral imperative, it is good business."

If an airline gets a reputation for being unsafe, it



Joseph Perkins

imperils its own financial future. It loses passenger revenue, it sees its stock price decline (by 27% in ValuJet's case), and it may very well risk bankruptcy.

ValuJet executives recognize this. And they have done all the right things in the aftermath of fatal Flight 592. Yet, some federal regulators are exploiting the tragedy to criticize discount carriers in particular and to rail against deregulation of the airline industry in general.

Perhaps the most irresponsible remarks were made by Clintonite Mary Packer Schiavo, inspector general for the Department of Transportation, who wrote in a recent issue of *Newsweek* that she personally avoided ValuJet because of its "many mishaps."

This contradicts her boss, Transportation Secretary Federico Pena, who said that, despite the recent ValuJet crash, the flying public needn't worry about the airline's overall safety.

So the public doesn't know what to believe. Are discount airlines like ValuJet less safety-conscious than the major carriers? Is air travel less safe in the wake of deregulation? The answer to both questions is no.

Dole, Clinton perfect balancing act

On the tightrope between cutting taxes and balancing the budget, President Clinton and challenger Bob Dole both are testing the footing for rival campaign performances.

Since there's not likely to be a definitive settlement on either taxes or budgets before the presidential election, competing, hard-to-mesh promises on taxes and deficits will be a contest for position and credibility, talk now, action later.

In the Dole camp, there has been discussion of major, across-the-board tax cuts, perhaps of 15%, perhaps a proposal to return to the two-bracket income tax system enacted a decade ago, with a 28% top rate.

Dole isn't saying, "We're not in any hurry to put out our agenda," he said. But he is saying he will push on the other front, forcing a farewell Senate vote on a balanced budget amendment to the Constitution.

It lost by a vote a year ago, and Dole doesn't claim he can reverse the outcome now. "But before I leave, I'm going to bring up that balanced budget amendment one more time," he said in Warren, Mich., recently. "One more time."

With that, he challenged Clinton to switch and back the amendment, "no winks, no nods ... no excuses." And no way.

Clinton said that instead, the Republicans ought to resume negotiations on a balanced budget plan, saying the amendment would only put off the decision on real action.

When Dole makes his move, there'll be a Democratic attempt to revise the amendment so as to require balanced budgets without counting

Walter Mears AP Special Correspondent

Social Security, which currently runs a trust fund surplus. Calculated that way between now and the year 2002, that could compel unmanageable cuts in other federal spending.

But the amendment idea is popular with voters, and the Democrats need a counter to deflect the issue Dole will be pressing in his campaign.

It fits with Dole's claim that Clinton is back on the balanced budget track only because there's a campaign on, and that the president's promises "self-destruct in about 10 seconds."

After promising a middle class tax cut in 1992, Dole said, "He imposed the largest tax increase in the history of America."

"And I intend to go precisely in the opposite direction," Dole said. "I believe we can cut taxes, reform the tax code and balance the budget."

But the Republican challenger has a record of his own on that score; he helped engineer earlier tax increases aimed at curbing deficit spending. He put deficit control first, paying a political toll for it when he ran for president in 1988. That's not been repeated; he has said flatly there will be no tax increases in a Dole administration, not quite the read-my-lips pledge George Bush made and couldn't keep, but close.

And while House Speaker Newt Gingrich said

Republicans already have proved there would be a balanced budget by 2002 with a \$245 billion tax cut at the same time, there are GOP skeptics about broader reductions.

Rep. Bill Archer, chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, said a 15% cut would cost \$90 billion a year, far more than any GOP budget envisioned, and the funds would have to be made up somewhere.

"I personally am not creative enough to know how you do that," he said.

The tax talk is speculative, not a Dole proposal. But Democrats are on the case anyhow. Sen. Tom Daschle, the Democratic leader, calling it "Sen. Dole's \$700 billion tax cut" as though there were one. The Democrats have been arguing since the Republicans won Congress that their tax cut proposal would benefit the rich, not average Americans. Across the board cuts would be vulnerable to that attack.

Clinton favors targeted tax cuts, said Laura Tyson, chairman of his Council of Economic Advisors, to make them affordable and consistent with a balanced budget. "The approach is targeted tax relief, targeted by income and targeted by function," she said.

As for Dole, he's said only that he will have a pro-growth tax policy — and that there are a lot of ideas out there.

"Seems to me he's getting an awful lot of advice," Archer said the other day. "If I were in his position, I might be a little confused by now."

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Therapist: Nicole swore at Simpson on day of killings

SANTA MONICA, Calif. (AP) — Hours before she was stabbed to death, Nicole Brown Simpson swore at O.J. Simpson, then worried what he would do to get back at her, her therapist testified in a deposition.

Jennifer F. Ameli said she was worried about her client when she called her the night of June 12, 1994, after Ms. Simpson's daughter Sydney performed in a dance recital. Ameli testified she asked Ms. Simpson how the recital had gone, and how she had dealt with her ex-husband.

Ameli testified that Ms. Simpson told her: "I told him to f--- off today, and I am relieved. I am happy on one hand, but I'm frightened. He's not going to let me get away with it."

Ms. Simpson said Simpson gave her a look that frightened her, Ameli testified.

A transcript of Ameli's May 22 deposition was released Thursday.

Ameli, a clinical psychologist, testified that she never told police or prosecutors about the conversation. She didn't say why. She said she had called Ms. Simpson at home between 8:30 and 9 p.m. — less than two hours before prosecutors said Ms. Simpson was slain.

Simpson was acquitted of the 1994 slayings of his ex-wife and her friend Ron Goldman. Their families have filed a wrongful-death lawsuit against Simpson. The trial is scheduled for Sept. 9.

Before Simpson's criminal trial, his lawyers said they relished a courtroom assault on Ameli, contending she was not credible. Sources close to the case have said that lawyers reviewed Ms. Simpson's calendar book and diary and found no entries for Ameli, her address or her telephone number.

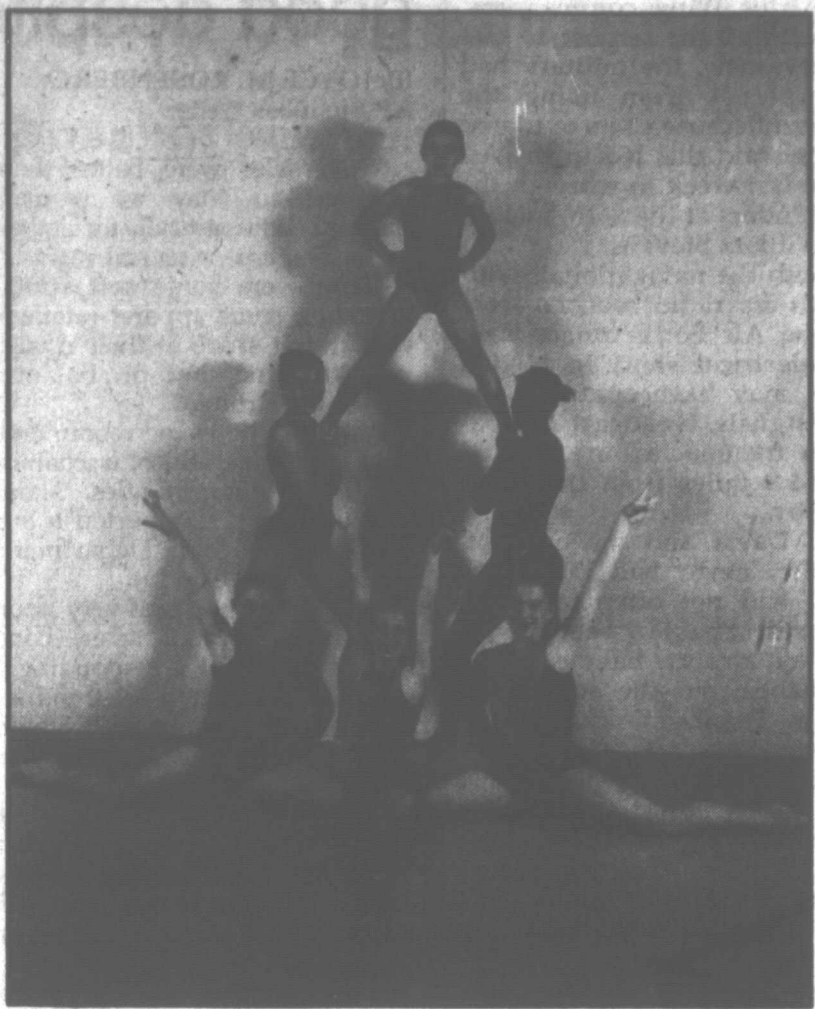
The psychologist said she counseled Goldman and Ms. Simpson for several months and on one occasion counseled them together.

Ameli testified numerous times that she did not believe Goldman and Ms. Simpson had a sexual or romantic relationship, but she said both told her that they were attracted to one another.

According to Ameli, Ms. Simpson spoke openly of her illegal drug use and her romantic relationship with Kansas City Chiefs running back Marcus Allen. Ameli said Simpson knew of this relationship, and also was aware that his ex-wife was growing closer to Goldman, whom he referred to as "the waiter." Simpson had threatened Goldman on at least one occasion, Ameli said.

Ms. Simpson said she was terrified and upset after Simpson told her to break off both relationships, Ameli said.

The M.G. Flyers



(Special photo)

M.G. Flyers gymnastic team is to perform a tumbling routines in Fantast Fest Saturday. Young gymnasts include Ashleigh Patton, Levonne Evans, Shelby Patton, Staci Clay, Carrie Clay Kaylee Greenhouse and Alyssa Bromwell.

Sharp calls new state welfare program part of 'Texas tradition'

AUSTIN (AP) — A new state program designed to help welfare recipients find jobs is part of "the Texas tradition of reaching out to our needy neighbors," Comptroller John Sharp says.

The comptroller's Family Pathfinders program seeks to organize civic clubs, churches and businesses to help families wishing to find jobs and become self sufficient.

It matches Aid to Families with Dependent Children recipients to volunteer organizations in local communities.

About 500 representatives of local organizations attended a conference on the new program Thursday, a turnout Sharp called overwhelming.

"Each of you understands that a job is the most effective tool for leaving public assistance behind," he said. "That's why the goal of Family Pathfinders is to tackle welfare reform one family at a time."

Sharp said he has received hundreds of inquiries from community groups and welfare families wanting to know how they can participate.

"This response reinforces what we've known all along: true welfare reform begins at home with the kind of one-on-one personalized help no government can provide," he said.

In one of the program's first cases, a Lion's Club in East Texas recently sponsored a single mother on AFDC, providing her with clothing and other basics until she found a job, Sharp said.

New law could end federal oversight of state prisons

COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP) — Eleven years ago, a federal judge took control of South Carolina's prisons after inmates complained of overcrowding, bug-infested food and poor health care.

But a new federal law has allowed the state to regain control, and with 35 other states under similar federal scrutiny, more challenges are expected.

Gary Nelson, the former safe-cracker whose lawsuit led to the agreement that allowed federal supervision of South Carolina prisons, says states will cut prison funding and conditions will deteriorate without federal pressure.

"It's easy to pick on prisoners," said Nelson, now a criminal defense lawyer in New Mexico. "I'm not surprised. America is just wanting to punish people."

State officials, however, applauded the change.

South Carolina Attorney General Charlie Condon said it's time to limit federal intrusion into

state affairs and, if necessary, pack inmates in "like sardines." If the public doesn't like it, they can vote state officials out of office, he said.

"The federal courts are the result of people who cannot have their way in the democratic process," said Condon, a Republican who has fought to expand states' rights.

Iowa and Wisconsin also have sought relief under the federal Prison Litigation Reform Act, which took effect in April. New York, Michigan, Illinois and Connecticut are weighing whether to file challenges.

A federal judge on Tuesday said South Carolina's 1985 consent decree — the agreement that allowed federal oversight — should be scrapped under the new law, which also limits inmates' ability to file "frivolous" lawsuits.

A provision in the law allowed South Carolina to regain control of its prisons because no evidence

was introduced in court before the 1985 agreement was reached.

Inmates' advocates say the new law rewrites past federal rulings and violates the Constitution's guarantee of a separation of power between the branches of government. They promised to fight all the way to the U.S. Supreme Court.

"It's not just that majority rules, but that the majority rules under the umbrella of constitutional law," said Ira Robbins, a professor at American University's Washington College of Law.

U.S. District Judge C. Weston Houck, however, said the law was constitutional because it affects rulings that deal with future prison conditions.

Under the new law, states can request a review of their case every two years, giving them more chances to get free of federal supervision. They can get out of consent decrees by proving violations at prisons no longer exist.

Former Perot aide counsels against matching funds

WASHINGTON (AP) — Election officials unexpectedly postponed a final decision about whether Ross Perot qualifies for federal election money after a former Perot volunteer submitted last-minute comments calling the funding "a travesty."

In a letter to the Federal Election Commission, Herb Rosenberg, a former leader of Perot's 1992 volunteer movement in New York, said the Texas billionaire should not get federal dollars because the Reform Party is not a legitimate political party and Perot billed his 1992 candidacy as one that

was purely self-financed.

"There is no connection between this Reform Party and any organization that was involved in the effort to elect H. Ross Perot as U.S. President in 1992," Rosenberg wrote. "For the commission to now extend public funds to him due to our efforts in 1992 would be a travesty."

The FEC's general counsel said in an advisory opinion that Perot qualifies for the funds because of his standing in the 1992 election. The comment period for the opinion ended at noon on Wednesday and the commission was sched-

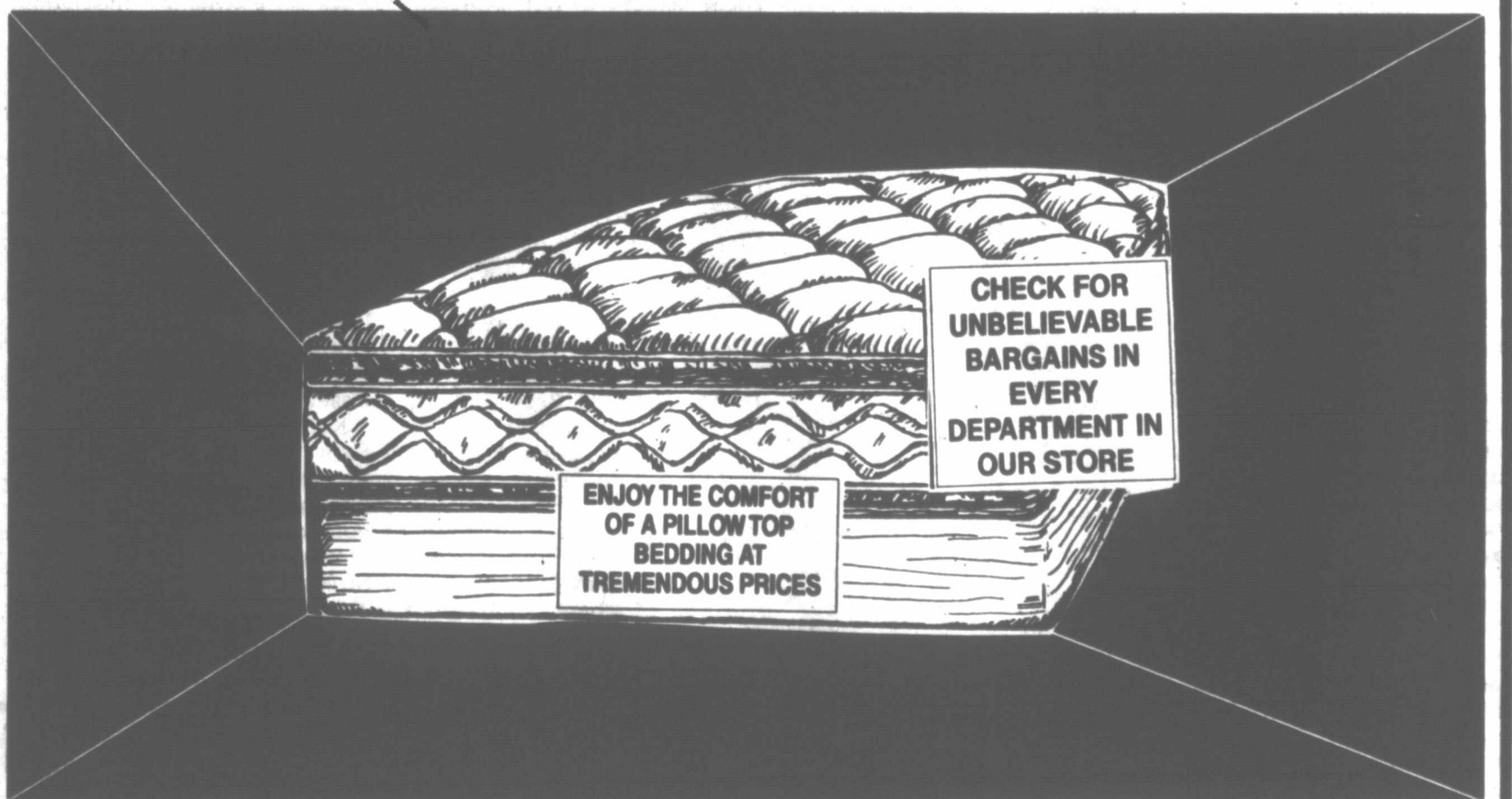
uled to take up the matter at a meeting Thursday. It put off the decision for a week after receiving Rosenberg's comments, which came in after the deadline.

"The commissioners decided they wanted to consider these comments," Sharon Snyder, FEC spokeswoman, said Thursday.

Perot's lawyers have told the FEC that the Reform Party and its nominee — whether that's Ross Perot or someone else — are entitled to the taxpayer-financed money because the group is an offshoot of the billionaire's 1992 election organization.

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Nation briefs

New 'Jeopardy' category: Naughty pictures

CHICAGO (AP) — I'll take "embarrassing mix-ups" for \$1,000, Alex.

'Jeopardy' viewers in 22 Chicago suburbs on Thursday found themselves suddenly watching cavorting, naked women rather than the usual three contestants phrasing answers in the form of a question.

About 10 minutes of the Playboy Channel was inadvertently broadcast during the time slot normally reserved for Alex Trebek's show.

"Some equipment we use to cablecast was having some problems," Continental Cablevision spokeswoman Susan Bisno said.

She gave no details. "There's no defense," she said. "It was awful."

The mix-up affected scattered suburbs from Evanston just north of Chicago to Burbank, to the southwest. Continental said it will apologize in writing to customers who complain.

Longest shuttle flight set for launch June 20

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — Space shuttle Columbia will blast off June 20 for what could be the longest shuttle mission since start of the program in 1981.

NASA hopes the crew of seven can conserve enough electricity during the 16-day mission to allow a one-day extension. The longest mission so far lasted 16 days, 22 hours.

The crew will concentrate on experiments to measure the long-term effects of weightlessness on the human body, NASA said

Thursday in announcing the launch date. A subset of experiments will study production of metallic alloys in space.

All the work will be performed in the Life and Microgravity Spacelab mounted in the shuttle's payload bay.

The voyage will be the 20th flight of Columbia and the 78th in the shuttle program.

FDA advisers: New shingles drug too dangerous

SILVER SPRING, Md. (AP) — Government advisers have rejected a medicine that promised easier treatment for the excruciating disease shingles, saying Americans would be at risk for the same drug-caused deaths that sparked scandal in Japan.

The Japanese government says 15 people died in a month when they took the shingles drug sorivudine together with some common anti-cancer drugs.

Bristol-Myers Squibb had gambled that the U.S. government would allow sorivudine to sell here despite the Japanese tragedy, as long as the drug bore strong warnings to doctors about the lethal interaction.

Bristol-Myers spent six years studying sorivudine, saying one dose a day healed the severely painful shingles as well as the five daily doses required of standard medication — and possibly healed the disease a day faster.

But scientific advisers to the Food and Drug Administration decided Thursday that while sorivudine does work, it doesn't offer enough advantage over three existing shingles drugs to risk selling it.

Air Force cites pilot, command errors for plane crash

By LAURA MYERS
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) - The Air Force is casting a wide net of blame for the plane crash that killed Commerce Secretary Ron Brown and 34 others in Croatia.

The Air Force's 2-month investigation cites pilot error, military commander misjudgments, and outdated navigation equipment as contributing to the tragedy, Defense Secretary William Perry said Thursday.

The Air Force was scheduled to release its conclusions today.

The 22-volume, 7,000-plus page report will attempt to explain why the plane crashed short of Dubrovnik airport on April 3 in a heavy rainstorm. Only the U.S. flag-decorated tail section remained intact, sheltering the lone survivor who died en route to a hospital.

"It was not one single problem or mistake," Perry said in an interview. "There was a string of events which led to the accident."

The sacking last week of the three senior officers in Europe whose air wing in Germany was responsible for the ill-fated jet offered the strongest indication that the Air Force faulted the basic decision to fly into Dubrovnik. Brown and his entourage of U.S. business executives had been coming from Tuzla, Bosnia, on the final leg of a trade mission to the former Yugoslavia.

The harsh rain and wind storm, which made search and rescue attempts nearly impossible for hours after the crash, wasn't directly blamed, said an Air Force official familiar with the investigation.

"The weather was difficult, a problem, yes, but it was not considered a causal factor," said the official, speaking on condition of anonymity.

The family of the pilot, Capt. Ashley J. Davis of Springfield, La., said they weren't surprised the military would blame him. The family was to be briefed today in Springfield, said his sister-in-law, Hope Davis.

"I think they have been leaning more to pilot error, but I am sure we will never know," she said.

Alan Diehl, a former accident investigator for the Air Force and for the National Transportation Safety Board, criticized the military accident review as an in-house "exercise in damage control."

"What we need is a truly independent investigation process for the military or these accidents will keep happening," Diehl said in an interview from Albuquerque, N.M.

The key question for investigators has been why did the plane veer 1.8 miles off course minutes before landing. It drifted with a strong wind toward a 2,500-foot mountain, crashing 98 feet below the summit. Several planes had landed safely that afternoon despite the rain and cloud cover.

The mystery may never be completely solved. The T-43, the military version of the Boeing 737, wasn't equipped with voice and cockpit data recorders that could provide key evidence. The plane had ferried many VIPs, including Perry and first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton.

According to Perry, Air Force investigators blamed:

-The 86th Airlift Wing commanders, who had not certified the airport as safe for landing. Previously, the military had prohibited its planes from using the Dubrovnik airport because of its outdated equipment. Perry said this led to the Air Force's decision last week to reassign the top three commanders at the 86th, including Brig. Gen. William Stevens.

-Problems with the navigational guidance. Both 1930s-era radio beacons were working, but the Air Force official said there was an electrical short in related equipment that may have confused the pilots. The two signals, broadcast at separate continuous frequencies, are located 11.8 miles and 1.9 miles from the north end of the runway.

-Pilot error. Davis and his co-pilot, Capt. Tim Shafer, never had landed at Dubrovnik and had not often used the outdated - but still reliable - beacon system. Most modern airports have computers to guide planes, but the equipment was stolen from Dubrovnik during the war in Yugoslavia.

"The question to which we don't know the answer is, what assessment the pilots made: given the unsophisticated navigation, given the bad weather, why go in at all?" Perry asked, saying the pilots made errors in judgment.

Just days before, Perry had denied reports that Brown pressured the pilots to go forward despite the storm.

Previously, Air Force investigators had discounted the pilots' low flying hours and inexperience with beacons as contributing to the accident.

Retail sales for May look good despite soft spots

By JOYCE M. ROSENBERG
AP Business Writer

Retail sales were better than expected in May as women shopped enthusiastically for clothes for the first time in several years.

There were some soft spots, including some apparel retailers who didn't share in their rivals' good fortune, but on balance sales were strong.

Wal-Mart Stores Inc. rebounded after several months of uncharacteristically sluggish sales. Sears, Roebuck and Co. reported a big gain, as did May Department Stores Co. and Gap Inc.

"After three years of very poor (women's) apparel sales, consumers are finally responding," said Jeffrey Feiner, a retail industry analyst with Salomon Brothers Inc. "They like the better colors and more interesting fabrics."

Feiner said home improvement merchandise was also a strong seller.

Wal-Mart said sales from stores open at least a year were up 5 percent from May 1995 while total sales rose 12.4 percent.

Sales from stores open at least a year, known as same-store sales, are considered the most accurate measure of a retailer's strength. They exclude sales from stores that have been closed and from new stores, which often have disproportionately strong sales.

Sears said its same-store sales rose 10.2 percent, while total sales gained 12.1 percent.

Dayton Hudson Corp. said same-store sales were up 3.3 percent, and total sales rose 9.8 percent. The company's Mervyn's clothing stores fell sharply, but its Target discount stores had a good month.

J.C. Penney Co. Inc., whose focus is on apparel, said its same-store sales were off 0.8 percent, while total sales fell 0.9 percent.

Federated Department Stores Inc. said same-store sales rose 2.1 percent, while total sales were up 10.1 percent. Chairman Allen Questrom said in a statement that home-related merchandise was particularly weak.

May said its same-store results were up 7.2 percent, while total sales picked up 13.9 percent.

Sales of top general retailers

May 1996
Figures in billions of dollars; percent change from the same period a year earlier; exact reporting periods as shown. Same-store sales are for stores open at least one year.

Retailer	Price	% Change	Reporting Period
Wal-Mart Stores Inc.	\$7.91	↑ 12.4%	Four weeks to May 31
Same-store sales:		↑ 5%	
Kmart Corp.	\$2.67	↑ 2.7%	Four weeks to May 29
Same-store sales:		↑ 5.4%	
Sears, Roebuck and Co.	\$2.68	↑ 12.1%	Four weeks to May 1
Same-store sales:		↑ 10.2%	
J.C. Penney Co. Inc.	\$1.39	↓ 0.9%	Four weeks to May 1
Same-store sales:		↓ 0.8%	
Dayton Hudson Corp.	\$1.72	↑ 9.8%	Four weeks to June 1
Same-store sales:		↑ 3.3%	

Some top retailers do not report their sales on a monthly basis, including R.H. Macy & Co. Inc. and Montgomery Ward & Co. Reporting periods vary slightly and not all retailers have the same fiscal year.

Apparel retailer Limited Inc., which had been one of the hardest-hit during the long drought, said same-store sales rose 6 percent and total sales rose 14 percent.

Gap said its same-store sales rose 8 percent, while total business was up 27 percent.

These figures are narrower than retail sales numbers released by the Commerce Department, which also reflect sales of restaurants and auto dealers. The government's retail sales figure will be released June 13.

Drownings reopen debate over parent sanctioned drinking parties

BOSTON (AP) - Some adult hosts at graduation and prom parties where alcohol is served say they would rather have tipsy teenagers under their watch than behind the wheel.

That view, however, is being questioned following the drownings of two teenagers near the lakeside home of a parent who allegedly bought them beer.

Teenage drinkers "might have the bodies of adults, but their judgment has not caught up with them," State Police Sgt. Larry Gillis said. "It's just not responsi-

ble" to allow them to drink. Nor is it legal - the drinking age in every state is 21.

But some parents say they would rather risk a run-in with the law than their child's safety in an alcohol-related car wreck.

"Any control is better than none, and to think that kids aren't drinking after, during and before the prom is foolish," said lawyer Stephen Jones, who is representing a Duxbury couple charged with supplying alcohol to some 24 teenagers at a post-prom party last month. Without commenting specifi-

cally on the case of Kathleen Donovan and Robert Morong Jr., Jones said parents often demand teenagers' car keys at the parties and refuse to let them leave until they are picked up by a parent. Drinking isn't encouraged, he said, but it is controlled.

"What parent wouldn't trade being prosecuted for knowing that their own child and their child's friends have survived what has proven in the past to be a very deadly night," Jones said.

But those against parent-sanctioned drinking are pointing to

the weekend drownings of two teens in Plymouth. A friend said the two had been drinking beer - allegedly supplied by the party host's mother - before they capsized in a canoe.

While authorities have not yet determined whether alcohol played a role in the deaths of Jared Pursler, 16, and John Linden, 17, they are seeking to charge Roxanne Pulsifer with supplying alcohol to minors.

A judge will decide next month whether to charge Pulsifer. She has denied the allegations.

Pampa Middle School Honor Roll

Pampa Middle School recently released its honor roll for the sixth six weeks grading period of the 1995-96 school year.

Sixth grade A-Honor Roll
Cory Bigham, Ryan Bradley, Stephen Broadbent, Stacie Carter, Cali Covalt, Samantha Ford, Sarah Fraser, Nathanael Hill, Tyler Hudson and Sabrina Johnson.

Ashlei Jordan, Justin Juan, Karen Kirkwood, Michelle Kogler, Collin Lewis, Evan Miller, Jessica Montgomery, Randa Morris, Misti Northcutt, Janelle Powers, Sara Scott, Taylor Stellman, Kelly Stowers, Bradley Stucker, William Warren and Morgan White.

AB-Honor Roll
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Kandra Poole, Courtney Ritchey, Amy Robbins, Shelly Sims, A Smith, Charis Snider, Bobby Sparks, Jared Spearman, Cliff Spencer, Ashley Stucki, Jeffery Sweeney, Sarah Teague, Callie Veal, Madalena Velasquez, Desiree Vigil, Justin Waggoner, Dane Ward, Leslie Ward, Shasta Welch, Christopher Whitten, Asia Wilson, Angela Wood and Jarrett Woodington.

Seventh grade A-Honor Roll
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Hacker, Consuelo Hacker, Tanner Hucks, Rebecca Jentzen and Christopher Jordan.

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A-B Honor Roll
Daniel Abernathy, Chris Alexander, Jarod Allen, Alexis Amador, Liana Ammerman, Angel Armstrong, Lane Baker, Ryan Black, Rick Blain, Tiffany Boyd, Gabriel Brack, Colby Brazile, Shauna Broadus, Victor Brooks, Casey Brookshire, Jason Burklow, Ashleigh Burns, Lance Burton, and Beatriz Cabrales.

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Catherine Morse, Christyn Moutray, Charity Nachtigall, Chasty Nachtigall, Sean O'Neal, Kandy Odom, Lucas Oliva, Tristan Perry, Amanda Poole, Kimberly Porter, Vanessa Portillo, Jennifer Reed, Jason Roark, Oscar Sanchez, John Schlewitz, Darrel Schroeder, Cory Schumacher, Brian Sealman, April Shorter, Lori Stephens,

Aimee Stephenson, Shane Story, and Shawn Strate.

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Eighth grade A-Honor Roll
Gary Anderson, Justin Barnes, Jennifer Booth, Tiffany Bruce, Jeremy Buck, Brent Coffee, Lindsay Cree, Emily Curtis, Tyson Curtis, Amber Doyle, Mary Fields, Jill Forman, Bradley Gardner, Jason Hall and Kelly Henderson.

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City's computer inventory missing

FORT WORTH (AP) - More than 15 percent of the city's personal computer inventory is unaccounted for in an audit that has triggered a police investigation.

More than \$158,000 in equipment, from a personal computer inventory reportedly worth more than \$1.03 million, could not be reconciled through records, according to the internal audit of the city Information Systems and Services.

But inadequate records make it hard to determine if the PC equipment was lost or stolen during the audit period from Oct. 1, 1994, through Dec. 31, 1995, the city said.

The shortage is the largest in recent city history, Fort Worth Internal Auditor Costa Triantaphilides said. Materials include computer-related equipment ranging from software to monitors, keyboards and other accessories.

Audit results emerged during a hearing Thursday by the Disciplinary Appeals Board into the firing last year of city ISS employee Julie Mallette.

City officials cited poor work and failure to show up for scheduled overtime in dismissing Ms. Mallette.

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World briefs

Investors hesitant to risk capital, hang back to await outcome of presidential elections

By JULIA RUBIN
Associated Press Writer

MOSCOW (AP) — Doing business in Russia has always been risky. But only those with big pockets or cool nerves are willing to take any chances ahead of next week's presidential elections.

Investors are holding off on billions of dollars' worth of projects — partly for fear Communists will be voted back into power and partly because all efforts to improve Russia's tax laws, land code and other life-or-death questions for businesses have been shelved until after the June 16 vote.

"Political factors are not as important to businesses as the operating environment, but the atmosphere is so politicized that it's having an impact on those things, too," says Peter Charow, executive director of the American Chamber of Commerce in Moscow.

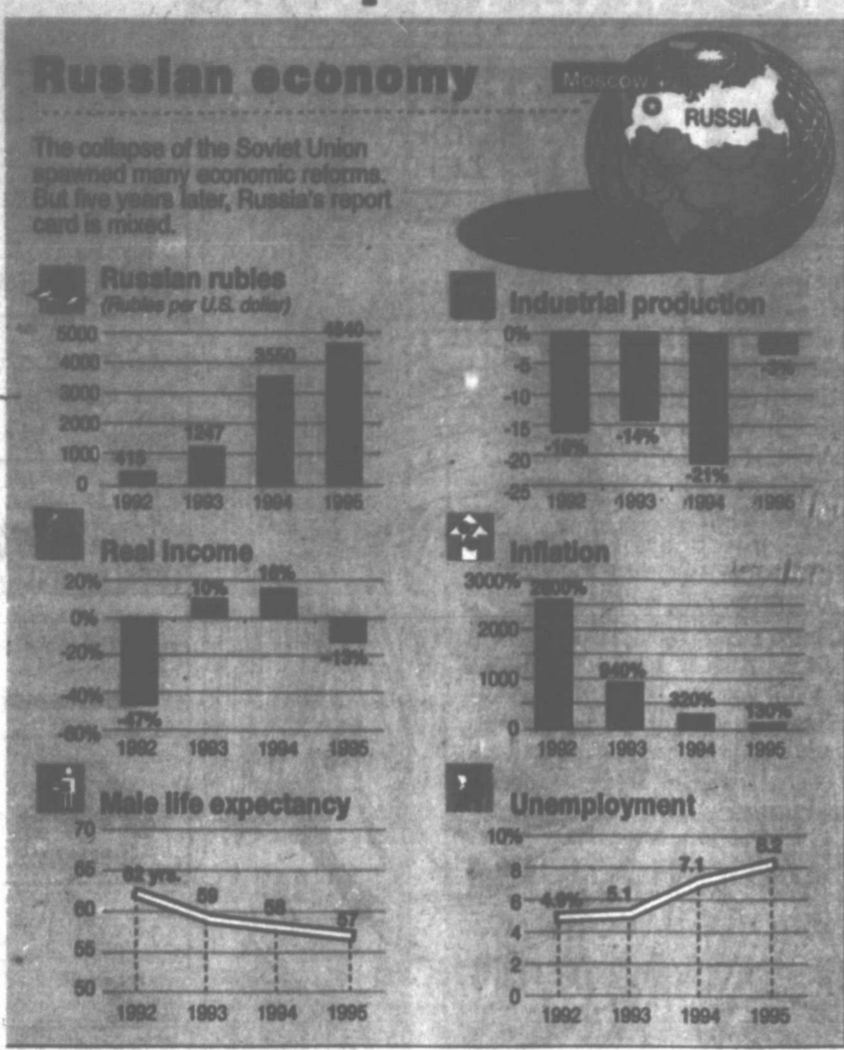
The paralysis is felt throughout Russia's rickety economy. Many Russian companies aren't paying bills or taxes, not knowing who might be collecting next month or how strictly.

The biggest Western players appear confident that Russia will ride out the storm, and are forging ahead. Moscow still looks like a boomtown, its skyline bristling with construction cranes.

Just this spring, McDonald's opened two new Moscow restaurants, General Electric signed on to make jet engines, PepsiCo launched a splashy \$550 million investment campaign and Baskin Robbins opened its first Russian ice-cream plant.

"The elections are not affecting our expansion plans," says Marc Winer, general director of Moscow McDonald's. "We've lived through a lot of changes here already and our experience has been very positive."

Per Mellstrom, head of research in the Moscow office of



Brunswick brokerage house, says such giant, consumer-oriented companies "have reasons to neglect risk and invest anyway, to secure market share. ... These are longer-term commitments."

International lenders like the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund also continue to commit billions of dollars to Russia — contingent on continuation of Yeltsin-style reforms.

Russia's puny stock market has come back to life. Portfolio investors — who take shorter-term risks — have been attracted by low prices and are betting on Yeltsin. But much direct investment has been put on hold.

Vladimir Shcherbakov, a leader of Russia's Business Roundtable and head of a political party of Russian industrialists, says he is waiting until after the elections before making business decisions.

"In the last half year, we have prepared projects for \$2 billion (in largely Western investments) — just us. Everyone's agreed to it, but nobody gives a kopeck. Everyone's waiting for the elections to be over," he told a news conference called by the Yeltsin campaign this week.

Russia's huge oil and gas companies, which have close ties to the government, are actively

involved in Yeltsin's campaign. They say their plans depend on his re-election.

Western firms that have yet to really dive into the Russian market are prone to wait. Unilever chairman Morris Tabaksblat said last week, for instance, that the Anglo-Dutch consumer-products group hopes to expand its Russian operations — but only if Yeltsin wins.

Communist candidate Gennady Zyuganov says he will encourage foreign investment and allow private property, though with more restrictions than exist now.

He notes that Russia's confusing business laws and chaotic tax code, along with corruption and fears of organized crime, already stymie investors. Zyuganov is fond of noting that under Yeltsin, Russia has attracted only about \$5 billion in investment, a fraction of what has gone to China.

But many business leaders fear that Zyuganov, influenced by his party's hard-liners, would impose wage and price controls, ban imports and try to renationalize property.

"It's the uncertainty," says Mellstrom, who insists the Communists would be forced by economic reality back to the free market.

In Soviet times, making a profit was a crime. "Speculators" were jailed or existed in a criminal black market.

If Yeltsin were to win, many investors may still bide their time about entering the Russian market. As a candidate, Yeltsin has promised a spending spree that could undo his government's progress in curbing inflation and tightening the money supply.

"The real question is, if Yeltsin does get re-elected, will he use it as a mandate for the next push in the reform process?" asks Charow of the American Chamber of Commerce.

Five arrested in London bombing

LONDON (AP) — Police and soldiers arrested four men in Northern Ireland today, and British media reported they are suspects in the deadly February bombing in London that ended an IRA cease-fire.

Scotland Yard said the four men were arrested in a raid by police, anti-terrorist officers and British soldiers in South Armagh near the border with Ireland.

Scotland Yard's anti-terrorist unit arrested a fifth man early today in London.

A police statement said the four men arrested in Northern Ireland were "being taken to London for interview in connection with recent terrorist crime in Great Britain." A spokeswoman refused to elaborate.

News reports said the four are suspects in the Feb. 9 bombing in an east London business district that killed two newspaper vendors, injured more than 30 people, and caused millions of dollars in damage.

South Korean crosses Sahara on foot

CAIRO, Egypt (AP) — He wore out seven pairs of shoes, weathered two bouts of diarrhea and was blinded by blistering sandstorms along the lonely dunes of the vast Sahara.

And he made it.

Jong Yul Choi, a 38-year-old South Korean adventurer, emerged Thursday from the solitude of a seemingly unending desert after walking for seven months. Organizers of his trip say he's the first person to cross the Sahara from west to east.

A hotel reception welcoming him to Cairo was a bit overwhelming. Camera flashes. Reporters' questions. Greetings from well-wishers.

"I am disturbed by the noise because I walked through the ulti-

mate silence," said a tanned Choi, wearing jeans and a t-shirt emblazoned with the word Sahara.

On Nov. 11, he left Nouakchott, Mauritania, near the Atlantic Ocean, and covered 4,500 miles of dunes and hills over nearly seven months. He arrived Thursday in Suakin, a Sudanese port on the Red Sea, and flew north to Cairo.

In all, he crossed five countries — Mauritania, Mali, Niger, Chad and Sudan — under an unrelenting sun.

Parliament approves bailout plan for housing lenders

TOKYO (AP) — A key parliamentary committee approved a bailout plan Thursday for Japan's defunct housing lenders, authorizing \$6.3 billion in public spending.

Seven housing lenders, or "jusen," collapsed under the weight of bad loans made to real estate speculators before Japanese land prices tumbled in the early 1990s.

The bailout plan — similar to the S&L bailout in the United States — dominated parliamentary debate earlier this year, amid polls that showed nearly 90 percent of the public opposed it.

The bill approved Thursday authorizes the government to spend \$6.3 billion in public money to liquidate assets held by the jusen.

Major banks that set up the jusen and encouraged them to make risky loans are bearing the brunt of their losses.

The main opposition New Frontier Party protested Thursday's committee vote, saying more time for debate was needed. But the party wasn't expected to be able to block a scheduled Friday vote in the full lower house.

The upper house of Parliament also must approve the plan, which is likely before the session closes June 19.

Report: 2 million killed by Khmer Rouge

NEW YORK (AP) — Researchers say as many as 2 million people may have been killed by the Khmer Rouge between 1975 and 1979, double the number previously thought, *The New York Times* reported today.

A research team, financed primarily by Congress, has been studying meticulous records kept by the communist Cambodian regime in preparation for possible use against its leaders in trials.

The \$500,000 project, called the Cambodian Genocide

Program and run by Yale University, has been tallying thousands of mass graves around Cambodia, which had an estimated population of 7 million.

"Frankly, we are finding it difficult to cope with the volume of material that we have discovered," said Ben Kiernan, a Cambodian expert at Yale and the program's director.

"We did not expect to find such large caches. We don't have the funds even to catalog it, let alone analyze it."

Four leave Freeman compound; first to leave since April

JORDAN, Mont. (AP) — A family of four, including two children, left the Freeman ranch days after the FBI cut off the group's electricity and began other pressure tactics to try to end the 2 1/2-month-old standoff.

The departures Thursday afternoon of the Ward family — the first from the compound since April — led some lawmakers to speculate that authorities would now move quickly and aggressively to force a surrender.

"Now they can do what they have to do," said Montana state Rep. Joe Quillico of Butte, one of four state legislators involved in early talks with the anti-government group. "You should see things start moving now."

Others insisted the FBI still was hoping for a peaceful end to the 75-day-old standoff, noting that a

16-year-old girl remained on the eastern Montana ranch.

"I don't think this sends a sign that now there will be necessarily be forced confrontation," said Montana Attorney General Joe Mazurek. "People should keep in mind the objective here is to arrest these people, not to create an armed confrontation."

The FBI cut off power to the group on Monday, although the Freeman are believed to have restored partial electricity with power generators. Since last week, the FBI has moved three armored cars closer to the compound and added a second helicopter to its positions around the ranch.

Authorities also are considering further measures to isolate the Freeman, including disrupting the group's satellite televi-

sion, cellular telephone and radio communications signals, *The New York Times* has reported.

Gloria Ward, her common-law husband Elwin Ward and her two daughters, Courtnee, 10, and Jaylynn, 8, were the first to leave the extremist group's ranch since a Freeman sympathizer left April 27.

The four emerged after entreaties from Ms. Ward's sister, Lynn Nielsen, who had visited the 960-acre compound several times, authorities said. The Wards drove out in Ward's car, accompanied by an unidentified person who had entered the ranch two hours earlier.

FBI agents then drove Gloria Ward and the children to Miles City, about 80 miles away, while Elwin Ward followed in his own

car. They were taken to a city-county building, where police officers entertained the children in a basement community center.

"They're just as happy as larks," said Miles City Mayor George T. Kurkowski, who visited them. "The fellas down there are getting them pop and ice cream."

Harmful effects of pesticides exacerbated when mixed

WASHINGTON (AP) — Pesticides in the environment that have been linked to breast cancer and male birth defects may be up to 1,000 times more damaging when paired with other pollutants than when working alone, a study reports today.

The finding was called "astounding" by a federal environmental official, who said it may lead to major changes in methods of measuring the environmental effects of chemicals.

Published today in the journal *Science*, the study centered on endosulfan, dieldrin, toxaphene, and chlordane, all pesticide chemicals that are known to activate a gene that makes estrogen in animals. Estrogen is a hormone that controls formation of female organs. A surplus of the hormone has been linked to breast cancer and to malformation of male sex organs.

By themselves, the pesticides have only a very weak effect on the estrogen gene, said John A. McLachlan of Tulane University, leader of a team that tested the chemicals.

"If you test them individually, you could almost conclude that they were non-estrogenic, almost inconsequential," he said. "But when we put them in combination, their potency jumped up 500 to 1,000-fold."

McLachlan said it was expected that combinations of the chemicals would be additive; that is, the effects of two chemicals together would equal the sum of the effects of the chemicals alone.

"Instead of one plus one equaling two, we found in some cases that one plus one equals a thousand," he said.

"These findings are astonishing," said Dr. Lynn Goldman, chief of the Environmental

Protection Agency's Office of Prevention, Pesticides and Toxic Substances. "The policy implications are enormous about how we screen environmental chemicals for estrogen effects."

The EPA monitors testing of environmental chemicals one at a time, said Goldman, and the agency now must consider how to test for effects of chemicals that might cause more serious damage when combined in the environment.

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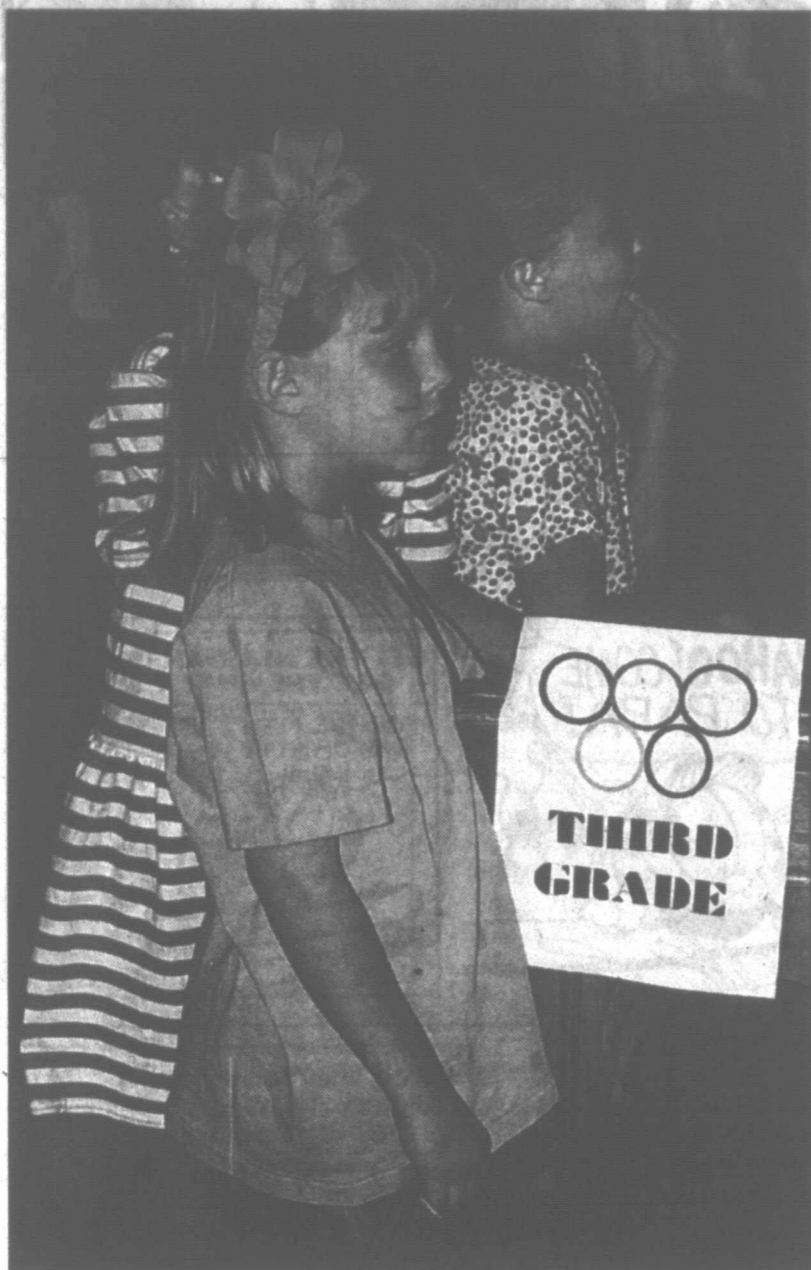
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Religion

Young singer



Jayme Maxwell sings in First Baptist Church's vacation bible school this morning. The school hosted close to 700 children this week.

(Pampa News Photo by Tiffanie Franks)

New Liverpool archbishop steps into controversy

By SUE LEEMAN
Associated Press Writer

LONDON (AP) — Along with his miter, Britain's newest Roman Catholic archbishop takes on a slew of troubles, most notably a church divided and shrinking in Liverpool, home of the nation's biggest Catholic flock.

Pope John Paul II recently appointed Bishop Patrick Kelly as archbishop of the gritty northern port city, where attendance at Mass is dwindling and crime is rising.

Liberals and traditionalists alike welcomed the appointment of the avuncular Bishop of Salford, an orthodox theologian with an imaginative, personal approach to congregants.

"Patrick Kelly will hold the church together, not by avoiding issues, but by meeting them head-on," said Catholic writer and commentator Bill Oddy, a leading traditionalist.

Peter Stanford, a commentator

from the church's liberal wing, said Kelly "has the wit and imagination to heal divisions." He said the new archbishop "pioneered work with divorced and separated Catholics when it was not popular to do so."

A headline on Kelly's appointment in the next issue of The Catholic Herald will read, "Right place, right man, right time," said acting editor Harry Coen.

In April, the independent-minded weekly touched a raw nerve when Liverpool-born novelist Alice Thomas Ellis wrote a column attacking Kelly's liberal predecessor, Derek Worlock, who forged close links with the Anglican state church.

The traditionalist Ellis accused Worlock of diluting the Catholic faith and blamed him for dwindling church attendances. The city, with its strong Irish Catholic minority, once was Britain's powerhouse of Catholicism.

Worlock "spent so much time hobnobbing with Protestants,

non-Christians and even agnostics that he ended up alienating his own flock," Catholic journalist Paul Johnson wrote in the Daily Mail.

Clergy and bishops rallied to the memory of Worlock, who died in February. Some prominent Catholics demanded the pope intervene.

Ellis applauded Kelly's appointment, saying it would bring the church in Liverpool "back a bit to a more faithful mode of Catholicism."

Kelly, 57, must "sweep up the pieces and try and get some people going back to church... and of course Liverpool is in a most appalling state," Ellis said.

Kelly already has been hard at work mending fences.

He told BBC radio he has met Catholics from Liverpool in recent months and didn't believe the splits Ellis described were "that big an issue."

"I think there are those that are not contented," but many show

"fruits of great growth and joy and faith in the Lord," he said.

In the past year, the city of 1.4 million has seen a 12 percent rise in crime, including a 36 percent rise in robberies and a surge in shootings. Unemployment stands at 20 percent.

Church figures show Liverpool has 540,000 Catholics, yet attendance at Sunday Mass fell from 114,000 in 1993 to a little over 100,000 last year.

Kelly said he would continue the drive for closer links with other churches pioneered by Worlock, who collaborated closely with Anglican Bishop David Sheppard to help defuse religious-based conflicts during his 20 years in Liverpool.

Born just north of Liverpool in Morecambe, Kelly gained degrees in philosophy and theology from Rome's Gregorian University and taught theology for many years at Birmingham's Oscott College. He was ordained Feb. 18, 1962.

Court orders city to allow religious film at senior center

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — Churches must be allowed to show a movie about the life of Jesus and pass out Bibles at city senior centers, a federal appeals court has ruled.

"The city of Albuquerque has failed to show a compelling interest that justifies its policy prohibiting sectarian instruction and religious worship at its senior centers," wrote 10th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals Judge Déanell R. Tacha in the unanimous opinion.

The recent decision came after Albuquerque's Church on the Rock and its then-pastor Don Kimbro sued the city because the church had been banned from showing a film entitled "Jesus" and handing out large-print Bibles at the Bear Canyon Senior Center.

Kimbro, who is now pastor at the Faith Fellowship and Bible Training Center, said he was elated at the court's ruling.

"It's like David meeting Goliath again," he said.

Kimbro said he will begin working immediately to schedule showings of the film at the centers.

The Gospelheirs



The Gospelheirs of Amarillo will be in concert at 7 p.m. Saturday at Barrett Baptist Church, 903 E. Beryl. A nursery is provided and the public is invited.

(Special photo)

Coming events

Youth choir at FUMC

The touring youth choir from Highland Park United Methodist Church in Dallas will perform at 10:30 a.m. Sunday at First United Methodist Church, 201 E. Foster.

Christian musical "A Reason to Rejoice" by Allen Pote will be presented.

Bible school at Central

Central Baptist Church, corner of Starkweather and Browning, will host vacation Bible school 9 a.m. to noon Monday through Friday. VBS is for children ages four through sixth grade.

Special days planned include picture day, penny day and hot dog day.

Preschool division director Mary Guinn, children's division director Sharon McCormick and the VBS faculty invite children to attend the first day of VBS and learn about the week planned.

For more information call 665-1631.

Gospel singing at First Pentecostal

"We Sing His Praise" will be the theme of First Pentecostal Holiness Church's monthly singing from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday. The church is located at 1700 Alcock.

Singing is held on the second Sunday of each month and includes singers and musical groups from Pampa and area churches.

The Rev. Albert Maggard and the congregation invited the public.

Lefors FBC

Lefors First Baptist church will be holding church in the city park at 11 a.m. Sunday. A hamburger and hot dog dinner will be served after the service as a youth group fund raiser. Costs will be \$3 for hamburgers and \$1 for hot dogs.

Zion Lutheran gets new vicar



Vicar and Mrs. Leif Hasskarl and Stephanie

Zion Lutheran Church, 1200 Duncan, will receive Vicar Leif Hasskarl as its new pastor on June 17. He and his wife, Nancy and two children, will move to Pampa from Fort Wayne, Ind. where he attends Concordia Theological

Seminary. Hasskarl was born in Brenham, and grew up in Ada, Okla. where he graduated from East Central University. He served as a U.S. Army officer 11 years before entering seminary.

Religion briefs

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — The Most Rev. Francis E. George was installed recently as the ninth archbishop of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Portland in Oregon.

George, 59, will guide 274,800 Western Oregon Catholics and oversee dioceses in Eastern Oregon, Idaho and Montana.

The new archbishop made it clear in his homily that he will fight abortion and Oregon's assisted suicide law.

"And so the church teaches and will teach here, as she taught 2,000 years ago, that abortion, infanticide and suicide are sins against the God that gives us life," George emphatically told the crowd.

"The moral law is not negotiated like a trade treaty," he said.

Condemning "the barbarism of the well-educated" and the permissiveness of today's society, he decried injustices that "we have permitted to be done to the weakest and most vulnerable of our brothers and sisters."

George also alluded to the barriers that separate Christians of different denominations.

"We must all ask ourselves," he said, "if we can much longer afford the luxury and sinfulness of our divisions."

George succeeds the Most Rev. William Levada, who was named last year to succeed the Most Rev. John Quinn as archbishop of San Francisco.

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — One of North Carolina's best-known pastors has announced that he has cancer.

The Rev. Charles Page has bone marrow cancer, but most of the 3,000 members of Charlotte's First Baptist Church did not know until he preached about how good it felt knowing the church was praying for him.

"I've felt their prayers," Page said recently. "People say they wake up at 4 in the morning, praying. They are the most loving and kind people I believe I've

ever known anywhere."

Page, 56, has been diagnosed with multiple myeloma — cancer of the bone marrow. The discovery was made after a routine physical examination in advance of a church mission trip to Russia. He did not take the trip.

His cancer is in the "smoldering" stage and will not require any immediate treatment, he said.

Since starting a second tenure in 1990 as First Baptist senior minister, Page has become one of the region's most recognizable religious leaders.

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Painted Church moves into new home

KALAPANA, Hawaii (AP) — The Painted Church has a new permanent home, finally.

After six years of limbo on the side of Highway 130, the famed church with the beautiful painted murals was moved uphill from the highway recently to what volunteers hope is its permanent home.

The former Roman Catholic church, once called Star of the

Sea Church, was moved out of Kalapana during the May 1990 lava inundation that destroyed most of the picturesque seaside village.

After lying idle for several years that included stalled attempts to find a new home for the church, the Catholic Church sold the structure to the Kalapana Ohana Community Association for \$1.

Kids Need Honest Answers To Questions About Death

DEAR ABBY: After a recent family gathering, several of us decided to visit the grave of a recently departed loved one. As we gathered our coats, a 3-year-old in the group asked where we were going. She was told, "To visit Aunt Lola."

"Where?" she asked. The answer was, "Heaven."

When we arrived at the cemetery, a relative pointed to the grave and told the child, "This is heaven, and this is where Aunt Lola lives." The child became noticeably upset and could not understand why her favorite aunt was living underground. Then she was told to blow kisses to the grave and became nearly hysterical.

When I later saw the child's mother, I asked if she knew what the other relatives had told her daughter about having gone to "heaven" to visit Aunt Lola. The mother said that was what she wanted her daughter told, and she was telling her the same thing!

Abby, I have taken several child psychology classes and have read a great deal on the topic. I've always been under the impression that children should never be told that a deceased person has "gone to heaven" because the child will then believe that heaven is a place they can visit, and that the deceased person may be coming back.

When I explained this to my relatives, they said I was being ridiculous because she was only 3 and would not remember any of this. Abby, I think she will remember.

Abigail Van Buren

SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

These relatives are well-educated, not ignorant. What is your opinion?
RIDICULED RELATIVE
IN RICHMOND, VA.

DEAR RELATIVE: Experts agree that when talking to children about death, the language should be simple and honest. Euphemisms, such as telling a child a dead person is "asleep" or "in heaven," only increase confusion and fear. The discussion should be kept on an appropriate level for the child's age. Their natural questions will guide you — nothing should be overexplained.

Children grieve just as adults do. They should be assured that it is all right to express their feelings. When children lose someone with whom they have been extremely close, grief counseling may be in order.

DEAR ABBY: I am a recent

widow. My wonderful husband died eight months ago following a debilitating illness of three years duration. We were completely faithful and devoted to each other throughout our marriage.

I have been asked out by several men whom I refused because I thought it was too soon after my husband's death. (Also, I had no interest in these men.)

I now find myself attracted to a widower who belongs to a group I belong to. If he asks me out, what is the respectable amount of time to wait before I accept a date? (I am feeling guilty just thinking about it.)

I would be embarrassed to be called on by a man (my neighbors might observe this) or be seen in public by friends on a date with a man. I value your advice.

RECENTLY WIDOWED: There is no longer a specific period of mourning. If he asks you out tomorrow, don't hesitate to accept. Good friends and neighbors who care about you will be happy to see you enjoy yourself after all you've been through.

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CANCER (June 21-July 22) Continue to keep your eyes peeled for unique developments that could benefit your career. Your vigilance will be essential.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) This could turn out to be a significant day for you. You will have good luck and a healthy dose of happiness. Do not settle for or expect anything less.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You might benefit from a situation originated by others today. Somehow you will manage to wriggle into the arrangement and receive a warm welcome.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Your open-minded, nonjudgmental attitude will appeal to others today, especially to people who may seek your advice and suggestions.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) The larger the stakes, the better you can handle a challenge today. This will be a good time to reach for more ambitious goals.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) You might have better luck than usual today in situations that have an element of chance. Your rabbit's foot will bring you good vibes.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Your domestic routine may be disrupted today, but these distractions will not bother you. They will be the precursors of happy developments.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) An arrangement you recently established with a business associate will have greater potential than either of you realize. This alliance will grow stronger.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) You can derive larger-than-usual returns from a current endeavor. It will be time to make sure that you are getting the benefits you deserve.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Something grand might develop for you through a well-connected social contact. You must be a good listener in order to benefit properly from this opportunity.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Usually we have to work hard just to reap small benefits, but today good luck will enable you to receive rewards in proportion to your excellent work.



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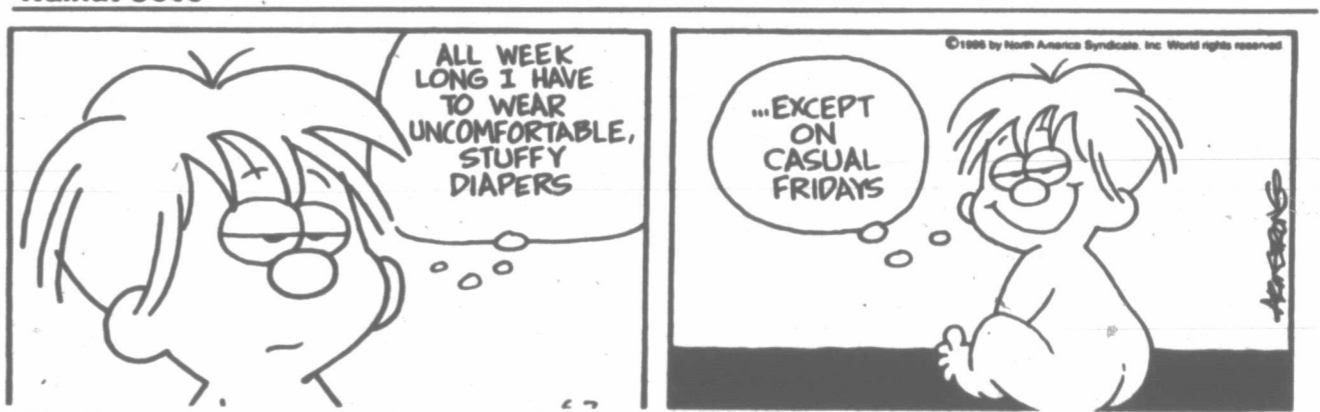
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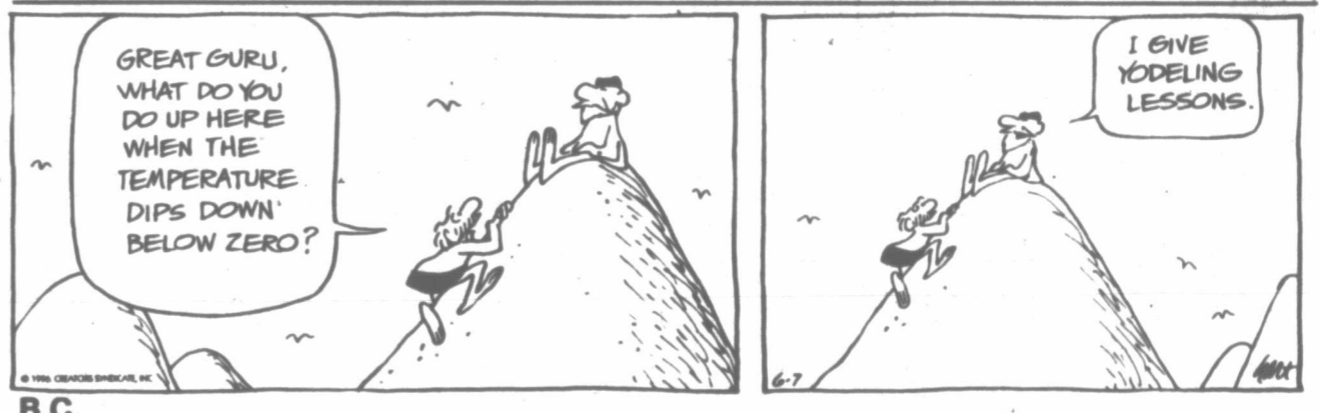
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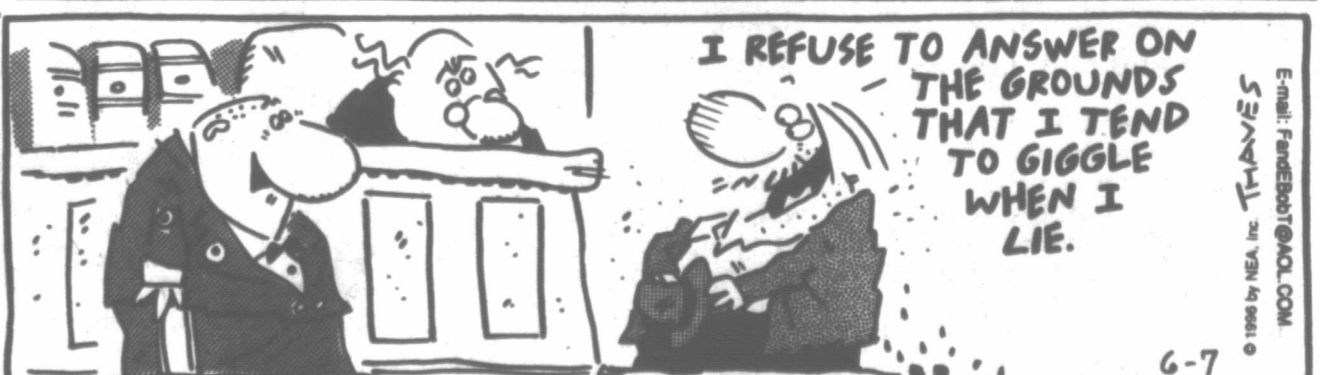
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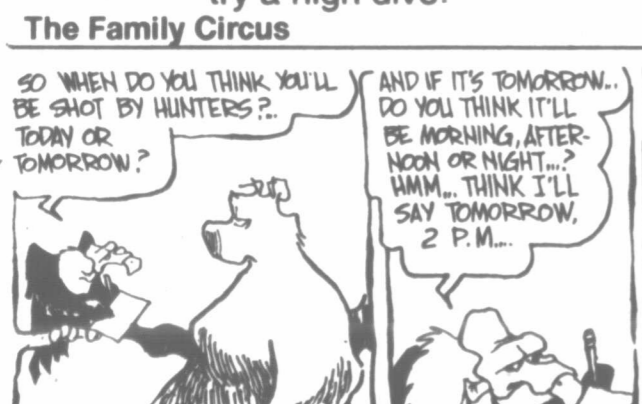
GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You will be in a good cycle to realize your hopes and expectations. Try not to have negative feelings about your current situation. Gemini, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing \$2 and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Make sure to state your zodiac sign.



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THROW-A-THON

PAMPA — A Throw-A-Thon in both men's and women's divisions will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday at Harvester Field.

Schedule of events include: 2 p.m. shot put, 14-15 age division, 4-kilo; 16-17-18 age division, 12-pound; 19 years and up, 16-pound, 50-59 age group, 6-kilo and 60-69 age group, 5-kilo; 3 p.m. discus; 4 p.m. weight throw, 20-25-35 pounds; 4:30 p.m. javelin and 5:15 p.m. hammer throw.

There is no entry fee. Call 806-665-1238 if more information is needed. No pre-registration is needed to compete.

SOFTBALL

PAMPA — The City of Pampa and the Pampa Softball Players Association announces their Coors Light Silver Bullet Shootout Softball Tournament for June 15-16.

The tournament is a U.S.S.S.A. state qualifying tournament and will have men's Class C, D, E and Mixed Class C-D.

Entry fee is \$115 and checks should be made payable to North Country Dist.

Entry deadline is Wednesday, June 12 at 5 p.m. Prizes and trophies will be awarded to the top three teams in each division. First place will be Coors Light Uniform Jerseys, second place will be Coors Light Player Packs and third place will be Coors Light Jerseys with a limit of 13 prizes per team.

For more information and to enter the tournament, call Shane Stokes at 660-5770, Mike Killgo at 665-1983 or Ronnie Morrison at 274-6453.

VOLLEYBALL

PLAINVIEW — The Wayland Baptist University volleyball program will be holding a volleyball camp in Pampa on July 15-18.

The camp will be held at Pampa High School and will run each evening from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. The camp is for girls who will be in the 9th through the 12th grade next year.

Wayland head coach Brad Borden will direct the camp, which will feature coaching from the WBU players and local club volleyball coaches.

If you would like to attend or you would like more information, call Brad Borden at 296-4739.

FOOTBALL

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) — Texas Tech football coach Spike Dykes has returned home, and declared himself ready to "hit the ground running" after undergoing elective triple-bypass surgery.

Dykes told the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal doctors performed the surgery last week.

"The prognosis is great," said Dykes, 56, who got home on Tuesday. "I got to go home early. I've got to take it easy for a couple of weeks and get my strength back, but there are no problems." Several Tech officials confirmed last Friday that Dykes had undergone minor surgery earlier in the day, but would not divulge the nature of the procedure. They said Dykes didn't want friends or fans to worry about him.

"I wasn't trying to cover up anything," Dykes said. "I told Sharon (Dykes' wife) the last thing I wanted was 30 or 40 people up at the hospital worrying about me."

Dykes is entering his 10th full season at Tech's head coach.

He has compiled a 56-47-1 record and has led the Red Raiders to three consecutive bowl games.

Accusations fly as NBA Finals heat up

By MIKE NADEL
AP Sports Writer

CHICAGO (AP) — It took exactly one game for accusations and admonitions to grab most of the attention in the NBA Finals.

The Chicago Bulls claimed that the Seattle SuperSonics in general, and Frank Brickowski, in particular, were guilty of goon tactics against poor, defenseless Dennis Rodman.

When the Sonics weren't laughing at the charge, they were firing back with their own: Rodman is a fraud who is making a mockery of the NBA.

Almost lost in the commotion was the fact that if the Sonics don't improve tonight, they'll take a 2-0 deficit to Seattle and might not get back to Chicago.

"I'm not saying it's a must-win," Sonics coach George Karl said, "but if they win the first two games at home, they deal the cards for the rest of the series."

The tone of the series might have been set in the second quarter of

Wednesday's opener. That's when Brickowski, a seldom-used forward, entered the game.

Rodman, who already had been called for a technical foul, would have been ejected had he gotten another. So Brickowski immediately went to work on the man known as the "Worm."

But it was Brickowski who was called for a flagrant foul after sending Rodman reeling and was then assessed two quick technicals.

"I don't think it's any secret around the league that people try to do this to Dennis," Chicago coach Phil Jackson said Thursday. "I happen to know Frank and like him as a person. Whether he is encouraged to do that from his coaching staff or that's their technique to do that to Dennis, that's not what we consider a basketball-related tactic."

Karl practically hit the United Center ceiling when told of Jackson's remarks.

"Phil should be happy because he got a flagrant foul," Karl said. "Rodman is the guy that cre-

ates the problem. He did an unbelievable flop, a faking job. Here's a guy that pushes and grabs and fights as much as anybody, and then he gets bumped and flops and gets a flagrant foul. It's crazy."

Rodman, who in drawing the foul threw his tattooed body backward as if he had been hit by a truck, "is laughing at the NBA," Karl said. "It's silly to give him any credibility for what he does out there."

The Bulls ended up with five points from the sequence, Rodman finished the game with 13 rebounds, and the Bulls won 107-90.

Rodman said the league made a statement: "Hey, no one's going to come in and do something like that. Let's play clean basketball."

The Worm made his own statement with his latest — and wildest ever — hairdo: several multicolored symbols that looked like a combination of graffiti and hieroglyphics.

"You've got peace and love over here," Rodman said, pointing to

one side of his head. "You've got the AIDS symbol here. You've got Pearl Jam on this side. And you've got the gay and lesbian symbol in the back. It's about representing the people that don't get any respect these days."

As for the game, Rodman didn't mind that he was burned for most of Shawn Kemp's 32 points.

"You got a big star like that, you let him score his points and shut everybody else down," Rodman said. "We shut (Gary) Payton down, we shut (Detlef) Schrempf down and that was the key."

Indeed, Chicago won most matchups.

Michael Jordan and Ron Harper outscored Seattle guards Payton and Hersey Hawkins 43-22. Harper was especially effective against Payton, holding the All-Star to 13 points on 6-of-17 shooting.

The Bulls' Luc Longley was the best center. Scottie Pippen outplayed Schrempf. And Toni Kukoc came off Chicago's bench to score 18 points.

"We have to challenge ourselves to increase our defensive pressure," Kemp said. "And we've got to take care of the ball. If you turn the ball over on Chicago, it's either going to be a dunk, a 3-pointer or a foul on you."

The Sonics take solace in the fact that even though they shot only 40 percent and committed 18 turnovers, "it's a seven-point game with five minutes to go," Karl said. "It was not a blowout. It was not a destruction. I still think my team is very confident."

But the Bulls also feel they can play better. They shot just 43 percent. They were outrebounded for only the second time this postseason. Jordan had a substandard (for him) 28 points. Pippen missed 10 of his 15 shots.

During the first three quarters, Chicago didn't look like a team that won an NBA-record 72 regular-season games, a team gunning for its fourth title in six years.

"Seattle hasn't seen us at our best," Jordan said. "Hopefully, we'll show them that in Game 2."

Monterey faces Klein Oak in Class 5A title matchup

By The Associated Press

Class 5A Semifinals
Lubbock Monterey 4, League City Clear Creek 3
Klein Oak 10, Eagle Pass 0

Jeff Horn hit a two-run double in the top of the seventh inning, lifting Lubbock Monterey to a 4-3 victory Thursday night in the Class 5A semifinals of the state baseball tournament.

Monterey (35-3), which has tied a record for most state tourney appearances (12), will face Klein Oak in tonight's championship game and will be seeking its fourth state title.

With a 3-2 lead heading into the top of the seventh, Clear Creek (24-8) simply needed to close out the inning for the victory. But after getting Joe O'Jibway to ground out, Clear Creek pitcher Cody Sundbeck walked Eric Jorgensen, Dusty Hart and J.R. Mize to set up Horn's dramatic double that scored Jorgensen and Hart.

In the bottom of the seventh, Monterey ace Mark Martinez, a lefty curveballer, struck out Joe Rough, forced Cory Witt into a ground out and then ended the game by fanning Justin Syfert.

In the other semifinal, Trey Hodges threw a one-hitter and Klein Oak exploded for five runs in the second inning.

The game was stopped under the 10-run rule in the bottom of the sixth inning.

Hodges, a lanky senior right-hander who improved to 12-2, was nearly flawless, giving up just one hit in the second inning as Klein Oak (29-4-1) earned its first trip to the state finals since losing to League City Clear Creek in the 1991 5A championship.

Eagle Pass, which got its only hit from Jaime Salinas, finished the year 24-9 after making its fourth state tournament appearance.

Class 4A Semifinals
Fort Worth Arlington Heights 7, Corpus Christi Calallen 6
Little Cypress Mauriceville 5, Southlake Carroll 2

Mark Austry drilled a two-run triple in the bottom of the sixth inning to help Fort Worth Arlington Heights defeat Corpus Christi Calallen.

Arlington Heights (29-11), making its third state tourney appearance, will face Little Cypress-Mauriceville at 1:30 p.m. today for the championship.

Calallen finished the year 34-2 after making its third trip to Austin.

Austry, who also had a double in a 2-for-4 day, helped Arlington Heights seize control of a seesaw battle in which it trailed 4-0 early in the game.

In the other semifinal, Beau Hale pitched a complete game and drove in three runs to help Little Cypress Mauriceville (32-3) defeat Southlake Carroll.

The game figured to be a showcase for Carroll (25-10) pitcher Chance Caple, an eighth-round draft pick of the San Diego Padres. But Hale was dominant, confusing batters with a variety of pitches and then providing key hits at the plate.

Class 3A Semifinals
Graham 10, Mineola 0
Crockett 3, Dripping Springs 2

Ryan Dollar gave up just three hits, pitching Graham to victory over Mineola in a game that was

halted by the 10-run rule after the fifth inning.

Graham (23-9) scored seven runs in the fourth and fifth innings to end the contest early. The Steers will play Crockett for the state championship at 4:30 p.m. today.

Mineola (28-5) was led by senior John Nutt, who had a single and a double.

Crockett pitcher Kendall Rhodes, 11-2, fanned 10 batters from Dripping Springs. The Bulldogs, which won a UIL state title in 1982, will face Graham at 4:30 p.m. today.

Rhodes clinched the victory when he got Dripping Springs' Nathan Hardin to ground out for the game's last out. Hardin had ripped him for a triple in the third inning that gave Dripping Springs a 2-1 lead.

Class 2A Semifinals
Gilmer Harmony 6, DeLeon 5
Weimar 3, Pilot Point Sel 1

Handcuffed for six innings by the pitching of Cortney Golden, Gilmer Harmony scored four runs in the seventh inning and pushed across another run in the eighth to beat DeLeon.

The Eagles (25-6) face Weimar in the 10:45 a.m. finals today. DeLeon finished its season at 21-6.

Golden (17-3) had a no-hitter through 4-2/3 innings and had allowed only one run on two hits while striking out 6 through six innings.

But Harmony exploded for four runs in the top of the seventh on two-run singles by Jeremy Pollard and David Howard, forcing extra innings. Harmony won in the eighth when winning pitcher Chad Trimble (12-2) singled, stole second and scored on Adam Hull's single.

Robert Sainz allowed only four hits, struck out seven and walked only one in the victory by Weimar (24-8).

Pilot Point's Lloyd Dean Childers (6-1) gave up just one hit and striking out two. But he threw two wild pitches, and both allowed runs to score.

With Weimar leading 3-1 in the seventh, Sainz got the first two batters to fly out before hitting Kris Sipe with a pitch and walking Steve Wall on four pitches. But Sainz got Joe Smith on a grounder for the final out, ending the game.

Class A Semifinals
Spurger 2, Gorman 1
Thorndale 5, Maud 0

Michael Hatton batted in the winning run and scored the other run as Spurger defeated Gorman.

The Pirates (28-4), making their second state tournament appearance in three years, face Thorndale in today's title game.

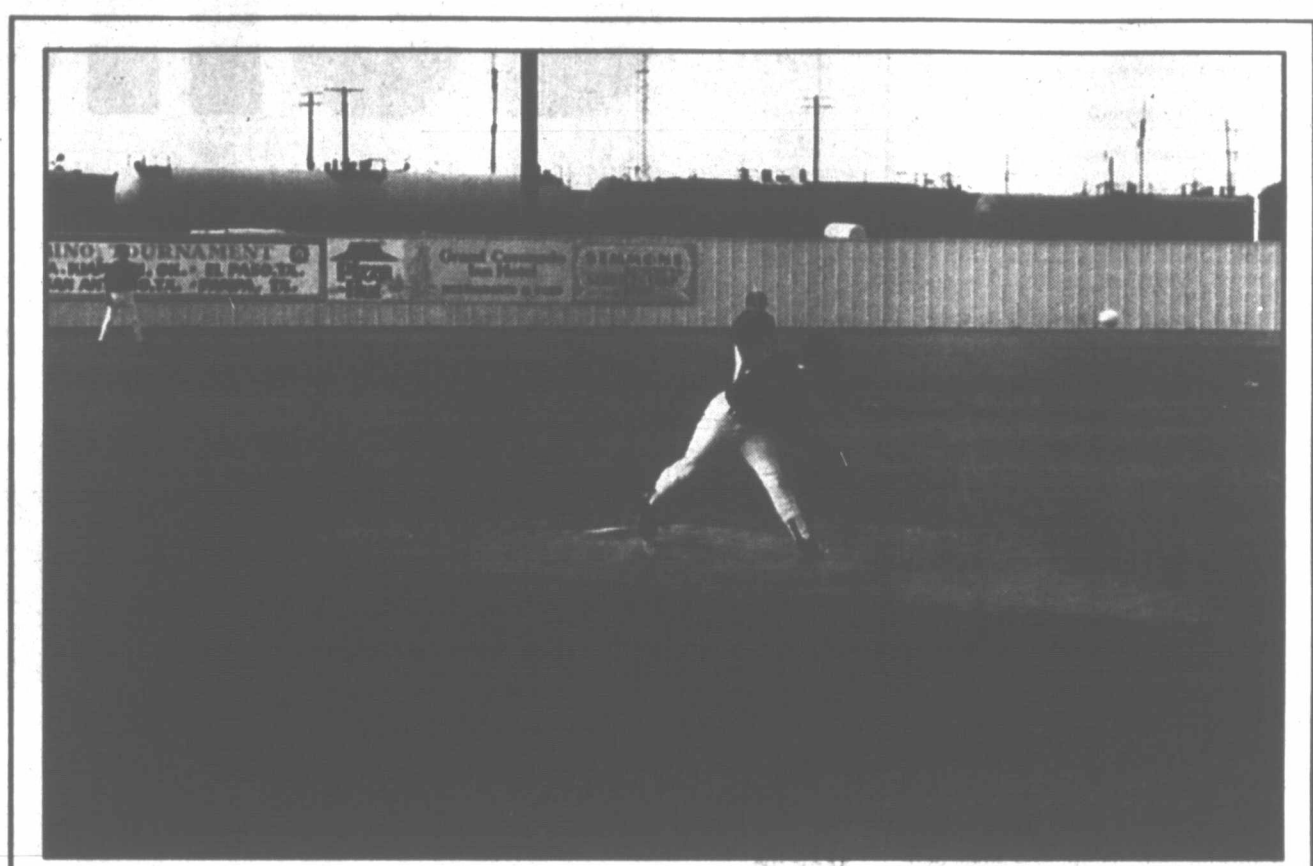
Gorman, making its first state appearance, finished its season 21-6.

Hatton's sacrifice fly to right field scored catcher Jason Spurlock from third base putting the Pirates ahead 2-1 in the sixth.

In the other semifinal, Eric Hinostroza struck out eight and scattered five hits as Thorndale won.

It's the first time all season that Maud (20-7) has been shut out. The Cardinals had scored at least two runs in each game.

Hinostroza (15-0) had plenty of offense to back up his five-hit performance. The Bulldogs had eight hits, including Twome Simmons' solo home run in the fifth inning.



(Pampa News photo)

Randy Tice delivers a pitch for Glo-Valve Service during Major Bambino League action Thursday night.

Celanese captures Major Bambino win

PAMPA — Hoechst Celanese Chemical Group knocked Glo-Valve out of the unbeaten ranks and into a tie for first place with Rotary Club Wednesday with a 2-1 win in Pampa Optimist Major Bambino League action.

Rotary was an 8-6 winner over Curtis Well Service in the late game Wednesday.

Adam Jones outdueled three Glo-Valve pitchers to earn the victory for Celanese. Randy Tice was charged with the loss, dropping his season record to 5-1.

Celanese scored all its runs in the first inning. Daniel Williams singled with one out and was forced at second by Daniel Heuston. Kyle Francis, the leading hitter for Celanese, singled Heuston to second. Both runners scored on a long double by Jones. Celanese went out in order in the second, third and fifth innings. They threatened in the fourth, loading the bases with one out on a bunt single by Francis, a walk and an error. Glo-Valve pitcher Matt Driscoll struck out the next two batters to end the threat.

Glo-Valve threatened in almost every inning as they outthrew Celanese and stranded runners at third in base in the first three innings. Tice singled in the first and died on third. Ryan Zemanek singled in the second and scored on a double by Erik Brown. Brown stole third, but was left stranded. Justin Waggoner singled in the third, was forced at second by Driscoll, who was left on third. Brown was safe on an error in the fourth, but was caught stealing. Driscoll doubled doubled in the sixth to represent the tying run, but got no further.

Jones struck out eight and walked only one. He was touched

for five hits and one run. Tice struck out four and walked none in two innings. He gave up three hits and two runs. Nathanael Hill struck out two batters, retiring the side in order in one inning of relief. Driscoll allowed one hit, walked one and struck out four in two innings of work.

Jones avenged an earlier loss to Glo-Valve in which he allowed only four base runners, but lost 3-1.

The Major Bambino regular season will end June 18. A double-elimination City Tournament is scheduled to begin June 22.

Glo-Valve Service pitchers Randy Tice and Matt Driscoll slammed the door in Rotary Club's face as Glo-Valve took sole possession of first place with an 8-0 victory Tuesday in a Pampa Optimist Major Bambino League contest.

Tice allowed one hit and one walk in four innings pitched. Driscoll allowed one hit and one walk in two innings of relief. Tice struck out six and Driscoll fanned four.

Justin Waggoner and Tanner Dyer led Glo-Valve in hitting with two hits each.

Nathanael Hill singled for Glo-Valve with one out in the top of the first inning and was caught in a double play when Dusty Harper snared a soft line drive and threw to first.

Kevin Youree led off the Rotary second with a double, but was erased on a rare 6-3-5 double play when Hill fielded a ground ball and threw the batter out at first. Matt Driscoll then threw across the diamond to Erik Brown at third to catch Youree trying to

advance.

Dyer opened Glo-Valve's third inning with a single. Zach Windhorst walked and Hall Rogers forced Dyer to third. A double by Tice scored Windhorst and moved Rogers to third. Waggoner cracked a two-run double to put Glo-Valve up, 3-0.

In the fourth inning, Ryan Zemanek was safe on an error for Glo-Valve. Erik Brown followed with a single, moving Zemanek to third. Both runners were left stranded.

Waggoner hit a solo home run over the left field wall in the Glo-Valve fifth inning to increase the lead to 4-0. Rotary mounted a threat in the bottom of the fifth. Driscoll relieved Tice and walked Willie Griffith. One out later, a single by Aaron Keller moved Griffith to third. Driscoll then retired the next two batters in a row to end Rotary's scoring chance.

Glo-Valve put the game out of reach in the sixth inning. Zemanek opened with a single and was forced at second on a perfect throw from Youree to Max Simon on a grounder hit by Brown. Brown moved to second on a passed ball. Dyer stroked his second hit sending Brown to third and a double steal plated Brown. Dyer reached third on a throwing error and he later stole home. John Braddock, Tice and Hill walked and Braddock scored on a wild pitch. Tice scored the final run of the game on an error on a ball hit by Waggoner.

Glo-Valve improved its league-leading record to 10-1 while Rotary dropped into second place with a 9-2 record.

Sampras falls to Kafelnikov in French Open

PARIS (AP) — Top-seeded Pete Sampras, weakened by tough earlier matches, lost to sixth-seeded Yevgeny Kafelnikov of Russia 7-6 (7-4), 6-0, 6-2 in the French Open semifinals today.

Kafelnikov will play Germany's Michael Stich for the title on Sunday. Stich overwhelmed Marc Rosset 6-3, 6-4, 6-2 in the other semifinal.

Sampras seemed to fade in the 90-degree heat, leading 4-2 in the first set tiebreaker but losing the next five points.

Kafelnikov won nine straight games and 14 out of the last 16 to reach his first Grand Slam final and to become the first Russian to reach a French Open final.

Kafelnikov broke Sampras five times but never faced a break

point on his own serve. In the third set, Sampras didn't run after a number of winners by Kafelnikov. While Sampras looked exhausted, Kafelnikov never showed any sign of weakness.

"I was very very tired," said Sampras, who never won the title on the red clay of the French Open. "After the first set I just felt the balloon pop."

Baseball

BASEBALL

State Tournament results

By The Associated Press

Class 5A

Eagle Pass-Klein Oak Linecore
Eagle Pass 00000 — 0 1 4
Klein Oak 100 04 — 10 12 2

Game called in bottom of 8th on 10-run rule
Isaac Rodriguez (2), Gutierrez and Nuffie
Rodriguez; Trey Hodges and Jarrod
McQuinn. 2B—None. 3B—None. HRs—
None. W—Hodges (12-2). L—Rodriguez (11-
3).

Monterey-Clear Creek Linecore
Monterey 000 200 — 4 7 0
Clear Creek 000120 — 3 8 2

Martinez and O'Jibway; Sundbeck (6),
Scarcella and Willingham. 2B—Simpson,
Horn. 3B—None. HRs—None. W—Martinez
(16-0). L—Sundbeck (13-2).

Class 4A

Southlake Carroll-Mauriceville Linecore
Southlake Carroll 200000 — 2 8 3
Mauriceville 013100 — 5 8 1

Caple and Wollard; Hale and McKnight. 2B—
Green, Hale, Soubear. 3B—Travis. HRs—
None. W—Hale (10-2). L—Caple (9-3).

Caldwell-Arlington Heights Linecore

Caldwell 202 011 — 6 8 2
Arlington Heights 005002 — 7 9 2

Gonzalez (3), Mitchell and Erwin; McCoy (3),
Wood (6), Gerald and Casey. 2B—Austry.
3B—Austry. HRs—None. W—Gerald (2-0).
L—Mitchell (9-1).

Class 3A

Graham-Minnesota Linecore
Graham 210 43 — 10 9 1
Minnesota 000 — 0 3 3

Game called after 5 innings on 10-run rule
Dollar and Robertson; Bowker, Baker (5) and
Hooton. 2B—Jones; Hoefler. HRs—None.
W—Dollar (12-1). L—Bowker (13-1).

Dripping Springs-Crockett Linecore

Dripping Springs 0021000 — 2 4 2
Crockett 100 200 — 3 4 0

Harden and Wells; Rhodes and Richmond.
3B—Harden. WP—Rhodes (11-2). LP—
Harden (14-30).

Class 2A

Gilmer-Harmony-DeLeon Linecore
Gilmer-Harmony 00001041 — 6 7 4
DeLeon 011 030 00 — 5 7 2

C. Trimble and McDonald; Golden and
Hardin. HRs—None. W—C. Trimble (12-2).
L—Golden (17-3).

Gilmer-Harmony-DeLeon Linecore

Pilot Point 000100 — 1 4 1
Weimar 002 001 — 3 1 0

Childers, Hooton (6) and Ness; Sainz and
Heger. HRs—None. W—Sainz (12-3). L—
Childers (6-1).

Class A

Gorman-Spurgers Linecore
Gorman 000 100 0 — 1 5 0
Spurgers 000 101 — 2 06 1

Guthery and Mauney; McCabe and Spurlock.
2B—Majors, Vickery. HRs—None. W—
McCabe (13-0). L—Guthery (11-3).

Maud-Thorndale Linecore

Maud 000000 — 052
Thorndale 310010 — 5 8 0

Sanders, Mills (6) and Lynn, Robinson (6).
Hinostroza and Taylor. HRs—Simmons. W—
Hinostroza (15-0). L—Sanders (14-1).

National League

At A Glance

By The Associated Press

All Times EDT

East Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlanta	38	19	.667	—
Montreal	33	25	.569	5 1/2
Florida	29	29	.500	9 1/2
Philadelphia	28	29	.491	10
New York	24	33	.421	14

Central Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Houston	28	31	.483	—
St. Louis	28	30	.483	—
Chicago	25	33	.431	3
Pittsburgh	25	34	.424	3 1/2
Cincinnati	21	31	.404	4

West Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
San Diego	36	23	.610	—
Los Angeles	31	29	.516	5 1/2
San Francisco	29	28	.509	6
Colorado	27	29	.487	7 1/2

American League

At A Glance

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East Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
New York	33	22	.600	—
Baltimore	32	23	.582	1
Toronto	26	32	.448	8 1/2
Boston	23	34	.404	11
Detroit	13	46	.220	22

Central Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Cleveland	37	20	.649	—
Chicago	36	21	.632	1
Minnesota	28	28	.500	8 1/2
Milwaukee	26	30	.464	10 1/2
Kansas City	26	33	.441	12

West Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Texas	35	23	.603	—
Seattle	31	26	.544	3 1/2
California	27	30	.474	7 1/2
Oakland	26	31	.456	8 1/2

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Horace Mann Elementary School recently released its honor roll for the sixth six weeks grading period of the 1995-96 grading period.

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Kelly Flaharity, Patricia Ford and Renee Nichols.

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Megan Addington, Erica Arreola, Michael Cooper, Amber Fisher, Justin Graves, Shaun Johnson, Alicia Laycock, Jordan Miller, Kera Pendergrass, Brittany Reagan, Lisa Rodriguez, Jennifer Roe, Jake Russell, Andrea Burkhalter, Carla Hefner, Krista McClelland, Traci Rodriguez, Zachery Fullager.

Angel Villareal, John Ulloa, Geneva Wildcat, Amber Williams, Brandon Crook and Bobby Fowler.

Second grade
Marie Cross, Spencer DeFever, Michael Grajeda, Royce McGratt, Courtney Crawford, Ashli Harris, Cama Niccum, Whitney Wichert, Josh Brack, Wendy Clark, Daniel Clark, Kaylee Hill, Emily Hillman, Marissa Hudson, Ashley Orr, Jamie Rollins, Diana Cabrales, Mayra Hernandez, Chadd Malone, Nicholas Robbins, Mason Skidmore, Shannon Smith, Felicia Urban, Alicia Whitehead and Tamara Woodward.

Third grade
Kara Shepard, Brittany Walters, Stephanie Boya, Amy Freeman, Nicholas Jones, Justin Lane, Judd Miller, Drew Morrison, Joel Shannon, Corey Hughes and Roger Johnson.

Fourth grade
Shelby Crook, Stewart Curry, Heather Dean, Patricia Ford, Joel Palmateer, Megan Poole, Sarah Powell, Angela Resendiz, Josh Broadbent, Annie Dancel, Britny Downey, Kori Dunn, Amber Freeman, K'Lee Ratzlaff, Aaron Silva, Nicholas Story, Blake Howard, Meredith Rollins, Maranda Hill, Sarah Ellis, Heather Burkhalter, Alex Couch,

Tyler DuBose and Mitchell Jefferis.

Fifth grade
Aleshia Bowers, Shay Chapman, Kristina Hartman, Jason Hillman, Janee Perez, Joe Resendiz, James Silva, Josh Smith, Will Vise, Kody Kirkland, Jessica White, Amanda Dyson, Danielle Green, Nathanael Holmes, Leslie McWilliams, Tyson Moree, Jeanie Palmateer, Travis Reed, Christina Rodriguez, Jake Albus, Shantyl Baker, Meagan Craig, T'Andra Holmes, Zach Kidd, Jessica Knipp, Justin Moler, Tiffani Neef, Thai Nguyen, Hayden Wade and Derrick Williams.

Prosecutors reduce attempted murder charge against six-year-old

MARTINEZ, Calif. (AP) — Prosecutors have reduced the attempted murder charge against a 6-year-old boy accused in the beating of an infant during a burglary.

The charge against the boy — believed to be the youngest person accused of such a serious crime — was reduced to assault with intent to do bodily injury. An additional charge of burglary was reduced to trespassing.

The boy was accused of using his hands, feet and a stick to beat Ignacio Bermudez Jr., who was just a month old at the time and was left with permanent brain damage. The April 22 attack came after the boy and 8-year-old twin brothers allegedly broke into a neighbor's apartment to steal a Big Wheel tricycle.

The boy was to appear today in Contra Costa County Juvenile Court. Two psychiatrists were

expected to report on his mental state and whether he is competent to stand trial.

Prosecutor Harold Jewett said he had been considering reducing the charges for some time, adding that he still thinks the boy knew what he did was wrong.

"A concern for us from the beginning was whether a 6-year-old can harbor intent," Jewett said.

Jury deliberations begin in Exxon \$250 million claim against insurers

HOUSTON (AP) — Exxon Corp.'s long battle to secure a \$250 million insurance payment related to the 1989 Exxon Valdez disaster has been turned over to a Houston jury after a month-long trial.

The lawsuit pitting Exxon against its insurers, Lloyd's of London and some 250 other underwriters, went to jurors Thursday after attorneys summed up the month-long trial with closing arguments.

Jurors were given today off and will resume deliberations on Monday.

Exxon is hoping to recoup a portion of the \$2.4 billion it claims was spent cleaning up after the Valdez ran aground on Bligh Reef in Alaska's Prince William Sound. Some 470 miles of coastline were spoiled when 11 million gallons of oil gushed from the supertanker.

The company claims the insurers owe \$250 million under a policy that covered Exxon as owner of the oil.

The insurers, however, argue that Exxon Corp. subsidiary Exxon Shipping Co., which owned the vessel, already collected a \$400 million insurance payment under another policy. Exxon Corp. is thus attempting to double-dip by collecting on another policy as cargo owner, according to the argument.

The underwriters also contend Exxon knowingly left captain Joseph Hazelwood in control of the ship despite a drinking problem.

Experts testified Hazelwood's blood-alcohol content at the time of the accident was about 0.20, twice the legal limit for drunkenness.

Testimony also showed Hazelwood made a critical error by leaving the ship's bridge while passing through a narrow straight. An assistant left in charge failed to make a 10-degree left turn that would have left the ship well clear of the reef.

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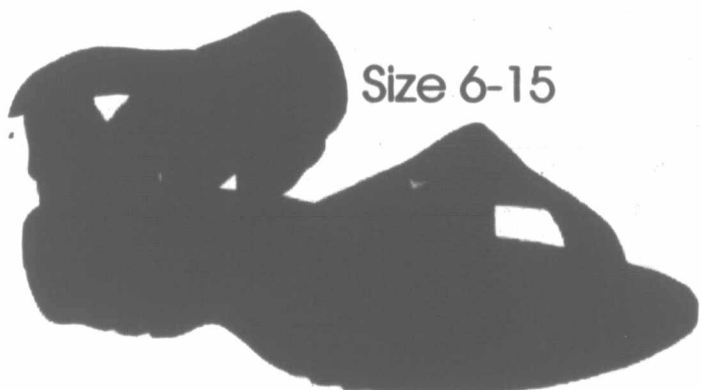
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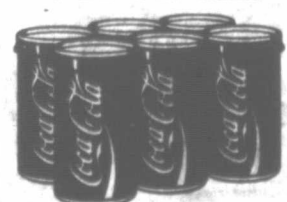
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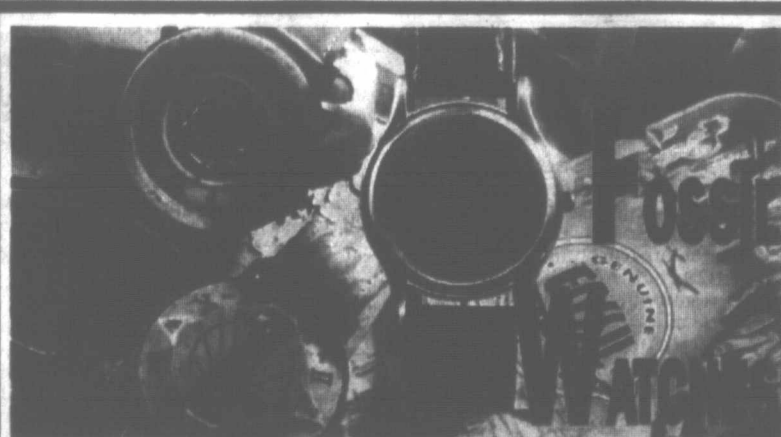
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