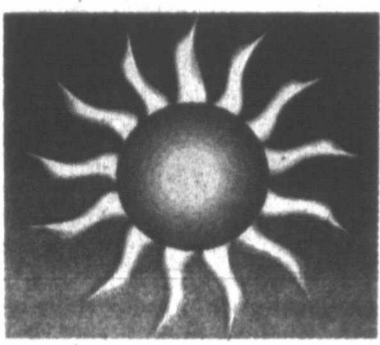


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PAMPA — The Pampa Independent School District Board of Education will meet in regular session Thursday at 6 p.m. in Carver Center.

Items on the agenda include consideration of the following: 1996-97 salary schedules for all personnel, architectural plans and cost projections for elementary facilities, financing alternatives for the facilities project and consideration of a resolution directing publication of notice of intent for district to enter lease-revenue bond financing.

Also under consideration: amending the school calendar, canine surveillance program, student code of conduct, sale of delinquent tax property, approval of choir overnight trip, selection of district financial adviser, lease/financing of Johnson Controls contract and adoption of Keystone/Teen Leadership curricula.

In addition, reports will be heard on the 1996-97 budget and 1996 TAAS results. Meetings are open to the public.

PAMPA — Are you going to the Olympics?

The Pampa News is interested in your photographs and anecdotes for special stories after Aug. 5.

Please call News Editor Cheryl Berzanskis, 669-2525.

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas Transportation Department has completed its review of speed limits on the state's 77,000 miles of roadways.

The Transportation Commission on Tuesday approved a speed limit of 70 mph on nearly 21,000 miles of farm-to-market roads. Another 8,900 miles of FM roads will be posted at 65 mph and about 10,600 miles of the FM roads will remain at 55 mph or lower.

"We believe our traffic and engineering work will result in a roadway system that is both safe and efficient and in posted speed limits that drivers can respect and obey," said Bill Burnett, executive director of the department.

The agency began its review of speed limits on all of the state's roadways last year after the national speed limit was repealed.

That action technically put the state's former 70 mph back into effect. But officials warned drivers to obey posted signs until they could determine which roadways could be safely posted at 70 mph and which would have to be lowered.

Burnett and others continue to warn motorists that despite the approved changes, posted signs are the law until changed.

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Bullock says lottery can offer property tax relief

AUSTIN (AP) — Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock, one of the state's most powerful leaders, says the Texas Lottery is such a winner that it could pay for a two-year school property tax freeze for homeowners.

Bullock proposed using a combination of administrative savings and additional lottery profits to provide \$527 million more for schools while holding the line on tax rates.

"Let me tell you something, a half a billion dollars is nothing to sneeze at when it comes to our public schools," Bullock said Tuesday.

"There will always be doubting Thomases. There will be many people in Texas, and probably legislators and other state officials who do not agree with doing this. But dang it, somebody's got to start moving."

While state law allows 10 percent of lottery sales revenue to run the lottery games, Bullock said the agency only spends about 7 percent on operating costs.

The extra money there will leave a surplus of \$176.5 million in administrative funds at the end of the current two-year budget cycle on Aug. 31, 1997, he said. In addition, profits should rise \$103 million more in 1998-99, and another \$247.5 million in administrative savings could be found in those years.

"It just makes darn good business sense," Bullock said of his proposal.

Bullock said the extra money could go for many uses — computer equipment, school buildings, or his favorite, a teacher pay raise.

"There's no more important priority for the Legislature than to use this money for education and, hopefully, a substantial teacher pay increase," he said.

The Democratic lieutenant governor, who presides over the Texas Senate, said he expects other state government agencies to be scrapping for the money.

"If that half billion dollars, in my opinion, is not used for education ... it will be used for everything under the sun. We will have everyone in here hollering and saying, 'I want a piece of the action.' I'll find out here a jillion reasons from bureaucrats why not to do it," he said.

"I am a lot more committed to the schoolchildren of Texas than I am to highways. Hopefully we can have both. But schools come first."

Bullock said he would limit a property tax freeze to homeowners. Including business property tax relief would limit the freeze to a single year, and school districts already have granted millions in property tax abatements to businesses, he said.

"The highest-rising local school taxes today are on homeowners, where the little kids sleep," Bullock said.

Republican Gov. George W. Bush has made school property tax relief one of his top priorities for the 1997 Legislature.

Last week, a committee appointed by Bush to study the issue traveled to El Paso for the first of more than a dozen public hearings statewide to be held on the issue. That committee is planning to report back to Bush and the Legislature by late September.

Elton Bomer, chairman of the tax study committee, said he welcomed Bullock's idea. "Every dime in the state budget that goes to public schools is a dime well spent and a step forward in relieving the burden on local property taxpayers."

Bullock said his proposal was separate from Bush's efforts, adding that Bush's committee is looking for a way to permanently replace school property taxes with another levy.

Bush said he supported the idea of increasing state spending to relieve pressure on property taxes.

"The lion's share of new money coming into the state, no matter what the source, should go to our schools because our children's education is our No. 1 priority," Bush said.

Painting the mail box



(Pampa News photo by Darlene Holmes)

Helen Davenport, 601 Deane Dr., finds some time Tuesday to paint her mail box. She had spent last week painting some outbuildings in her back yard. The mail box was the last project on her schedule.

Welcome rain falls, but drought continues

Despite over 2.5 inches of rain in the past two weeks, the Pampa area is still in an official drought, according to figures from local meteorologist Darrell Sehorn.

A powerful Tuesday evening thunderstorm brought 0.33 inch of moisture, as well as numerous reports of hail in and around Pampa.

Pea- to marble-sized hail fell south and west of Highway 70 and Texas 152. The National Weather Service reported hail one to two inches deep six miles west of town on 152.

The NWS also reported near-golfball-sized hail two miles east of Skellytown.

Straight-line winds and a microburst — or sudden downdraft of air — caused damage on McCullough Street on the south edge of Pampa.

Elsewhere in the area, an unconfirmed tornado was reported about 10 miles south of Claude, though the sighting was attributed to a strong downdraft by some weather officials.

Tuesday's rain in Pampa brought the month's total to date to 2.78 inches, still under the normal of 3.35 inches, according to Sehorn.

"Maybe we can get to normal [for the month] if we keep chipping away at it," he said.

But extremely dry conditions since last October have mired Pampa in a moderate to severe drought.

To date, 5.63 inches of moisture have fallen this year. Normally, Pampa would see 11.72 inches by the end of the month, according to Sehorn.

Through the early weekend, a slight chance exists for showers and thunderstorms.

Judge supports farmers upset at boll weevil plan

PLAINVIEW (AP) — A judge has sided with 10 Hale County cotton farmers who sued to get out from under a boll weevil spraying program, the *Lubbock Avalanche-Journal* reported in Wednesday's editions.

In a letter to attorneys in the case, District Judge Marvin Marshall of Plainview granted summary judgment for the farmers who challenged the constitutionality of assessments levied by the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation.

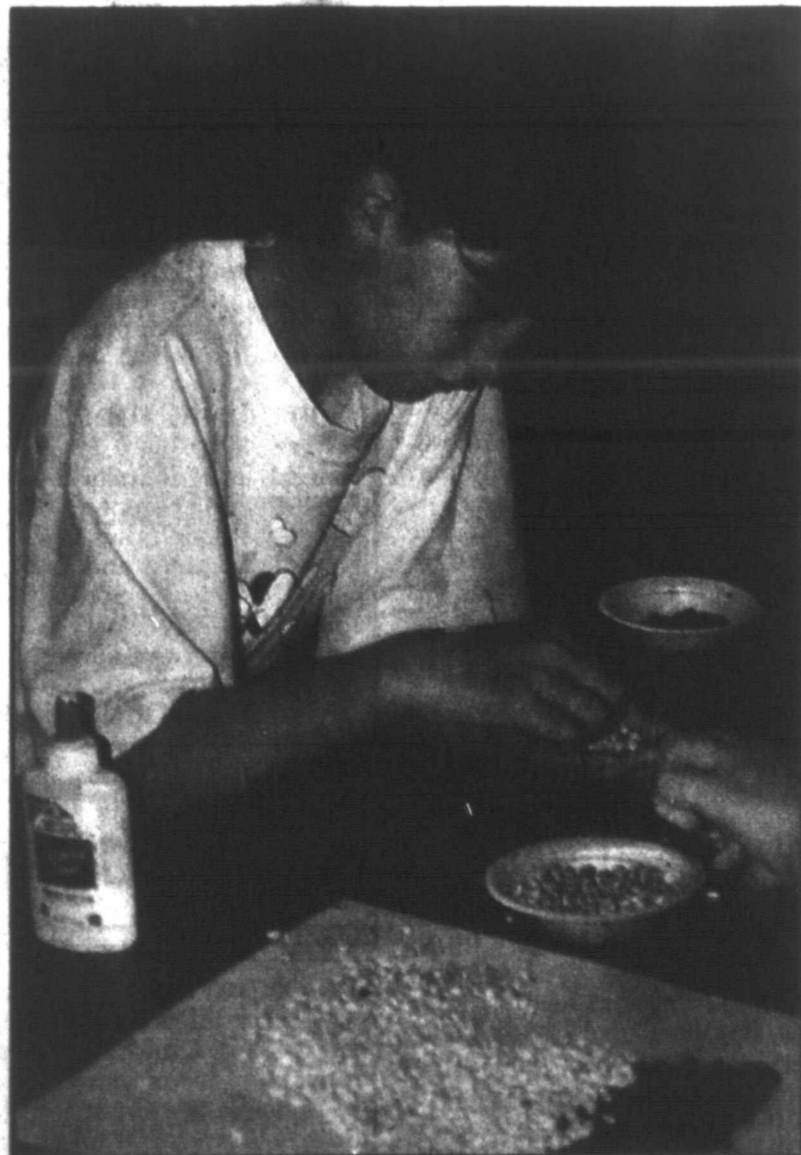
"I think the result I reach in this case is mandated by the law," Marshall wrote on Friday. "The result has nothing to do with whether I think the boll weevil program is good or bad."

Faced with the emergence of the highly destructive boll weevil in some South Plains counties, farmers voted overwhelmingly in April of last year to establish the foundation's spraying program in a 30-county area around Lubbock.

But some farmers in more northern counties, where the weevil threat is more remote, balked at the eradication program, which is funded by assessments on farmers.

Hit with staggering losses blamed on the destruction of beneficial insects, growers in the Lower Rio Grande Valley have opted out of the spraying program, but it remains in effect in most areas of the state.

Eagle picture



(Pampa News photo by Tiffanie Franks)

Dolly Anderson makes a picture of an eagle out of beans in this week's vacation Bible school at Highland Pentecostal Holiness Church. The school will continue through Friday of this week.

Mother charged in death of her two young boys

ROWLETT, Texas (AP) — The mother of two young boys who died from multiple stab wounds June 6 in their living room in what she called an attack by an intruder has been arrested and charged with capital murder.

Darlie Routier, 26, was taken into custody about 10:20 p.m. Tuesday, after she and her husband came to the Rowlett Police Department for further questioning about the murders, a police spokesman said.

She was arraigned immediately by Municipal Judge Owen Lokken and transferred to Lew Sterrett Justice Center in Dallas, where she was held on \$500,000 bail.

Rowlett is a suburb of about 28,000 people in the northeast corner of Dallas County. A police spokesman described the 12-day investigation leading to the arrest as "the most intensive and exhaustive ever conducted by the Rowlett Police Department."

The case is reminiscent of a South Carolina case that drew national attention. Before confessing to rolling her car into a lake with her 3-year-old son and 14-month-old son inside in October 1994, Susan Smith claimed for nine days that a black carjacker had abducted her children.

Mrs. Routier told police that she and the boys were sleeping in front of a television in the family's first-floor living room about 2:30 a.m. when a white man wearing dark clothes and a baseball cap attacked them. The Routiers also are white.

"We believe that the white male suspect ... never existed. We also believe that the wounds present on Darlie Routier were self-inflicted," Sgt. Dean Poos, a public information officer for the Rowlett Police Department, said at a news conference about an hour after the arrest.

Police found an open window with a screen that appeared to be slashed diagonally. But Poos said, "Early on, there were developments that made it very unlikely that we had a crazed killer walking the streets. It just didn't play out that way."

Police Chief Randall Posey said: "One of our investigators said it this way: 'The crime scene tells the story.' That story is not the same story she told."

Damon Routier, 5, died of multiple stab wounds in the back, the Dallas County medical examiner's office said. Devon Routier, who would have turned 7 eight days after the attack, also died from repeated stab wounds.

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UN raises food aid for North Korea

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — Five countries have responded to a U.N. emergency appeal for food aid to North Korea, contributing \$15.66 million toward the \$43 million goal.

The United States has promised \$6.2 million, Japan \$6 million and Seoul \$3 million, the United Nations said. The other two contributors are Australia with \$397,000 and New Zealand with \$68,000.

On June 6, the United Nations asked for emergency aid for

North Korea after torrential rains wiped out crops last year and left half a million people homeless.

In some parts of the isolated Communist country, people have been forced to eat grass and roots to survive.

U.N. agencies, reacting to a North Korean request, first asked members in September 1995 for \$15 million in emergency aid. That appeal was boosted to \$20 million as the magnitude of the disaster came to light.

State briefs

Prison officials worried about drought effects
HUNTSVILLE (AP) — The prolonged statewide drought is causing concern for the Texas prison system's huge agriculture operations but the serious crunch may not hit until next year, officials say.

"Some farmers and ranchers have all their eggs in one basket while we're all spread out — from Edinburg to Dalhart," Tom Fordyce, the assistant director in charge of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice's agriculture operations, said Tuesday.

"It kind of changes every day," Wayne Newton, who is in charge of the system's livestock and feedmills. "We've thought about it a lot. But it varies considerably from unit to unit."

"It's pretty normal we have hot weather, but it has been abnormally hot."

The prison system has 300,000 head of livestock, including 17,000 head of cattle, that require 50 million pounds of grain a year, nearly all of it raised within the agency.

Prosecutor: Ruling should have little effect on sheriff's sentence

McALLEN (AP) — An appeals court order to recalculate the prison sentence of the former Hidalgo County sheriff should shave no more than two years off his seven-year punishment, a federal prosecutor says.

"It's not going to make that much of a difference," Assistant U.S. Attorney Greg Surovic said Tuesday.

On Monday, the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals upheld former Sheriff Brigido Marmolejo's conviction on money laundering, bribery and racketeering charges but overturned his seven-year prison sentence.

The court ruled the trial judge failed to warn defense attorneys that he planned to exceed federal sentencing guidelines because he believed Marmolejo had perjured himself during trial.

New girls on the block



Melissa and Meghan Lewis sell Kool-Aid and seashells in front of Action Realty on Hobart Street. The girls got the shells during a trip to Galveston Texas and were selling them for extra money as well as summer entertainment.

Davis convicted of murdering Polly Klaas

SAN JOSE, Calif. (AP) — Richard Allen Davis thrust both middle fingers at courtroom cameras moments after being convicted of murdering 12-year-old Polly Klaas in a verdict that makes him eligible for a death sentence.

Outside the courthouse, Polly's grandfather Joe Klaas gave his own gesture: a thumbs up for victory.

Davis' show of defiance may play a role in the next stage of the trial — the penalty phase to determine whether Davis should be sentenced to death or spend the rest of his life in prison without parole.

"If the jurors saw that it's going to be awfully hard for them to not have that in their mind," prosecutor Greg Jacobs said.

If defense lawyers try to portray Davis as remorseful when the penalty phase begins July 1, that would open the door for prosecutors to introduce video or

witness accounts of Davis turning, winking, puckering his lips in a kiss and gesturing obscenely, Jacobs said.

"He was showing us what he is, just a contemptible little punk who's been flipping off society from day one," said Marc Klaas, Polly's father.

"There's no popping of champagne corks ... but he got what he deserved," he said.

Defense lawyer Barry Collins declined comment on the gesture.

After five days of deliberations, the jury on Tuesday convicted Davis on all counts, including all four of the special circumstances that make him eligible for capital punishment. Any one of the special circumstances — robbery, kidnapping, burglary and an attempted lewd act — would have been enough for a possible death sentence.

After the verdict, President Clinton called Polly's father. "This doesn't make up for the

past but our thoughts are with you," Clinton told him. "You have withstood a lot and the country owes you a debt of gratitude."

Davis, 42, strangled Polly with a piece of cloth after abducting her at knifepoint from her Petaluma bedroom as she played with two other girls during a slumber party on Oct. 1, 1993.

Two months later, after being picked up on parole violations, he confessed when he learned that police had discovered his palm print in Polly's bedroom. Davis, who said he killed the girl to try to avoid going back to prison, led investigators to the body.

Davis' lawyers conceded from the beginning that he killed Polly, but denied that he intended to sexually assault her. The defense maintained the killing was the result of a burglary gone awry and said there was no evidence Davis tried to molest Polly.

They're tall, blond and honest

BRUSSELS, Belgium (AP) — Scandinavians proved themselves the upstanding citizens of Western Europe, according to a wallet-dropping experiment that put continental honesty to the test.

Reader's Digest planted 10 wallets in each of 20 cities, then kept track of how many were returned to the owners, whose name, address and phone number were inside.

The answer — all of them, in Oslo, Norway, and Odense, Denmark.

Or, almost none of them, in the eastern German city of Weimar and, the prosperous Swiss city of Lausanne. Only two wallets were returned in each of those cities.

Swedes were not quite as honest as their neighbors in Scandinavia, returning seven of the 10 wallets dropped in Stockholm.

In all, passers-by returned 116 of the 200 wallets, or 58 percent, the U.S.-based magazine said in its July edition. Last year, 67 percent of wallets were returned in a similar experiment in the United States.

Besides the identification, each billfold contained family snapshots and the equivalent of \$50. The people conducting the experiment left the wallets on streets, in shops and in other public places, then watched the reactions of the passers-by who found them.

The magazine said poor people, the young and immigrants were at least as likely to return the wallets as wealthy, older people.

"The people who looked like they needed the money the most were often the least likely to keep the wallets, while the more affluent-appearing were less honest," the magazine said.

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Group unable to find castration doctor

HOUSTON (AP) — Paroled child molester Larry Don McQuay has said he's willing to undergo castration, but a victims' rights group says it has been unable to find a doctor willing to perform the surgery.

Dianne Clements, president of Justice for All, said Larry Don McQuay's request for surgical castration has become a hot potato for some doctors, who fear malpractice lawsuit and ethical dilemmas if they volunteer.

Ms. Clements said the group has depleted its list of doctors and is searching for anyone qualified to do the surgery. She said she is disappointed that the surgery has been delayed, but remains confident that a doctor will come forward.

McQuay, who lives in a parole

facility in San Antonio, approved a list of five doctors when he signed a contract with Justice for All in April. The group already has raised \$3,000 for the surgery.

He was examined Monday by a doctor in Galveston who is undecided about doing the surgery, Ms. Clements said.

A San Antonio doctor was rejected last month after he recommended chemical castration. The group can only afford to pay for surgical castration.

McQuay has asked for castration for years, swearing that if the surgery isn't done he will continue to molest when released. He will be set free in April 1998.

Although evidence that castration will stop his urges is in dispute, Justice for All wants to try.

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Closed Captions Are Handy For Many With Perfect Hearing

DEAR ABBY: I have just read the article from Mr. and Mrs. Ellington Mills, of Hot Springs, Ark., regarding the background music on TV programs that causes the dialogue to be drowned out.

I'm also perturbed by this same annoyance, but have found a solution. May I suggest that they run, not walk, to their TV store and purchase a new television set? I was not aware that approximately three years ago, manufacturers were required to put closed captioning on TV sets to assist the hearing impaired. Not only does this help the hearing impaired, but it also helps the viewer who does not have a hearing problem keep up with the dialogue. It's fabulous! It also helps when the phone rings and the TV must be put on mute, because the closed captioning is still on screen.

While I'm on my soapbox, may I please praise the producers of TV programs and advertisers who use closed captioning. I have made a point to purchase items that are advertised that way.

My wish is that the older films have closed captioning added. It would be appreciated by the millions who use the service.

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DEAR WANDA FOSTER: I'm sure many readers will appreciate your helpful suggestion. As of July 1, 1993, all television sets 13 inches or larger made or sold

Abigail Van Buren

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in the United States have closed-caption decoders built inside — a tremendous boon to the more than 20 million people in the United States who suffer from some degree of hearing loss.

But closed captioning can also serve a wider population than the hearing impaired. It's an excellent teaching tool for recent immigrants who are struggling to learn English. The National Captioning Institute claims that a large percentage of caption decoders (which were sold separately before 1993) were purchased by Hispanic and Asian Americans who find it easier to understand new idioms and expressions when they can read and hear them at the same time. It can also be a valuable teaching tool when used regularly in homes where there are children who are reading at or below fourth-grade levels.

Anyone who is interested in learning more about closed caption technology should contact the National Captioning Institute Inc., 1900 Gallows Road, Vienna, Va. 22182. NCI has two toll-free numbers: 1-800-533-9673 for hearing people, and 1-800-950-0958 for deaf and speech-impaired people.

I wouldn't be doing my job, however, if I didn't point out that anyone who's experiencing difficulty hearing their favorite TV programs (or the dialogue in movie theaters) should schedule an appointment with his or her physician for a hearing examination. Special earphones are available for use in homes, theaters and concert halls that clarify sound and greatly reduce this annoying problem.

Good advice for everyone — teens to seniors — is in "The Anger in All of Us and How to Deal With It." To order, send a business-size, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for \$3.95 (\$4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, Anger Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

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Horoscope



Thursday, June 20, 1996

You will enhance your leadership skills in the year ahead. People will follow your lead both at work and in your social life. Lead some fun activities.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Your ability to promote your ideas will put you a few steps ahead of the crowd today. Use your judgment instead of trying to seek approval from others. Know where to look for romance and you'll find it. The Astro-Graph Matchmaker instantly reveals which signs are romantically perfect for you. Mail \$2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill

Station, New York, NY 10156.
CANCER (June 21-July 22) Try to be as generous with your resources today as a recent benefactor was with his. Spend money on things which you both can enjoy.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Even though your assignment might be tough, you'll do things with a flourish and you will impress everyone today. You will own the center stage.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You will be more effective today if you pull the strings from the background rather than from a visible position. Let others think that your ideas are theirs.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) This will be an especially good cycle for realizing your hopes and expectations, so make the most of it. Do not let negative people influence your thinking.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Focus your attention on your most difficult objective today. You will have the ability to achieve your goals, regardless of impediments.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) If associates do not agree with you today,

do not attempt to impose your ideas on them. Make your presentation bold, but do not apply pressure.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Rely on the judgment of a loyal associate today. If you lack essential knowledge in a commercial involvement, he or she can fill in the blanks.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Fairness and tact will be your two greatest assets today. Others will treat you fairly as soon as they see that you're not trying to trick them.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Trends will continue to look favorable for you in terms of your career. Keep performing to the best of your ability because your efforts will be acknowledged.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) A friend may be on a tight budget today. Do not embarrass this individual by encouraging him or her to spend money frivolously.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) A current situation probably will not improve with time, so try to resolve it today. This will be a good day to act.

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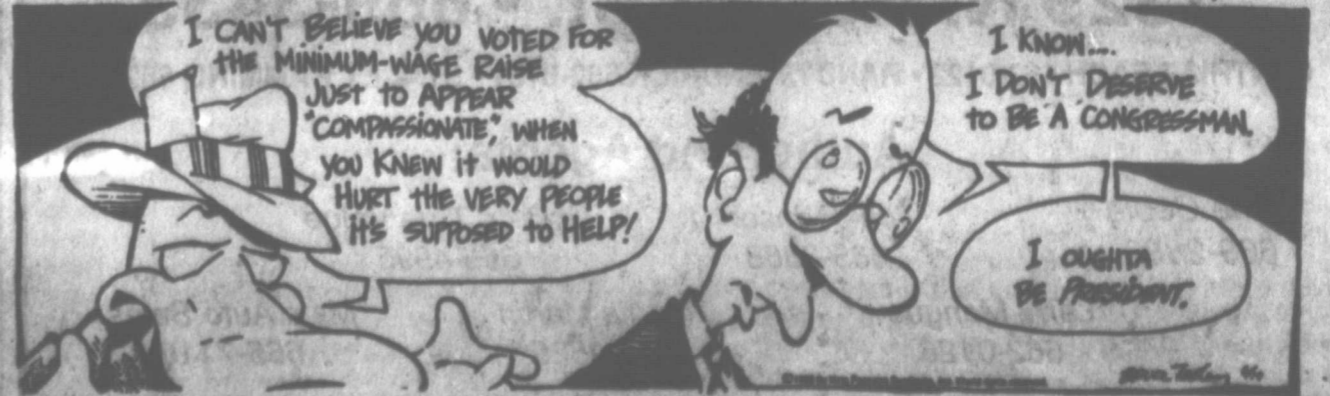
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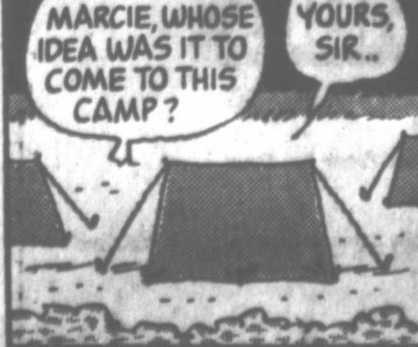
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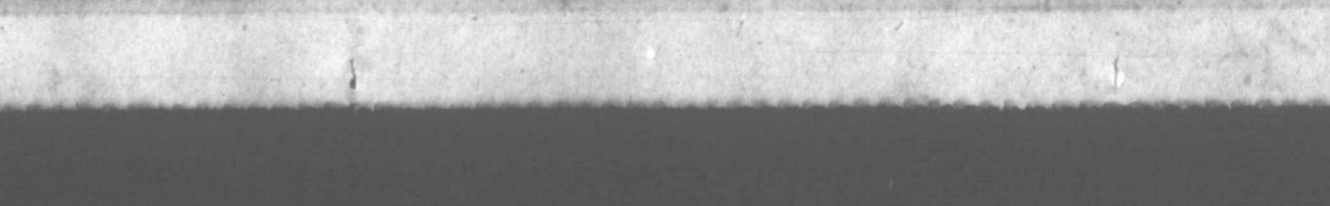
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Latest release by funny man Jim Carrey not well received

By JOHN HORN
AP Entertainment Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Jim Carrey's dark comedy *The Cable Guy* debuted in first place over the weekend with \$19.8 million in ticket sales, but poor word-of-mouth signaled a bleak future at the box office, analysts said.

The Cable Guy narrowly surpassed *The Rock*, which took in \$18.5 million in its second weekend. *The Rock* outperformed *The Cable Guy* on Saturday and Sunday, proof that few people were recommending the Carrey film to friends, analysts said Monday.

The Cable Guy will face a challenge from Arnold Schwarzenegger's *Eraser*, opening Friday, and could lose its core audience of male teens.

The struggles of *The Cable Guy* come at an awkward time for Sony Pictures, which shocked the industry by paying Carrey \$20 million. Sony was widely criticized for the huge salary, which rippled throughout Hollywood and caused lesser-known performers to command salaries exceeding \$1 million.

Carrey's last four films, including *Dumb and Dumber* and the *Ace Ventura* movies, all have grossed more than \$100 million in North American theaters, making him one of the most bankable stars.

The Cable Guy, a sinister story that was panned by leading critics, may not even gross \$60 million, Sony executives said privately Monday. For the film to just break even, it would have to make at least \$60 million domestically.

CinemaScore, an independent research firm that surveys audiences, found that many *Cable Guy* patrons — including otherwise loyal Carrey followers — were repelled by the film. Interviews with 340 moviegoers in Atlanta, St. Louis and Los Angeles yielded an overall *Cable Guy* grade of C plus, said CinemaScore's Ed Mintz.

"That's the lowest score Carrey has ever had. It's just terrible," Mintz said. "The movie is going down."

Andy Licht, who co-produced *The Cable Guy*, said it's too early to judge the film's word-of-mouth.

Carrey's last two movies opened to better returns. *Ace Ventura: When Nature Calls* took in \$37.8 million in its first weekend, while *Batman Forever*, in which Carrey co-starred, grossed \$52.8 million in its debut.

The Cable Guy stars Carrey as a mysterious cable TV installer who befriends and then stalks a customer, played by Matthew Broderick.

Unlike some of Carrey's earlier films, *The Cable Guy* is occasionally violent, including a scene where Carrey's character pummels a man in a restaurant bathroom.

The other new film in wide

BOX OFFICE	
Top weekend movies	
Weekend of June 14-16, 1996	
All dollar figures in millions	
Rank	Gross in release, number of screens
1	<i>The Cable Guy</i> \$19.8, one week, 2,657 screens
2	<i>The Rock</i> \$18.5, two weeks, 2,415 screens
3	<i>Mission: Impossible</i> \$8.6, four weeks, 2,863 screens
4	<i>Twister</i> \$7.7, six weeks, 2,808 screens
5	<i>Dragonheart</i> \$4.6, three weeks, 2,193 screens
6	<i>Eddie</i> \$3.4, three weeks, 1,959 screens
7	<i>The Phantom</i> \$3.1, two weeks, 2,163 screens
8	<i>Spy Hard</i> \$2.8, four weeks, 1,516 screens
9	<i>The Arrival</i> \$1.1, three weeks, 1,134 screens
10	<i>Moll Flanders</i> \$1.0, one week, 280 screens

Source: Exhibitor Relations Co., Inc. AP

release, *Moll Flanders*, fared okay in limited release, netting \$956,000 for 10th place.

Rounding out the top five were: *Mission: Impossible* (\$8.6 million), *Twister* (\$7.7 million) and *Dragonheart* (\$4.6 million). *Twister*, the year's biggest hit, passed the \$200 million mark in its sixth week.

The top 10 movies at U.S. and Canadian theaters Friday through Sunday, followed by studio, gross, number of theater locations, receipts per location, total gross and number of weeks in release, as compiled Monday by Exhibitor Relations and Entertainment Data Inc.:

1. *The Cable Guy*, Columbia, \$19.8 million, 2,657 locations, \$7,454 per location, \$19.8 million, one week.
2. *The Rock*, Disney, \$18.5 million, 2,415 locations, \$7,666 per location, \$56.1 million, two weeks.
3. *Mission: Impossible*, Paramount, \$8.6 million, 2,863 locations, \$3,007 per location, \$145 million, four weeks.
4. *Twister*, Warner Bros., \$7.7 million, 2,808 locations, \$2,747 per location, \$200 million, six weeks.
5. *Dragonheart*, Universal, \$4.6 million, 2,193 locations, \$2,075 per location, \$35 million, three weeks.
6. *Eddie*, Disney, \$3.4 million, 1,959 locations, \$1,713 per location, \$22.3 million, three weeks.
7. *The Phantom*, Paramount, \$3.1 million, 2,163 locations, \$1,423 per location, \$10.2 million, two weeks.
8. *Spy Hard*, Disney, \$2.8 million, 1,516 locations, \$837 per location, \$23.8 million, four weeks.
9. *The Arrival*, Orion, \$1.1 million, 1,134 locations, \$1,000 per location, \$11.1 million, three weeks.
10. *Moll Flanders*, MGM, \$956,000, 280 locations, \$3,413 per location, \$956,000, one week.

Shooting suspect may be NYC 'Zodiac' killer

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NEW YORK (AP) — Police may finally have cracked the case of the "Zodiac" killer who terrorized New York six years ago, coldly selecting victims by astrological sign and sending taunting letters to the press.

Fingerprints link a man who shot his sister and held police at bay for 3 1/2 hours Tuesday to two pieces of evidence from the Zodiac shootings, said a police official who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Heriberto Seda, 26, was arrested after tense negotiations and dozens of exchanges of gunfire with police from his apartment, where he hoarded three bucketfuls of homemade guns and pipe bombs, police said.

In 1990, the Zodiac killer shot four people with different astrological signs, killing one of them. He wrote several notes to the New York Post taunting police for not catching him and vowed to kill one person born under each of the 12 signs.

One of the fingerprints linked to Seda

comes from a letter to the Post, the police source said. The other comes from the scene of the fourth Zodiac shooting, of a homeless man in Central Park, police said.

In August 1994, someone calling himself the Zodiac sent another letter to the Post describing five additional attacks that occurred in 1992. Police said at the time it was not clear whether the author was the same Zodiac, a copycat shooter or a hoaxer.

The first three Zodiac shootings took place near Seda's Brooklyn neighborhood, where he allegedly opened fire inside his apartment Tuesday, shooting his 17-year-old sister, Gladys Reyes, in the back. Reyes was hospitalized in stable condition.

An emergency crew called in to help the teen-ager was stuck inside the building for a time after police arrived. Seda opened fire on police from the window.

At least 12 officers pinned down by the gunman were treated for scrapes and bruises, and a cab driver was injured when a piece of concrete knocked from the building by a ricocheting bullet struck him.

Minutes after the shooting began, the run-down, graffiti-filled neighborhood was turned into an armed camp. An armored police vehicle was called in and residents were warned to remain inside as bullets flew between police and the gunman.

When Seda surrendered, the officers lowered a bucket from the roof and ordered him to hand over any weapons besides the shotgun he had brandished. He filled it three times, turning in 13 homemade guns. Police found three homemade pipe bombs in his apartment.

Detective Sgt. Joseph Herbert, who served on the Zodiac task force and also negotiated with Seda on Tuesday, suspected Seda was connected to the Zodiac crimes and helped make the connection, a police source said.

What put Herbert on the Zodiac trail was a symbol of a cross in a circle that Seda had scribbled at the bottom of a statement he wrote as he surrendered on Tuesday, officials said. It was the same symbol that appeared on the taunting letters that the "Zodiac" killer sent to the Post.

Order giving benefits to partners of gay city workers ignites dispute

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — With an order granting health and family-leave benefits to the partners of some gay city workers, Mayor Edward G. Rendell has incurred the wrath of black clergy, Catholics and the City Council president.

The religious and political leaders denounced the order this week, saying it threatened the "traditional family" and endorsed homosexuality. A mail-in campaign started by Catholic churches on Sunday landed roughly 700 mass-produced postcards on the

mayor's desk by Tuesday.

"This is a tragic mistake for my family and for our city. I feel that it is a direct attack on the natural arrangement of family life," the cards read.

A spokeswoman for Rendell says the Democrat won't change his mind. On Tuesday, he won support from a 55-member interfaith clergy coalition, who condemned what they characterized as their religious colleagues' bigotry.

"As a matter of civil rights, we support all policies which lessen discrimination against individuals on the basis of their sexual ori-

entation," said Rabbi Rebecca Alpert, of the Federation of Reconstructionist Synagogues.

Vermont and a number of cities, including Seattle, Boston and San Francisco, have passed laws extending health benefits to unmarried partners. Voters in Austin, Texas, in 1994 repealed that city's similar law, and a Minnesota appeals court struck down Minneapolis' extension of health benefits to lesbian and gay companions.

Rendell's June 7 order only applies to about 500 nonunion managers and administrators in

the city. One gay leader estimated 50 employees would qualify.

Under the order, the partners will receive health and family leave benefits by Jan. 1 if they live together, are exclusive companions, have been a couple for at least six months and agree to provide for each other's welfare.

Cardinal Anthony Bevilacqua, spiritual leader of the city's Roman Catholics, called the order a tragedy that "changes our city's social structure by legitimizing homosexual unions in a radically new way."

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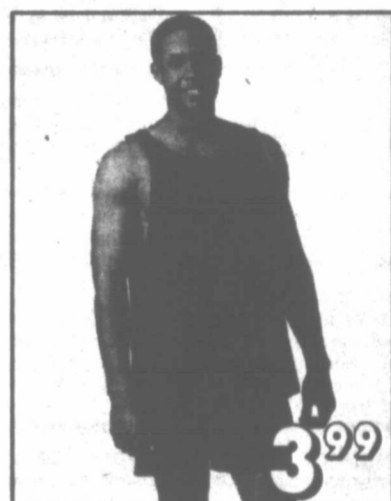
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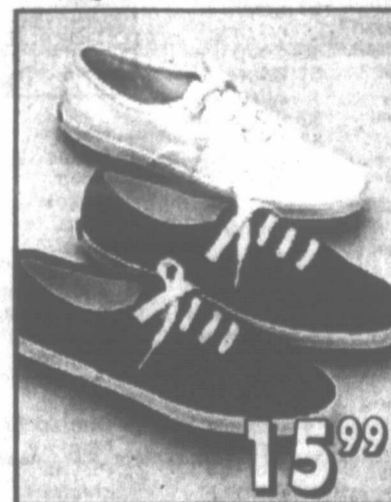
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'60 Minutes' fires commentators

NEW YORK (AP) — *60 Minutes* has fired commentators Molly Ivins, Stanley Crouch and P.J. O'Rourke less than two months after they began appearing on the show.

"Our mail suggested the segment was not catching on," executive producer Don Hewitt said Tuesday. "I never argue with viewers — it's their show."

The last segment, pitting Ivins, a liberal newspaper columnist for the Fort Worth Star-Telegram, against O'Rourke, a right-wing political humorist, aired Sunday.

The commentaries, reminiscent of the "Point-Counterpoint" segments of Shana Alexander and James Kilpatrick, began April 28, pitting Ivins against

either O'Rourke or Crouch, a conservative social critic.

Andy Rooney, the CBS show's curmudgeon of record, had advised the three "not to quit their day jobs," noting that TV commentary required a certain experience in writing for the eye and ear.

Critics agreed, saying that since each commentator's segments were produced separately and spliced together, their "exchanges" rang hollow.

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