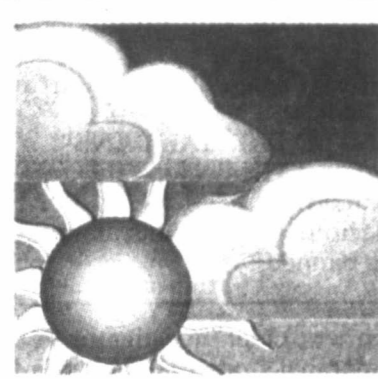


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**PAMPA** — Fire marshal investigators Thursday filed a charge of arson against a 13-year-old boy in connection with a June 16 fire at the Pampa High School football stadium.

The fire destroyed a portion of the visitors' side bleachers as well as track equipment stored beneath the stands. Damage estimates are close to \$100,000.

The blaze apparently began in a fenced area holding high jump and pole vault mats before spreading to a storage building and finally to the south corner of the visitor's bleachers, Assistant Fire Marshal Gary Stephens has said.

The juvenile has been referred to the Gray County Juvenile Probation office. Any charge will be decided Monday, Chief Juvenile Probation Officer Albert Nichols said.

**PAMPA** — Gray County commissioners will meet in regular court session 9 a.m. Monday, on second floor of Gray County Courthouse.

Agenda items include proposed policy manual, update on fireworks ban and clarifying legal description of the county barn in McLean.

Other items are:  
• Presentation by Don Lane on county law library.  
• Consider request for postage petty cash fund.  
• Gray County Appraisal District's proposed 1997 budget.

• Letter of intent; resolution to join Texas Department of Transportation to rehabilitate Perry Lefors Air Field.

• Consider sales of McLean's delinquent tax properties.

• Consider sale of Lefors delinquent tax property.  
• Consider Lefors' properties which have been struck off in tax sales.

**BEVERLY HILLS, Calif.** (AP) — Albert R. "Cubby" Broccoli, producer of the James Bond films which have enthralled audiences for more than three decades, has died at 87.

Broccoli died Thursday at his Beverly Hills home of a heart-related ailment, said Amanda Schofield, a spokeswoman at Broccoli's EON Productions in London.

The James Bond series, which has its roots in the novels by Ian Fleming about the suave British spy, is arguably the most successful, longest-running movie series of all time. Broccoli successfully kept the entertaining packages of adventure, sex, posh backgrounds, gadgetry and wit coming even though the actor playing Bond changed several times and the supply of Fleming novels was exhausted.

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## PEDC approves loan to assist Coronado Inn

By CHERYL BERZANSKIS  
News Editor

The board of directors of Pampa Economic Development Corporation Thursday unanimously approved a \$100,000 loan guarantee so Grand Coronado Inn can keep its doors open in the face of an IRS threat to close them down.

Mike Parker, owner of the hotel, asked the board to stand behind him as he seeks private financing to pay nearly \$100,000 in payroll and property taxes.

It required two motions to agree to make the guarantee. The first motion to guarantee the loan was made by Richard Stowers. It died for lack of second.

The board deliberated and questioned Parker more, then passed a motion to make the 180-day guarantee. The motion was made by Roger David and seconded by Wayne Stribling.

Board vice president Lewis Meers said the IRS set a June 15 deadline to make current the payroll taxes. If the current quarter payroll taxes are paid and PEDC backing is in place, collection activities will stop, Meers said.

Parker told the panel his business is up by 23 percent over last year and he has significant bookings for the next five months which includes Top O' Texas Rodeo visitors and Tri-State Seniors Golf Tournament. He told them he has accounts receivable of \$46,000; his equity in the property is about \$700,000 and over the past seven years \$557,000 in improvements have been made. Parker said he plans to protest the local tax valuation in July and is seeking long term financing for the property.

With PEDC backing, he said, a private loan will be available.

"I think the issue we have to face on this board is 'what will happen if that shuts down?' and 'what black eye will we have?'" Meers said.

Parker told the board it is in the city's best interest to help him stay open. He noted a criticism of PEDC is the agency does not do enough to help local business.

This is a good opportunity to do so, Parker said.

Board members expressed reservations about making the loan guarantee before voting to do so.

"I have a large problem with loaning on payroll IRS taxes," said David.

"I personally do not think there's a very good chance the thing can be refinanced," said Larry Orman.

Executive Director Jack Ippel said today he expects a lender to file a tax lien and deed of trust against the property. In the case of default, the liens will revert to PEDC.

"The whole thing will be secured as good as we can get it," Ippel said.

In other PEDC action, the board agreed to take bids on a Power Mac 8100 and camera which were taken over after the demise of Fork Stork. The computer is loaded with \$30,000 in software, said Ippel.

Ippel reported he recently worked with a trailer manufacturer but no building was available for their needs.

Perfection Roofing Materials, a wholesale roofing products business, opened Monday, and medical related firm expects to open in about four months, Ippel said.

Meers said two projects are nearing completion which should be announced by end of summer.

See PEDC, Page 2

## Amarillo police arrest Pampan after standoff

**AMARILLO** — A Pampa man remains in custody today after a near four-hour standoff with police officers Thursday night at an Amarillo motel.

Charlie Edward Broadbent, 38, was arrested following his surrender to SWAT forces at the Coachlite Inn on East Interstate 40.

The incident began when Amarillo police officers spotted a 1990 Pontiac Bonneville reported stolen from Nowata County, Okla., in the motel parking lot.

When Broadbent spotted the officers, he ran from his motel room to the vehicle and drove off, according to a police department press release.

A short chase began on the

frontage road of I-40 before Broadbent returned to the motel and to his room. According to the release, Broadbent displayed a rifle in the window of the room.

Police reports say hostage negotiators and the SWAT team arrived after Broadbent barricaded himself in the room.

Sometime after midnight, members of Broadbent's family arrived, apparently causing him to surrender.

The release says Broadbent slashed a wrist prior to his surrender and was taken to Northwest Texas Hospital for treatment and psychiatric evaluation.

Charges have not yet been filed.

## Fund set up for burn victim

**WHITE DEER** — A special fund has been set up for a local woman who was burned a week ago in an explosion at the city pool.

Donations may be made to the JoLyn Watson Special Fund at First Bank and Trust in White Deer, according to the town's mayor, R.T. Laurie.

So far, \$900 has been donated since Monday, a bank spokesperson said today.

Meanwhile, Watson's condition has been upgraded to serious, a nursing supervisor at University Medical Center in Lubbock said today.

Skin grafts were performed Wednesday on Watson's arms and legs. According to reports, Watson was able to raise her arms above

her head and wiggle her toes.

A school official said that doctors had planned to perform grafts only on one arm but were pleased with Watson's reaction to the surgery and extended the operation.

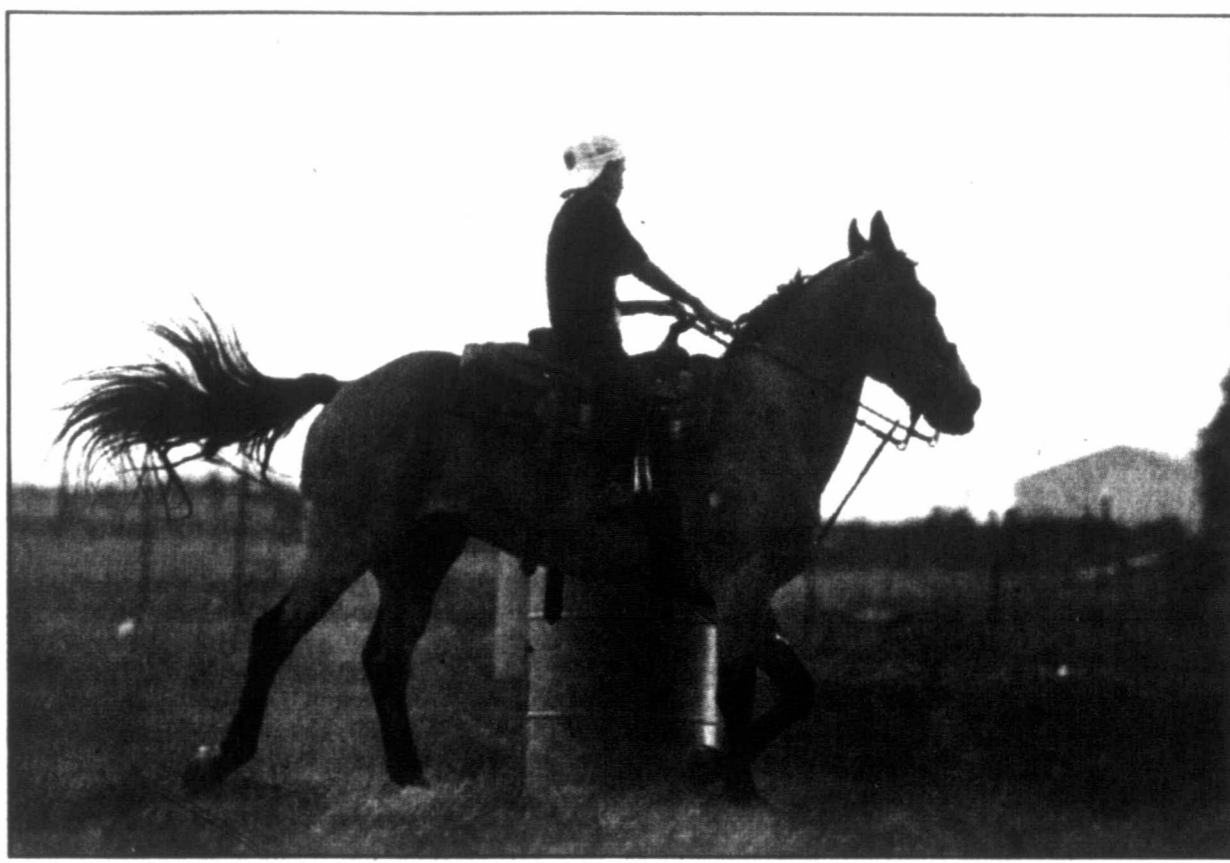
Watson is a special education aide at the high school.

Watson, the pool manager, was relighting a pilot light on the pool's heating unit when an accumulation of gas apparently ignited.

She reportedly suffered second and third degree burns to approximately 50 percent of her body.

Watson is a former Pampa resident. Her father, Aubrey Joe Page, was a long-time elementary school principal.

## Barrel racing practice



(Pampa News photo by Darlene Holmes)

Hawk Tucker practices his barrel racing techniques as he prepares for the upcoming Kid Pony Show, July 8-10. Entries are now being taken for Kid Pony Show contestants at the Top O' Texas Rodeo office in the Pampa Community Building. Deadline for entries is 5 p.m. on Friday, July 5.

## States say drought aid comes too late

**ALBUQUERQUE, N.M.** (AP) — Quiet disasters like droughts often attract little notice from Washington until their effects have become widespread and devastating.

Emergency planners from seven drought-plagued states complained Thursday that fed-

eral aid is usually too little, too late.

"When a flood or a hurricane hits, you can see what a devastating effect it has right away," said Len Boulas, deputy director of the Colorado Office of Emergency Management. "Drought is a different deal. By

the time Congress realizes what's happening, they're playing catchup and a lot of times it's too late to help the people who need it."

During a two-day meeting that concluded Thursday, state officials outlined their problems to federal authorities and sought better ways to bring relief to their areas.

Boulas was joined by planners from Arizona, New Mexico, Nevada, Oklahoma, Texas and Utah. During the Multi-State Drought Task Force meeting, federal authorities discussed the help they can offer.

In many cases, however, the federal officials confirmed what state planners feared all along — there are many programs, but in most, funding is either nonexistent or very difficult to get.

For instance, there is money available in a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers program that helps with water transportation and construction of wells in drought-afflicted areas. But the Corps' emergency management chief, Tom Kincheloe, dampened expectations by reading off a long list of requirements states must fulfill first.

"Basically, the message is that this can't be used all the time, but it is something to keep in mind, to keep in your tool kit," Kincheloe said.

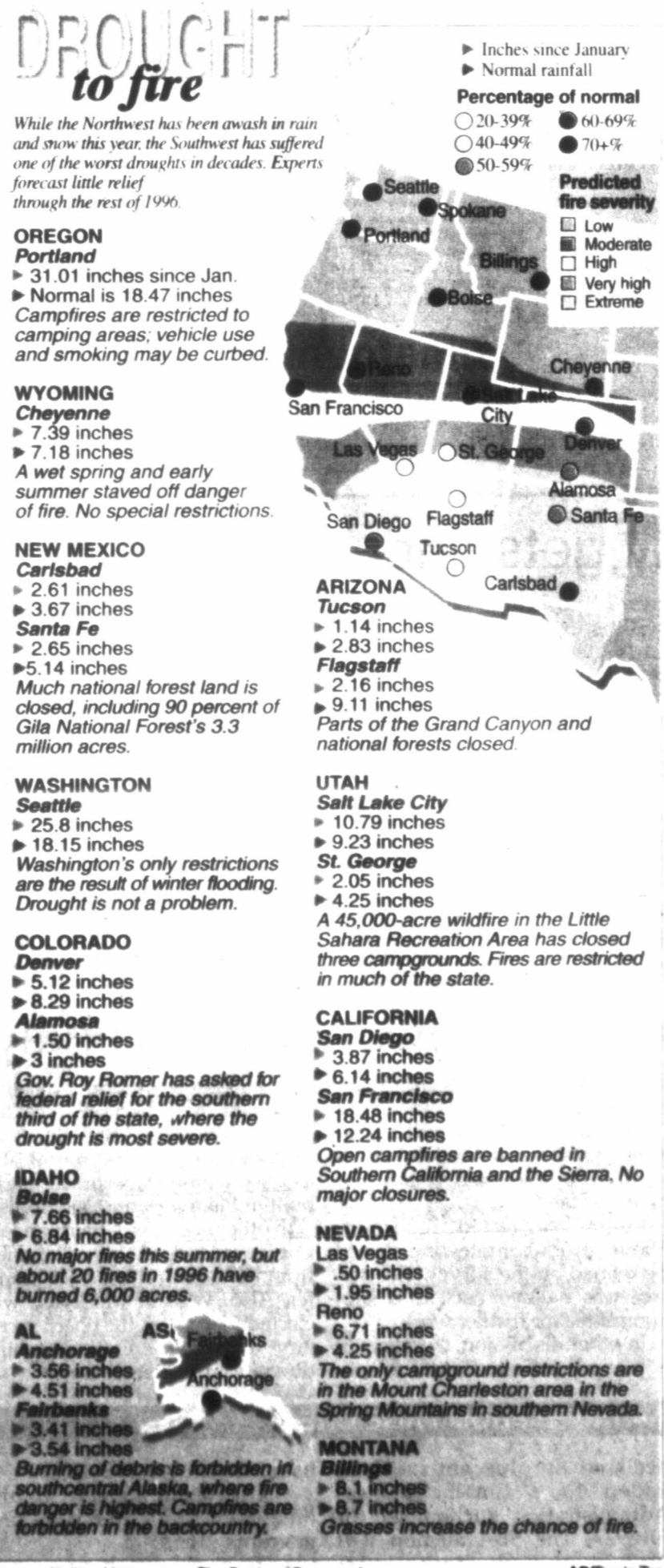
An Interior Department official named only a few drought-relief programs it funds. The department's Bureau of Reclamation still has about \$234,000 left from appropriations made in 1991 for the Reclamation States Emergency Drought Relief Act, said the bureau's Great Plains Regional Director, Neil Stessman.

He said no funding requests have been received in at least a year, although that will probably change because of this week's Albuquerque conference. Sen. Pete Domenici, R-N.M., has asked for studies to determine if the program should be continued beyond this year.

Bernard Kulik, associate administrator for the Small Business Administration, said the SBA can work more efficiently against drought repercussions because it deals directly with people rather than with state government agencies.

"Teams can be on peoples' doorsteps within seven days of a disaster declaration, he said.

"We've got the program, we have the staff to do it, and we have funding available strictly for disasters," Kulik said.





# Daily Record

## Services tomorrow

**ANDERSON**, Janie E. — 11 a.m., St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, Pampa.  
**BLACKWELL**, Vivian Lucille — Graveside services, 10 a.m., Citizens Cemetery, Clarendon.

## Obituaries

**VIVIAN LUCILLE BLACKWELL**  
 McLEAN - Vivian Lucille Blackwell, 77, died Wednesday, June 26, 1996, at Albuquerque, N.M. Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday in Citizens Cemetery at Clarendon with Lynn Boomer of Shattuck, Okla., officiating. Burial will be under the direction of Robertson Funeral Directors, Inc., of Clarendon.  
 Mrs. Blackwell was born Feb. 6, 1919, at Clarendon and had been a McLean resident from 1952 until moving to Albuquerque five years ago. She married Reford Ernest Blackwell on Aug. 29, 1942, at Clarendon; he died Aug. 1, 1986. She was a homemaker and a member of the First United Methodist Church of McLean.

Survivors include two daughters, Catherine Crow of Edgewood, N.M., and Susan Brown of Franklin, Tenn.; three sisters, Athlyn Boomer of Shattuck, Okla., Julia Murphy of Amarillo and Dorothy Gibson of Austin; two grandchildren; and a great-granddaughter.

**ALICE FRITH CLINGAN**  
 SUNNYVALE - Alice Frith Clingan, 78, died Tuesday, June 25, 1996, at Brentwood Place One in Dallas. Services were to be at 10 a.m. today in the Monroe St. Church of Christ with David Minson, evangelist from Lubbock, and Britt Fisher, evangelist from Mesquite, officiating. Burial will be in Highland Park Cemetery under the direction of Minton/Chatwell Funeral Directors of Borger.

Mrs. Clingan had been a Borger resident for 50 years before moving to Dallas in 1994. She married Henry Frith in 1939 at Hugo, Okla.; he died in 1972. The couple owned and operated the Mobile and Deep Rock Service Station. She was a hairdresser, homemaker, artist and member of the Church of Christ.

Survivors include a daughter, Sarah Fisher of Sunnyvale; a son, Henry Frith of Mansfield; a stepdaughter, Betty Woodruff of Arlington; two sisters, Sammie Berry of Irving and Robert Margaret Roberts of Oklahoma; a brother, William Davis of Oregon; six grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

## Calendar of events

**PAMPA AREA LITERARY COUNCIL**  
 Pampa Area Literary Council office will be open from 9 to 11 a.m. and 1 to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday. For more information, call 665-2331.

**PAMPA BRIDGE CLUB**  
 Pampa Bridge Club meets at 2 p.m. Sunday in Room 11 at Clarendon College. For a partner, contact Marie Jamison at 669-2945.

**THEE PLACE**  
 Thee Place for Singles is open 7-10:30 p.m. Saturdays at 520 W. Kingsmill.

**MOBILE MEALS**  
 The mobile meals menu for Saturday, June 29, is brisket, mashed potatoes, greens, bread, dessert.

## Accidents

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

**THURSDAY, June 27**  
 10:20 a.m. - A Pontiac owned by Jeffery Dickerman, 1125 Juniper, was in collision with a gas meter and pipe owned by Energas in the alley of 1300 North Hobart.

## Sheriff's Office

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

**THURSDAY, June 27**  
 Deadly conduct was reported at Francis and Somerville.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 1100 block of East Frederic.

**Arrests**

**THURSDAY, June 27**  
 Alicia Martinez, 31, 516 N. Starkweather, was arrested on a charge of deadly conduct. She was released on bond.

Benny Martinez, 26, 516 N. Starkweather, was arrested on a charge of deadly and evading arrest.

James Kirk Williams, 21, 507 Doucette, was arrested on a charge of burglary of a motor vehicle.

**Department of Public Safety**

Deborah Ann Hermann, 48, Harperwoods, Mich., was arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana under two ounces. She was released on bond.

## Ambulance

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

**THURSDAY, June 27**  
 11:26 a.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to Columbia Medical Center for a patient transport to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

12:05 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1800 block of Hamilton on a medical assist and transported one patient to Columbia Medical Center.

**FRIDAY, June 28**

1:55 a.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the 400 block of West Buckler on a medical assist. No patient was transported.

## Police report

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

**THURSDAY, June 27**  
 Top O' Texas New and Used Cars reported hindering a secured creditor. A \$3,734.50 balance is unpaid.

Homeland, 2545 Perryton Parkway, reported theft of 250 scratch off lottery tickets.

A Craftsman air compressor valued at \$325 was reported stolen from the 2200 block of North Russell.

## Stocks

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

Wheat	5.23	
Milo	7.98	
Corn	8.77	

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

Nowaco	25 1/2	NC
Occidental	24 7/8	dn 1/4

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

Magellan	74.34	
Puritan	17.63	

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

Amoco	70 7/8	up 1/8
Arco	119 1/8	dn 1/8
Cabot	25 5/8	up 1/4
Cabot O&G	17 1/8	NC

## Emergency numbers

Energas.....665-5777  
 SPS.....669-7432  
 Water.....669-5830

# Retailers say ban on fireworks is working

By CHIP BROWN  
 Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN (AP) — About 98 percent of the state's 5,000 registered fireworks retailers are carrying out a voluntary ban on most aerial fireworks due to drought conditions.

"We are doing everything we can to make sure Texans have a safe Fourth of July," Chester Davis, who owns American Fireworks in Bastrop and is a member of the industry association, said Thursday.

Despite the efforts of retailers, some fire officials remain unsatisfied. They want all fireworks banned because of the dry conditions and are encouraging Texans to attend professional displays.

"We appreciate the fact that they are taking into account the dry conditions," said Austin Fire Department spokeswoman Cathy Brandewie.

"Some of the things they have voluntarily banned have been problems in the past, like the stickrocks and missiles. But even something as simple as sparklers can cause a fire. We are asking people not to take chances."

Ms. Brandewie said recent rains across the state shouldn't lead people to believe that conditions are safe for fireworks.

"People don't realize how easy it is for a fire to start and then how quickly it can spread when it's this dry," Ms. Brandewie said.

Gov. George W. Bush has imposed a ban on aerial fireworks in 37 counties. Ground-based fireworks, such as firecrackers and sparklers, are still permitted in those counties.

Aerials would include stickrocks, missiles, multiple shots, tubes and roman candles.

In three of the 37 counties — El Paso, Andrews and Henderson — Bush has banned only stickrocks and missiles. Bush banned stickrocks, missiles and roman candles in Ellis and San Jacinto counties.

In Houston, fire officials are urging residents not to use any fireworks.

"We always prefer that they go to a professional

## Counties using ban

AUSTIN (AP) — Here are the 37 counties in which Gov. George W. Bush has imposed bans on aerial fireworks by regions of the state. Aerials include stickrocks, missiles, multiple shots, tubes and roman candles.

### NORTH TEXAS

Foard, Archer.  
**PANHANDLE**  
 Armstrong, Deaf Smith, Gray, Hemphill, Hutchinson, Oldham, Randall.

### SOUTH AND EAST TEXAS

Aransas, Austin, Bee, Brazoria, Fort Bend, Galveston, Harris, Houston, Jackson, Matagorda, Victoria, Walker, Waller, Wharton.

### WEST TEXAS

Crockett, Howard, Jeff Davis, Martin, Midland, Reeves, Winkler.

### COUNTIES GRANTED PARTIAL BANS

El Paso, Andrews and Henderson (stickrocks and missiles banned).  
 Ellis and San Jacinto (stickrocks, missiles and roman candles banned).

display," said Bill Anders, chief investigator in the Harris County fire marshal's office. "They're a lot more spectacular, and they have professional people doing it, not children involved with explosives."

The Texas Pyrotechnic Association has sued three counties that have imposed sweeping bans on fireworks.

Two counties — Gray and Midland — banned both the purchase and use of fireworks, while Randall County banned the use of fireworks.

The Pyrotechnic Association won a temporary restraining order in Midland County and faced a Friday morning hearing on the matter.

# Policeman accused of soliciting Irvin's murder

DALLAS (AP) — The shocking arrest of a policeman accused of trying to hire a hitman to kill Cowboys receiver Michael Irvin is the latest revelation in a drug case that began with a loud motel party and has become a life-and-death drama.

Officer Johnnie Hernandez, 28, was charged with solicitation of capital murder Thursday, a day after he paid "several thousand dollars" as a partial payment to an undercover agent posing as a hitman, police chief Ben Click said.

The developments involving the five-year Dallas police veteran, who has been subpoenaed as a witness in Irvin's drug trial, may derail the court proceedings despite the judge's insistence it should not be a factor.

The trial was interrupted by the third day of jury selection by the report of Hernandez's arrest. Prosecutors and defense attorneys were to continue their search for 12 panelists today.

Click said he could not comment on a possible motive because of a gag order issued by

state District Judge Manny Alvarez, who is presiding over Irvin's trial. But media reports have suggested ties between Irvin, Hernandez and his live-in girlfriend, Rachelle Smith.

"The officer had wanted the hit to occur very soon," Click said of the deal made in a shopping center parking lot between Hernandez and an agent from the Drug Enforcement Administration.

Police began investigating earlier this week after receiving information that "Hernandez had expressed a desire to hire somebody to kill Mr. Michael Irvin," Click said.

"It makes me feel terrible," he said. "It's one of those things you'd never think you'd see. At the same time, it pleases me this information came to us and we were able to make an arrest."

Hernandez, who has resigned, was being held at the Lew Sterrett Justice Center today on solicitation of capital murder and bribery charges.

Bail was set at \$250,000 on the solicitation count and \$2,500 on the bribery charge, a jail

spokesman said. If convicted, he faces up to 99 years in prison.

Irvin declined comment as he drove up to the Cowboys' Valley Ranch practice facility Thursday evening, accompanied by five men.

"I don't have anything to say," he said. "I'm just going for a workout."

Because Alvarez has admonished potential jurors not to read or listen to reports about the case, he said Thursday he believed the Irvin case can proceed.

"I have not heard anything that would merit a mistrial. This is not a concern for me. Absolutely not," Alvarez said.

Bill Lane, a Fort Worth defense attorney unrelated to the case, believes a mistrial is inevitable.

"I think in the cool light of dawn, this panel is going to be extremely prejudiced in one form or another because of this current event," he said. "I think the possibility or likelihood of picking a jury that has not already formed an opinion is slim and none."

## Weather focus

### LOCAL FORECAST

Low tonight near 68. Saturday, variable cloudiness with a high in the low 90s and gusty south winds 10-20 mph. Shower and storm chances 20 percent. Thursday's high was 86; the overnight low was 67. Pampa received 0.11 inch of moisture in the 24-hour period ending at 6 a.m. today.

### REGIONAL FORECAST

West Texas — Panhandle: Tonight, mostly cloudy with a chance of thunderstorms. Lows in mid 60s to around 70. Saturday, partly cloudy with a slight chance of thunderstorms. Highs in upper 80s to low 90s. Saturday night, partly cloudy with a slight chance of thunderstorms. Lows in mid 60s to around 70. South Plains: Tonight, clear. Lows in upper 60s.

Saturday, mostly sunny. Highs in mid 90s. Saturday night, fair. Lows in the 60s.

North Texas — Tonight, mostly clear. Lows 72 to 77. Saturday, partly cloudy. A slight chance of thunderstorms south. Highs 92 to 99.

South Texas — Hill Country and South Central: Tonight, partly cloudy with isolated showers or thunderstorms. Lows in mid 70s. Saturday, partly cloudy and hot with a chance of showers or thunderstorms. Highs in low 90s. Upper Coast: Tonight, partly cloudy with a chance of showers or thunderstorms. Lows in mid 70s inland to near 80 coast. Saturday, partly cloudy and hot with a chance of showers or thunderstorms. Highs in low 90s inland to near 90 coast. Coastal Bend and Rio Grande Plains: Tonight, partly cloudy with a slight chance of showers or thun-

derstorms. Lows in upper 70s coast to mid 70s inland. Saturday, partly cloudy and hot with a slight chance of showers or thunderstorms. Highs in upper 80s coast to low 90s inland, near 100 Rio Grande plains.

### BORDER STATES

New Mexico — Tonight, scattered to numerous showers and thunderstorms with locally heavy rain. Lows 40s and 50s mountains with mostly 60s elsewhere. Saturday, scattered mainly afternoon and evening thunderstorms mountains and west. Partly cloudy with isolated thunderstorms east. Highs 70s to mid 80s mountains and north with mid 80s to mid 90s lower elevations south.

Oklahoma — Tonight, mostly clear. Lows in mid 70s. Saturday, partly cloudy with a slight chance of thunderstorms northwest. Mostly clear elsewhere. Highs mostly in the 90s.

# Carson County gets check from Pantex

PANHANDLE — Carson County Tax Collector Roslyn Watson received a check last week in the amount of \$126,087, according to County Judge Jay R. Roselius.

The amount represents money owed for payment in lieu of taxes (P.I.L.T.) for the tax years 1993, 1994 and 1995, which was lost revenue due to the exemption of property taxes on the Department of Energy-Pantex facility. The Pantex plant is located in the county, between Amarillo and Panhandle.

"We're elated by this good

news, and I think our residents will be excited also. It is a first for Carson County and a long time coming. We appreciate the D.O.E. working with us on this request, as it is important to Carson County," Roselius said.

"We requested P.I.L.T. payments back to 1942, the year the United States obtained the property, but were denied," Roselius said.

He indicated county officials will continue to pursue collection of those back payments.

The county lost tax revenue

through those years, although it was reimbursed back to only 1993, the year the request was made to the government. According to Roselius, the federal regulations concerning P.I.L.T. state that payments in lieu of taxes could be paid for the years taxes were lost due to the possession of taxable property by the government.

He commended Watson and her staff for the hours they spent in calculating the lost revenue totals from the tax rolls, and for her contribution toward the collection.

# Parks board plans to refine citizens survey

Parks and Recreation Department Advisory Board members will further refine a proposed survey after hearing a report on preliminary results Thursday.

Board member Judy Elliott reported the results from eight of 28 preliminary surveys distributed to selected community members.

The board hopes the survey, when completed, could be used to help develop a long-term parks

and recreation plan. Board members plan to mail surveys with residents' water bills, as well as distributing them at schools, apartment complexes and senior citizens' centers.

Elliott suggested questions about citizen volunteering should be refined on the survey. The survey was handed back to a subcommittee for further work.

In other discussion, members of a playground development sub-

committee reported on a meeting in which they discussed seeking grants. The committee hopes to develop a super-playground at a city park based on similar parks built in Plainview and Memphis.

In other business, Chairman Rey Cardenas tendered his resignation from the board, citing a job transfer. Also, William McCarley was elected to serve as the board secretary following Elliott's stepping down from that position.

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## PEDC

In other action:  
 • David and Stowers were appointed to a committee to prepare the 1996-1997 budget.  
 • A list of property was

declared surplus and will be added to a Small Business Administration auction set for July 27. The SBA auction will dispose of Fork Stork equipment.  
 • Discussed an emergency lending limit policy. Borger EDC

has such a policy, Ippel said.  
 • The board agreed to hire Mike Trimble for Web page programming for \$800.  
 • The board will discuss a purchasing policy for PEDC to address in-town/out-of-town buying decisions.

# City briefs

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**LAKEVIEW APARTMENTS**, 2 bedroom unfurnished apartments. References required. 669-7682. Adv.

**2324 COMANCHE**, by owner, 3 bedroom, 1 3/4 bath, siding, storm windows, fireplace, new roof, 2 living areas, microwave. Call 665-4187. Adv.

**WANT TO** buy late model, full size, 4-door, General Motors car. 665-2223; 665-2255. Adv.

**BILLIE'S BOUTIQUE**, 2143 N. Hobart, Summer Clearance. New items added to sale rack. All dresses 60% off. Special group on short sets 25% off thru Saturday. Adv.

**1992 22 ft. Lowe Deck Boat**, 120 Johnson, excellent condition with cover for sale. 665-2454. Adv.

**COMING SOON!** Cuyler Clothing Co., 113 N. Cuyler, moderate price ladies clothing and accessories. Watch for our Grand opening! Adv.

**EARLY ADVERTISING** Deadlines for 4th of July Holiday, call Pampa News for information.

**LIKE NEW** mattress set \$200, antique pine table/4 chairs \$225. 665-3858. Adv.

**FOR SALE:** Corner of Houston and Craven, 310 Craven. Double wide home, 3 bedroom, 2 full baths, big steel building, commercial property, \$40,000. 665-3673. Adv.

**HICKORY HUT**, 716 W. Brown, 665-0562. We deliver! \$5 minimum. Adv.

**ALL T-SHIRTS** 25% off. Sale ends Saturday. The Gift Box, downtown Pampa. Adv.

**GARAGE SALE:** 820 N. Wells. Kids clothes, toys, lots of everything. Saturday only 8 a.m.-7 p.m. Adv.

**HOME DELIVERY.** All carriers are independent contractors and The Pampa News is not responsible for advance payments of two or more months made to the carrier. Please pay directly to the News Office any payment that exceeds the current collection period.

**GARAGE SALE** Saturday and Sunday. Tools, TV, microwaves, stereo equipment, etc. 501 N. Faulkner. Adv.

**HAPPY 50TH** Birthday to my husband Lee Porter, on June 29th, I love you very much, Janice. Adv.

**INSIDE SALE** 9 a.m.-6 p.m., 345 Eshom St. Street before Big Red Barn, on South Barnes. No early birds please. Adv.

**SHELLED PEAS**, Okra, tomatoes, watermelons, cantaloupe. Epperson's Garden Market Hwy. 60 East and 1900 N. Hobart. Adv.

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# University creates hotline to help callers identify unfamiliar insects

By KATHLEEN HOLDER  
Associated Press Writer

DAVIS, Calif. (AP) — A huge furry spider just scurried across the floor. Big black bees are burrowing into your attic. Moths fly from your cabinets like vampire bats. And critters you can barely see have made a home under your skin.

Who you gonna call? If there's no entomologist in the house, Californians beset or intrigued by creepy callers can now dial a bug hotline — 900-225-BUGS.

The insect experts from the University of California-Davis who answer the phone will not come out and exterminate — they can't even recommend types of spray.

But they can provide a name for that six-or-more-legged thing that bugs you.

And that in itself, says Lynn Kimsey, a UC entomology professor who created the hotline, can make a big difference in peace of mind.

"People are pretty levelheaded about things once they understand what they are," Kimsey said.

Workers at the Grassland Water District in Los Banos took decisive action after calling the hotline to identify a spider sharing their office as a black widow.

"We took it outside and stepped on it — destroyed it," said office manager Veronica Woodruff.

The hotline is available statewide. Calls cost \$3 for the first minute and \$1 for each minute after that. Queries that look like they'll take more than five minutes to answer are referred to a regular toll phone line.

Hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and may be extended later.

In most cases, Kimsey said she and her staff are able to quickly identify the insect or spider after a few questions about what it looks like and where the caller lives. "It's almost like medical diagnosis," she said.

Occasionally, callers are asked to mail in the mystery bug.

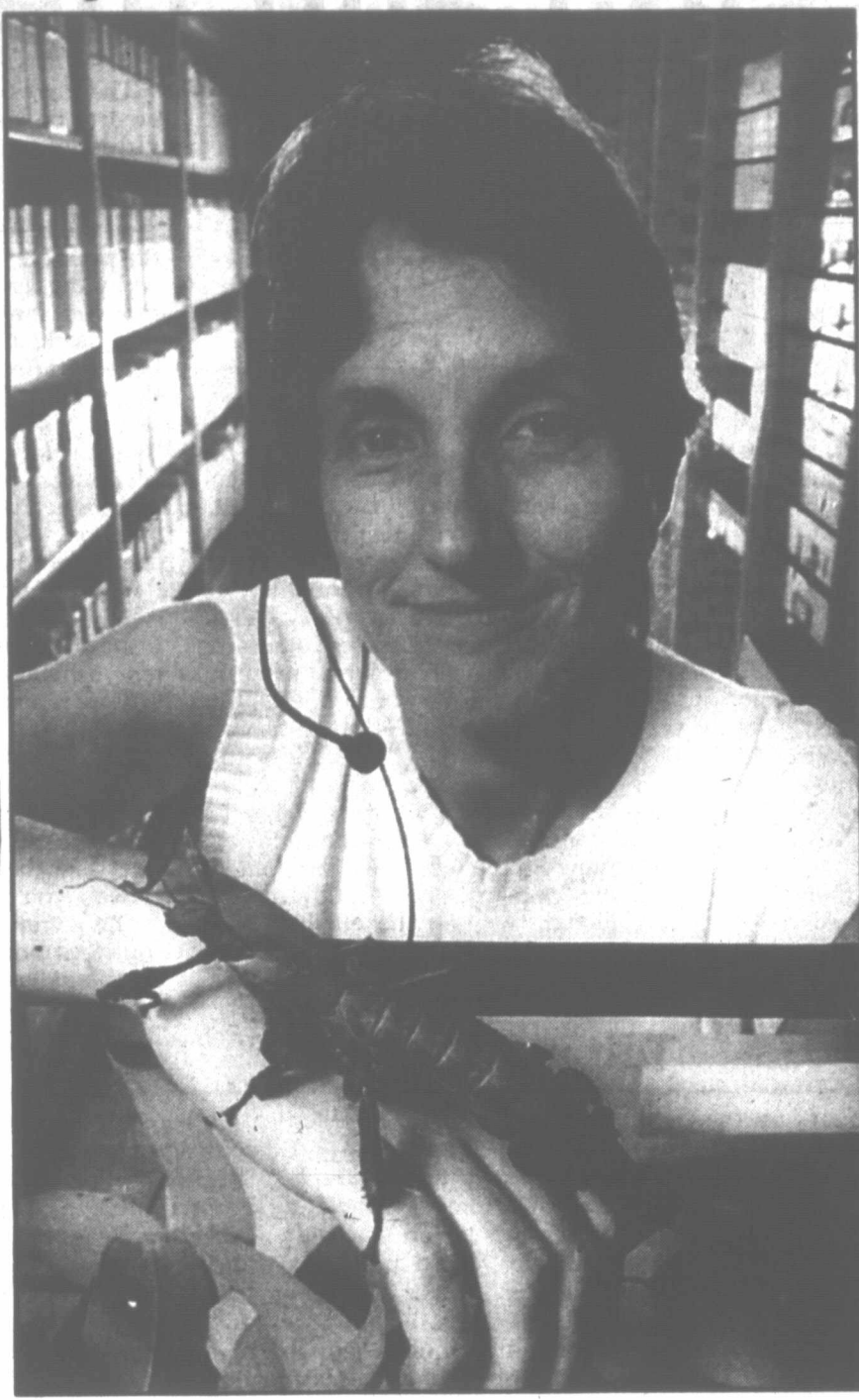
It is the imaginary insects that are difficult to handle. Kimsey said she sometimes gets calls from people who believe bugs are crawling on their skin. Most seem delusional, although one woman really did have mites.

"Most of the people have very legitimate questions and actually very interesting questions about insects," Kimsey said.

Carl Pearson of Fair Oaks called to find out more about the life cycle of the iridescent butterflies that emerged each spring from a flowering Dutchman pipe vine in his back yard.

"I didn't see many of the larvae on the plant," Pearson said. "I was thinking the birds may be eating them, but they told me, 'No, (eating) the plant made them inedible to birds.'"

The UCD entomologists identified



(AP photo)

While most people won't be coming across an Australian Walking Stick insect, held by University of California-Davis, entomology professor Lynn Kimsey, they can call the school's new "bug hotline" and get information about the bugs they do find. Kimsey runs the hotline and for a fee her or an assistant will search the school's entomology files for information on bugs unfamiliar to the caller.

fied the butterfly, a shiny greenish-black with red spots, as a pipevine swallowtail.

"I think it's a great service," Pearson said.

The hotline has been receiving a handful of calls daily since it started April 12. Kimsey expects business to pick up as the weather warms and more bugs emerge to mate and lay eggs.

Proceeds from the 900-number calls will help pay for student interns and other operating costs, Kimsey said.

Kimsey said the service, the state's first, is especially important as California becomes more urbanized and more people move into outlying areas.

"I think the public is very natural history-illiterate," she said.

"People really underestimate the presence of insects. Insects literally affect every aspect of human life. They compete with us for food. They feed on us. ...

They're essential for pollinating crops. They drive us nuts because they're biting our dogs. Our kids are sent home because they get head lice at school."

But most California's insects and spiders present no immediate danger, Kimsey said.

Termites, given enough time, can chew through walls.

Black widow spiders are the most poisonous, but bites are rare and usually just make the person sick for a couple days, she said.

"They're very shy, passive spiders. They're not going to come lunging out of their webs attacking you."

The brown recluse spider does not exist in Northern California, Kimsey insisted.

"There isn't a need for fear," Kimsey said. "And I think fear is bred by ignorance. ... There's nothing here that seriously affects life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness."

## Scarlet the cat's two kittens to have new home in 'cat condo'

PORT WASHINGTON, N.Y. (AP) — Scarlet and her kittens have earned a life of luxury, and that's what they were promised as they headed for their new homes.

"They have their own room, and my husband is building them a 10-foot cat condo, and

they'll have special treats," said Debbie Palmarozzo, who got two of the kittens. "They'll have it made; they won't want for anything."

The mama cat became an instant celebrity when word got out about how she plucked her

five kittens one-by-one from a fire in an abandoned building in Brooklyn on March 30.

A firefighter who observed the amazing scene took the badly burned mother and her 4-week-old babies to the North Shore Animal League. The shelter got thousands of letters from around the world, including 2,000 offering homes for the cats.

One of the kittens died after contracting a virus. After a nearly a three-month convalescence, the league felt the others cats were ready to be adopted and on Thursday it introduced their happy owners at a news conference.

## Mexico briefs

Mexico sends official overseas to attract foreign business

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Foreign Secretary Jose Angel Gurria will tour five Southeast Asian nations next month in an effort to further Mexico's trade with the area and attract investments.

An official news release Thursday said Gurria's visit July 1-10 will include Malaysia, Indonesia, Singapore, Thailand and Japan.

Japan is Mexico's third trading partner after the United States and Canada, and ranks fifth among foreign investors. But trade and economic ties with the other four are still minimal.

## President Ernesto Zedillo blasts corruption at rally

MEXICO CITY (AP) — President Ernesto Zedillo finally echoed Thursday what predecessors never said in so many blunt words — and what Mexicans have often felt.

"Mexicans are fed up with corruption," Zedillo told a rally of supporters in the neighboring State of Mexico. He then proceeded to blast corruption at all levels — especially in government.

"We are fed up with officials who thought that because they hold a job in public service, this gives them the right to misappropriate the people's resources," he added. "Public service to serve the people, not help themselves."

Corruption has been constant and growing in Mexico ever since the Institutional Revolutionary Party was founded took power in 1929. It has been ruling the country under different names, it has stayed in power through patronage, bribery, strongarm tactics and election fraud.

Wrongdoing by officials has gone largely unpunished.

Zedillo's predecessor Carlos Salinas de Gortari is under fire for the widespread corruption that marked his six-year administration that ended Dec. 1, 1994. His brother, Raul Salinas de Gortari, is in jail, on trial for embezzlement and plotting the murder of a top party official.

## South American physicians depart indicted by U.S.

SANTA ANA, Calif. (AP) — A federal grand jury handed down mail fraud indictments Thursday against two doctors who practiced at the now-defunct University of California, Irvine, fertility clinic.

Drs. Jose Balmaceda and Sergio Stone were accused of padding insurance bills for surgeries at the UCI Center for Reproductive Health and the Saddleback Center for Reproductive Health between 1991 and 1995.

Stone, 54, was named in an earlier 10-count mail fraud indictment. The latest accusation brings the number of counts against him to 30. Stone was free on bond pending trial.

Balmaceda, 47, returned to his native Chile after the UCI clinic closed in a scandal last June. He and Stone are accused of making up charges for nonexistent surgical assistants.

Eighty patients have sued the doctors and UCI. Most allege their eggs were taken from storage without consent and implanted in other women, some of whom had babies. The doctors have denied wrongdoing.

Criminal charges so far have focused on finances rather than eggs and embryos. Dr. Ricardo H. Asch, the clinic's director, has not been charged with a crime. He moved to Mexico after the clinic folded.

## Doctors group supports clear disclosure of gag clauses in managed care

CHICAGO (AP) — Dr. Brian J. Eades says he was always a team player for the HMO that covers 30 percent of his gynecology practice. At least until it decided that women seeking general care would no longer be allowed to see doctors in his specialty.

Eades put up a sign in his waiting room warning his patients about the new policy. And when he began explaining the medical implications to them, he was called before the HMO's board, and a senior member of the physicians' group he belongs to asked him to resign from the HMO.

"I had been one of their stars. I had been on committees to help them cut costs," Eades said. "But my big deal was I'll only cut costs as long as we can maintain quality."

Eades and other policymakers at the American Medical Association annual meeting rebelled Thursday against HMO gag rules, which prevent doctors from telling patients about expensive tests and treatments that insurance companies won't pay for.

The doctors group voted to push for legislation requiring doctors to disclose when they have signed the HMO-imposed disclosure agreements.

"Gag clauses strike at the heart of the physician-patient relationship," Dr. John C. Nelson, an AMA trustee, said before the vote. They erode trust and also open the physician to malpractice lawsuits, he said.

AMA doctors say managed-care companies are muzzling them to keep them from telling patients about the medical implications of cost cutting policies. That includes information about

treatments that could help them, even save their lives.

In Eades' case, he said ob-gyns are often better qualified than family doctors to treat women and that many women prefer to see ob-gyns as their general doctors.

Health maintenance organizations and insurance company representatives deny barring doctors from discussing clinical information. They say doctors just can't criticize the companies, or disclose proprietary financial information.

"The Health Insurance Association of America always maintains that patients should be able to have access to all the relevant information that they need to make their health care decisions," said Michael Fortier, associate director of the Washington, D.C.-based group.

He said the AMA's real intent is to prohibit contract provisions that say doctors can't "disparage" the health plan or criticize it.

"In any business arrangement, you have that; you cannot disparage your employer," Fortier said. "You can't say, 'Well, this is a good product but the fellow down the street has a much better product.'"

The AMA is already on record as wanting a ban on the clauses, but in lieu of that, patients should be told in plain language that they exist, the policymakers decided.

The vote Thursday "was to continue to encourage us to do everything we can to eliminate gag clauses from contractual relationships with the managed care industry," said Dr. Robert E. McAfee, immediate past AMA president and a member of the board of trustees.

## Police rescue aliens from death trap

HOUSTON (AP) — Police say luck led an officer to stumble on 15 Mexican immigrants crammed into a rental truck that was parked in the hot Texas sun for up to eight hours.

The 13 men and two women had been inside the 20-foot truck, parked in a motel lot south of downtown, since early morning when they were rescued about 1:30 p.m. Thursday, said police Sgt. Robert Ruiz.

Police said there was no water in the truck, and temperatures in Houston Thursday were in the mid-90s.

"There were a few on the

verge of unconsciousness," Ruiz said.

The immigrants were transported to Ben Taub and Hermann hospitals, where they were treated for heat exhaustion and dehydration.

Hospital officials said the immigrants were disoriented when they arrived, but their conditions were not life threatening and they were not expected to be admitted.

The rental truck driver, a suspected immigrant smuggler, was arrested at the scene on an outstanding warrant from Houston alleging that he failed to pay child support.

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Texas Editorials

Houston Chronicle on Supreme Court and prosecutors' records:

A recent Texas Supreme Court decision interpreting state law to exempt all prosecutors' records from public disclosure is yet another blow in a steady chipping away of open records access. And as important as that public access to certain types of criminal investigation records is, Harris County District Attorney John B. Holmes Jr.'s rationale for seeking to keep them sealed is insulting in its disdain for open government.

Holmes, who has contended for years that his office is part of the judiciary and not subject to open records statutes, was hardly convincing when he claimed to have no interest in promoting secrecy. Rather, Holmes asserted, his office was overwhelmed by the public's requests to see the files his office maintains. In filing a lawsuit, which named 14 open records petitioners and Attorney General Dan Morales, who had ruled closed case files were open, Holmes said he was seeking only paperwork relief.

A better solution would have been for Holmes to simply make records of closed criminal investigations open to the public under the same system that case files for civil lawsuits now conveniently are available from the district clerk. Parties interested in a file need simply ask for it by case number. Holmes' paperwork mounted because he insisted on formal open records requests, a much more involved process.

It is reasonable to expect that prosecutors should be able to conduct investigations without having the process tainted by the release of files in the middle of an inquiry. However, citizens must be able to review files from investigations that are complete or that were never prosecuted, especially when those investigations were carried out under questionable circumstances.

The Supreme Court's ruling in this case will not be the death of open records, although lawmakers ought to clarify the law from their next regular session to make files from completed investigations open with minimum impediments. The ruling is, however, part of a disquieting trend in which public officials are too often too quick to embrace secrecy and closed government. That trend should be reversed.

The concept of open records is not one that is meant to inconvenience public officials, but one that is crucial to a system of government that works best when carried out in the bright light of day.

The Victoria Advocate on the Montana Freeman standoff:

The protracted standoff between the anti-government Freeman group and federal agents at a remote Montana ranch ended the way it should have — peacefully, without a shot being fired. ...

Approximately 100 FBI agents had ringed the prairie stronghold to wait out the heavily armed Freemans, who reject the authority of the U.S. government and spout white supremacist slogans. The patient federal strategy was designed to wear down their resistance and deny them a public forum from which to proclaim their looney beliefs. ...

This peaceful conclusion stands in marked contrast to the conflagration near Waco three years ago that claimed the lives of more than 80 Branch Davidians, including several women and children.

After that carnage, the Justice Department revamped its procedures to deal with militant protesters. That helps account for the tranquil resolution to the tense Freeman standoff, which could have turned ugly had federal agents overreacted.

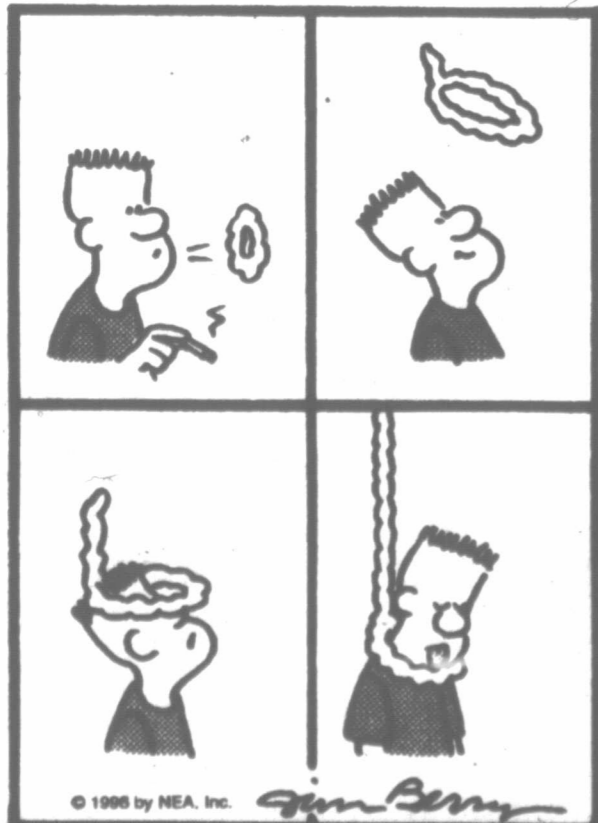
The FBI has demonstrated that perseverance and firmness can defuse potentially dangerous situations with radical protest groups.

Thought for today

"Speech was given to the ordinary sort of men whereby to communicate their mind; but to wise men, whereby to conceal it."

Robert South  
Sermon

Berry's World



Compassion and the facts

At a gathering of conservative journalists the other night, the proposition was widely accepted that Republicans must guard against seeming hard hearted. Don't withhold schooling from the children of illegal immigrants, a leading Republican politician was counseled. Don't be seen as uncaring or cruel.

Now, it isn't entirely a bad thing about a country, or an electorate, that it values kindness. Arguably, the political value of the word "compassion" springs from America's Judeo-Christian heritage. It is because we have been shaped by these great religions that we are preoccupied with the welfare of the poor.

But there are two problems with the compassion question as it usually arises in American politics. In the first place, there is the question of who gets to define compassion. When liberals define the debate, any effort to reform the welfare state gets tagged as cruel. And conservatives — even those who are moved by the plight of programs — find themselves having to prove that they are not Ebenezer Scrooges.

The second problem is that compassion alone, unenlivened by prudence, can degenerate into soft-headedness. How else can one explain the continuing liberal adherence to the welfare status quo in the face of clear evidence that it creates great harm?

For years, liberal social scientists and their acolytes among policy makers have vigorously denied that welfare payments discourage work or promote illegitimacy. Out-of-wedlock childbearing, they argued, is a complex phenomenon utterly



Mona Charen

unrelated to such considerations as welfare benefits.

It is undeniable that many factors have contributed to the epidemic of illegitimacy in America. Certainly, the culture is high on the list. But to deny that the welfare system, with its structure of incentives, plays any role at all is to be willfully obtuse.

Mark Rosenweig, a professor at the University of Pennsylvania, has now performed a study that will make denying the welfare-illegitimacy link almost impossible among the fair minded. Using data from the National Longitudinal Survey of Youth, he studied the marriage and childbearing decisions of girls and women aged 14 to 22.

According to *The American Enterprise* magazine, Rosenweig's conclusions were unambiguous. Among all women, the effect of welfare benefits on childbearing decisions is insignificant. But among low income women the effect is quite large. A ten percent rise in welfare benefits, according to Rosenweig, translates in to a 12% increase in out-of-wedlock babies.

There was a time when the poor were considered to be less virtuous than the rich simply by virtue of being poor. That was nonsense, of course. But today, liberals indulge a reverse nonsense: the belief that the poor are more virtuous than the rest of us. Why more virtuous? Because the poor are imagined to be completely unaffected by the usual incentives and disincentives that motivate the rest of us.

Thus, liberals vehemently deny that welfare benefits affect the willingness to work — something not denied by welfare recipients themselves. Sixty-two percent of welfare recipients say that "the system undermines the work ethic and encourages people to be lazy." Seven out of ten welfare recipients say they are not actively seeking work. Sixty-four percent of welfare recipients also agree that "Welfare encourages teenagers to have children out of wedlock."

Stephen Moore and David Hartman of the Cato Institute calculated the value of the package of welfare benefits (Aid to Families With Dependent Children, housing, medical care, food stamps) and found that in 29 states, welfare pays more than the average starting salary for a secretary. In 47 states, it pays more than a janitor earns. And in nine states, it exceeds the salary of the average first year teacher. In Massachusetts, you'd have to earn \$14.66 an hour to exceed the benefits available under welfare. In Hawaii, you'd have to earn \$17.50 an hour.

The common sense intuition that welfare discourages work and facilitates illegitimacy is true. Or, to put it another way: Unwise compassion can turn out to be cruel.

Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Friday, June 28, the 180th day of 1996. There are 186 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On June 28, 1914, Austrian Archduke Francis Ferdinand and his wife, Sofia, were assassinated in Sarajevo by a Serb nationalist — the event which triggered World War I.

On this date:

In 1778, Molly Pitcher (Mary Ludwig Hays) carried water to American soldiers at the Revolutionary War Battle of Monmouth, N.J.

In 1836, the fourth president of the United States, James Madison, died in Montpelier, Va.

In 1894, Labor Day was established as a holiday for federal

employees on the first Monday of September.

In 1919, the Treaty of Versailles was signed in France, ending World War I.

In 1919, Harry S. Truman married Elizabeth Virginia Wallace in Independence, Mo.

In 1934, President Roosevelt signed into law the National Housing Act, which established the Federal Housing Administration.

In 1950, North Korean forces captured Seoul, South Korea.

In 1951, a TV version of the radio program "Amos 'N' Andy" began a two-year run on CBS. (Although criticized for racial stereotyping, it was the first network TV series to feature an all-black cast).

In 1978, the Supreme Court ordered the University of

California Medical College at Davis to admit Allan Bakke, a white man who argued he'd been a victim of reverse racial discrimination.

Ten years ago: President Reagan used his weekly radio address to blast sweeping trade legislation passed by the House, saying it would "jeopardize our hard-won economic prosperity."

Five years ago: In Detroit, a white woman was attacked by a group of black women at a downtown fireworks display in an incident captured on amateur video. (Five women later pleaded no contest to charges stemming from the assault.) Two people were killed when an earthquake of magnitude 6 shook Southern California.

One year ago: The House overwhelmingly approved a constitu-

tional amendment to protect the American flag from desecration (however, the amendment was later defeated in the Senate). Webster Hubbell, the former No. 3 official at the Justice Department, was sentenced to 21 months in prison for bilking clients of the law firm where he and Hillary Rodham Clinton were partners.

Today's Birthdays: Comedian-movie director Mel Brooks is 70. Sen. Carl Levin, D-Mich., is 62. White House Chief of Staff Leon Panetta is 58. The head of the National Economic Council, Laura D'Andrea Tyson, is 49. Actress Kathy Bates is 48. Football player John Elway is 36. Actress Mary Stuart Masterson is 30. Actor John Cusack is 30. Actress Danielle Brisebois is 27.

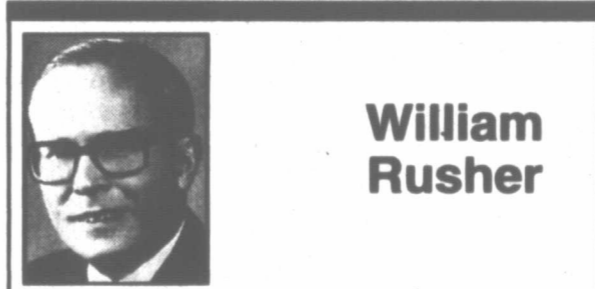
Can the MFN insult us forever?

What could the Chinese Communists do, do you suppose, that President Clinton would recognize as an insult? Short of the Chinese ambassador barging into the Oval Office and hitting him over the head with a baseball bat, I can't think of anything.

Although Mr. Clinton gave President Bush unshirred hell during the 1992 campaign for granting the People's Republic of China Most Favored Nation trading status despite its appalling record on human rights, and pledged that he would "link" MFN status to improvements in China's human rights record if elected, Mr. Clinton did no such thing. Instead he yielded to the business interests that were hungry for trade, and — after much biting of his lower lip — granted China MFN status even though its human rights performance had, if anything, actually worsened.

That was apparently taken by Beijing as one early clue (there have since been plenty of others) that Mr. Clinton's bark bears no noticeable relation to his bite. As a result, they have made it a practice to insult him whenever they feel like it, which is often.

Early in the administration Secretary of State Christopher made an official trip to Beijing to discuss various problems with the Communist bosses there. At the time Beijing was particularly annoyed at Washington about something or other, and the regime took it out on Christopher. The matter was hushed up, and the exact nature of the humiliations inflicted on him has never been revealed, or their existence



William Rusher

even admitted. But you can draw your own conclusions from the fact that Christopher, who recently celebrated his 20th visit to Damascus to negotiate with Hafez Assad, and is always off on some overseas mission or other, has never again set foot in China.

More recently, the CIA reported that a company owned by the Chinese government had sold equipment relating to nuclear weapons to Pakistan — an action which, under U.S. non-proliferation law, requires the imposition of economic penalties. But the Chinese government, having flouted American law, proceeded to insult our intelligence by asserting it "didn't know" about the sale. Christopher pronounced himself greatly relieved.

The piracy of Americans' "intellectual property" — videotapes, computer software and the like — has reached such a crescendo in China that estimates put the total take at \$2 billion. The Clinton administration, unable to ignore this, has been protesting noisily to Beijing. But

when the CIA quietly told administration officials that companies controlled by the children of certain high Chinese officials were deeply involved in the thefts, Mr. Clinton and his aides simply ignored the information, rather than risk humiliating the parents.

No wonder, then, that Beijing remained calm when the Justice Department last month arrested several Chinese for smuggling 2,000 automatic weapons into the United States. A San Francisco grand jury specifically laid the operation at the door of China North Industries Corp. (Norinco), a huge company known to be under the control of top Chinese political officials, and Polytechnologies, a smaller outfit run by Deng Xiaoping's son-in-law.

Did the United States protest? Did Mr. Clinton warn sternly that such conduct by powerful figures in the regime would not be tolerated? Are you kidding? State Department spokesman Nicholas Burns dismissed the whole affair as "a law enforcement matter, a judicial matter. I don't see," he said sottovoce, "why this needs to complicate U.S.-China relations at all."

The Oriental obsession with "face" is notorious. A personal humiliation is taken far more seriously in the Far East than events with far greater consequences in the real world. What, then, must the bosses in Beijing think of Bill Clinton and Warren Christopher? And how do you suppose they are planning to handle them in the future? We will pay dearly for these blunders.

Smoking issue is a lighted match

As a presidential campaign issue, tobacco and smoking may warrant a warning label like the ones required on cigarette packages for the past three decades.

It could caution that both Democrats and Republicans receive political contributions from the tobacco industry, and that neither can avoid the strains that go with the habit. Even with President Clinton challenging the industry in his drive against smoking by young Americans, there have been assurances from the administration that tighter regulation in this country wouldn't hamper tobacco exports.

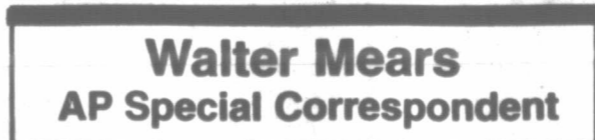
There have been divided messages from the federal government through the years since the first surgeon general's report that cigarette smoking was a health risk, issued in 1964. While one arm of the government warned against the habit, another helped tobacco farmers.

Indeed, the House voted a week ago, by a two-vote margin, against ending government subsidized crop insurance and technical assistance for tobacco growers. Almost as many Democrats as Republicans voted to continue it.

"Tobacco has always had a special place in the politics of America," Rep. Richard Durbin, D-Ill., conceded, as his effort to block that \$25 million item was rejected.

It has, and does. So when Republican Bob Dole said at a tobacco country campaign stop that smoking is not necessarily addictive, and that he does not think the Food and Drug Administration has authority to regulate tobacco, Clinton and Vice President Al Gore were quickly on his case.

Dole, in Louisville, said he did not quarrel with such steps as closing vending machines to put cigarettes out of the reach of children; he did not mention



Walter Mears  
AP Special Correspondent

the advertising restrictions the president wants as well.

"But I think the more serious question is whether or not the FDA has jurisdiction," he said. The attempt to assert it is not yet resolved. "To some people smoking is addictive," Dole said, "to others, they can take it or leave it."

Clinton countered in a radio talk that "when political leaders parrot the tobacco company line" they cater to powerful interests, not to American families.

The Dole campaign then issued a statement wrongly quoting Gore as having questioned the link between smoking and lung cancer in 1992, when he'd actually said that was the tobacco industry position. A partial quote made it sound otherwise. Dole issued a guarded apology, noting that he hadn't made the statement himself.

Gore talked tougher than Clinton. "About the only people who don't believe nicotine is addictive or that smoking causes lung cancer are politicians who are addicted to tobacco money," he said in a speech in Philadelphia.

He meant Dole and the Republicans. While they've received far more, the Democrats have gotten tobacco industry donations too. According to the advocacy group Common Cause, tobacco companies and interests gave \$4.1 million in political contributions in 1995, \$3.2 million of it to the Republicans.

That reflects GOP control in Congress and also the anti-smoking campaign of the Clinton administration.

"I think cigarettes are harmful," Dole said in a TV interview in Sacramento last week. "I would ask the president, the vice president, where they've been for 3 1/2 years. Suddenly in an election year they come out with a big anti-smoking program."

Actually, it began before the election year, last Aug. 10, when Clinton ordered unprecedented restrictions to limit tobacco advertising, ban vending machine sales and asked tobacco companies to educate the young against using their products. Those steps would be taken under FDA regulations, based on a finding that nicotine is addictive.

"You in the tobacco business now surely see the clear, emerging consensus in America that advertising, billboards and promotions should not appeal to the children of this country," Clinton said May 7 at a rally against smoking by the young in Woodbridge, N.J.

That reflects the political push in his crackdown effort. The downside is in the tobacco growing South, difficult territory for Clinton anyhow.

It is a difficult issue to manage. "Am I supposed to tell someone in a legal business they can't contribute to my campaign?" Dole asked.

And earlier in Clinton's drive to cut smoking by young Americans by half over the next seven years, the administration reassured tobacco growers that their exports wouldn't suffer under the proposed restrictions.

"You have every right to be treated not only as a legal product but as a product of the United States, and treated fairly in foreign markets," Mickey Kantor, then U.S. trade representative, now secretary of commerce, told an agriculture conference in Raleigh, N.C., late last year.



# Longtime Panhandle farmer compares agriculture to high risk casino gambling

By MARK BABINECK  
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TULIA (AP) — Otis Harman defies the weathered stereotype of the Depression-era farmer. Gentle and genteel, his background includes a college degree, numerous business ventures, including a stint as a newspaper publisher.

Yet, no matter how hard the elements fight him, the land has remained constant.

"Farming beats Las Vegas all to pieces," Harman said over a cup of coffee at his favorite breakfast haunt in this farming community between Lubbock and Amarillo, deep in the heart of the Texas Panhandle.

Harman, 80, smiles readily beneath his baseball cap as he reminisces.

The gleeful grins turn into sighs when the subject turns to the weather. Harman's seen the Dust Bowl of the 1930s, the arid 50's and a third dry spell in the 70's.

Another odd-numbered decade, another drought. Harman says this one would take the cake, except some farmers couldn't harvest enough wheat to bake one.

"We've never had a year like this," he said. "This is the first time I can remember farmers weren't at least getting enough seed back to replant (next fall)."

Harman drives out from his Tulia home each morning to inspect the land he and son-in-law Tommy Womack work outside of town. Womack's house sits within view of Harman's childhood home on the lonely countryside.

A tour of the 3,000 or so acres they cultivate was revealing. There was tall, mature wheat for Womack to harvest this month, yet a cotton patch planted a few feet away was mostly barren.

"Not enough water," Harman concludes, shaking his head.

A grass pasture Harman and Womack usually use for grazing is matted and barely green. One of the artifacts rusting in the lot is a type of one-way plow that contributed to the soil erosion that caused the Steinbeck-like Dust Bowl scenes.

Harman takes pride in some of the mundane tasks, including continuing his endless personal

Farmer Otis Harman, 80, checks on a recently planted field of milo near Tulia. Though the field has been irrigated, the dry weather and soil saps moisture away from the plants. Harman, who has done well in farming and other businesses throughout his life, says his generation robbed its children of water and fuel while racking up an enormous public debt.

(AP photo)

war on the Russian vine weeds that can choke the life out of a plot if left unchecked.

"A Russian fellow once told me that anything Americans consider bad, they'll name it 'Russian,'" Harman joked as he sprayed his own personal chemical mix that has made him a local icon in the fight against vine weeds.

Harman isn't much for stories about walking a mile to school

each morning and night (though he did). He says the technological advances of the past 50 years have made farming more efficient, not easier.

"Otis' was the last generation that could get into farming and generate cash flow," said John Van Pelt, manager of the Tulia Feedlot of which Harman owns 11 percent. Van Pelt, who dabbles in farming himself, says

about the only way a farmer can escape debt in the modern era is to die.

The simplicity of having a couple of milk cows helped Harman and all six of his brothers and sisters obtain college degrees. All but one graduated, an uncommon feat in his time.

Harman's degree helped him in non-farming pursuits. Banking, insurance, publishing and retail were among his interests.

"I'm proudest of all of this," he said, pulling up to a day care center he helped found for migrant Mexican workers once forced to leave their children alone in the heat while they scratched out a living in the fields.

Harman and his wife Helen had five daughters, but son-in-law Womack picked up the family farming tradition after leaving a job in the seed industry in 1969.

The drought isn't a grave threat to Harman or Womack. Decades of thrift and retired bank notes allow them to wait it out, unlike some neighbors.

One rancher recently sold his longtime family plot. Another went bankrupt. A third is beset by family problems as he enters his golden years.

Harman actually received a pleasant surprise on a warm Friday morning. The feedlot called him at the Conestoga Restaurant with news of a small profit on the recent cattle sale on which he had expected to break even, at best.

Another example of Harman's Las Vegas in the dirt, though cultivating a crop wasn't always such a crap shoot.

"In the 30's, it didn't cost us anything," he said. "At 6 cents a gallon they were giving butane away. They didn't know what to do with it."

"Today, a good tractor costs \$100,000, and the small farmers can't afford the equipment."

Harman says his generation robbed its children of water and fuel while racking up an enormous public debt. The last thing they need now is a drought, which has forced grain prices to their highest levels in years, usually a blessing for the producer.

"But \$3 times 0 is the same as \$7 times 0 if you have no wheat," Harman said.

## State briefs

### Lawyer regains ownership of mistreated cattle

DALLAS (AP) — A federal bankruptcy judge has ruled that a Dallas lawyer should regain custody of about 300 cows seized from his Ellis County property following his arrest in May because the animals had not been fed in months.

The cows have been in the care of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

But the ruling Tuesday by Judge Robert C. McGuire directed that the animals be returned to G. David Westfall so he can sell them and pay debts.

The SPCA assailed the ruling, noting that the organization spent about \$28,000 on food and medical care for the cattle.

of the modern producer's most prized implements.

### Four years after murder, son indicted in father's death

HARLINGEN (AP) — Nearly four years after a Brownsville eye surgeon was discovered strangled and weighted down in the bay near his home, his son has been charged with the murder.

Victor Lino Leal is named in a sealed indictment that accuses him of murdering his father, Victor Leal, in August 1992, a source, speaking on condition of anonymity, told The Associated Press Thursday.

Cameron County District Attorney Luis Saenz confirmed an indictment had been issued in the case but would not disclose who was charged.

Saenz said the indictment would be unsealed upon arrest, which could occur as early as next week.

### Producers devote close attention to risk management

LUBBOCK (AP) — This year's federal "freedom to farm" law also gives producers the freedom to fail, and speakers are warning a conference here that risk management has become the industry's priority.

The first day of the state's "Agricultural Summit" focused on the 1996 farm law, which begins a seven-year process of taking government restrictions and subsidies out of American agriculture.

"If we consider it a lemon, we've got to make lemonade out of it," said U.S. Rep. Charles Stenholm, D-Stamford, who addressed the conference via telephone on Thursday.

The conference continues today with scheduled appearances by U.S. Deputy Agriculture Secretary Richard Rominger and state Agriculture Commissioner Rick Perry.

Stenholm spoke to the approximately 250 farmers, ranchers, government officials and others at the two-day conference. Stenholm, himself a cotton grower, was one of many speakers to preach risk management as one

### Police seek father who took off with newborn

AUSTIN (AP) — Child endangerment charges have been filed against a man who took his 5-hour-old son from an Austin hospital and hasn't been heard from for several days.

Authorities said Thursday they don't suspect 33-year-old Dale Johnson of intending to harm his son, Luke, but they fear that the father doesn't realize the medical needs of a newborn.

The child was one of a set of twins. The other child and the mother were both in good condition Thursday. Johnson was last seen at Seton Medical Center before he and the missing infant disappeared early Monday.

Gayle Granberry, a spokeswoman for Seton Medical Center, said Johnson is the baby's legal father and did nothing wrong when he took the child.

Travis County District Attorney Ronnie Earle said charges were filed against Johnson because authorities needed the help of law enforcement nationwide to locate him.

### Airlines challenge alliance of rivals

By The Associated Press

Rivals of American Airlines and British Airways, Britain's No. 2 carrier, are criticizing a proposed alliance, with one likening it to "allowing Coke and Pepsi to merge."

Virgin Atlantic Airlines and Continental Airlines officials say the proposed merger will allow the two airlines to dominate key transatlantic routes and gouge passengers with higher fares.

Fort Worth-based American and British Airways contend they will provide better service to passengers and the deal will spark increased competition, leading to lower fares.

Together, American and British Airways would control 60 percent of the air travel market between the United States

and Britain, and nearly a quarter of the market between North American and Europe.

"In no other industry in the world in 1996 would the creation of such a monopoly from hell even be considered by governments," said Richard Branson, Virgin's chief executive officer. "It would be like allowing Coke and Pepsi to merge."

American and British Airways say they are not merging, because they are not exchanging any assets or equity stakes — but a finding from trade officials poses an additional hurdle as they seek to form the world's largest aviation partnership.

Last Friday, the Office of Fair Trading announced that the deal effectively results in a merger that warrants further investigation.

## Holocaust museum stirs debate in Germany

BERLIN (AP) — Does Germany need a Holocaust Museum?

A group of historians, writers and politicians who believe the answer is yes have been working for years on the concept. But their announcement this week setting Berlin as the desired site has touched off renewed debate about the best way to address Nazi crimes in the land of their origin.

With memorials at former concentration camps deteriorating for lack of funds and other high profile Holocaust projects still on the drawing board, critics say now is not the time for another expensive undertaking, no matter how worthwhile.

Supporters point to the Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington and the Yad Vashem museum in Jerusalem and call it an embarrassment that nothing similar exists in Germany.

"It would be one of the most important museums in the country with a great impact that also will be noted abroad," said Hans-Juergen Haessler, a historian at the Lower Saxony state museum in Hannover.

His initiative for a German Holocaust Museum began in 1993, around the time the Washington museum opened. Others who have signed on to the project include author Guenter Grass, former Yad Vashem director Shmuel Krakowski and Oskar Lafontaine, national chairman of the main

opposition Social Democratic Party.

A board of trustees formed to develop the project announced Sunday their selection of Berlin as the site of the museum. Haessler said they hope to begin construction by the turn of the century, financed through donations and \$53 million in public money.

But the announcement was met with quick criticism from those who believe the subject is already being addressed at existing institutions — like the former concentration camps — and others in various stages of development.

Those include: — A museum of Nazi crimes to be built over the remains of the Gestapo dungeons in central Berlin, which currently houses an exhibit called "Topography of Terror." After years of discussion, construction is expected to begin next year.

— A national Holocaust Memorial for the heart of Berlin, next to the Brandenburg Gate. Officials have said the cornerstone for that memorial will be laid in early 1999.

— A new building for the Jewish Museum, designed by Daniel Libeskind and expected to open in 1998.

That museum will devote considerable space to the Holocaust, as well as Jewish life before and after World War II. But its director, Amnon Barzel, says he is still fighting to ensure he will have adequate funding and

space within the new building, a wing of the Berlin Museum.

"I am not against any memorial or any museum relating to the Holocaust," Barzel said. "But first of all we have to do this ... and then we can see about the other things."

Meanwhile, officials in charge of preserving the remnants of the concentration camps and the learning centers there say they desperately need money too.

At the Sachsenhausen camp outside Berlin, for example, the concrete floor of "Station Z," where the crematorium, gas chamber and execution field were, is in danger of collapse, officials say. "Caution" signs around the camp warn visitors to stay back from decaying walls.

Some \$53 million is needed over the next 10 years for restoration work at Sachsenhausen and another camp in Brandenburg state, Ravensbrueck, state officials say. Only \$20 million has been budgeted for the projects.

Maintaining the sites of the Nazi horror as a reminder to future generations is "much more important" than opening a museum, Brandenburg's culture minister, Steffen Reiche, told reporters this week.

Haessler, however, says the planned museum is not meant to detract from the other memorials, but to complement them and provide a more complete picture about Nazi crimes.

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Religion

# Youth evangelism conference attracts over 30,000 to Dallas

By TIFFANIE FRANKS  
Staff Writer

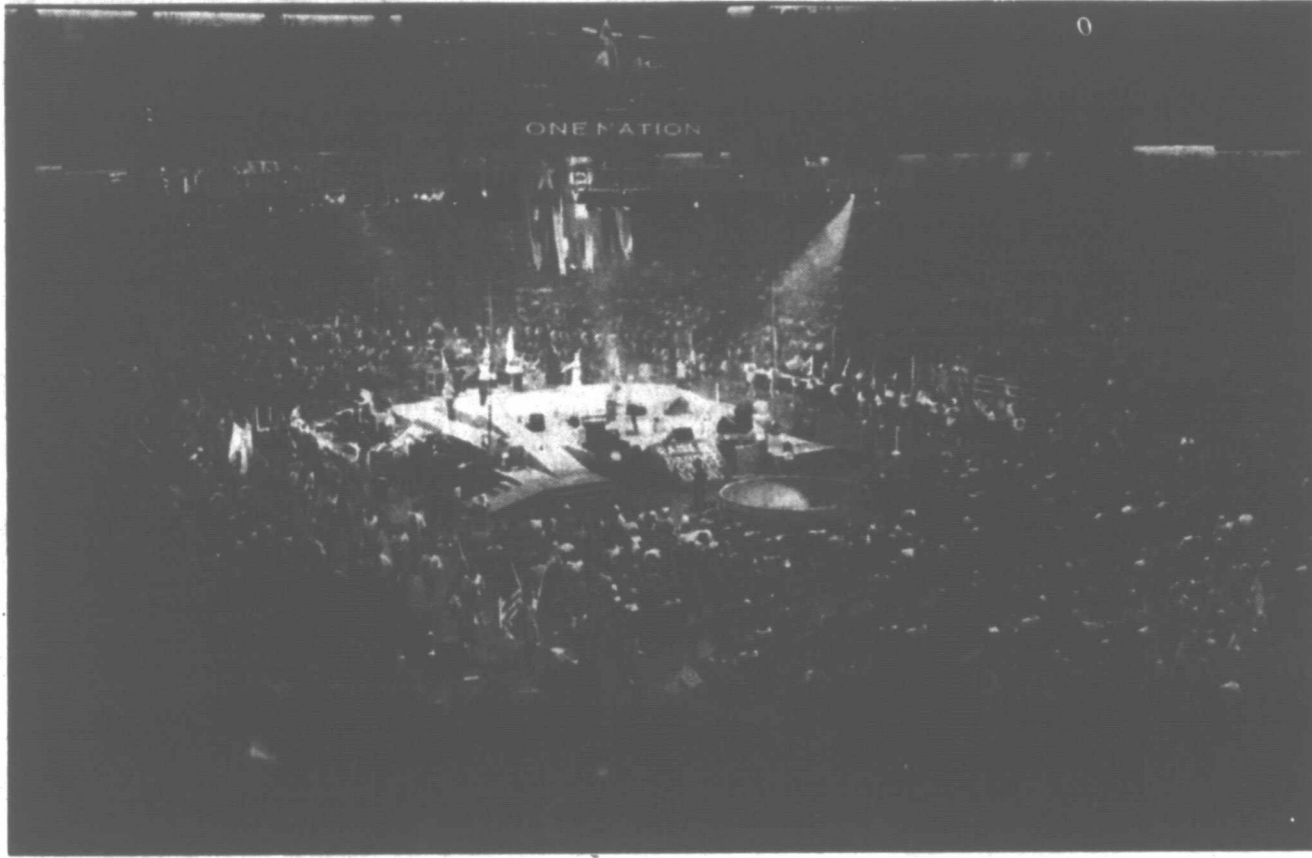
"Pass through, pass through the gates! Prepare the way for the people. Build up, build up the highway! Remove the stones. Raise a banner for the nations" Isaiah 62:10 (NIV).  
"One Nation Under God" was the theme for the 1996 youth evangelism conference put on by the Baptist General Convention of Texas. The convention was held last Friday and Saturday at the Reunion Arena in Dallas.  
Over 30,000 students attended the conference with several area Baptist churches traveling to Dallas to be a part of the program.  
The conference opened Friday night with Sam Perry and his praise band and a welcome from Chuck Flowers, youth consultant evangelism division B.G.C.T.  
Christian music artists Clay Crosse, Point of Grace, and Rebecca St. James performed loud rock concerts for the thousands of screaming teens.  
Louie Giglio, a youth speaker, was the guest preacher for Friday evenings events.  
After his sermon, the arena was flooded with

teens who went forward to the platform to make various decisions for Christ.  
Saturday morning opened with more praise and worship and the commissioning of the youth led revival teams.  
Missions USA Live, a group designed to minister to the Olympic athletes, gave an emotional performance for the revival teams.  
David Edwards' sermon also brought with it a flood of teenagers who wished to turn their lives around. There was not enough room for all of those who wished to come forward, which caused the conference to last longer than planned.  
Comedian Tom Tooms kept the crowd rolling with laughter while presenting a very serious Christian message.  
Contemporary Christian acts Al Denson, Crosse, and Point of Grace gave concerts in the morning conference, and the response was just as loud as the night before.  
The conference concluded with a powerful "generation" video which encouraged the Baptist youth to participate in see you at the pole rallies and make a difference in their "Nation Under God".



(Pampa News photo by Tiffanie Franks)

Nikki Bockman, Traci Shelton, Becky Miller and Cody Freeman wait patiently for singing group Point of Grace to come on stage at last weekend's Baptist General Convention of Texas' Youth Evangelism Conference in Dallas. They are part of the Lefors Baptist Church's youth group. Over 30,000 Baptist youth attended the conference.



(Pampa News photo by Tiffanie Franks)

Over 30,000 Baptist youth attended the Baptist General Convention of Texas' Youth Evangelism Conference. The theme was "One Nation Under God," and every nation had a flag present at the conference held in Dallas.

## Moderate Baptists say they're not going to split from conservatives

By KATHLEEN CALLAN  
Associated Press Writer

RICHMOND (AP) — The country's largest protestant denomination is staying together — for now.  
Members of the moderate Cooperative Baptist Fellowship opened a three-day meeting in Richmond Thursday, saying they would do their best not to split from the conservative Southern Baptist Convention.  
"Members don't want to split, that seems to be the predominant view. The day may come, but it has not come yet and probably won't come for a number of years," said Elmer West, Baptist Fellowship state field representative for Virginia.  
Many members said they were afraid a split would divide individual churches, which may house both Convention and Fellowship members.  
The 16-million member Convention says it has links with 40,000 churches, while the Fellowship says it has 1,430 churches that have made dona-

tions to it.  
The divide between the two groups is both theological and ideological.  
Most Southern Baptists say the Bible is literally true — inerrant in its science and history as well as its theology, while many Baptist Fellowship members believe that Scripture is divinely inspired truth, but that passages may be read non-literally.  
Moderates also say they are unhappy with the conservative tilt of the Convention.  
The Baptist Convention met recently in New Orleans, where it voted to urge its members to boycott Walt Disney Co.'s theme parks, films and toys, complaining about the company's policy of extending benefits to companions of gay employees and the release of R-rated Disney movies. The Convention also voted to encourage efforts to convert Jews to Christianity.  
"Fundamentalists have taken over the Baptist Convention — we've tried to change it back and got tired of trying. This is a new association of Baptist Christians and churches. We're

still learning, changing, growing," said Daniel Vestal, the first head of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship.  
Vestal, who is also the pastor of Tallwood Baptist Church in Houston, called the first Fellowship General Assembly, which met in May 1991.  
In a bid to define itself, the Fellowship meeting is planning to present a report on the question of forming a separate convention. The report makes no recommendation as to the final status of the Fellowship, said David Wilkinson, a spokesman for the group.  
Fellowship members said that the issue of formally separating from the Convention will only be discussed this year, not voted on.  
"You can imagine people in the Southern Baptist Convention are curious if we will become a separate body," said Jim Stratton, pastor of the River Road Baptist Church in Richmond.  
The discussion about division brought wistful memories of a more peaceful time for Baptists.

## Religion briefs

**PAMPA** — "We the People" is the theme for the 11 a.m. worship service Sunday at Central Baptist Church, Starkweather and Browning.  
The Marine color guard and representatives from the U.S. Army, Navy, Air Force and Marines will be special guests. Veterans will be honored.  
The sanctuary choir under the direction of Zan Walker will present "I Pledge Allegiance to the Lamb," "Salute to the Armed Forces" and "God Bless America."  
**PAMPA** — Three raffle winners were announced by Harvest Foursquare Church. Dennis Edmondson of Citgo Service Center drew for winners June 15. Suzie Hassler of Skellytown won a set of tires up to \$100; Paula McGrath won \$50 in gasoline; Bernice Smith of Pampa won a free oil change and lube.  
"You helped several youth to go to church camp this summer," said Pastor Ed McKendree.  
**PAMPA** — First United Methodist Church, Foster and Ballard, will celebrate its annual patriotic morning worship service

at 10:30 a.m. Sunday.  
Special music under the direction of chancel choir director Suzanne Wood will include anthems "Battle Hymn of the Republic" by Wilhousky and "From Sea to Shining Sea" by Ward.  
The processional hymn will feature the chancel choir and eight Boy Scouts in uniform carrying large American flags.  
Dr. R.L. Kirk, senior pastor, will preach "Independence Long Term" based on Luke 4:18.  
The special worship service with its patriotic theme was begun in 1983.  
**HUNTSVILLE, Ala. (AP)** — It was payback time for the prankster preacher.  
During his 30 years at Whitesburg Baptist Church, the Rev. Dick Thomassian has been jumping out from behind doors and calling church members using disguised voices.  
Revenge came on a recent Sunday in the form of Joe, a one-humped Arabian camel.  
Thomassian, the church's associate pastor for missions, loves camels about as much as he does his schoolboy jokes. He has a 300-

camel collection in his office; ceramic camels, wood camels, fabric camels, you name it.  
So the Rev. Jimmy Jackson, the church pastor, quietly devised the plan to present Thomassian with a live camel on the night of his 30th anniversary of service. A handful of congregational conspirators located the 6-foot-tall camel in Cullman that they could rent for a night.  
Before they brought out the camel, they tried to disarm any suspicions of a practical joke in the works by giving Thomassian a large rocking-horse camel. Certainly, that seemed gift enough for his anniversary presentation.  
Then, in front of a crowd of 1,500, two youth interns, a church member and a camel handler marched into the Whitesburg chapel wearing mock-Arabian garb, and rolling out a white-paper runway.  
Following closely behind was shaggy, unkempt, 1-year-old Joe.  
"And what you've always wanted, of course, was your own camel," Jackson said from the pulpit as Thomassian rose from his seat on stage.  
"We hope that you'll find something to do with this."

## Teen broadcasters deliver message with music

By GRACIE BONDS STAPLES  
Fort Worth Star-Telegram

DALLAS — Every day, DeMarcus Hornsby comes face-to-face with the evil that people can do: mothers and fathers abandoning their children, little boys turning to drugs to mask their suffering.  
And every day, the 18-year-old ordained minister said, he prays for their deliverance. Today he is taking account of the answer to another prayer: a chance to speak directly to those he prays for.  
Recently, Hornsby and long-time friend, 16-year-old Shae Ireland, both of Fort Worth, were named hosts of "The Saturday Night Praise Party," a new three-

hour up-tempo radio show targeting their peers. It airs 6-9 p.m. every Saturday on KHVN/97.0 AM ("Heaven 97").  
"This is a wonderful opportunity," said Hornsby. "I don't deserve it, but I appreciate the chance to be of use to God, particularly if it means winning more people to Christ through music and the radio waves."  
The program is the brainchild of Drew Dawson, KHVN's program director, who wanted to attract a younger audience while providing jobs to African-American youths.  
"We are always hearing about the moral and ethical decline of today's youth. We worry about

our children's future, their education and their safety," said Dawson. "I felt that creating an up-tempo, inspirational music show specifically targeting young people could help."  
The show, which began airing June 1 and will run through August, features contemporary urban gospel music, interviews with gospel artists and a "Topic of the Week" segment.  
At the KHVN offices recently, Ireland and Hornsby, both devout Christians who dream of becoming broadcast journalists, talked about being the "blessed" recipients of the opportunity of a lifetime.

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## Decision To Donate Organs Should Be A Family Affair

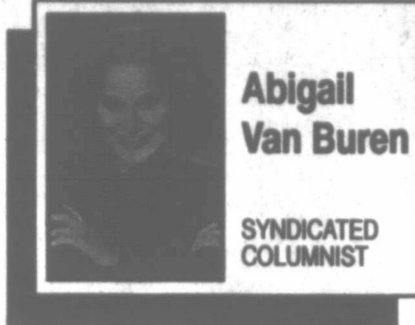
**DEAR ABBY:** There is a widespread public misconception that needs to be cleared up. Americans need to know that family consent, not a donor card, is required for organ donation to occur. Hospital personnel always require the consent of next-of-kin before procuring organs. Organ donor cards are effective only if they provide a stimulus for family discussions about the intention to become an organ donor, and the potential donor makes plain to his or her family the desire to make the donation.

In 1995, a review of medical records of deceased patients revealed that there were approximately 13,000 to 15,000 potential organ donors. But only about 5,346 individuals actually donated, despite the fact that the American public overwhelmingly supports organ donation.

Thanks in advance for your help in closing this unfortunate gap.

TANA SHERMAN,  
PARTNERSHIP FOR ORGAN DONATION, BOSTON

**DEAR TANA:** Thank you for an important letter. Discussing one's desire to be an organ donor is a vital step in the organ donation process. When people sign donor cards, they make a commitment and express their wishes to be vital organ donors at the time of their death. But if family members are unaware of a potential donor's wishes, they can — and often do — react negatively



Abigail Van Buren

SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

when they are approached and asked to give their consent. If families understand in advance, there could be an estimated additional 16,000 transplants each year.

I will continue to urge my readers to sign organ donor cards and to discuss their wishes with their families. I believe that most families will agree to respect the wishes of their loved ones.

**DEAR ABBY:** I am in my early 20s and have been married for three years. My husband's first wife died eight years ago, but he keeps her memory alive. Her wheelchair is still in the corner of our bedroom, and he has everything she owned. My question is: When does she die? When should he get rid of her things? I feel like I'm competing with a dead woman; I feel haunted. You are the only person I can talk

to. I have no other friends. I would like to have counseling but cannot afford it. I am an emotional wreck. VERY CONFUSED

**DEAR CONFUSED:** Tell your husband what you have told me, and give him a month to get her things out of the house, with the understanding that if he doesn't, you will call a local charity that will accept them.

(It occurred to me that you could sell the items and use the money for counseling, but I have a hunch that this will be quicker and just as effective.)

**DEAR READERS:** I recently ran across these clever instructions for planting a special garden and couldn't resist sharing them:

First, plant five rows of peas: Preparedness, Promptness, Perseverance, Politeness and Prayer.

Next to them, plant three rows of squash: Squash Gossip, Squash Criticism and Squash Indifference.

Then five rows of lettuce: Let Us Be Faithful, Let Us Be Unselfish, Let Us Be Loyal, Let Us Be Truthful, Let Us Love One Another.

And no garden is complete without turnips: Turn Up for Church, Turn Up With a Smile, Turn Up With Determination.

## Horoscope

newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Make sure to state your zodiac sign.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** This will be one of those days when you could be all thumbs if you have to work under pressure. Do not let important tasks pile up on your desk.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** Someone in your circle of friends might try to manipulate you to his or her advantage today. You should prepare to take action.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** Running too tight a ship at home today could create headaches for everyone. Discipline has its place, provided it is tempered with compassion.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)** Try not to engage in a political discussion today with a person whose opinions conflict with yours. The debate could turn into a fight.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)** Funds you have saved to pay off an old obligation should not be squandered on something new today. First clear up your old debt.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** Try not to let others make decisions for you today. The surrogates you choose might not be up to snuff.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)** Today, instead of beginning a new diet or exercise program, you will find a new reason to delay it. The time is now.

**PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)** Guard against the inclination to take chances today if you know the odds are against you. Do not fall prey to bad information.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** Make sure today that the objective you are striving to achieve is worthy of the effort it will take to attain it. Success will not mean much otherwise.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** Speaking out in anger today could lead to regret later because you may target a person who does not easily forgive or forget.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** Your judgment may not be sound today in areas in which you usually have a firm grip on the value of things. Closely examine whatever you buy.

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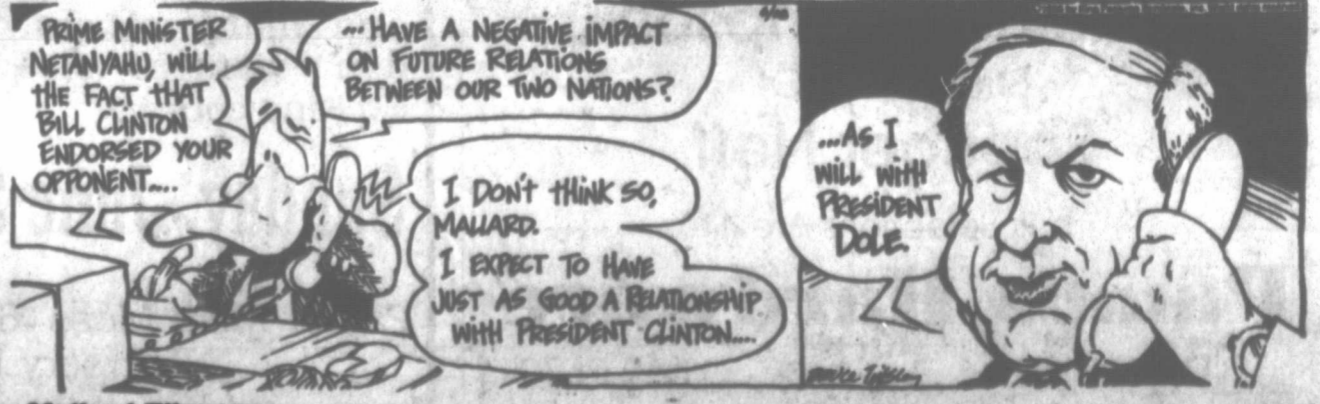
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## Your Birthday

Sunday, June 30, 1996

In the year ahead, try to involve yourself in progressive, creative pursuits. You may have the ability to turn a hobby into a profitable venture.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** Do not use force to get others to comply with your wishes today. Even if they agree to do your bidding, they will not accomplish the tasks well. Cancer, 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



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## PRO BASEBALL

AUSTIN (AP) — Austin and Corpus Christi are among 12 cities being considered for two Double-A baseball expansion franchises, officials say.

The National Association of Professional Baseball Leagues will choose two cities by early December. These teams will serve as Double-A franchises for the Tampa Bay Devil Rays and the Arizona Diamondbacks and begin play in 1999.

The cities competing with Austin and Corpus Christi are Baton Rouge, La.; Erie, Pa.; Greensboro, N.C.; Jackson, Tenn.; Lehigh Valley, Pa.; Lexington, Ky.; Montgomery, Ala.; Springfield, Mass.; Springfield, Mo.; and Winston-Salem, N.C.

Tom Kayser, president of the Texas League, avidly supports bringing Double-A baseball to Texas. The National Association will place both expansion teams in either the Texas League, Southern League or Eastern League.

## OLYMPICS

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — To Dave Wilson, his moments carrying the Olympic torch is a chance at being a kid again.

Torch bearer No. 49 picks up the torch this morning 22 years after his own moment of Olympic glory as the silver medalist in the 100-meter backstroke in 1984. He also won a gold in the 400-meter medley.

"My goal here is just to take my time and enjoy every moment," Wilson said. "My goal in 1984 was certainly not to take my time but to get from one end of the pool to the other as fast as I can."

The Olympic torch entered Tennessee Wednesday from the Carolinas and spent the night in Knoxville before being moved to Nashville Thursday night.

The torch spent Thursday night being guarded by Georgia State Patrol troopers at the edge of Vanderbilt University.

This morning, 15-year-old Donald Roig of Camden, Tenn., started Day 63 of the relay cheered on by 100 people who wanted to see the torch before going to work.

## TENNIS

WIMBLEDON, England (AP) — Top-seeded Pete Sampras survived 28 aces and beat Mark Philippoussis 7-6 (7-4), 6-4, 6-4, while Stefan Edberg ended his Wimbledon career with a second-round loss.

The 30-year-old Edberg, the 12th seed and former two-time champion, lost 4-6, 6-4, 7-6 (7-5), 6-4 to fellow Swede Mikael Tillstrom in his 14th and final Wimbledon appearance.

Steffi Graf, women's top seed and defending champion, advanced to the third round with a 7-5, 6-3 victory.

Fourth-seeded Goran Ivanisevic served 21 aces to overpower French qualifier Pierre Bouteyre, 7-5, 6-4, 6-4; 10th-seeded Michael Stich overcame Japan's Shuzo Matsuoka 7-6 (7-2), 6-4, 6-7 (7-5), 6-1; 14th-seeded Marc Rosset had 24 aces in a 6-3, 7-6 (7-4), 6-4 win over Andrei Olhovskiy, while Richard Krajicek served 20 to beat Derrick Rostagno 6-4, 6-3, 6-3.

No. 8 Lindsay Davenport was ousted by Latvia's Larisa Neiland 6-3, 6-2, and No. 10 Magdalena Maleeva upset by France's Nathalie Tauziat 7-6 (9-7), 3-6, 9-7.

Third-seeded Conchita Martinez beat Lisa Raymond 7-5, 7-5; No. 6 Jana Novotna ousted Laurence Courtois 7-6 (7-4), 6-3; 12th-seeded Kimiko Date rallied past Anne-Gaëlle Sidot 6-7 (7-5), 6-3, 6-3; 13th-seeded Mary Pierce downed Clare Taylor 6-4, 6-2; and No. 16 Martina Hingis won 6-1, 6-1 over British wild-card Rachel Viollat.

## COLLEGE BASEBALL

HOUSTON (AP) — Kris Benson, who pitched Clemson into the 1996 NCAA World Series and is bidding to become the ace of the U.S. Olympic squad, won the Rotary Smith Award as college baseball player of the year.

Benson was 14-2 with a NCAA Division I-high 204 strikeouts in 156 innings with an ERA of 2.02.

## Pampa's White picked to play in all-star game

PAMPA — Pampa's Floyd White has been chosen to play in the McDonald's All-Star Football Game July 30 at Rice Stadium in Houston.

White, who will be attending Eastern New Mexico University in Portales on a football scholarship, will suit up for the North squad.

The North squad will be coached by Eddy Peach of Arlington LaMar. D.W. Rutledge of Converse Judson will coach the South.

White, at 6-1 and 225 pounds, played a key role in helping the Harvesters win the District 1-4A title this past season and advance to the second round of the playoffs. He made the big plays on both sides of the ball and was

named to the All-District 1-4A team on both offense and defense.

At linebacker, White led the Harvesters in solo tackles with 37 and was second on the team in total tackles with 130. He had 5 sacks, 7 hurries, 3 fumble recoveries and 4 interceptions, 1 for a touchdown. As a receiver, White caught 10 passes for 166 yards and three touchdowns.

White also qualified for the Class 4A state track meet this season and won a bronze medal in the discus.

Wide receiver Detrick Johnson of Amarillo High is also listed on the North roster.

The North won last year's game, 21-7.

The McDonald's All-Star

Basketball Game is scheduled for July 29 at the University of Houston's Hofheinz Pavilion.

Tickets for the all-star games are four dollars and can be purchased at the gate only.

"McDonald's is proud to be part of this event. Certainly, student-athletes who strive to be the very best in one way to demonstrate that hard work pays off," said Earl Wurzbach, president of the Houston-area McDonald's Owners Association.

## North roster

Floyd White, linebacker, 225, Pampa; Donald McCowen, strong safety, 205, Dallas Carter; Joe Walker, back, 185, Arlington Lamar; Clint Robertson, running back, 195, Dallas Hillcrest; Karris Washington, back, 180, Commerce; Darrell Bush, running back, 180, Jersey Village; Keric Sanford, running back, 190, Corsicana; Kenoy Kennedy, wide receiver, 185, Terrell; Brandon McDaniel, quarterback, 215, Sterling City; Damione Lewis, tight end, 265, Sulphur

Springs; Casey Thiebaud, free safety, 180, Clifton; Joe Areguijo, defensive back, 175, Seagraves; Chris Sanders, quarterback, 215, Flower Mound Marcus; Matt Fryar, linebacker, 210, Jackboro; Kevin Losoya, quarterback, 166, Alpine; Jay Lusk, wide receiver, 180, Shallowater; Gary Don Moore, quarterback, 195, Celina; Garmont Jackson, running back, 212, Lewisville; Josh Haynes, running back, 165, Wink; Neal Gray, offensive lineman, 255, North Mesquite; David Bobo, offensive lineman, 245, Odessa Permian; John Williams, defensive lineman, 270, Springlake-Earth; Roger Roessler, defensive lineman, 305, Round Rock; Jerry Chavira, defensive lineman, 275, Roscoe; J.J. Barton, offensive lineman, Stephenville; Aaron Sandoval, defensive lineman, 275, Tomball; Randy Garner, defensive end, 231, Atlanta; Daniel Franks, linebacker, 210, Big Spring; Duane Toliver, kicker, 225, Knox City; Detrick Johnson, wide receiver, 180, Amarillo High; Aaron Humphrey, defensive end, 242, Lubbock Monterey.

## South roster

Daniel Wiltner, running back, 165, Houston Madson; Travis Ortega, defensive back, 195, Rockdale; Odell James, quarterback, 215, Aldine MacArthur; Aaron Schobel, wide receiver, 230, Columbus; Roddy Tompkins, wide receiver, 185, Victoria; Yoshima Greely, running

back, 210, Texas City; Brad Burtschell, quarterback, 190, Sealy; Jamie Jackson, wide receiver, 180, Schulenburg; Clint Finley, quarterback, 195, Cuero; Byron Johnson, fullback, 185, Rusk; Darwin Scott, free safety, 195, Jasper; Mike Stenson, wide receiver, 180, Iola; Kevin Wilson, running back, 180, Katy Taylor; Kevin Stockton, punter-kicker, 168, Katy Taylor; Robert Lynd, running back, 185, Alice; Clint Laschier, quarterback, 210, Thorndale; Wes Danahar, running back, 195, Callahan; David Boston, wide receiver, 200, Humble; Les Brown, linebacker, 190, Converse Judson; Cedric Woodard, offensive lineman, 272, Sweeney; Jesse Garza, defensive lineman, 215, Edouch-Elsa; Jason Jackson, linebacker, 220, Giddings; Casey Hampton, defensive lineman, 280, Galveston Ball; Jerry Herrera, center, 255, Three Rivers; Greg Robinson, offensive lineman, 302, Lamarque; Josh Lovelady, offensive lineman, 310, Tidehaven; Adam Guthrie, defensive lineman, 270, Austin Reagan; Michael Hackett, defensive lineman, 220, Alto; DeJuan Frazier, offensive lineman, 270, Sugar Land Dulles; Alonzo Perales, offensive lineman, 250, Bremond; Derrion Yates, defensive end, 235, Houston Washington; Jon Linscomb, defensive end, 230, Freer; Marcel Blanchard, lineman, 285, Sugar Land Elkins; Dwayne Missouri, defensive end, 230, San Antonio Roosevelt; John Kelly, defensive end, 235, Brenham.

## Rains forces postponement of Major Bambino tourney

PAMPA — The high noon shootout between the 1996 Optimist Major Bambino League champions and defending City Champions, Glo-Valve Service, and challenger, Hoechst Celanese Chemical Plant, continues at 6 p.m. today at Optimist Park because of a rain delay.

The score is tied 1-1 with Glo-Valve batting in the bottom of the third inning. Under tournament rules a rain delay picks up at the point the game stopped after one complete inning of play.

The two teams split their regular season games with Glo-Valve winning the first game, 3-1, and Hoechst Celanese coming out on top, 2-1, in the second game. Both teams are undefeated in tournament play. The winner gets a day off and will play for the City championship Sunday against the winner of the loser's bracket. The loser drops into the loser's bracket to try and reach the championship game.

After a scoreless first inning, Celanese drew first blood in the second. Adam Jones led off with a single and moved to second on a passed ball. He scored when A.J. Smith was safe on an error. Celanese has left five runners stranded in the first three

innings, including Daniel Heuston, who had two hits.

Glo-Valve's score came on a home run by Nathanael Hill in the third inning. The league leaders wasted a double by Ryan Zemanek in the second inning and a walk to Erik Brown.

The fielding gem of the game came when Glo-Valve first baseman Matt Driscoll made a jumping, stretching falling down catch of a line shot off the bat of Tristan Brown to prevent two more runs from scoring in the second inning.

Glo-Valve's Justin Waggoner will be at bat with two outs in the third inning and a count of one strike when the game resumes.

Jones has allowed one run and two hits. He struck out seven and walked one.

Randy Tice started for Glo-Valve. He gave up one unearned run on two hits. He struck out four, walked none, but hit one batter.

Matt Driscoll relieved Tice in the third inning. He gave up no runs on one hit and one walk while striking out two.

Admission to the City Tournament is free and provides an opportunity to see some excellent baseball being played.

## Fishing's an escape valve for Cowboys' head coach

By RAY SASSER  
The Dallas Morning News

PILOT POINT, Texas — It's 8 a.m. on what promises to be a steamy summer day. Heat already is reflecting from the parking lot of Allsup's convenience store as locals stop in for a cup of coffee on their way to work.

If anyone recognizes Cowboys coach Barry Switzer, they don't acknowledge him. Switzer climbs into a ProCraft bass boat that's painted the appropriate blue and silver colors. He starts organizing tackle. A close look reveals Super Bowl XXX decals on both windshields.

Switzer is dressed for a pressure-cooker training camp to prepare America's Team for another run at the Lombardi Trophy. He's wearing a white knit shirt with a Cowboys logo, standard-issue coaching shorts and a pair of Nike Air Pegasus with the name "Switzer" printed in black ink beneath the swoosh on the heel.

For at least one day, however, Switzer is out of his football mode. He's on his way to Lake Ray Roberts to relax for a day of fishing with two close friends.

One of the things that Switzer likes about fishing is that football fans don't approach him on the water.

"People don't bother you when you're fishing," Switzer said. "They're too busy fishing themselves."

Fishing has been part of the coach's life since he was a child. Growing up in rural Arkansas during the 1940s and '50s, Switzer says there wasn't much to do other than fish and hunt.

In fact, Switzer's father owned a fishing camp on Lake Chicot, an oxbow formed by the lazy meanderings of the murky Mississippi River. Switzer roamed the river bottoms and sculled a flat-bottom boat, dunking minnows for crappie and casting Devil's Horse topwater lures for bass.

Fishing became a monofilament thread that's run through his life like laces through a football. Fishing was the thread that led Switzer to Bobby Bell, a Norman, Okla., bass fishing hotshot who became one of his closest friends.

Bell is a small, wiry man who refers to himself as Switzer's hunting and fishing coach, a title nobody disputes.

"Bobby was the Oklahoma state champion bass fisherman when I got a job as assistant coach at (Oklahoma)," recalls Switzer. "In those days, guys used to paint their names on the side of their boats."

"I'd heard about Bob Bell. One day I was driving through Norman and I saw

this guy pulling a flashy boat. Painted on the boat was the name Bob Bell. I turned my car around and followed that rig all around town until it stopped in the parking lot of a sporting goods store.

Switzer jumped out of his car and introduced himself to Bell. He asked Bell if the bass champion would take him fishing.

"I'd never heard of Barry Switzer," Bell said. "We talked for a little while, and I agreed to take him fishing. I told him I was in the phone book and to give me a call sometime. I figured that was that. Barry called the next day. We went fishing, and we've been fishing all over the world for the past 30 years."

While at OU, Switzer and Bell thought nothing of hooking up a bass boat and driving all the way across Mexico to sample some hot, new lake they'd heard about.

In 1973, the pair drove 1,600 miles to Lake Hidalgo, north of Los Mochis, near the Gulf of California. Fearful of banditos in the remote mountains, Switzer smuggled a pistol across the border.

"We camped for a week at Hidalgo and never saw what the campsite looked like," Switzer said. "We'd go fishing before daylight and stay out until after dark. Man, it was remote. All this time, we were talking about banditos and working ourselves up."

"One night about 2 a.m., we heard this awful noise outside our tent. We thought the banditos had us. I grabbed my pistol and came out of the tent. A bunch of wild burros had wandered into camp."

That's the same trip in which Switzer and Bell never changed clothes for the entire week. Coming out of Mexico, they crossed the border to Nogales, checked into a Holiday Inn in Tucson and headed for the showers.

"We took off the clothes we'd been wearing all week along with our shoes, and piled them outside the hotel room door," Switzer said. "The clothes stunk so bad, we just left them there. I'm sure the hotel staff threw 'em away."

Fishing and hunting are common hobbies among professional athletes. Celebrity status has its advantages, including the free use of boats and other gear. Switzer's boat is furnished by ProCraft.

Griff Graham, a Dallas sales representative for ProCraft and Astro boats, says he approached Switzer with a boat deal. Cowboys cornerback Deion Sanders and Green Bay quarterback Brett Favre have similar deals with ProCraft, and Cowboys tight end Jay Novacek has a boat deal with Astro.



(Pampa News photo)

Glo-Valve Service won the Optimist Major Bambino League championship this season. Team members are (front row, l-r) Zach Windhorst, Hal Rogers, Steven Cameron, Randy Tice and Nathanael Hill; (second row, l-r) Justin Waggoner, Erik Brown, Tanner Dyer, John Braddock, Ryan Zemanek and Matt Driscoll; (back row, l-r) Coaches Mike Zemanek, Randall Tice, Todd Finney and John Warner. Glo-Valve is also the defending City Champions.

## Hamilton turns out to be Rangers' best choice

By JEAN-JACQUES TAYLOR  
The Dallas Morning News

ARLINGTON, Texas — In the Rangers' first 77 games, Darryl Hamilton has been an offensive catalyst, a flawless center fielder and a popular clubhouse presence.

But eight months ago, he was a player without a team — and few clubs seemed to want him.

Hamilton became a free agent in November, but he had few offers. He knew the reason. Although he was a six-year veteran with proven offensive and defensive skills, Hamilton had been on the disabled list each of the past five seasons, and a grievance he filed against the Brewers concerning an incentive clause led to a cash settlement that had tainted his reputation.

Plus, he was coming off a sub-par year, by his standards, having hit .271 with 54 runs scored and 11 stolen bases in 112 games. Hamilton said he never doubted his abilities; he just needed someone to give him a chance.

"The game is funny like that," said Texas general manager Doug Melvin. "Sometimes players get labels put on them that aren't fair, but we can't be worried about that."

"We threw the labels away, looked inside the player and saw his desire. It has turned out that Darryl was the best player available."

Hamilton's signing has turned into Melvin's best off-season move. Through Tuesday, he was hitting .313 with 15 doubles and 28 multi-hit games. He had yet to commit an error this season and had contributed several outstanding defensive plays.

"It's real easy to say today that Texas was Darryl's No. 1 choice, but it was," John Hamilton said, Darryl's brother and agent. "It was like Darryl had the plague or something. It was unbelievable that we couldn't find teams interested in Darryl."

The real surprise is that he has done all that for the Rangers. Texas had wanted to re-sign center fielder Otis Nixon, who wanted a two-year deal. The Rangers offered one. Once Nixon signed with Toronto, the Rangers courted Lance Johnson, Stan Javier and Darren Lewis for the job. Each signed with another team, leaving Hamilton available. He signed a one-year contract with the Rangers for \$1.05 million.

"Darryl wanted to be here the most," said Melvin, "and he was willing to come here and perform."

Hamilton, though, has never played more than 135 games, and he had elbow surgery in 1994 and a sore left foot that limited him

last year. The Rangers, wary of his health problems, traded for Damon Buford and resigned Lou Frazier for depth. Texas manager Johnny Oates, however, had made it clear that he wanted Hamilton to start and lead off.

Hamilton's voice was still tinged with bitterness as he sat at his locker and remembered his six weeks as a free agent. He tried to shield his emotions, but occasionally he failed.

"Once I signed with Texas, I saw this year as a year to prove to myself that I can play this game," Hamilton said. "I'm not saying that I'm better than those other guys they talked to, but I thought I was a better fit. I guess somebody was looking out for me because things have turned out well."

That's an understatement. Hamilton, through Tuesday, was among the league leaders in at-bats (300) and singles (75), and he was hitting .372 (22-of-59) with 16 runs scored in the first inning. A leadoff hitter is supposed to set his team's tempo, which is exactly what Hamilton has done this season.

"I try to not put expectations on players," Oates said, "but Darryl has played very well for us. He's among the league leaders in several offensive categories, and I don't think we could have expected any more from him defensively. I have been totally impressed with him."

After two injury-plagued seasons, Hamilton spent the off-season getting into the best physical condition possible. To do that, he lost about 15 pounds to 185 and spent the off-season training with former Olympians Carl Lewis and Leroy Burrell and their coach Ted Tellez at the University of Houston. Hamilton wanted to improve his technique and eliminate the bad habits he had formed while playing hurt in Milwaukee.

For the most part, Hamilton has been healthy this season. A sore groin muscle forced him to miss the final three games of a recent Boston series, but he returned to the lineup against Baltimore.

Hamilton said his mental health also is better this season. The Brewers drafted Hamilton in the 11th round of the 1986 June Amateur Draft, but the Louisiana native had grown weary of Milwaukee.

"You look outside and it's gray and cloudy and raining or snowing, and then you get to the ballpark and you see how bad it is and it's tough to play," Hamilton said. "When you look outside here, the sun is shining, the ballpark is beautiful and you don't want to sit in the dugout. You want to be out there playing."



# Scoreboard

## BASEBALL

### National League At A Glance

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East Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlanta	49	26	.636	-
Montreal	45	32	.584	4
Florida	37	40	.481	12
New York	36	41	.467	13
Philadelphia	31	45	.408	17 1/2

Central Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Houston	40	39	.506	-
St. Louis	38	39	.494	1
Chicago	37	40	.481	2
Cincinnati	34	38	.472	2 1/2
Pittsburgh	36	41	.468	3

West Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Los Angeles	41	38	.519	-
San Diego	40	39	.506	1
Colorado	38	38	.500	1 1/2
San Francisco	36	40	.474	3 1/2

### Wednesday's Games

(O. Fernandez 4-7), 10:05 p.m.  
Saturday's Games  
Chicago (Campbell 2-0) at Cincinnati (Portugal 3-5), 1:05 p.m.  
Pittsburgh (Dessens 0-1) at St. Louis (Andy Benes 5-8), 2:15 p.m.  
San Diego (Hamilton 9-4) at San Francisco (M. Leiter 4-8), 4:05 p.m.  
Montreal (Fassero 7-5) at Philadelphia (Schilling 2-2), 7:05 p.m.  
Atlanta (Smoltz 14-2) at Florida (Rapp 3-10), 7:05 p.m.  
New York (Person 1-2) at Houston (Reynolds 8-5), 8:05 p.m.  
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Los Angeles at Colorado, 3:05 p.m.  
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Kansas City 7, Milwaukee 3  
Texas 6, Baltimore 5  
Boston 6, Cleveland 4, 15 innings  
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Milwaukee 6, Kansas City 2  
Detroit 9, Boston 6  
Chicago 15, Cleveland 10  
Oakland 18, California 2  
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Friday's Games  
Detroit (Williams 1-4) at Boston (Wakefield 4-8), 7:05 p.m.  
Baltimore (Krivda 2-3) at New York (Gooden 7-4), 7:35 p.m.  
Milwaukee (D'Amico 0-0) at Toronto (Guzman 6-5), 7:35 p.m.  
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Texas (Pavik 10-1) at Seattle (Wolcott 5-7), 10:05 p.m.  
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## SOCCER

### Major League Soccer At A Glance

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W	L	SOW	Pts	GF	GA
Tampa Bay	8	5	0	24	28
D.C.	4	9	1	13	29
Columbus	3	9	2	11	31
NY/NJ	3	9	3	12	20
New England	2	7	3	9	17

W	L	SOW	Pts	GF	GA
Los Angeles	10	0	2	32	29
Dallas	6	6	3	21	18
San Jose	6	7	1	19	22
Kansas City	5	9	2	17	28
Colorado	4	9	1	13	24

NOTE: Three points for victory, one point for shootout win and zero points for loss.  
Thursday's Games  
Columbus 2, New England 1, SO (2-1)  
Friday's Games  
No games scheduled  
Saturday's Games  
Kansas City at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.  
Sunday's Games  
NY/NJ at Columbus, 3 p.m.  
New England at Washington, 4 p.m.  
Los Angeles at Colorado, 4 p.m.  
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## FOOTBALL

### Arena Football At A Glance

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American Conference

W	L	Pct.	PF	PA	
Iowa	6	2	.750	357	316
Milwaukee	6	2	.750	376	274
St. Louis	5	3	.625	408	342
Memphis	0	9	.000	238	444

W	L	Pct.	PF	PA	
Arizona	8	1	.889	470	397
Anaheim	7	2	.778	381	273
San Jose	4	5	.444	358	349
Minnesota	1	7	.125	225	439

### National Conference

W	L	Pct.	PF	PA	
Albany	5	3	.625	503	335
Charlotte	3	6	.333	350	421
Connecticut	2	6	.250	296	368

### Southern Division

W	L	Pct.	PF	PA	
Tampa Bay	8	0	1.000	391	232
Orlando	4	4	.500	360	360
Florida	4	5	.444	387	360
Texas	0	8	.000	184	384

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GARAGE Sale: 1108 E. Foster. Saturday and Sunday. 7 a.m.-6 p.m.

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# Cable TV rates jump by 26 percent since January despite federal regulatory efforts

By JEANNINE AVERSA  
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The last time cable TV rates jumped up by double digits, Congress ordered them brought down.

This time, with rates climbing as much as 26 percent since January, customers probably are out of luck: Congress has no plans for more price controls, and is in fact moving the other way.

The agency that oversees the 3-year-old price rules contends its hands are tied, too.

"I don't have any choice. If I don't have cable, I won't have television," said customer Robin Reynolds of Fairfax County, Va., where Media General Corp. raised rates 4.3 percent. Reynolds' condo community forbids over-the-air antennae to receive local broadcast signals.

Nationwide, rates have jumped from 3 percent to 26 percent this year, affecting millions of customers.

Cable firms and the Federal Communications Commission, which regulates the industry, insist that customers are being protected from rate gouging, and are benefiting in many cases by receiving additional channels.

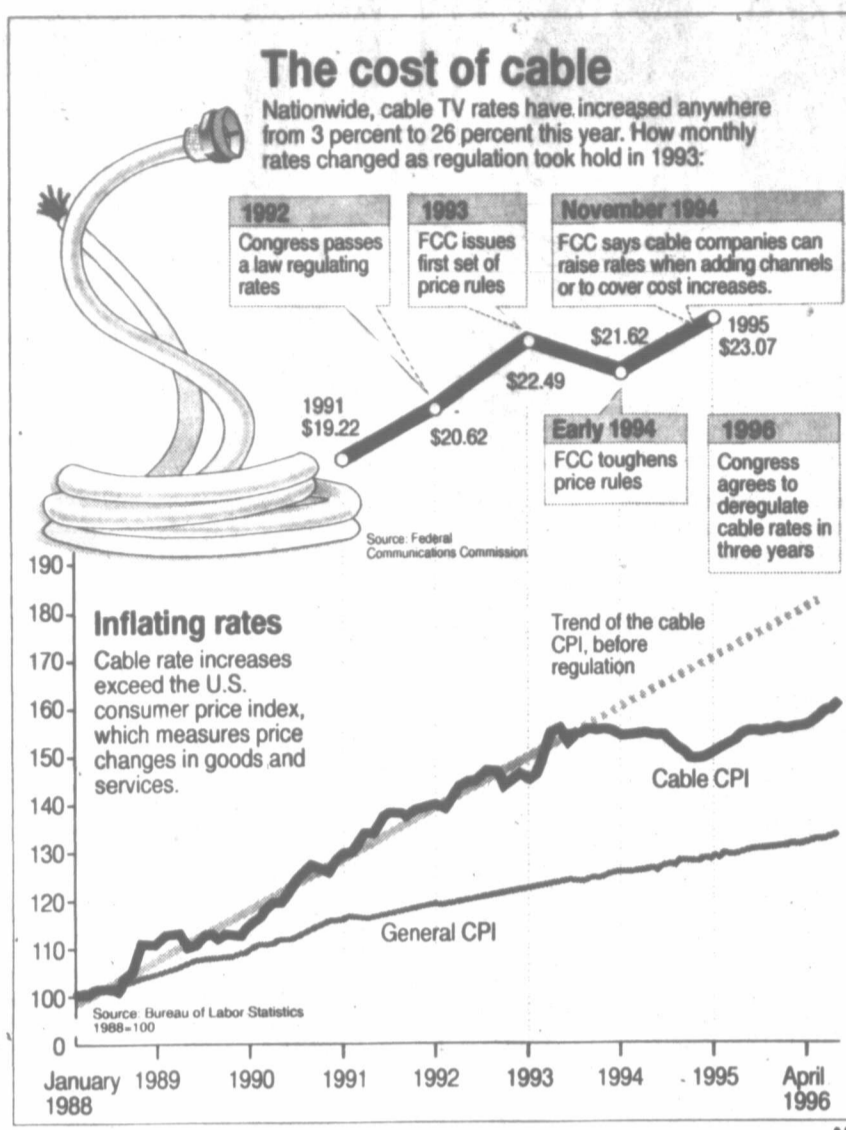
The government, they say, simply can't prevent companies from recovering legitimate expenses.

"If there is a villain here, it is rising costs, and consumer lobbyists for misrepresenting the status of our business," said Bob Thomson, a senior vice president at Tele-Communications Inc.

But critics like David Olson, who heads Portland, Ore.'s cable office, point to a portion of the current FCC rules — recently ordered by Congress — that prevent individual customers from asking the government to review rate increases for expanded basic cable.

Instead, the FCC can investigate only after a local franchising authority complains. And none have, said Meredith Jones, the agency's cable chief.

The fact that individuals can't directly complain is troublesome, critics say, because the FCC does not verify companies' costs, which are used to justify



rate increases. In addition, the FCC doesn't independently track changes in rates.

Thus — although FCC chairman Reed Hundt says he's reasonably certain agency rules protect customers from rate-gouging — he can't be sure.

"You have to look at the individual market and see whether or not the formula was being honored," Hundt said.

"And we do that by responding to complaints. The problem is we don't have the ability to respond to individual complaints anymore, because Congress took that power away from us."

Hundt acknowledges his agency could tighten price rules, but says it has no plans to do so. Congress, he insists, should look into the rate increases. Instead, the Commerce Department is examining them. But it has no regulatory power.

In the last decade, government

oversight of cable prices has seen-sawed.

In 1986, Congress first deregulated the industry. Two years later, its accounting arm found that monthly rates for the most popular cable services had jumped by 26 percent — to \$14.77.

Prompted by public outrage over those soaring rates, Congress nationally regulated the industry again in 1992. The FCC estimates customers since have saved more than \$3 billion.

Since then, the industry has been given more pricing leeway. And as part of this year's sweeping telecommunications law, Congress ordered the FCC to stop regulating rates by 1999, or sooner, if a cable company is competing against a telephone company for cable customers.

"Maybe it's just as well they get out of the rate business on March 31, 1999, because the way it's going, the FCC's rules are

eclipsing any useful purpose," said Portland's Olson.

The FCC's Jones cites Labor Department data that cable prices rose only at the inflation rate — 8.3 percent — between January 1993 and January 1996. But that figure does not include the bigger-than-usual rate increases that companies began taking in January.

Under FCC rules, cable firms can increase rates to cover inflation, the cost of adding new channels, or other business cost increases — including higher licensing fees for channels already provided to customers.

Firms also can increase rates if they add new technology.

Rate hikes this year have fallen under those categories, cable companies say.

Nationwide, average increases at the top four cable companies were: TCI, 13.6 percent; Time Warner, under 10 percent; Continental Cablevision, about 5 percent; and Comcast, 3.6 percent.

Many of this year's bigger-than-usual increases are an aberration because the FCC now allows companies to take increases annually rather than quarterly, Jones said. Companies like TCI are thus recovering three periods of costs and inflation hikes in one jump.

Such explanations don't satisfy Nick Johnson, an FCC commissioner from 1966 to 1973. Johnson lives in Iowa City, Iowa, where his cable is going up 17 percent to \$25.89 a month from \$22.11.

Customers should protest hikes by canceling service, Johnson said. But they won't, because people are "addicted to cable television."

"Everybody complains ... so you hold a meeting and then nobody comes out. Why? because they are all home watching television," he laments.

## Marceca files suit after Texans inform FBI of mob connection

WASHINGTON (AP) — Anthony Marceca, the White House aide who improperly gathered FBI background files for the Clinton administration, lost his job after two Texans told the FBI he was involved in organized crime, according to court records.

Marceca filed a defamation suit against a Texas judge and a dress shop owner in 1994, alleging that their statements to an FBI agent cost him his job at the White House office of personnel security.

The complaint, which came to light Thursday, explains why Marceca, a civilian Army employee, didn't return to the White House after he completed a temporary six-month detail at the security office in February 1994. His supervisor, Craig Livingstone, had asked the Army to send him back for a second detail.

Marceca claimed in the suit filed in U.S. District Court in Austin that he was terminated as a result of statements by Lilly A. Stephenson and Joyce L. Montag. Both had been questioned by the FBI, which was doing a background check on Marceca for the White House job.

Marceca met Stephenson

when he was living in Texas and was working as an investigator for the state attorney general's office during the 1980s. It was not clear from the court record why the FBI interviewed Montag.

The complaint said that in 1993, Stephenson, a justice of the peace in Llano County, and Montag told an FBI agent that Marceca was involved in criminal activities, was a member of an organized crime family and was "a person of ill repute." The statements were false, the suit said.

Stephenson, 72, said she told the FBI she didn't like Marceca, but denied that she said he was involved in organized crime or criminal activities.

"I told them he was a blowhard," said Stephenson, who has been a judge in the rural central Texas county for 18 years.

Stephenson said Marceca used to stop by her office for chats while he was working as an investigator.

"He had all kinds of tall tales to tell about his work," Stephenson said in a telephone interview. "He was a braggart and a know-it-all. I just didn't care for him."

## CDC: Parasite may infect raspberries

ATLANTA (AP) — Investigators searching for the source of a parasite that has sickened at least 300 people in a dozen states and Canada are now targeting raspberries.

The berry, alone or mixed with fresh fruit, may be to blame for cyclospora, a parasite that causes diarrhea, stomach cramps, nausea and vomiting, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and

Prevention said Thursday. But experts warned shoppers not to panic.

"It may be raspberries, it may be strawberries, it could be blueberries, it could be in the water," said Mary Pendergast, deputy commissioner for the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. "We just don't know that yet. This is the beginning of our investigation."

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