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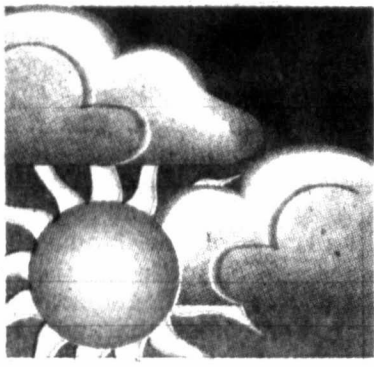
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WHITE DEER — A group of White Deer residents will be starting a fire tonight and putting the meat on to cook Thursday morning in preparation for the annual White Deer Rodeo this weekend.

The barbecue will be served free to Friday night ticket holders from 5-7:30 p.m. before the opening performance of the rodeo beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the rodeo arena.

The rodeo will include the regular, standard events plus a wild mare race, ranch saddle bronc riding, double mugging and kids calf riding. Providing the stock will be Triple 7 of Textline.

On Saturday, activities get under way at 11 a.m. with the Kick Back Days events at City Park. The rodeo parade will begin at 4 p.m., with the second rodeo performance beginning at 7:30 p.m.

On Friday and Saturday nights, the band SingleTree of Elk City, Okla., will play for the rodeo dances in the outside pavilion at the arena.

PAMPA — About 35 vendors will be on hand this weekend in Celebration of Lights' Christmas in July Trade Days sale.

The two-day event will attract area craftsmen and provide an opportunity for anyone with white elephants to display their wares at the Pampa Mall.

Christmas in July will be open from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday.

"We believe that a very positive attitude can be achieved for our community and invite you to be part of our spotlighting our city in the Texas Panhandle," Chaney said.

In its second year, Celebration of Lights promises a "spectacular" light display and — working in conjunction with other civic organizations — events and entertainment for the whole family, says President-Elect Susan Winborne.

PAMPA — Culberson Stowers Inc. will be having its annual Summer Blood Drive today and Thursday in its showroom at 805 N. Hobart.

Blood donors will receive a free T-shirt, hot dogs and ice cream. Staff from Coffee Memorial Blood Center of Amarillo will be on hand to take the blood donations.

The drive continues until 7 p.m. today and resumes Thursday from 1:30 to 7 p.m. Sponsors include Culberson Stowers Inc., Pampa Branch-Amarillo Federal Credit Union, National Bank of Commerce, Keyes Pharmacy, Dos Caballeros, Chicken Express, Columbia Medical Center of Pampa Auxiliary, Pampa Rotary Club and Quality LifeStyles.

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City approves some bids on tornado damage repairs

By CHIP CHANDLER
Staff Writer

Pampa city commissioners Tuesday approved the distribution of almost \$70,000 in grant money to local residents still needing assistance after last year's tornado.

The money comes from a \$183,000 grant from the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs. Money that remains from the grant must be returned to the agency after all qualified applicants receive their money.

However, the commission did not approve all applications received.

Three applications were tabled because Panhandle Regional Planning Commission — which has worked with all applicants — may have requested too much money for those residents.

When the commissioners received the grant in February, they agreed to limit each applicant to a maximum \$10,000 grant "unless conditions dictate otherwise."

PRPC officials, though, suggested grants of \$15,000 each go to three applicants, saying during the commissioners' work session that repairs on those residents' homes would total very near that amount. PRPC proposed the high grant amount be given to those residents to either repair their

homes under the bids received or to go toward the purchase of a new home.

Commissioner Jeff Andrews argued during the work session that it would be unfair to change the \$10,000 requirement this late in the process.

"There may have been people who didn't apply for the \$10,000 if it couldn't help them," Andrews said, explaining that some residents may have felt repairs on their house would total much more than that and they couldn't afford to make up the difference.

But Commissioner Faustina Curry dissented, saying it would be "absolutely crazy" to send money back to the state when residents still needed help.

"If we can figure out a way to help our people, then we should do it," she said.

Andrews also had reservations about giving that much money to repair a home appraised at \$3,000.

During the action portion of the meeting, Andrews made the motion to distribute the grants to all applicants but the three affected by the \$10,000 requirement until PRPC could determine the residents' plans — whether they would repair their homes or buy new homes.

Also excluded from Andrews' motion were two homes owned by the same man. The homes are

located next to one another in the 600 block of North Wells.

Under the guidelines adopted in February, more than one contract cannot be issued to the same person.

PRPC officials will discuss the matter with that resident as well.

Commissioners unanimously approved Andrews' motion.

Under the guidelines of the grant, residents are given the amount of the lowest bid to repair their homes. To be eligible, residents had to show the June 8 tornado had damaged their homes sufficiently to bring them below minimal living conditions.

In other action, commissioners:

- Voted to authorize the application for a law enforcement block grant for computer equipment and software. Police Chief Charlie Morris said the grant would likely be used to purchase a computer-assisted dispatch system.

- Accepted a lease amendment with Texas Department of Criminal Justice to allow TDCJ to lease a portion of property south of the city to the Texas Natural Resources Conservation Commission.

- Adopted a resolution allowing city employees to participate in the U.S. Conference of Mayors deferred compensation program.

- Re-appointed Dr. Bill Hallerberg to the Canadian River Municipal Water Authority for a two-year term.



(Pampa News photo by Sherry Cromartie)

At right, Mary Nelson, who has been serving as chairperson of women's activities for the Tri-State Seniors Golf Association, accepts an ostrich egg trophy from Teddie Allen in appreciation of her years of service. Nelson announced she will be stepping down as chairperson.

Tri-State Senior wives enjoy week of activities

By SHERRY CROMARTIE
Staff Writer

Tri-State Senior wives are having a full week of golf, luncheons, entertainment and shopping this week during the annual seniors tournament at Pampa Country Club. Their daily schedules are filled with fun, according to Elnora Haynes of Pampa, coordinator of the women's golf tournament and putting contest.

The Tri-State women golfers registered 37 competitors in the women's golf scramble Monday, said Elnora Haynes, coordinator of the four-woman golf scramble at the Pampa Country Club golf course.

"It was a lot of fun for all the women who played in the scramble. The women played nine holes in Monday's scramble, and the top team placed 35 on the board. The women are not out for serious play, but to relax and enjoy," Haynes said.

Monday's low-scoring women's teams are:

First, with a total score of 35: Joan Terrell, Lynette Baker, Elaine Boyd and Joyce Simon.

Second, with a total score of 36: Susie Blackman, Cecie Dunkin, Peggy Davis and Jo Moore.

Third, with scores of 37: Dana Jones, Elaine Langley, Shirley Guillory and Rhonda Short; and Judy Rittiman, Betty Byrd, Jane Dodson and Freda Frazee.

Haynes said the women are here this week to enjoy the special activities just for them while their husbands compete in the 62nd Tri-State Senior Golf Tournament. Tee off time for the men's first round of match and stroke play started early this morning.

Today's senior wives' putting tournament opened at 9 a.m. at Hidden Hills Golf Club. After the

putting contest, the women were to meet for brunch and special entertainment.

On Tuesday the women enjoyed the ladies annual luncheon and style show in the dining room of the Pampa Country Club.

At the luncheon Mary Nelson, chairperson of women's activities for the Tri-State Seniors Golf Association, announced her intentions of stepping down after this year's events. She introduced Barbara Rogers, who will assume her duties in 1997.

Teddie Allen of Memphis presented Nelson with her ostrich egg artists' creation, with the Tri-State logo symbol shown on the polished egg, as a trophy memory of the many years of Nelson's dedication to the organization.

The style show, monitored by Mary McDaniel, was presented by local models representing several of Pampa's women's apparel shops and department stores featuring a variety of styles for all seasons.

McDaniel said this year's styles, from now into the new year, indicate simplicity is the fashion trend.

"Pants suits and coats are also important to add to your wardrobe this year, and the colors to watch for are earth tones, in various brown colors, rich reds and orange, deep purple, gold and navy.

The local businesses showing apparel include V J's, Images, Kids Stuff, Wayne's Western Wear, Bealls, C.R. Anthony Company, Dunlaps and Billie's Boutique.

Thursday at 9 a.m., the women tee off for a two-person scramble at Hidden Hills Golf Course. They will hold Thursday's ladies luncheon at 12 noon at the country club, followed with an afternoon of bridge.

Pantex contractor makes settlement

AMARILLO (AP) — The main contractor at the nation's only nuclear weapons assembly and disassembly plant has reached a settlement with workers who claimed officials retaliated against them for reporting safety problems, the *Amarillo Globe-News* reported today.

Mason & Hanger-Silas Mason Co. Inc., the primary employer at the Pantex Plant outside of

Amarillo, and former worker Marcus O'Neal reached the confidential settlement last week.

O'Neal, filed a formal complaint with the U.S. Department of Energy's Office of Contractor Employee Protection in October 1993. The Government Accountability Project, which represents O'Neal, has alleged that radioactive materials and high explosives were stored improperly.

Free puppies



(Pampa News photo by Darlene Holmes)

Luez Aguilar, holding the sign, and David Perez, 11, offer free puppies to passersby on Somerville Street on Wednesday evening. The boys had two blue heeler puppies, which they had named Blackie and Sissie, that they were trying to give away to someone willing to give them a home. The puppies are six to eight weeks old.

Storms bring more rain and high winds

By SHERRY CROMARTIE
Staff Writer

Rainy weather is welcome, but high winds and hail are not, which is what many Panhandle towns have experienced in the last 24 hours.

According to a spokesman at the National Weather Service of Amarillo, the line of thunderstorms bringing gusty winds and hail with it has maintained its pattern up through today, and will repeat again tonight.

The storm line will form from eastern Colorado and western Kansas, and follow the line on into the Texas Panhandle, much like the one last night, and the likelihood of hard thunderstorms with lightning and hail is predicted, said Todd Lindley, meteorological aide at the NWS station.

The primary threat of dangerous, strong straight winds is very probable again in the late evening hours.

Pampa received 1.78 inches of rain, and experienced 40 mile-per-hour winds, but no hail was reported. The latest rain pushes July's total rainfall to over 5 and a half inches.

Minor wind damages caused tree limbs to break throughout the city.

Serious damages were also reported by employees at the Hoechst Celanese plant when the windows of several vehicles were literally sucked out, or blown out.

According to Noah Davis, human resources department representative, about 10 vehicles were damaged with broken windshields or other windows in cars and pickups parked in the south side parking lots. He also reported skylights were blown out in the administration building.

"I heard someone say, at some point, that wind gusts were up to 60 miles per hour out here. And tree branches were broken in the

park area around the plant, also," Davis said.

The rains have caused some worry and concern to the Pampa's city engineers working on completion of street repairs. Two streets under repair are of most concern to City Engineer Richard Morris, who is worried about the completion date on Duncan Street and Buckler Street.

"Both of these streets are under construction delays presently because of the kinds of the rains. A couple of hard rains, back-to-back like we've been having here lately, hurt more because it extends the work-stop time. Rains that occur once every four to five days, or once a week is not quite so bad to cause a long period of delays," he said.

Morris is optimistic, however, and expects to complete the repairs on the streets nearest the school by mid-August, when school begins.

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Daily Record

Services tomorrow

McKINZIE, A.M. - 1 p.m., Martin Funeral Home Chapel, Granbury.

Obituaries

FRANK BOYLES

WELLINGTON - Frank Boyles, 93, brother of Pampa residents, died Monday, July 22, 1996. Services were at 2 p.m. today in the First Baptist Church with the Rev. Johnny Tims and the Rev. Elvis Pitts, retired Baptist minister, officiating. Burial will be in North Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Adams Funeral Home.

Mr. Boyles was born at Ada, Okla. He moved from Hall County in 1923 to Buck Creek in Collingsworth County. He married Lorena Gentry at Buck Creek in 1926. He farmed at Swearingin from 1928 until retiring in 1970, moving to Wellington. He was a Baptist.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Allie Bird, in 1988.

Survivors include his wife, Lorena; two daughters, Pauline Bias of Wellington and Beth Carr of Stamford; a son, Richard Boyles of Lamesa; three sisters, Mag Moore of Friona and Virgie Atkinson and Ola Tinney, both of Pampa; 11 grandchildren; and 25 great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to the First Baptist Church TV Ministry or to a favorite charity.

JUNE MARGARET FORBES

June Margaret Forbes, 71, of Pampa, died Friday, July 12, 1996, at Amarillo. Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Friday in the Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel with the Rev. Roger Hubbard, pastor of Bible Church of Pampa, officiating. The body was cremated and, consequently, will not be available for viewing. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Forbes was born Nov. 4, 1924, at Detroit, Mich. She graduated from Redford High School in Detroit and later attended Sparrow Nursing School and Madonna College in Detroit. She also attended the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor. She married Richard (Dick) Forbes on June 1, 1946, at Detroit. The couple recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. She came to Pampa in 1979 from Northville, Mich. She worked as a medical records librarian and had formerly been head of medical records at Northville State Hospital at Northville. She was a member of the A.R.T. Chapter of Medical Records Librarians in Detroit and of the Order of the Eastern Star in Detroit. She was a Catholic.

Survivors include her husband, Richard (Dick) Forbes, of the home; a daughter and son-in-law, Diana and G.M. Wallis Jr. of Pampa; and two grandchildren, Andrea Phillips and David Phillips, both of Pampa.

The family requests memorials be to St. Anthony's Hospice and Life Enrichment Center in Amarillo.

A.M. McKENZIE

GRANBURY - A.M. McKenzie, 66, father of a Pampa resident, died Saturday, July 20, 1996, at Denver, Colo. Services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday in Martin Funeral Home Chapel with Ellis Dean McKenzie, nephew, officiating.

Mr. McKenzie was born at Fayetteville, Ark. He married Donna Reeves in 1949 at San Antonio. He had been a longtime Perryton area resident, moving to Granbury in 1989. He operated Mac's Plumbing for several years and had worked in the oil fields as a driller and later as a consultant. He received a heart transplant in 1988 at Houston.

Survivors include his wife, Donna; two daughters, Teresa Cowan of Granbury and Brenda Glasco of Pampa; two sons, David McKenzie of Moore, Okla., and Dennis McKenzie of Longview; his mother, Edna Mae Parr of Pratt, Kan.; two sisters, Barbara Ann Williams of Parker, Colo., and Connie McKenzie of Pratt; three brothers, Owen McKenzie of Granbury, Joe McKenzie of Fort Worth and Larry McKenzie of San Diego, Calif.; 11 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

BONNIE M. SMITH

GUYMON, OKLA. - Bonnie M. Smith, 64, died Monday, July 22, 1996. Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Friday in Elmhurst Cemetery with the Rev. Odie Nunley officiating. Burial will be under the direction of Henson Novak Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Smith was born at Pampa, Texas, and was raised at the Cargray-Dorchester plant near White Deer, Texas. She was a 1950 White Deer High School graduate. She married Doug Smith in 1950 at Pampa; he died in 1995. She lived in Goodwell in the early 1950s and worked for Guymon telephone company. The couple later moved to Perryton, Texas, where she worked for the Selective Service Board and was active in 4-H and the Home Demonstration Club. She and her husband settled in Guymon in 1969. She worked for the City of Guymon for several years and owned and operated the Ceramic House and the Denim Den, retiring in 1992.

She was preceded in death by a son, Marvin Smith.

Survivors include a daughter, Nannette Baldwin of Guymon; a son, Melvin Smith of Bakersfield, Calif.; her father, TR Swinford of Borger; a brother, Teddy Swinford of Borger; and three grandchildren.

A Bonnie Smith Memorial Fund has been established for the OPSU Foundation. Memorials will be accepted at Henson Novak Funeral Home, Box 1306, Guymon, OK 73942.

Visitors will be received from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. today and from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Ambulance

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

TUESDAY, July 23

11:07 a.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to Columbia Medical Center for a patient transport to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

12 noon - A mobile ICU unit responded to Columbia Medical Center for a patient transfer to a local nursing facility.

Police report

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

TUESDAY, July 23

Theft was reported in the 700 block of East 15th. Stolen were four lug nuts from a vehicle at a value of \$60.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 900 block of Twiford. Damage was reported to the front door of the residence.

A runaway was reported in the 800 block of East Brunow.

A runaway was reported in the 1300 block of Garland.

Forgery in the amount of \$250 was reported in the 1400 block of North Hobart.

Disorderly conduct-language was reported in the 2500 block of North Perryton Parkway.

Theft was reported in the 1200 block of South Barnes. Stolen was a Sega video game said to be worth \$400.

Theft of two pair of women's shoes valued at \$14.99 and \$17.99 was reported at Payless Shoes, 1327 N. Hobart. The shoes were recovered and returned.

Assault was reported by a 34-year-old female in the 400 block of Hill.

EZ Serve, 1524 N. Hobart reported theft of gas worth \$33.85.

Theft of a package of cigarettes was reported at Taylor Mart, 600 E. Frederic.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 1900 block of North Dwight.

Theft was reported at Allsup's, 1900 N. Hobart. Stolen by a teenage suspect was a 12-pack of beer, according to the report.

Sheriff's Office

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

TUESDAY, July 23

Gray County Sheriff's Office reported theft on Gray Street.

Arrests

Jeffrey Saay Fortner, 17, 717 Mora, was arrested on a Carson County charge of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle. He was released to Carson County custody.

Kimberly Kaye Ramby, 28, Amarillo, was arrested on a charge of violation of probation. Bond was denied.

John Warner Simon, 25, Pampa, was arrested on a charge of driving with license suspended. Bond had not yet been set.

Department of Public Safety

Bryce Quinn Avila, 17, San Jose, Calif., was arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana under two ounces. He remained in custody on a \$1,000 bond.

Accidents

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

TUESDAY, July 23

9:20 a.m. - A 1986 Chevrolet Camero driven by Ronald Keith Furgerson, 26, 317 E. 9th, Lefors, was in collision with a 1989 Cadillac Deville driven by Ella White Hall, 71, 720 N. Wells, at the intersection of Randy Matson Avenue and Wells. Furgerson was cited for failure to yield right of way at a yield sign, no liability insurance and expired driver's license.

Calendar of events

TRALEE CRISIS GROUP COUNSELING

Tralee Crisis Center, 119 N. Frost, is to offer group counseling for battered and abused women 11 a.m. to noon Mondays. Facilitator is Priscilla Kleinpeter, LMFT. For more information, call Ann Hamilton at 669-1131. Space is limited. Call ahead.

IMMUNIZATION CLINIC

The Texas Department of Health Immunization Clinic will be offering vaccines that give protection against polio, diphtheria, tetanus (lock jaw), pertussis (whooping cough), measles, rubella and mumps. The clinic is located in the Texas Department of Health office, 600 W. Kentucky, and will be open 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday, July 25. The fee is based on family income and size, and the ability to pay.

SKELLY-GETTY-TEXACO RETIREE CLUB

The Skelly-Getty-Texaco Retirees Club will meet at 6 p.m. Thursday, July 25, at 6 p.m. at the Community Center in Skellytown.

Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by Atchafalaya Grain of Pampa

Wheat	4.70
Miler	7.78
Com.	2.92

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

Occidental	22 3/8	dn 1/8
Wheat	4.70	
Miler	7.78	
Com.	2.92	

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

Magellan	70.47	dn 1/4
Puertan	17.14	dn 1/4

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

America	67 3/4	up 1/4
Arco	118 1/2	dn 1/4
Cal. P.	23 3/8	up 1/2
Coca O&G	15 1/2	dn 1/4
Chevron	57 3/4	NC
Coca-Cola	46 1/8	dn 5/8
Columbia/HCA	49 7/8	dn 3/8
Diamond Sham	29 1/8	dn 1/2
Enron	40 1/4	up 1/4
Halliburton	55	dn 1/4
Ingersoll Rand	40	dn 1/4
KRI	43	dn 1/8
Kerr McGee	60	dn 3/4
Limited	18 1/8	dn 3/8
Mapco	56 3/8	dn 1/4
McDonald's	44 3/4	dn 1/4
Mobil	112 1/4	dn 1/4
New Atmox	21 5/8	dn 1/8
Parker & Parsley	23 1/2	dn 1 3/8
Princo	47 5/8	dn 3/8
Phillips	40 3/4	dn 3/8
SLB	81 3/8	dn 1/2
SPS	31 5/8	NC
Tenneco	46 7/8	NC
Texas	85 1/8	up 3/4
Wal-Mart	23	dn 1/8
New York Gold		384.40
Silver		4.94
West Texas Crude		21.04

Emergency numbers

Ambulance	911
Crime Stoppers	669-2222
Fire	911
Police (emergency)	911
Police (non-emergency)	669-5700

House OKs pesticide overhaul measure

From Wire and Staff Reports

WASHINGTON - A pesticide overhaul that would repeal a ban on any trace of cancer-causing bug-killers in processed foods is being readied for Senate action after sweeping through the House.

The compromise, a decade in the making, won 417-0 approval of the House on Tuesday, clearing it for consideration of the Senate Agriculture Committee today.

The key provision of the bill would wipe out the "Delaney Clause," a relic of the cancer scare of the 1950s, which prohibits any cancer-causing pesticide residue in processed foods, no matter how little risk it posed to human health.

Scientists say the Delaney Clause, which now threatens to bar use of more than 80 pesticides, is outdated by new technology that can detect the most-minute residue, one part per billion. That is far less than the level considered to pose a threat to health.

The measure would create a single standard for raw and

processed foods, permitting pesticides that pose less than a one-in-1-million lifetime risk of cancer, and would build in a safety factor for health risks other than cancer. Exemptions from the standards to ensure a stable food supply would be strictly limited, and the measure requires that the public be informed when crop emergencies dictate relaxation of the cancer standard.

U.S. Rep. Mac Thornberry, TX-13, voted for the bipartisan measure and was a cosponsor when the bill was introduced last year.

"The Delaney Clause is like a '58 Buick in a new car lot today," Thornberry said in a prepared news release. "It's hopelessly outdated and terribly out of place. The Food Quality Protection Act will change that by addressing the issue of food safety comprehensively - taking into account not only the safety of the public, but the preservation of the food supply and economic benefits for farmers and producers, as well."

Thornberry noted the measure will adopt recommendations

made in 1993 by the National Research Council "by providing special, added protections for the most vulnerable members of our society - infants and children."

Carole M. Browner, administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, praised the House bill as "a major step forward in ensuring a safe, healthy life for American families."

She said the bill includes three major items asked by the administration: standards to limit health risks, new protections for children and expansion of the consumer's right to know about pesticide risks.

A 1993 report by the National Academy of Sciences identified infants and children as especially vulnerable to the risks.

The compromise was praised by environmentalists, farmers and food processors.

Rep. Thomas Bliley, R-Va., chairman of the House Commerce Committee, called the compromise "a landmark bipartisan agreement that will bring federal regulation of food producers into the 21st century."

City in need of advisory board volunteers

By CHIFF CHANDLER Staff Writer

Despite two appointments to the Traffic Commission Tuesday night, city officials say they desperately need more volunteers for city advisory boards.

City commissioners were faced with four openings on the Traffic Commission during their Tuesday meeting; two appointments to fill seats that expired in July 1995 and two reappointments for terms that expired this month.

Marion Teel was reappointed, and Marshall Newkirk was appointed to the oldest expired term. City Secretary Phyllis Jeffers explained this morning that two members had been sitting on the commission even though their terms had expired last year. Traffic commission members have term limitations of three consecutive two-year terms.

No action was taken on the expiring term of Marilyn Powers. She is eligible for another term, but Police Chief Charlie Morris said he was unable to contact her to see if she wished to serve again.

Also, a vacancy remains on the Cable Advisory Board, and discussion of an appointment to the board was tabled by the city commission because no one had applied. That seat on the board has

been open for a year, Jeffers said.

Other openings include one on the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board and several coming up on the Hiddens Hills Golf Course Advisory Board in November.

Ideally, the city is seeking a "broad based representation from all parts of the community" to serve on the boards, Jeffers said.

Jeffers has information on file about all the boards, including the responsibilities of members and how often the boards meet.

People interested in volunteering to serve on a board should contact Jeffers at 669-5750. Applications will be kept on file for the next available seat.

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Storms

"If we can't complete the construction prior to the opening date of school, the work will not be extended for more than a few days," he said.

In other areas, winds played havoc also, and the NWS had reports of wind forces clocked anywhere from 45 to 90 miles per hour throughout the Panhandle.

"The straight-line winds produced gusts up to 90 miles per hour in Potter County during Tuesday night's storm, and Ochilree County areas were hit with hard winds, rain and nickel size hail around 11:35 p.m.," Lindley said.

Lindley said call-in reports from Canadian reported high winds that blew large tree limbs across Texas highway 83, and in Perryton, trees measuring 10 inches in diameter were blown down.

Lindley's rain measurements for other towns are: Miami, 1.22 inches; Panhandle, 1.20; Lefors, 1.83; Borger, 1.09; Perryton, 1.65; Canadian, 0.82; and Shamrock, 1.84.

Fires

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

TUESDAY, July 23

11:09 a.m. - Two units and six personnel responded to Columbia Medical Center on an alarm malfunction.

WEDNESDAY, July 24

1:02 a.m. - Three units and seven personnel responded to the 1400 block of Zimmers on a false alarm.

Weather focus

LOCAL FORECAST

Increasing cloudiness tonight with a 70 percent chance of redeveloping showers and thunderstorms, some possibly severe. A low near 68 with southeast winds to 15 mph. Thursday, cloudy with a 60 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms.

A high near 90 with southeast winds to 20 mph. For the weekend, a continued chance of showers and thunderstorms with highs in the 90s and lows in the 60s. Tuesday's high was 90; the overnight low was 60. Pampa received 1.78 inches of moisture in the 24-hour period ending at 6 a.m. today.

REGIONAL FORECAST

West Texas - Panhandle: Tonight, turning cloudy with thunderstorms likely, some possibly severe. Locally heavy rain-fall possible. Lows in low to upper 60s. Thursday, mostly cloudy with thunderstorms like-

ly. Highs in mid to upper 80s. South Plains: Tonight, mostly cloudy with scattered showers and thunderstorms. Lows 65-75.

Thursday, partly cloudy with a chance of thunderstorms. Highs 90-95.

North Texas - Tonight and Thursday, partly cloudy with a chance of thunderstorms. Lows 72 to 76. Highs 91 to 99.

South Texas - Hill Country and South Central: Tonight, partly cloudy with a slight chance of evening showers or thunderstorms. Lows in mid 70s. Thursday, partly cloudy with a slight chance of afternoon showers or thunderstorms. Highs in upper 90s. Upper Coast: Tonight, partly cloudy with a chance of evening showers or thunderstorms. Lows in mid 70s inland to near 80 coast. Thursday, partly cloudy with a slight chance of showers or thunderstorms. Highs in upper 90s inland to near 90 coast. Coastal Bend and Rio Grande Plains: Tonight, part-

ly cloudy. Lows near 80 coast to upper 70s inland. Thursday, partly cloudy. Highs in low 90s coast to mid 90s inland, near 103 Rio Grande plains.

BORDER STATES

New Mexico - Tonight, variable clouds with scattered showers and thunderstorms east and south. Thunderstorms possibly severe eastern plains this evening. Fair skies northwest. Lows near 40 to near 60 mountains, mid 50s to low 70s lower elevations. Thursday, partly cloudy. Scattered afternoon and early night thunderstorms east and south. Isolated afternoon and evening thunderstorms northwest. Highs mid 70s to near 90 mountains and north-east, mostly 90s lower elevations west and south.

Oklahoma - Tonight, mostly cloudy with a chance of thunderstorms, mainly north and central. Lows upper 60s to mid 70s. Thursday, partly cloudy with a chance of thunderstorms. Highs in mid 80s to low 90s.

City briefs

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Jack McCavit, center left, of the Hoechst Celanese Chemical Group of Pampa presents a check for \$5,000 for the Good Samaritan Christian Services to James Richardson, board president, as John Norris, project coordinator and volunteer director of the organization, and Bill Ragsdale, right, executive director, attend the presentation.

Good Samaritan Christian Services receives \$5,000 from Pampa plant

Hoechst Celanese Chemical Group of Pampa recently presented a \$5,000 grant to Good Samaritan Christian Services Inc. to help with the construction of a new storage building.

The new storage building will cost approximately \$30,000, said John Crowell, executive director of Pampa's North Rolling Plains Resource and Development, a division of U.S.D.A., which assists rural organizations applying for grant assistance.

A garage facility attached to the property is in deteriorating condition and will be torn down, and a new storage warehouse, with a refrigeration unit, will be constructed.

"It is a real good project, and a pleasure working with a group so dedicated to helping others in need," said Crowell who counsils the board when submit grant requests to the large foundations.

"Foundations find it worthy to make grants toward purposes supported by a charity organization such as the Good Samaritan's organization, which puts forth efforts toward helping those who are in need, and at the same time, maintain their own existence," he added.

Other grants totaling \$20,000 have been received from Amarillo Area Foundation and the Meadows Foundation of Dallas to apply to the building project. The J.E. and L.E. Mabee Foundation Inc. of Tulsa, Okla., has committed a gift of \$2,094 toward the capital investment funds.

Fund-raising projects are an on-going effort of the local volunteer support organizations to add to the funding of the planned building.

Good Samaritan Christian Services has given aid and assistance to area families since Feb. 14, 1983. It served 1,386 families (4,065 individuals), in its first year, and has increased that figure to 3,838 families (or 14,737 individuals) through 1995, according to Bill Ragsdale, executive director. The service maintains its own facilities providing

warehouse storage space and a servicing office. The extension of the warehouse needs will also provide walk-in refrigeration storage for perishables.

The Good Samaritan Christian Services is a non-profit service, organized under section 501(c)(3) tax exempt Texas corporation, operated daily with volunteer office staff members. The service is located at 309 N. Ward Street. There are no paid employees.

"The purpose and intent of Good Samaritans is to help relieve churches and other non-profit agencies of servicing the individuals, although their continued volunteer help and contributions are definitely needed," Ragsdale said.

The annual income to the organization is about \$50,000, including grants. Expenses are about \$60,000 per year, and the \$10,000 difference is made from a savings account of funds received from corporate gifts, individual donations and foundation grants, explained Ragsdale. He said the additional costs of operations continue to grow, and funds are needed to establish an operations budget, in addition to the current building project.

Requests for food and for aid in paying utility bills have increased to the point that reserve funds are quite low, and the organization must now curtail some services to remain solvent.

"The board of directors sets guidelines for decisions on requests for help to an individual or families whenever a call for assistance is brought to our attention," Ragsdale said. The board appoints six volunteers to review each client applicant.

Volunteers are in the office each day to help fill the shelves, arrange the clothing for display and receive the deliveries of foods or clothing. Some make trips to a variety of area businesses to pick up the donated food commodities, according to Norris.

Comptroller champions property tax payers

AUSTIN (AP) - If Gov. George W. Bush decides not to push an alternative to rising property taxes in the 1997 legislative session, State Comptroller John Sharp just might.

Sharp, a Democrat who's seen as a potential gubernatorial candidate, says he's confident the Republican governor will offer a property-tax relief plan.

And as state government's numbers man, Sharp said Tuesday his role is to help Bush and others the governor has named to look into the issue.

But if Bush decides public reaction doesn't warrant a full-court press for change in the 1997 legislative session, Sharp said, "I would sure look at it then, because I'm convinced that it is a problem.

"If they decided, 'Hey, I don't think the public wants this, and we don't want to get into any political hot water for whatever reason, and ... we're not going to consider this in the next session of the Legislature,' then we'd rethink. Because I do think that it has to be done," said Sharp, who hasn't said whether he'll run for governor in 1998.

"I think the governor's initial instincts were accurate, and he needs to follow those," Sharp said. "It can be done. It will take some courage."

A Bush-appointed committee is conducting hearings around the state to gauge public support for an alternative to local school property taxes, which total nearly \$10 billion annually.

Bush spokesman Ray Sullivan said the governor and lawmakers will decide what to do after the committee, headed by Insurance Commissioner Elton Bomer, concludes its work.

"At that time, the governor and the Legislature will have to determine how best to proceed. He wants to make sure that there is public support and collective will for legislative alternatives to property taxes," Sullivan said.

Asked what will occur if Bush doesn't find that, Sullivan said, "We'll have to see what happens."

Bush has said he hopes to find a property-tax substitute. An earlier report from a special task force suggested three possibilities: a business activity tax; a gross receipts tax on business and investment income; and changes in the current 6.25 percent state sales tax, such as expanding it to items not now taxed.

Bomer last week said many Texans think property taxes are near crisis proportions, and he believes lawmakers will respond to their concerns.

Sharp said, "I don't need public opinion polls or a set of hearings to tell me that the public is severely upset about what they see as trends in property taxes."

Former agent: Agency knew about human rights abuses

HARLINGEN, Texas (AP) - The Drug Enforcement Administration is denying charges that its agents were aware of human rights abuses in Guatemala during the 1980s and lied in case reports to cover up their knowledge.

The accusations were made Tuesday by a former DEA agent who contends a presidential panel failed to investigate the agency's role in the atrocities.

The panel, the Intelligence Oversight Board, issued a report last month stating that several CIA agents in Guatemala participated in human rights violations, such as torture and murder, since 1984.

"My point is don't only investigate the CIA, investigate the DEA. We worked with the same people," said Celerino Castillo, a DEA special agent based in Guatemala in 1985-90.

Castillo stressed that DEA agents did not participate in any abuses, but said, "We knew that there were going to be atrocities occurring in those operations."

The agency rejected the allegations.

"These allegations have been analyzed, and we haven't found anything to validate the charges that he's made," said Van Quarles, a DEA spokesman in Washington. "DEA isn't going to tell someone to lie in a report. DEA isn't going to have anyone in any way interfere with the integrity of themselves or the agency."

The Intelligence Oversight Board said in its report that several CIA agents "were credibly

alleged" to have ordered, planned or participated in human rights violations such as murder, torture and kidnaping. The panel said the CIA was aware of many of the allegations at about the time they occurred.

President Clinton ordered the board to investigate following allegations last year that the CIA may have engaged in improper activities in Guatemala.

Castillo, in a written response to the oversight board, said the panel's report was incomplete because it failed to investigate the DEA's knowledge of such atrocities.

"It is important to be clear about both the CIA and the DEA support of criminal activities," Castillo states.

He called on the board to interview him and other CIA and DEA agents stationed in Guatemala when the abuses took place, saying, "That is the only way the truth will come out."

The Intelligence Oversight Board declined to comment on Castillo's allegations.

Castillo, who retired from the DEA in 1992 and lives in McAllen, Texas, said he participated in several missions in which the Guatemalan Military Intelligence, known as D-2, killed civilians with the knowledge of DEA and CIA agents.

He said he was ordered by his superiors "not to reveal the truth" about the missions and that some agents were "forced" to lie in case reports to hide the murders.

Used nuclear fuel to become federal responsibility in 1998

WASHINGTON (AP) - Used nuclear fuel now stored at more than 100 reactors from Maine to California must become the Energy Department's responsibility in 18 months, a federal appeals court says.

The department does not expect to have a permanent storage site for the spent fuel until at least 2010, and the court's decision Tuesday essentially forces the government to find a temporary repository, a requirement certain to spark a political battle over where to locate it.

Legislation is pending in Congress to establish a temporary storage facility near Nevada's Yucca Mountain, but the effort is vigorously opposed by that state's two senators. The Senate has scheduled a vote Thursday to restrict debate on the bill and clear the way for its passage.

The nuclear refuse will remain deadly with radiation for more than 10,000 years, and the special cooling pools of water currently used to store the spent fuel are reaching their capacity.

A 1982 law gave the Energy Department a Jan. 31, 1998,

deadline to begin disposing the spent fuel, some 30,000 tons of which has been accumulated so far in more than 30 states.

Joe F. Colvin, president and chief executive officer of the Nuclear Energy Institute, an industry trade group, said the availability of a storage site now rests "squarely on Congress' shoulders."

"Although the court's decision did not specify a course for ensuring that the Department of Energy meets its statutory obligation, the industry believes that legislation now being considered by Congress offers the best solution for reforming our nation's stalled nuclear waste program," Colvin said.

Sen. Richard Bryan, D-Nev., said he hoped the Energy Department could get around requirement through such means as offering compensation to the nuclear industry. He said the court ruling resolved a language dispute that should not affect the pending Senate legislation.

Wife of top aide to Bush announces resignation

DALLAS (AP) - The wife of Gov. George W. Bush's top aide will no longer serve as a paid lobbyist for utility-industry clients.

Diane Allbaugh said Tuesday she would resign that position to avoid any appearance of influence-peddling.

"I regret that my effort to resume my professional life has caused such distractions," Allbaugh said in a letter to the governor's office.

The resignation, reported in today's editions of *The Dallas Morning News*, followed the newspaper's reports that Allbaugh recently registered as a lobbyist for as much as \$250,000 a year. Joe Allbaugh is the governor's executive assistant.

Bush said he first learned by

reading *The News* that Allbaugh was a lobbyist for corporate clients with issues before the state. He said he was "troubled" by the appearance of a conflict of interest and was considering adopting a policy to deal with the issue.

Ray Sullivan, a spokesman for Bush, said Tuesday that Bush did not ask Allbaugh to resign.

"This was a decision that she made," Sullivan said.

Allbaugh was not available Tuesday for comment. In her letter to the governor, she wrote, "I did not undertake this lightly, and from the beginning I took every measure possible to keep my career from touching or reflecting on Joe's position in the governor's office."

As required by law, Allbaugh had registered with the Texas Ethics Commission as a lobbyist for AT&T and Texas Utilities.

"In order to remove any possibility of further questions regarding the perception of a conflict, I will inform the Texas Ethics Commission that I will no longer serve as a lobbyist before any branch or agency of state government, effective immediately," she wrote.

An AT&T spokesman said the company had not seen the letter and had no comment on whether she would remain employed by the utility. Officials at TU could not be reached for comment, the newspaper reported.

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Opinion

CIA is no longer vital to security

A number of recent developments suggests that the time has come to scrap the Central Intelligence Agency and other "national security" bureaucracies created during the Cold War era. Suggesting this doesn't require belief that the CIA has been a unique abuser of power. It's just that it was created in a different era to cope (sometimes well, sometimes not) with a different international correlation of forces and threats, and it is most unlikely to be able to adapt successfully to the post-Cold War era. — The CIA and the possibly even more secretive National Security Agency, for example, have invested heavily in "technical means" — high-tech spying methods like sophisticated satellite tracking systems. These are fine for picking up movements of troops and others and for monitoring telephone and other electronic communications, but as James Akins, former ambassador to Saudi Arabia, put it recently: "What we are extremely good at, electronics intelligence, is not going to help in this situation (concerning Middle East terrorism). A satellite is not going to be able to tell you what's going on inside a small room in a small house in the desert."

The CIA also seems unable to break old habits acquired when everything was viewed through the lens of a protracted struggle with world communism. A presidential intelligence review panel reported that the CIA — between 1988 and 1992, during the twilight and after the death of world communism — knowingly hired, as paid informants and operatives, Guatemalan military officers strongly suspected of political assassination, torture, kidnapping and other horrors. When some paid CIA henchmen were involved in the killing of an American and a Guatemalan rebel, the CIA tended to help its operatives cover up the facts. That might have been defensible (if hardly admirable) when communism was a real threat, but it won't do now.

Congressional panels and special interagency intelligence assessment panels have all stressed that it's a different world out there. An agency created to cope with bipolar superpower competition and acclimated to view almost all developments in the rest of the world as facets of that superpower competition needs to be more flexible and quick to respond to a world in which the United States resembles a giant, bothered by buzzing insects or yapping dogs — some of which can carry deadly poison or inflict serious bites — rather than another giant operating in mostly predictable ways.

But the CIA is a government bureaucracy, and you can count on the fingers of one hand the number of government bureaucracies that have evolved to become more flexible and decentralized after settling into a bureaucratic rut. The best bet for the United States now would be to eliminate the CIA and other Cold War agencies and build a fresh, based upon a clear-eyed, hard-headed assessment of the real dangers facing us in this brave (or cowardly) new world.

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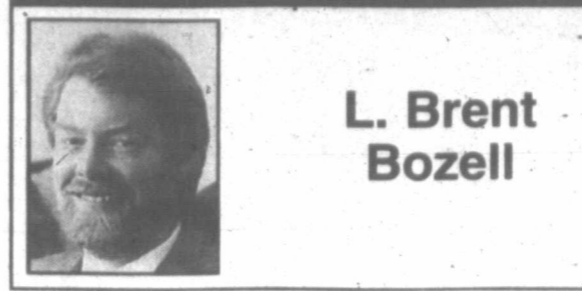
Rosie O'Donnell: Selectively nice

This summer, there's a breath of fresh air in the daytime talk-show field, thanks to the June debut of Rosie O'Donnell's program. There's no Ricki Lake/Richard Bey/Jerry Springer-style sleaze here. Instead, O'Donnell's show is a throwback to the era of Merv Griffin in its emphasis on guests from show business. "Positive and friendly," John J. O'Connor of *The New York Times* enthused about O'Donnell. Rick Marin of *Newsweek* — which, on its cover, proclaimed her the "Queen of Nice" — raved, "She's taken the trash out of talk by making nice, not nasty."

Before we engage in a national swoon, let it be noted that being nice doesn't mean O'Donnell likes everyone. If you're a Republican, specifically a conservative Republican, there's a good chance she's used her show — or any other platform providing klieg lights and microphones — to oppose your favorite cause.

To be sure, the entertainment community isn't tripping all over itself to support Bill Clinton the way it did four years ago. But O'Donnell is an exception. On June 24, along with singers Tony Bennett and Michael Bolton, she performed at a New York fundraiser for Clinton, and the next day on her show, she reported that he is "strikingly handsome. He really is. He looks like a soap star... He was very sweet and I like him... I hope he wins."

Besides taking a shine to the president, O'Donnell seems also to be in accord with the first lady. Rosie was one of the few stars to appear at June's Stand for Children rally in Washington — an event co-sponsored by Hillary Clinton's Children's Defense Fund and virtually every other liberal special-interest group (many of which have absolutely nothing to do with children) demanding that government give them



L. Brent Bozell

more tax revenues to fund their work.

But if ever there were a *Stand for Unborn Children* rally, you wouldn't look for the strongly pro-abortion O'Donnell to show up, unless it was as a picketer. On her July 1 broadcast, she noted the title of Bob Woodward's latest book, *The Choice*, then remarked, "which is something Republicans don't want you to have." When some audience members booed, O'Donnell responded, "Oh, don't boo that. I'm a Democrat. Don't you watch the show?"

This wasn't O'Donnell's first pro-abortion statement. In the fall of 1994, campaigning for liberal, feminist, Democratic Texas governor Ann Richards, O'Donnell quipped, "I don't think anybody ought to have control over my body but me and Tom Cruise. That's about it. Definitely not a guy named Bush." (That "guy named Bush," Republican George W., went on to trounce Richards in the election.)

O'Donnell has also hired comedienne Kate Clinton as a writer for her show. Clinton is best known for being an outspoken lesbian, but she's also a virulent leftist. Here's a knee-slapper from her column in the *Progressive*: "The O.J. trial is part

of... a massive conspiracy by Gingrich and the GOP to distract national attention from the left-hand side of the country, while they on the right dismantle democracy in 2,400 hours flat."

Clinton has a soul mate in O'Donnell. Asked by *Us* magazine about being "irritated by the difference between the movie you think you're making and the one that's released," O'Donnell said her character in *Now and Then* was originally "quite assuredly a gay woman. I was very happy because it was a movie for women and about girls' friendships... The lesbian story line made it an interesting role to act and said something interesting about how people are accepting of each other." (The story line, which included a positive reference to lesbians adopting a child, was removed before the picture's release because it confused test audiences.)

O'Donnell has a cuddly image, in part because she's the adoptive mother of a one-year-old boy and opted to host a talk show rather than make movies so as to spend more time with her son. But isn't it odd that the entertainment press will point to her personal family situation and find it attractive — nice — and gloss over her very public pronouncements attacking traditional family values?

It all depends on what "nice" means. In O'Donnell's case, it means an engaging, pleasant personality, especially evident in the way she fawns over Bill Clinton. "Nice" means not just changing her career to suit her family situation; it means giving of herself to advance Hillary's agenda for children. "Nice" means compassion for the gay community and the noble cause of lesbian parenting rights. "Nice" means a devotion to abortion. It is the logic behind the "Pro-Family, Pro-Choice" bumper-sticker mentality.

Today in history

By The Associated Press
Today is Wednesday, July 24, the 206th day of 1996. There are 160 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:
On July 24, 1959, during a visit to the Soviet Union, Vice President Richard M. Nixon engaged in his "kitchen debate" with Soviet leader Nikita Khrushchev at a U.S. exhibition.

- On this date:
- In 1783, Latin American revolutionary Simon Bolivar was born in Caracas, Venezuela.
 - In 1847, Mormon leader Brigham Young and his followers arrived at Great Salt Lake City in Utah.
 - In 1862, the eighth president of the United States, Martin Van Buren, died in Kinderhook, N.Y.
 - In 1866, Tennessee became the first state to be readmitted to the Union after the Civil War.
 - In 1923, the Treaty of Lausanne, which settled the boundaries of modern Turkey, was concluded in Switzerland.



Can a Catholic teach Jewish studies?

Do you have to be Jewish to direct a Jewish studies program? That's the question that has roiled the campus of Queens College in New York — spawning an indignant resignation and charges of religious bigotry.

Until just recently, Thomas Bird was an assistant professor of Yiddish at Queens College. He is a Roman Catholic. Ordinarily, the mere existence of a professor of Yiddish who is Catholic would cause eyebrows to arch — in surprise and admiration. After all, taking the trouble to become expert in Yiddish — the language of most European Jews until its recent decline — suggests respect and affection for the Jewish people. The interest of Professor Bird and other non-Jewish scholars in Jewish studies belies an old saw — Question: "Who is interested in the Jews?" Answer: "Only Jews and anti-Semites."

The trouble began when Professor Bird was named to become director of the Jewish Studies Program. This provoked outbursts from two former directors of the program. Joseph Sungolowsky, a professor of French literature and Judaic studies, denounced the appointment of a Gentile, saying the director "should be culturally and emotionally in tune with the students and with the members of the Jewish community of Queens... Only a person who is Jewish can speak to such a population."

Really, and how can a non-Frenchman teach French literature?

Samuel Heilman, a professor of sociology and past director of the Jewish Studies Program, told the *Forward* newspaper, "He's not Jewish. He does not have a Ph.D. in Jewish studies, and he doesn't speak or understand Hebrew." Heilman went on to declare that teachers of Jewish studies should be "role models."



Mona Charen

Professor Bird is a role model, as it happens. He is a role model as a scholar — which is all a college teacher should be. From available accounts, he sounds like a pretty good one, too. A small "c" catholic in addition to a capital "c" one — someone whose interests are universal, not parochial.

But Professor Bird and broad-minded scholars like him are prisoners of a parochial age — the age of identity politics, wherein what you have made of yourself is not nearly as important as what you were born. Ethnic studies programs have blossomed at campuses around the nation and, with some exceptions, are treated as cheering sections for their respective groups, not as serious academic endeavors. Thus, it is possible for professors of African American studies to insist, as many have, that white teachers cannot teach their discipline. The same is true for Asians, Hispanics, women and now Jews.

Professor Bird is understandably embittered. He has tendered his resignation, citing "primitive religious bigotry." It fell to the *Forward* (a Jewish newspaper) to defend both his credentials and his fitness to serve as director of Jewish Studies.

Professor Bird's pursuit of a doctorate in Slavic Studies has been unusually star-crossed. His original mentor at Princeton died suddenly just before Bird was scheduled to defend his thesis. He revised the work for a different adviser, only to have him die at the final stages of the process as well. At that point, the Slavic Studies department at Princeton was so decimated that the Ph.D. program was suspended. Bird then submitted his thesis to Warsaw University, where it was accepted. But political turmoil in Poland has prevented the completion of the degree process. The objection to Bird's lack of a Ph.D. — even apart from the religious controversy — smacks of nit-picking.

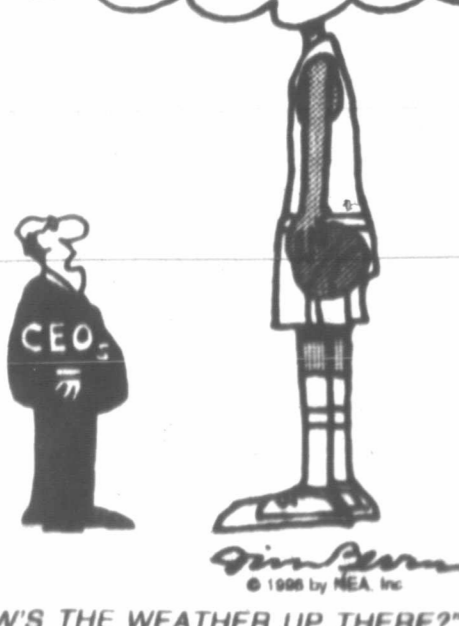
As for Bird's lack of knowledge of Hebrew, so what? He isn't going to be leading prayers or chaperoning visits to Israel, two tasks for which Hebrew would be essential. The post of director is primarily administrative, rotating among various professors. Bird's exclusion is obviously based only on his religion.

The attack on Professor Bird tends, unfortunately, to undermine the serious rationale for a Jewish studies program. Ideally, Jewish studies would examine the Jewish contribution to Western thought and life — a not insubstantial subject for a civilization that routinely calls itself "Judeo-Christian."

Religious and ethnic pride are fine, but they don't entitle groups to claim history for themselves alone. Jewish history and culture aren't the sole preserve of Jews any more than Greek history belongs exclusively to Greeks. Knowledge cannot be ghettoized. Jews in particular should understand that.

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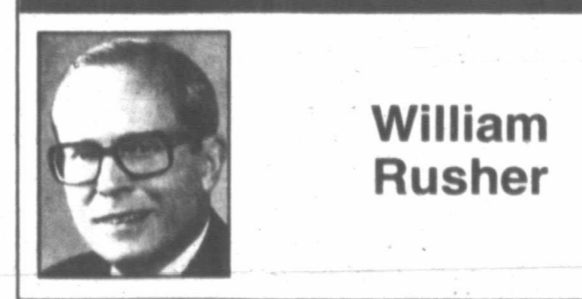
It's way too early to throw in the towel

To read the op-ed pages in the newspapers these days, or watch the TV talk shows, one would think that this year's presidential election is all over. It is generally agreed — and, one has to admit, all too true — that Bob Dole's campaign has recently had some perfectly dreadful weeks, and has yet to pull itself together and land so much as a single serious punch.

What's more, it seems clear that most of the blame must be assigned to the candidate himself. There is no lack of serious issues that cut in his favor, from immigration and race quotas to tax reduction and welfare reform. Nor is Bill Clinton, for all his current ascendancy in the polls, by any means unbeatable, or even particularly formidable.

The basic problem is that Dole hasn't taken the trouble — or (worse yet) doesn't know how — to discipline himself, and stop acting as a mere patsy for reporters intent on miring him in irrelevant quibbles over minor points. Only the candidate himself can raise this campaign to a level at which he will clearly deserve to win.

Of course, the liberal members of the media — and recent surveys put that proportion at around 90 percent — understandably want to keep us all focused on the delightful problem of "What's the matter with Bob Dole?" As long as that remains the only discussible topic, the Republicans can't possibly win. But I have been appalled at the number of ordinarily sensible conservative commentators, from Robert



William Rusher

Novak to Bill Buckley and George Will, who have thrown in the sponge and gone along with this play. To be sure, since I am a conservative first and a Republican only second, I could console myself with the reflection that, whatever happens to Dole and the GOP, this election will have to be interpreted as a victory for conservatism — indeed, as ratifying the final demise of liberalism. Clinton, badly shaken by the 1994 election of a Republican Congress, kicked off the year in his State of the Union address by twice declaring that "The era of Big Government is over."

Of course, he thought he was lying. But why did he consider it necessary to lie? Because he knew very well that that was what the great majority of American voters wanted to hear. And, with shrewd advice from his Republican adviser Dick Morris, he has kept up the pace ever since. Hardly

a week goes by without some new conservative initiative on Clinton's part, from calling for putting schoolchildren in uniforms to promising that he will sign a bill denying the universal validity of gay "marriages." Conservatism has had many truer friends in the White House, but none noisier.

But, if you will excuse me, I intend to sit out the current mad dash for the exits. Dole may indeed lose the election, but it ain't over till the fat lady sings. There are three and a half months stretching between now and Election Day. What is going to fill them, politically speaking? One minor Dole gaffe after another?

The liberal media, even in the teeth of their own manifest bias, just won't settle for that. There will simply have to be thunderous "surprises," heartshaking "crises," wild upswings and downswings for both Clinton and Dole. At some point, thoughtful observers will get around to studying the distribution of votes in the Electoral College, and discover (as the unflappable Elizabeth Drew apparently already has) that it's harder to count Dole out than it currently seems.

And Dole still has some nice headlines up his sleeve. One will involve his choice for the vice presidential nomination. Another will be a comprehensive package of tax and spending cuts that will put the race back where it belongs: on the high road of national policy. Meanwhile, keep your powder dry.

Buckle up your children for safety.

Nation briefs

Traveling up and down the streets of Pampa has given me great cause for concern. With all the educational materials, public service announcements and other means of encouragement, children under four are still standing up in moving vehicles, sitting in laps both on the passenger side and behind the wheel and riding in the back of a pick-ups.

Why is it a cause for concern? A child is more likely to die in a traffic crash than from sickness. Even more likely is that a child will be injured in a crash — over even a sudden stop.

Why buckle up? In an accident at 30 miles an hour, an unbuckled child would hit the dashboard, windshield or pavement with a 300 pound force! That's like falling from a three-story building.

Holding a child in your arms will not provide any protection. Crash forces are so strong, your child would be jerked away from you — and you might even crush your child.

If personal concern for a child's safety is not enough, then the law comes into play. All 50 states and the District of Columbia have child passenger protection laws. Every person who drives is responsible for protecting the lives of children who ride with them.

The Texas Law for protecting

Homemakers' News

Donna Brauchi



passengers who are children reads:

"Children under four sitting anywhere in the car must be restrained. Up to two years of age, they must be in approved child safety seats. Between the ages of two and four, they must be either in a child safety seat or use seat belts." The fine is \$25-\$30 per offense.

In May 1989, the Texas Legislature also passed a bill that restricts how children may be transported in pickup trucks. The law reads: "Vehicles with Open Beds. (a.) A person commits an offense if the person, at a speed that exceeds 35 miles per hour, operates an open bed pickup truck or an open flatbed truck or tows an open flatbed trailer on a public street or highway when a child younger than 12 years of age is occupying the bed of the truck or trailer. The fine for the offense is \$25-\$200."

Babies who weigh less than 20

pounds or who are too young to sit alone should ride in an infant safety seat. These seats are made so that the baby rides almost lying down and facing the back of the vehicle. This is the safest way for babies to ride.

A child safety seat is appropriate when a child is about nine months old and can sit alone. These seats are for children up to about age four. They allow children to ride sitting up, facing the front of the car. A safety harness holds the child in place in the safety seat.

Some safety seats are called "convertible seats." This means that these seats can be folded down and used for an infant, or be used upright for a toddler. The "convertible" seat may be the most economical alternative, since it involves only one purchase.

At four years of age, children are usually big enough to ride without using a safety seat. Children can then start wearing a

safety belt, just like their parents. Safety belts should fit low and snug over the hips.

The shoulder strap should be snug across the chest. Make sure the shoulder strap does not come across the child's face or neck.

Never let a child sit on a pillow in a vehicle. In an accident, a child could slide under the lap belt and be injured. A better alternative is a booster seat designed for toddlers and children up to 65-70 pounds. Boosters reposition the seat belts for a better fit and raise children up several inches so that they can see out the window. All booster seats provide upper body support with either a lap and shoulder belt combination, or a harness and shield provided with the booster seat.

In choosing a safety seat for our child, remember three important points: The seat must have a seal of federal approval; the seat must fit properly in your car; and the seat must be the proper size for your child.

Everyone should ride buckled up. Set a good example wear your safety belt. A few seconds of effort can be worth a lifetime of love.

For more information on children's health and safety, contact the Gray County Office of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

Grumpy old man bequeaths thousands to grocery clerks

MARIETTA, Ga. (AP) — A grumpy old man left \$70,000 in his will to five store clerks who befriended him during his daily trips to their supermarket.

"He came in one time with one sock on, one sock off," recalled Jeannette Peeks, a deli clerk at the Kroger store where Dr. James Glenn Dudley, 85, met friends each morning for breakfast.

When Dudley fell ill with cancer, the clerks visited him in the hospital. The retired podiatrist died June 14.

On July 4, a man arrived and handed Ms. Peeks and three coworkers checks for \$10,000 each. Jesse Gray, who carried his groceries, inherited \$30,000.

Frank Cairns, Dudley's financial advisor, said one of the clerks "almost hyperventilated" at the news.

Judge named in wrongful death lawsuit against O.J.

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The wrongful death lawsuit against O.J. Simpson will be heard by a veteran judge who has handled several celebrity cases.

Superior Court Judge Hiroshi Fujisaki was appointed Tuesday to oversee the case against Simpson. He replaces Judge Alan Haber who was removed July 17,

one day after being appointed to preside at the trial.

Each party has one chance to challenge a judge. The defense used its challenge to remove Haber, who they said could not guarantee a "fair and impartial trial" for their client.

Lawyers were given until 10 a.m. today to challenge Fujisaki's appointment. The trial is scheduled to start Sept. 9.

Rock band held accountable in teen slaying

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The rock band Slayer has been accused of inspiring the rape, torture and fatal stabbing of a teenage girl.

The parents of 15-year-old Elyse Marie Pahler contend in a lawsuit filed Monday that Slayer's lyrics prompted three teenage boys to drag their daughter into a secluded grove last July, rape her, tie a belt around her neck and stab her.

The lawsuit seeks unspecified damages.

Slayer, its individual members and its record company, American Recordings, are named in the lawsuit. A call seeking comment from the label was not immediately returned.

Biologists try release program to help save endangered fowl

EAGLE LAKE, Texas (AP) — Karl DeHart sits in his old blue Dodge pickup truck twirling an antenna on the roof to try to improve the sound of the beeps he hears on his headphones.

DeHart on Tuesday got five new beeps to monitor as state and federal wildlife officials released into the wild five Attwater's prairie chickens. The birds top Texas' endangered species list and are one of the nation's most endangered species.

The five birds, with tiny electronic transmitters tied around their necks, are part of a desperate program to keep the small striped chicken from extinction. In the state-federal project, which also includes the Houston Zoo, eggs from chickens kept at the zoo are collected and chicks from fertilized eggs are raised, then released into the wild.

Although they once numbered in the millions along the Texas and Louisiana Gulf Coast, only 42 Attwater's prairie chickens were detected in a count in March in four Texas counties — the only place they live.

Thirteen of them were at the Attwater Prairie Chicken National Wildlife Refuge, about 65 miles west of Houston.

DeHart, whose job title at the refuge is "release technician," finds the work exciting.

"It's incredible to come out here and know you're working with such an endangered bird and you're helping to save it," he said.

It is an uphill battle. DeHart, 28, is one of three people who keep tabs daily on the Attwater's prairie chicken population at the refuge by zeroing in on the radio frequency of the birds' transmitters.

Although the chicken rarely strays more than 10 miles or so from its home, its habitat has been shrinking and changing this century as farming and development take over what used to be the vast prairie that covered much of Texas.

The food chain also has changed, with chicken predators like raccoon and skunk flourishing. The growth of trees on the former treeless plain gave another predator, the hawk, a roosting place from which to pounce on the Attwater's prairie chicken. Also, fire ants eat the chicks.

Tuesday's release of the five chicks into the wild marks continuation of releases that began in earnest last week and will continue through next month.

Seventy-eight birds — less than a year old but considered teenagers in prairie chicken terms — will be released here and at a site in Galveston County. Besides the Houston Zoo, the birds were born at the Fossil Rim Wildlife Center at Glen Rose, Texas A&M University and the San Antonio Zoo.

Using the radio transmitters, officials hope to learn more about the bird's behavior in hopes of bolstering the population.

TxDOT to hold scenic byways meetings

AUSTIN — Texas motorists may one day have an opportunity to drive along scenic byways throughout the state, thanks to a grass roots program being studied by the Texas Department of Transportation.

The Texas Scenic Byways Program, if adopted, would consist of a system of byways that reflects some of the very best of the state's roadways, both culturally and geographically.

"We still have a lot of work to do," said Al Luedicke, TxDOT's director of transportation planning and programing, "but we're interested in what impact a scenic byways program could have in protecting and capitalizing on the state's natural and cultural resources."

As the program is currently envisioned, scenic byways would have outstanding scenic, natural, historical, archeological, cultural or recreational features. Local groups and communities could plan, develop and sponsor byways and apply to TxDOT for official designation.

Proposed byways would need to be an existing route and have substantial local support committed to the continued operation of the byway.

TxDOT is sponsoring a series of public meetings about the potential Byways Program. Meeting times and locations are:

— Amarillo: July 29, 7 p.m., Amarillo Public Library, 413 E. Fourth St.
— Alpine: July 30, 7 p.m., City

Council Chambers, 309 W. Sul Ross Ave.

— Kerrville: July 31, 7 p.m., City Council Chambers, 800 Junction Way.

— Edinburg: Aug. 1, 7 p.m., Hidalgo County Historical Museum, 121 E. McIntyre.

— Houston: Aug. 5, 7 p.m., Holiday Inn Select, 2712 S.W. Freeway.

— Lufkin: Aug. 6, 7 p.m., Lufkin Chamber of Commerce, Community Room, 1615 S. Chestnut.

— Arlington: Aug. 7, 7 p.m., North Central Texas Council of Governments, 616 Six Flags Drive, Suite 200.

— Austin: Aug. 8, 7 p.m., Wyndham South, Interstate 35 at Ben White Boulevard.

For more information, call (800) 8-SCENIC.

Senator: Clinton must act to tighten airport security

WASHINGTON (AP) — Even if the explosion of TWA Flight 800 is not traced to a bomb, the nation's airports are not secure enough and President Clinton deserves part of the blame, a key Senate Republican says.

"President Clinton has not provided leadership on this issue. He has almost dropped off the scene," Sen. Larry Pressler, R-S.D., chairman of the Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee, said in an interview Tuesday.

Specifically, Pressler charged that the White House has failed to follow up on meetings in January and April with security

directors from the Transportation Department concerning modernizing airport detection.

The meetings were prompted by concerns about terrorist threats, Pressler said.

"They alerted the White House to a severe potential problem in airport security," he said.

"Nothing was done." Pressler also criticized Transportation Secretary Federico Pena for failing to develop a plan to upgrade airport security, as was required by Congress in 1990.

"We need a strong policy," he said. "Neither the president nor the secretary is doing anything." A spokesman for the

Transportation Department said the administration was working to develop a long-term security plan.

"Throughout this review the White House has been very supportive of the FAA's efforts to explore ways to improve aviation security," department spokesman Bill Schulz said.

As for Clinton, Schulz said, "He's provided outstanding leadership."

Schulz said Pressler has refused offers by the Federal Aviation Administration to brief him on their plans. "So it's no surprise that Senator Pressler doesn't know what he's talking about," he said.

Aquifer authority hears conflicting views

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The Edwards Aquifer Authority has heard conflicting opinions from water-use experts about whether the drought justifies emergency rules to reduce consumption from the aquifer.

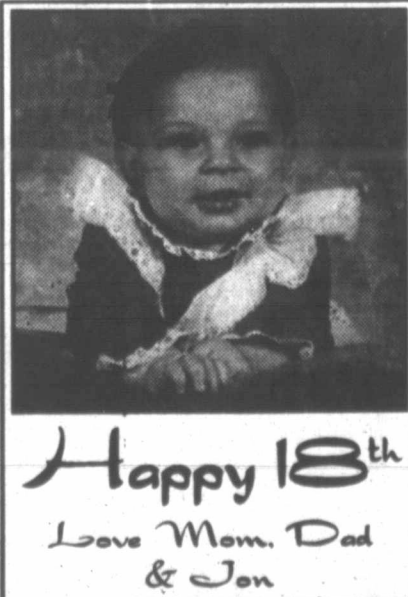
At its headquarters in San Antonio, the fledgling authority held the first of three public hearings Tuesday on how it should respond to the 10-month drought.

The board will decide July 31 whether to adopt an emergency critical-period management plan that likely will force further water usage restrictions in parts of eight counties.

"A state of emergency does not exist," said Hans Helland, former chairman of the board of the Edwards Underground Water District, which the authority replaced last month. "We are in a

drought, but the drought has not created an imminent peril to public health, safety and welfare."

Others disagreed.



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Community Calendar

July
AL-ANON will hold weekly meetings on Mondays and Wednesdays at 8 p.m. at 910 W. Kentucky. For more information, call 669-0407.

CLEAN AIR AL-ANON will hold weekly meetings on Tuesdays and Thursdays at noon at 810 W. 23rd. For more information, call 665-5938 or 669-3564.

WHITE DEER LAND MUSEUM, 112-116 N. Cuyler, presents "In the Good Old Summertime," a special exhibit featuring popular forms of summer recreation in Gray County from the early 1900s through the 1950s. The exhibit will continue through August. Highlight of the exhibit will be poster-size reproductions from the Museum's photo collection. Museum hours are 1-4 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday.

24 - TOP O' TEXAS REPUBLICAN WOMEN'S CLUB will meet at noon at Furr's Cafeteria. For more information, contact Laurey Gilbert at 665-5563.

25 - NATIONAL NIGHT OUT final planning meeting at 7 p.m. in city commission chambers at City Hall. For those planning an event for Aug. 6, the Pampa Police Department has a large quantity of National Night Out door hangers and posters. To receive some, contact the police department at 669-5700; policemen will deliver the hangers and posters.

27 - GOLDEN AGERS LUNCHEON at The Salvation Army, 701 S. Cuyler, 12 noon. Those 55 and older are invited. Volunteers are needed to help serve. Sponsors are also needed for the monthly luncheons. For more information, call 665-7233.

27 - FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN COWBOYS will be hosting its potluck supper at 6 p.m. at the Clyde Carruth Pavilion. For more information, contact John and Carolyn Stokes at 665-7896 or Jim and Kathleen Greene at 665-8067.

27-28 - CHRISTMAS IN JULY TRADE DAYS (arts and craft show) at the Pampa Mall. Saturday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Sunday, 12 noon to 5 p.m. Sponsored by Celebration of Lights. For more information, contact Kathleen Chaney, 665-2454 or 669-2454.

29 - KIDS CRUSADE, Pampa Chapel, 711 E. Harvester, July 29-Aug. 1, 6-8 p.m. Ages 4 to 12. For more information, call Evelyn Noble at 665-1579.

30 - TOASTMASTER INTERNATIONAL CLUB regular meeting, 5:30 p.m., Coronado Inn dining room. For more information, contact Daniel Silva at 669-6351 or Gary Casebier at 665-4212.

August
AL-ANON will hold weekly meetings on Mondays and Wednesdays at 8 p.m. at 910 W. Kentucky. For more information, call 669-0407.

CLEAN AIR AL-ANON will hold weekly meetings on Tuesdays and Thursdays at noon at 810 W. 23rd. For more information, call 669-0407 or 669-3988.

1 - HISPANOS UNIDOS monthly meeting, 6:30 p.m., 824 S. Cuyler. Members are urged to attend. For more information, contact Victoria Davis at 665-0828.

1 - ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP meeting at 7 p.m. at Shepard's Crook Nursing Agency, 2225 Perryton Parkway. A picnic is planned for an end of the summer party, along with games. A door prize will be given away. Those attending are asked to RSVP. For more information, contact Chrys at 665-0356.

Note: Civic clubs, organizations, church groups and others wanting their special meetings and activities listed on the community calendar should contact the Greater Pampa Area Chamber of Commerce office, 200 N. Ballard, or call 669-3241, at least two weeks before the scheduled event.

FDA: Consumers beware, face cream from Mexico poses risk

WASHINGTON (AP) - The Food and Drug Administration is warning consumers in four border states against using a Mexican facial cream that contains mercury and could create significant health problems.

The cream is manufactured in Mexico by Laboratorios Vide Natural SA de CV in Tampico, Tamaulipas. It is distributed primarily in Mexico but also has been in California, Texas, Arizona and New Mexico.

Anyone using Crema de Belleza - Manning should immediately stop applying the cream, contact their local health authority and undergo a doctor's evaluation, the FDA said Tuesday in a statement.

So far, the federal Centers for

Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta has identified 200 consumers in the border states who have used the products. Mercury levels were elevated in 80 of those users. At least three people have been diagnosed with mercury poisoning, the FDA said.

The Spanish-language label claims the cream reduces facial oil and removes pimples and blackheads.

The skin care product is sold in semi-opaque plastic bottles containing 160 milliliters. The bottles have beige caps and the labels are red and blue. Left undisturbed, the contents separate into a clear upper liquid layer and a white solid lower layer.

Texans becoming increasingly more aware of violent, sexual content on prime time TV

By ERIC BROWN
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A majority of Texans continue to be concerned about the content of television programs. According to a recent Harte Hanks Texas Poll, more than 80 percent of Texans worry about violence and sex on TV. Experts say these concerns are being heard.

"Violence is starting to be unpolitically correct," commented Jan Ferris, a Los Angeles based media consultant with a doctorate in psychology. As a result, many experts say television viewers will continue to see more viewer-friendly programming such as *The Rosie O'Donnell Show* - a softer format talk show - and fewer *Walker, Texas Ranger* and *Mighty Morphin Power Rangers*-type series.

Concern about TV violence, however, doesn't necessarily mean viewers don't want action, cautioned Marilyn Droz, vice president of the Detroit based National Coalition on Television Violence. Viewers differentiate between the two, she explained.

"What is happening now is the public is starting to make it clear that there is a difference between violence and action," Droz said. "For a long time, they were one and the same. People want to be entertained, and I think they are starting to see television as entertainment," she continued. At the same time, she added, viewers are tired of watching violent content on TV.

Poll results show:

- Violence continues to be the

No. 1 content issue among Texans - 45 percent - than any other.

- Texans in lower income brackets earning less than \$10,000 a year watch more television than any other group.

- Fifty-eight percent of Texans - primarily between ages 18 and 39 - are concerned about family stereotypes in television programs.

Ellen Wartella, dean of the College of Communications at the University of Texas, said there is a greater perception of violence in the entertainment industry now than several years ago. One reason, she felt, is that more shows broadcast on an increasing number of media.

Politicians recently spotlighted the issue by supporting the federal telecommunications reform bill. The bill, signed into law by President Clinton earlier this year, includes a mandate requiring new television sets be equipped with "V-chip" technology, allowing parents to block programming rated as violent or "objectionable."

"All of this has brought about more public scrutiny and discussion," Wartella concluded.

Leonard Jason, professor of clinical and community psychology at DePaul University in Chicago, said he was not surprised to hear that 83 percent of Texans are concerned about television violence and 82 percent are concerned about sexual content.

"You've got more citizens that are more concerned because the nature of what is on TV has changed," he stated.

Killer leaves corpses in park

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) - Police are using a description from a group of children to help track down a man suspected of killing three prostitutes and setting their bodies on fire.

The latest victim, Keoudorn Phothisane, was discovered Saturday night in Theodore Wirth Park after six children reported coming upon a man standing in the bushes, police said. The man, who was holding a gas can, sharply ordered the children to leave. They scurried away as flames rose from the ground.

The killer may have thought Phothisane was a woman, police said. The 21-year-old had been undergoing hormone therapy and was developing breasts, but had not undergone sex-change surgery. Police said he was beaten to death.

Two other bodies have been found in or around the park, a 957-acre expanse of wooded, rolling hills on the city's middle-class western edge.

Deborah LaVoie, 43, was found June 3 in the park about a half-mile away from where Phothisane's body was found. On June 19, Avis Warfield, 36, was found stabbed in bushes about 12 blocks outside the park.

All three victims had several prostitution convictions, Lt. Dale

Barness said. Because the bodies were burned, police weren't sure whether the victims were sexually assaulted or how long they had been dead.

The suspect likely picked up his victims about a mile away from the park, on a street frequented by prostitutes, police said.

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'Independence Day' tops box office chart for third consecutive weekend

By JOHN HORN
AP Entertainment Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Shaquille O'Neal's genie comedy *Kazaam* fizzled in its debut weekend, earning just \$5 million for eighth place, far behind the reigning No. 1 movie, *Independence Day*.

The debut of *Kazaam*, which fared the worst of four new movies in wide release, came the same week as O'Neal's seven-year, \$120 million contract with the Los Angeles Lakers.

Independence Day held onto the top spot for the third straight weekend, this time earning \$21.3 million.

The alien invasion thriller was expected to have surpassed the \$200 million mark on Monday, its 21st day of release. *Jurassic Park*, the highest-grossing film of all time, passed the same milestone on its 23rd day in 1993.

Among other new films, *The Frighteners* fared the best, debuting in fifth with \$5.6 million. *Fled* and *Multiplicity* earned \$5.4 million and \$5.1 million respectively.

Rounding out the top five were *Phenomenon*, which earned \$8.1 million for second place, followed by *Courage Under Fire* (\$8 million) and *The Nutty Professor* (\$7.6 million).

Trainspotting, the off-beat film about Scottish junkies, was very strong in only eight locations, but *Walking and Talking* and *Celestial Clockwork* were weak.

The top 20 movies at North American theaters Friday through Sunday, followed by studio, gross, number of theater locations, receipts per location, total gross and number of weeks in release, as compiled Monday by Exhibitor Relations Co. Inc.:

1. *Independence Day*, 20th Century Fox, \$21.3 million, 2,972

BOX OFFICE	
Top weekend movies	
Weekend of July 19-21, 1996	
All dollar figures in millions	
Gross to date, weeks in release, number of screens	Weekend gross
1. <i>Independence Day</i> \$199, three weeks, 2,972 screens	\$21.3
2. <i>Phenomenon</i> \$81.5, three weeks, 2,016 screens	\$8.1
3. <i>Courage Under Fire</i> \$26, two weeks, 2,001 screens	\$8
4. <i>The Nutty Professor</i> \$93.7, four weeks, 2,239 screens	\$7.6
5. <i>The Frighteners</i> \$5.6, one week, 1,669 screens	\$5.6
6. <i>Fled</i> \$5.4, one week, 2,104 screens	\$5.4
7. <i>Multiplicity</i> \$7.1, five weeks, 2,134 screens	\$5.1
8. <i>Kazaam</i> \$7.1, five weeks, 2,012 screens	\$5
9. <i>The Hunchback of Notre Dame</i> \$84.4, five weeks, 1,934 screens	\$3.6
10. <i>Eraser</i> \$87.1, five weeks, 2,317 screens	\$3.4

Source: Exhibitor Relations Co. Inc. AP

locations, \$7,158 per location, \$199 million, three weeks.

2. *Phenomenon*, Disney, \$8.1 million, 2,016 locations, \$4,033 per location, \$61.5 million, three weeks.

3. *Courage Under Fire*, 20th Century Fox, \$8 million, 2,001 locations, \$4,010 per location, \$26 million, two weeks.

4. *The Nutty Professor*, Universal, \$7.6 million, 2,239 locations, \$3,380 per location, \$93.7 million, four weeks.

5. *The Frighteners*, Universal, \$5.6 million, 1,669 locations, \$3,335 per location, \$5.6 million, one week.

6. *Fled*, MGM, \$5.4 million, 2,104 locations, \$2,569 per location, \$5.4 million, one week.

7. *Multiplicity*, Columbia, \$5.1

million, 2,134 locations, \$2,378 per location, \$7 million, 1 1/2 weeks.

8. *Kazaam*, Disney, \$5 million, 2,012 locations, \$2,486 per location, \$7.1 million, 1 1/2 weeks.

9. *The Hunchback of Notre Dame*, Disney, \$3.6 million, 1,934 locations, \$1,886 per location, \$84.4 million, five weeks.

10. *Eraser*, Warner Bros., \$3.4 million, 2,317 locations, \$1,484 per location, \$87.1 million, five weeks.

11. *Harriet the Spy*, Paramount, \$3.3 million, 1,876 locations, \$1,782 per location, \$17 million, two weeks.

12. *The Rock*, Disney, \$2.5 million, 1,524 locations, \$1,671 per location, \$122.1 million, seven weeks.

13. *Striptease*, Columbia, \$1 million, 1,170 locations, \$865 per location, \$30.2 million, four weeks.

14. *Twister*, Warner Bros., \$955,000, 804 locations, \$1,187 per location, \$230.4 million, 11 weeks.

15. *Dragonheart*, Universal, \$920,000, 829 locations, \$1,110 per location, \$48 million, eight weeks.

16. *Mission: Impossible*, Paramount, \$717,000, 1,002 locations, \$716 per location, \$173.3 million, nine weeks.

17. *Lone Star*, Sony Classics, \$673,000, 143 locations, \$4,704 per location, \$3.6 million, five weeks.

18. *Homeward Bound II: Lost in San Francisco*, Disney, \$348,000, 504 locations, \$691 per location, \$31.2 million, 20 weeks.

19. *Stealing Beauty*, 20th Century Fox, \$309,000, 191 locations, \$1,620 per location, \$3.5 million, six weeks.

20. *The Cable Guy*, Columbia, \$307,000, 450 locations, \$683 per location, \$57.1 million, six weeks.

Investigators scan submerged wreckage of TWA Flight 800, search yields no clues

EAST MORICHES, N.Y. (AP) — A week after TWA Flight 800 exploded in midair and plunged into the waters off Long Island, investigators concede they still are missing crucial evidence needed to determine what — or who — brought it down.

As investigators and victims' families expressed frustration about the speed of the search and contradictory information, crews used video cameras and sonar in a round-the-clock scan of the submerged wreckage, where dozens of bodies may be trapped and clues to the cause of the crash are hidden.

Only 108 bodies have been lifted from the sea, leaving 122 victims still missing. Only about 1 percent of the plane has been recovered, and the crucial voice and data recorders, the plane's so-called black boxes, have not been found.

ABC reported, without citing a source, that it appears Flight 800 was at 13,700 feet when something catastrophic happened and it plunged to 9,000 feet. It stabilized there for as long as 30 seconds, then exploded into a fireball, the report said.

Federal officials acknowledge that nothing found so far showed traces of explosives. They continued to consider the possibilities that the plane was destroyed by a bomb secreted on board, a missile or catastrophic mechanical failure.

"We're not ruling out anything," said Robert Francis, vice chairman of the National Transportation Safety Board.

Fox TV stars walkout for third season

NEW YORK (AP) — A walkout by the stars of Fox's "New York Undercover" over money has forced the show to halt production of its third season.

The actors, Malik Yoba and Michael DeLorenzo, who play undercover police detectives in the Universal Television drama, did not report to work Monday or Tuesday, executive producer Dick Wolf said.

"We'll be shooting on Monday, either with them or with new actors," said Wolf, who also produces NBC's hit legal drama "Law & Order," and has replaced virtually its entire cast since that show's 1990 debut.

"New York Undercover" is the top-rated program in black and Latino households, but ranked 76th overall last season.

Wolf said one of the "New York Undercover" stars — he would not say which one — had sought "a star-trailer, creative input, \$75,000 per episode, a gym and better food."

Calls to Yoba's agent were not returned. DeLorenzo's agent, Bari

Bogart, said in a statement that the actor hoped to reach an understanding with the show's executives. He and Yoba are in the third year of five-year contracts.

"Michael has made it quite clear that he wishes to grow professionally within the framework of the show, including his desire to direct future episodes," the statement said.

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World briefs

Khmer Rouge reportedly killed 21 villagers in raid

PHNOM PENH, Cambodia (AP) — Khmer Rouge guerrillas shot and killed 21 villagers during a raid on a military base in northwestern Cambodia, a government official said today.

The attack occurred last week in the Samrong district of Siem Reap province, 60 miles north of the famed Angkor temples, said Information Ministry spokesman Sieng Lapress.

The guerrillas infiltrated a village and briefly occupied a military post, Lapress said. They abducted 25 villagers and killed all but four of them. It was unclear whether the guerrillas clashed with government troops.

Lapress also said that the Khmer Rouge had forced people in the same province to transport fertilizers on ox carts to help manufacture a new type of mine the guerrillas call the "B-52."

Vatican supports prenatal adoption to save embryos

VATICAN CITY (AP) — Threading through the sensitive ethics raised by fertility technology, the Vatican is suggesting "prenatal adoptions" as a "last resort" to save frozen embryos destined for destruction.

The quandary for the Roman Catholic church is this: It is appalled at British fertilization clinics' plans to destroy frozen human embryos, but also holds that the only way to procreate is intercourse by a married couple.

Thousands of embryos — products of in vitro fertilization — are in cold storage around the world. In the Vatican newspaper *L'Osservatore Romano*, the Rev. Maurizio Faggioni on Tuesday called the destruction of frozen embryos "a prenatal slaughter" in which "tens of thousands of innocent lives will be legally cut short." Faggioni said only married couples should consider "adopting" an embryo and could con-

sider it akin to "taking in an orphan or abandoned child."

Border guards 'near starving' in Russian Far East

VLADIVOSTOK, Russia (AP) — Border guards in the Far Eastern city of Nakhodka are "nearly starving," according to local residents.

About 100 young conscripts have been diagnosed with "acute weight deficiencies," the ITAR-Tass news agency said, citing a letter from Nakhodka authorities and residents to national officials.

The letter said the guards are

on half rations because their units have received no money for food this year.

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Childless Woman Celebrates Chance To Help Others' Kids

DEAR ABBY: I am flabbergasted at all the letters from people who are desperate to have children.

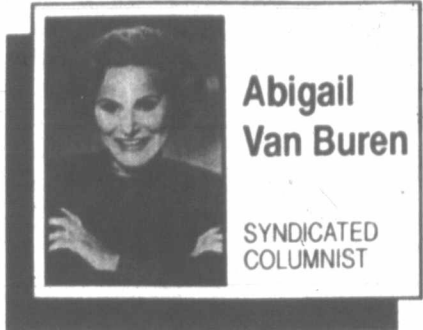
I am a baby boomer who, like many of my friends, was delighted to discover that getting married and having children was not the only option for women. We went to college, pursued careers, traveled to exotic places and got involved in our communities. Some of us got married, and some of us even raised our husband's children from a failed first marriage. Overall, we've had a great half-century.

I know I owe much of my happy state to the adults — aunts, uncles, cousins, friends of my parents, teachers — who took an interest in me when I was growing up. My immediate family verged on the dysfunctional, but these other wonderful, caring people provided the shelter, laughter and inspiration that my parents couldn't give me. I've tried to return the favor to nephews and nieces, and the children of my friends and neighbors.

In this day and age, an empty womb is not a tragedy — it just means that you have the time and good fortune to make a difference in someone else's life. It's time for childless people to toss those tear-stained pillows away, go to the nearest school, and offer to tutor or help a disadvantaged child.

NO REGRETS

DEAR NO REGRETS: You are a prime example of two profound adages: "Most folks are



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about as happy as they make up their minds to be" (Abraham Lincoln), and "Life is what we make it" (William James).
God bless you for your generosity.

DEAR ABBY: I have read many letters in your column from men who aren't particularly handsome, but would love to meet a decent woman who would appreciate him for what he is on the inside. I feel sorry for those men. However, there must be something wrong when a 30-something, educated professional man can't find someone to love, and says it's because women don't think he's good-looking enough.

I'm not drop-dead gorgeous, but I got married when I was 25. I had about a dozen proposals before Mr. Right came along.

My best friend, brainy and leggy with a wonderful heart, could barely find a date. The reason? She

didn't know how to communicate with the opposite sex. Finally, after much encouragement, she went down your list of places to meet decent men and (here is the clincher) she sought therapy.

The therapy taught her a lot about herself. The church and volunteer organizations gave her a place to try out what she had learned.

She met a wonderful man who appreciates her for what she is. Two years ago, I was a bridesmaid at her wedding. Two months ago, I attended the christening of their first child.

Abby, there is hope for those without partners, but blaming others for their being alone will get them nowhere.
TRULY HAPPY IN TENNESSEE

DEAR READERS: "When a man says, 'I lie,' does he lie, or does he speak the truth? If he lies, he speaks the truth, he lies." — Mark Twain (1835-1910)

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Horoscope



Your Birthday

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In the year ahead you might establish one of the most constructive relationships you've ever formed. You will be introduced to a person who has a wide range of interests.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Do not prejudice events today, just go and have a good time. This could be an exciting day for you socially if you flow with the tide. Know where to look for romance and you'll find it. The Astro-Graph Matchmaker instantly reveals which signs are romantically perfect for you. Mail \$2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station.

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VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Do not call in an expert today to repair little things around the house if you can take care of them yourself. Preventive measures can save you money.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) If you work from a checklist today, important assignments and tasks can be handled smoothly if you keep your priorities in order.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Someone who admires you might impulsively offer you something valuable today. His or her feelings could be hurt if you refuse this gift.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Today you might take more risks than usual and this will be all right if you operate in familiar territory. Complications could arise if you stray.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) A profitable, secret ambition you've been nurturing should be vigorously pursued in this cycle. The probability of generating impressive returns looks good.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Instead of sitting around with others wishing for

things to happen today, take the bull by the horns and do what is necessary to realize your expectations.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Challenges will inspire you to succeed today. You will understand the value of persistence because your second effort might make you a winner.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) What you have to offer today will have to be sold and promoted, not merely talked about. You will know how to make an effective presentation.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Everything may not proceed according to plan today, so prepare to make adjustments and changes for new and different objectives.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) By utilizing your imagination today, you can find several alternatives to a complex problem you thought had only one solution.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Today, you might have to work on a challenging assignment with several other people. You will call the shots, but make sure to allow others to participate.

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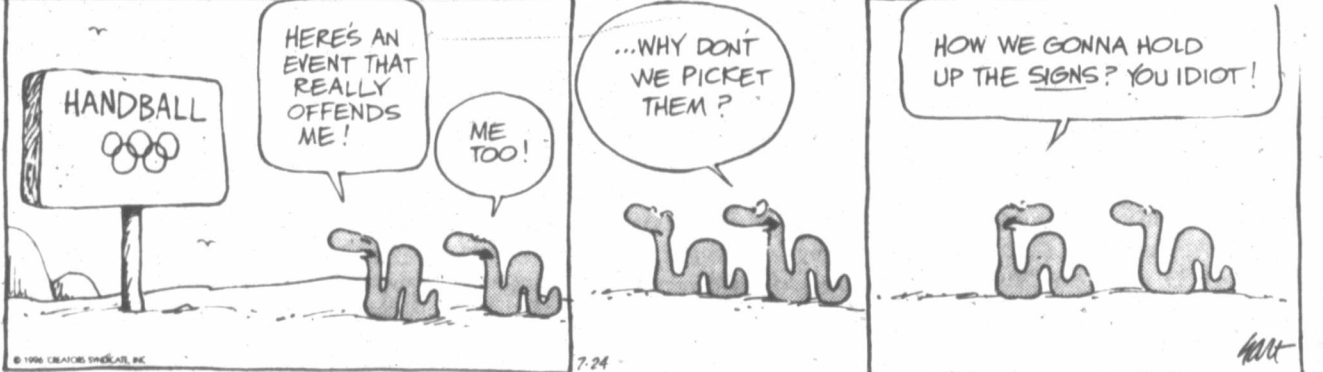
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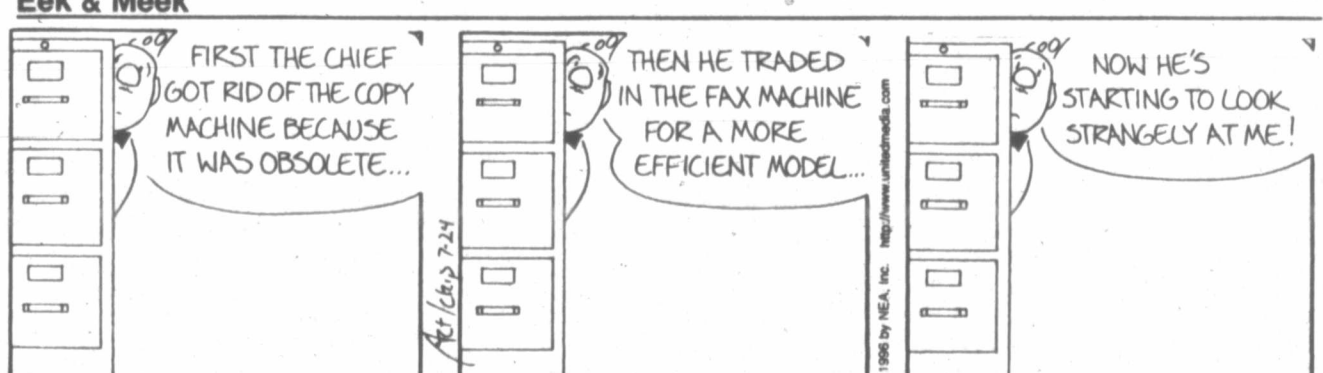
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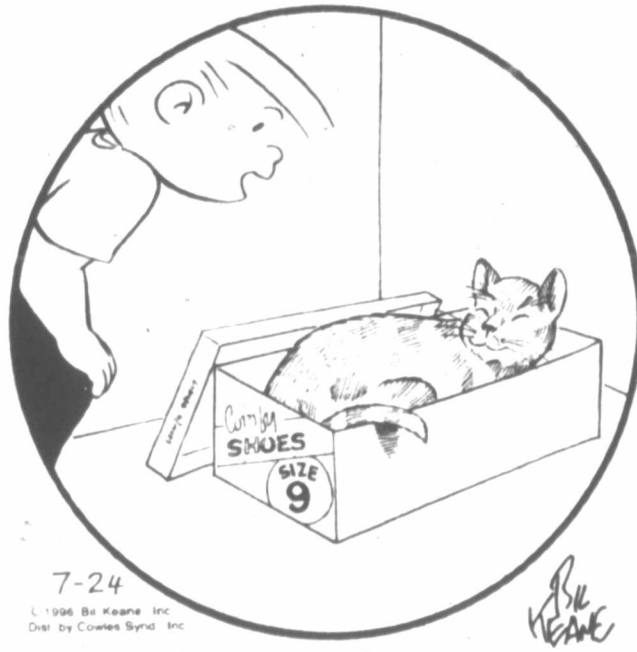
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GUN AND KNIFE

AMARILLO — The Texas Gun and Knife Association will be having its second show for 1996 on Saturday and Sunday, July 27-28, at the Amarillo Civic Center.

Collectors and exhibitors from throughout the Amarillo area will be on hand to buy, sell and trade guns, knives and accessories.

"These items you simply can't find every day," said Don Hill, association president. "And even if you could, you certainly couldn't find them all together in one place at one time like this."

There will also be a selection of wildlife art, historical artifacts, "Texana" items and Native American and military memorabilia, as well as displays of gold and silver jewelry.

The Texas Gun and Knife Show will be open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. People are welcome to bring their own guns for sale or trade, Hill said.

FISHING

MEMPHIS — All bass anglers are invited to a three-bass Fun Fishing Tournament at Lake Baylor, southeast of Memphis, on Saturday evening, July 27.

Registration begins at 5 p.m. at the south ramp. Official fishing hours are from 6 p.m. to midnight.

The "catch-and-release" tournament is open to the public. Entry fee is \$25, and the payback is based on the number of entries with the top 10 anglers earning money or prizes.

A \$50 luck-of-draw will be held at the weigh-in, and all contestants are eligible to win even if they fail to catch a keeper bass. All children under age 17 can fish free, when accompanied by an adult contestant.

A free barbecue will be served after weigh-in ceremonies. Southwest Outdoors will provide soft drinks and meat, and contestants are requested to bring a vegetable dish, salad or dessert.

For more information, contact tournament director Mel Phillips at (806) 353-3654.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

GAINESVILLE, Fla. (AP) — Fred Taylor, a top Florida running back who allegedly took part in a scheme to steal and sell textbooks, reportedly could be suspended as many as four games.

The Florida Times-Union, citing unidentified sources, said the student judicial affairs committee met last week and suspended him through September. Taylor said he had not been notified of the suspensions.

Taylor and freshmen defensive backs Dock Pollard and Damian Hill were arrested in June after textbooks were stolen and sold.

Hill was dismissed from school for off-field and academic reasons. A petty theft charge against Pollard was dropped because of insufficient evidence.

BASKETBALL

TORONTO (AP) — The Toronto Raptors acquired Popeye Jones, one of the NBA's top rebounders, and a 1997 first-round pick from the Dallas Mavericks for guard Jimmy King and second-round picks in 1997 and 1998.

Jones, 6-foot-8, averaged 11.3 points and 10.8 rebounds last season, including 3.8 offensive rebounds, fourth best in the league. King, 6-5, a member of Michigan's Fab Five, averaged 4.5 points last season.

The deal also gives Toronto the right to exchange first-round picks next year with Minnesota, unless it is first overall.

The Raptors also renounced rights to center Oliver Miller, who opted out of the remaining two years of his contract and became a free agent.

U.S. women win gold in team gymnastics

By PAUL NEWBERRY
AP Sports Writer

ATLANTA (AP) — The Olympic Games may be over for Kerri Strug.

That's OK, though. Her courage is unquestioned, her legacy is assured, and she's already got her gold medal.

On Tuesday, the American gymnast provided what certainly will be one of the defining moments of the Atlanta Games, the kind of poignant performance they'll be replaying years from now in a Bud Greenspan-like documentary, long after everyone has forgotten all the transportation problems and technological glitches.

Her left ankle throbbing, her team holding a tenuous lead over the Russians, Strug summoned every bit of inner fortitude for a final sprint down the runway, a final spin over the vault. When she landed, the pain was intense, but she could still manage a smile after helping the Americans win their first women's team title.

"I don't really feel like (a hero) right now," she said, her ankle in a cast and her chances of competing in the individual competition that begins Thursday night questionable at best. "I was obligated. The key medal was on the line."

Over at the pool, the Americans have removed any sense of drama from the swimming events.

Expected to struggle, the United States has left everyone in its wake. The Tuesday medal haul was the best yet — three golds, one silver and one bronze. And the total of seven golds, eight silvers and two bronzes is a major reason the Americans lead the overall medal chart.

"This is a team that no one really expected anything out of," said Amy Van Dyken, relishing her gold in the 100-meter butterfly. "I said at the trials, 'We're going to

sneak in there, incognito, and blow the place up.' That's what we're doing."

After four days of competition, the United States led with 24 medals (9 gold, 12 silver, 3 bronze), followed by Russia's 16 (9-5-2) and Germany's 15 (0-6-8). The Russians, competing as a separate country for the first time, won titles in fencing and shooting Tuesday to keep pace with the Americans in the race for gold.

Today, the Dream Team returns to the court for its toughest game yet against Lithuania, while Janet Evans swims a qualifying race in the 800 freestyle, an event that provides her last chance to equal Bonnie Blair's record of five gold medals by a U.S. woman.

For the first time since 1952, the female gymnasts from the former Soviet Union didn't win the gold when they competed. After Strug's amazing vault, the Russians had to settle for silver and the Romanians took bronze.

With the Americans holding a tenuous lead, Strug injured her ankle on her first vault, hobbling away noticeably after she stumbled on the landing. But her coach, Bela Karolyi, urged her to try again, and Strug obliged before a wildly cheering, flag-waving crowd of 32,048 in the Georgia Dome.

Her left ankle recoiled upon impact, but Strug held her spot on one leg before dropping to her knees in severe pain. As it turned out, the Americans didn't need her score to secure the title, but that didn't diminish the moment.

At the medal ceremony, Karolyi scooped up Strug in his big, beefy arms and put her on the highest rung of the medal platform alongside her teammates.

"We didn't want to march out without Kerri," Amanda Borden said. "We kept telling her, we couldn't have done it without her."



U.S. Beach Volleyball Team player Barbara Fontana Harris dives to make a return during Tuesday's game against the Norwegian team as partner Linda Hanley looks on. The American women won their three opening matches in the first-time Olympic sport.

No member of the American team is over age 19, which was only appropriate on a day ruled by the kids. Fourteen-year-old swimmer Amanda Beard won her second silver of the games in the 200-meter breaststroke and a 17-year-old Kim Rhode captured a shooting gold in women's double trap.

The Cubans, shaking off the defections that rocked their boxing and baseball teams, were still looking good in those two sports. The boxers improved to 8-0, including Maiko Romero's decision over Eric Morel at 112 pounds that gave the Americans their first loss, and the Cuban baseball team crushed the

Netherlands 18-2 to remain unbeaten after three games.

The Americans picked up silvers in Greco-Roman wrestling from Brandon Paulson and Matt Ghaffari. Paulson lost to Armen Nazaryan, who won the first-ever medal for Armenia in the 114 1/2-pound class.

Beard finished second to South African swimming sensation Penny Heyns, who set an Olympic record in a 200-meter breaststroke heat. Heyns already had won gold with a world-record performance in the 100-meter breaststroke.

For the Americans, Van Dyken was joined on the winners' stand by Jeff Rouse, who took a gold

medal in the 100-meter backstroke, and the men's 400-meter freestyle relay team, which set an Olympic record in its gold medal effort.

Other American victories came in women's basketball, women's softball, men's volleyball and women's soccer, where the team got a scare when Mia Hamm was hurt near the end of a 2-1 victory over Sweden. However, she is expected to return for the medal round.

For Strug, the outlook isn't as promising. Doctors gave her a 50-50 chance to competing Thursday.

"I'm just overwhelmed right now with mixed emotions," she said.

Gymnasts: Pound for pound, the toughest athletes at the Olympics

By STEVE WILSTEIN
AP Sports Writer

ATLANTA (AP) — Kerri Strug's gutsy vault into history proved again that, pound for pound, women gymnasts are the toughest athletes in the Olympics, able to tolerate so much pain under pressure they make the rest of the sports world look like wimps.

Two torn ligaments in her left ankle didn't stop Strug from clinching the first American women's team gold in the Olympics on Tuesday, and the huge cast she wore to the medal ceremony minutes later didn't cancel her plans for Thursday's all-around final.

Nor is she ruling out the vault competition Sunday or the floor exercises Monday.

At 4-foot-9 and 80 pounds, maybe she'll enter the light flyweight division in boxing next week and give away a 26-pound advantage to the other fighters just to make it fair.

No one should be fooled by the tears Strug shed when burly coach Bela Karolyi cradled her like a baby in his arms and carried her to the medal stand. She steeled herself even there, stifling her sobs, as she hopped two steps up to the gold medal platform with her arms around Shannon Miller and Dominique Moceanu, cheers and chills filling the Georgia Dome in one of the most dramatic moments of any Olympics.

"We didn't want to march out without Kerri," Amanda Borden said. "We kept telling her, we couldn't have done it without her."

Talk about tough. This women's gymnastics team, which ended four decades of Russian dominance, is loaded

with toughness, even if they all look so tiny and cute in their tights and bows.

There was the 4-foot-5 Moceanu, brilliant on the bars and beam and seemingly floating on air in her floor routine, little more than six weeks after suffering a stress fracture of her right shinbone.

There was Miller, shrugging off chronic tendinitis in her left wrist as she swung on the bars as if she'd never been hurt.

And there was Amy Chow, who bashed the side of her face against the beam at the Olympic trials three weeks ago and got right back up to win her spot on the team, doing her part now fearlessly on the bars and vault.

Baseball and basketball players sit out six weeks with the kind of injury Strug suffered on the first of her two vaults. She sat out less than a minute.

"I can't feel my leg," she screamed to Karolyi when she fell on that first vault and thought she'd broken her ankle.

"Shake it off, shake it off," he shouted back from behind the barrier.

Karolyi, who had coached Nadia Comaneci and Mary Lou Retton, doesn't coddle his gymnasts. Not in training, and certainly not when an Olympic gold medal is on the line. But Strug, 18 and sure of herself, wasn't intimidated by the big, bearish Romanian. She knew what she could do, she knew what the team needed after two tumbles by Moceanu, and she picked herself up and did it.

"I knew with Dominique falling on both vaults, that the gold was slipping away," Strug said. "I kind of said a little prayer. I said, 'Please, God, help me out. I've just got to do this one more time.' I let the adrenaline

take over."

With the clock ticking down, and the crowd mesmerized in breathless silence, there she was again, running full speed for 25 meters. She propelled herself from the takeoff board, cartwheeling through the air, and flinging her body backward from the vault for 1-1/2 twists before landing with a thud that would have been hard enough on two good ankles.

She had heard a "snap" or a "pop" after her first vault, she said, and now when she landed she heard a "crunch." Her left ankle felt as if it were made of Rice Krispies.

Still, she held her spot, hopping on her right foot, balancing precariously while a thunderous roar erupted from the 32,000 fans. She stood there, like a stork, long enough to secure her mark, then crumpled to the mat and crawled off into the arms of her coaches and teammates before being taken off on a stretcher.

That vault, good for 9.712 points, guaranteed the gold no matter what the lone Russian remaining did in the floor routine.

This truly was a team victory, everyone coming through until that transcendent moment at the end.

Miller, the most experienced and honored American gymnast, did her part, but she didn't carry the team. Rather, it was Moceanu and Dominique Dawes and Strug who put up the most consistent scores in all four disciplines, and Chow and Borden who came through in their specialties.

"Every single girl was a hero," said Steve Nunno, Miller's coach. "They have their own egos, and their own pride," Karolyi added, "but they formed a powerful unit that was unbeatable tonight."



Joe Bob Browning of Amarillo hits his tee ball on hole No. 10 during Tuesday's men's practice round of the Tri-State Senior Golf Association. Browning will compete in today's championship flight at 12:15 p.m. at the Pampa Country Club.

Tri-State Senior men begin golf tournament play today

Tri-State Senior men golfers opened tournament play today in the first-round match and stroke play. Flights were scheduled to tee-off beginning 7 a.m. at Pampa Country Club.

Championship flight began at noon. Tom Miller of Wichita Falls won the championship in 1995. Some local favorites this year are last year's runner-up and medalist Merle Terrell, Carroll Langley, Elmer Wilson and Eddie Duenkel.

Placing first in Tuesday's four-man scramble was the team of Bob McGinnis, Chuck White, Bert Uhlhake, and John Behnkin, with a score of 59.

Second place went to the team of Gary Bowe, Frank McAleavy, John Phillips and B. Shropshire, with a score of 60.

Tying for third place, with a total score of 61 were Whitey White, Mackie Allen, George Roach and Robert Barn in one group and Bob Sanders, Steve Stevens, Joe Boyd and Ed Williams in the other group.

The tournament continues Thursday and Friday.

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Thomas begins training camp with Dolphins

By JOHN CHICKEROTIS
Hometown Publications

DAVIE, Fla. - Camp.

The first thing that comes to mind to most people is a scenic lakefront campground where one can kick back and pass the time watching clouds go by.

Unfortunately for Zach Thomas, this is not that kind of camp. This is an NFL training camp. There are not even clouds in the sky, only the blazing late morning south Florida sun which is beating down on the Dolphins' training facility in Davie, Fla.

As if the conditions are not tough enough, add a new head coach who demands perfection from each and every player, and this camp begins to look more like Dante's inferno than Club Med.

The physical and mental anguish placed on ordinary rookies ensures that most will be a faint memory when the season's first whistle blows on Sunday, Sept. 1, but then again, Thomas, the pride of Pampa High School, is no ordinary rookie.

Throughout the practice, one could follow the progress of Zach Thomas just by listening to the Dolphins' defensive coordinator and linebacker coach George Hill. Shouts of "Did you hear that?" and "That's what I want to see" fol-

lowed each of Thomas' attempts during tackling drills. No other linebacker received the same accolades from Hill.

The enthusiastic yells from the linebacker drills put a visible smile on Coach Jimmy Johnson's face.

Johnson is not a man caught up in the NFL numbers game. He does not fill his roster with players that meet "typical" NFL height, weight and speed standards. His personal standards require a player to be aggressive, physical, mentally tough and able to make a play. Thomas is a perfect example of this philosophy, according to Johnson.

"He does not possess the raw physical stats, he is not overwhelming, but what he does have is savvy, intelligence, and he loves this game," Johnson said. "He has been extremely productive in practice, and I am very impressed with his abilities."

The Miami Dolphins under Jimmy Johnson have a defensive scheme based on the defensive line occupying the blockers which allows the linebackers to make the tackles on the running plays and to play tough pass defense. Anyone who has ever seen Thomas play linebacker knows this style of play is right up his alley.

The move up to the NFL has been an eye-opening experi-

ence for the 22-year-old rookie. "Everyone seems bigger and quicker than the players in college, and the quarterbacks always seem to throw perfect passes," he said.

He also admits he was in awe of some of his veteran teammates: "It was hard getting used to seeing Dan Marino and Keith Byers in the same locker room."

The awe is now gone, and Thomas cannot wait for the veterans to arrive in camp. The thought of full-contact practices brought a devilish grin to his face.

"Wait until they see my run defense," said Thomas, who has been limited to minimal contact and pass defense for the first few days of practice.

Thomas realizes that this is the last level of football that he will ever play, a game that he says has been his whole life. A game that he has conquered thus far with the help of excellent coaches along the way.

"Coach (Dennis) Cavalier and Coach (Max) Plunk from Pampa High School are two guys that helped me a lot. They taught me the basics of the game."

"I have been able to build off that ever since," credits Thomas of his former head coach and linebacker coach.

In fact, Johnson reminds Zach of Coach Cavalier: "They are

both intimidating, they get the absolute best out of you."

He also credits his linebacker coach from Texas Tech, Coach John Goodner: "He taught me how to study the game of football and how to think on a football field."

This knowledge of the game has been a big plus for Thomas in his quest to make the Dolphins. He feels that with a new coaching staff at Miami, rookies and veterans alike are forced to learn a new defensive system.

"The Dolphins defense is very similar to the one we ran at Tech last year," said Thomas. "I feel like I am in a groove right now, catching on quick."

Thomas enjoys being the "small fish in a big pond." He says that going from college star to an anonymous rookie is another plus for him. He proved himself when he entered Pampa High, and again when he entered Texas Tech, and expects to do the same in the NFL.

"Starting out as a nobody is good motivation for me because it forces me to work that much harder to get back to the top."

Despite such college accomplishments as being named a finalist for the Butkus Award and the Football News Defensive Player of the Year Award, Thomas was not chosen

until the fifth round by the Miami Dolphins, the 154th player selected in the draft.

Johnson admitted that Thomas lasted so long because of his physical statistics, and that the Dolphins were very fortunate to have a chance to draft him as late as the fifth round. A word Johnson uses over and over while talking about Thomas was "production." Thomas has been an excellent on-field spokesman for the new Dolphins defense as he "produces" every time he steps on the playing field.

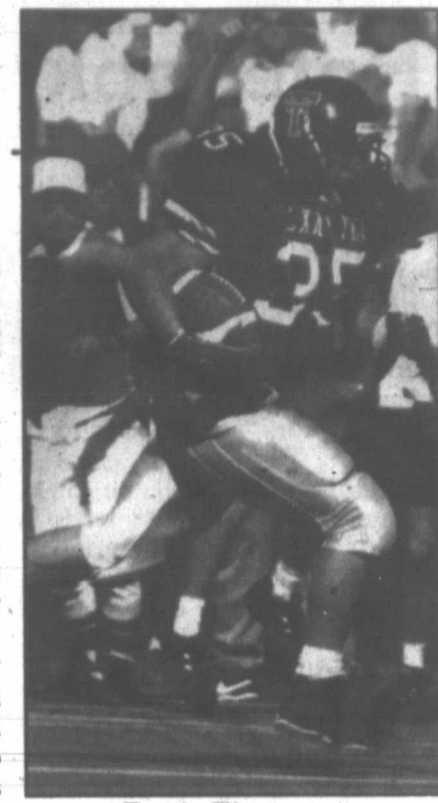
Thomas enjoys playing in South Florida. "It beats playing for one of those cold cities like Green Bay," he said.

The weather is not the only favorable situation in Miami for Thomas. Many football experts consider linebacker to be a weak link in the Dolphins defense and has been throughout the 90's.

Former Texas Tech teammate Matt DuBuc said, "Hands down Zach is the greatest football player I have ever seen. He always knows where the ball is going to go."

His knowledge of the game is only one facet of his defensive ability. Thomas knows he has to stay healthy and play consistently to make it in the NFL.

"I have to go out there and make plays. I can't be worried about others. I have to worry



Zach Thomas

about myself, I have to play my game," he said.

Dolphins fans John Szpindor and Robert Schnakenberg were among the only fans in attendance this humid Thursday morning.

"That number 54 (Thomas) reminds me of John Offerdahl," said Szpindor, referring to the former Dolphins Pro Bowl linebacker.

Schnakenberg added, "He will be welcome addition to our defense this season."

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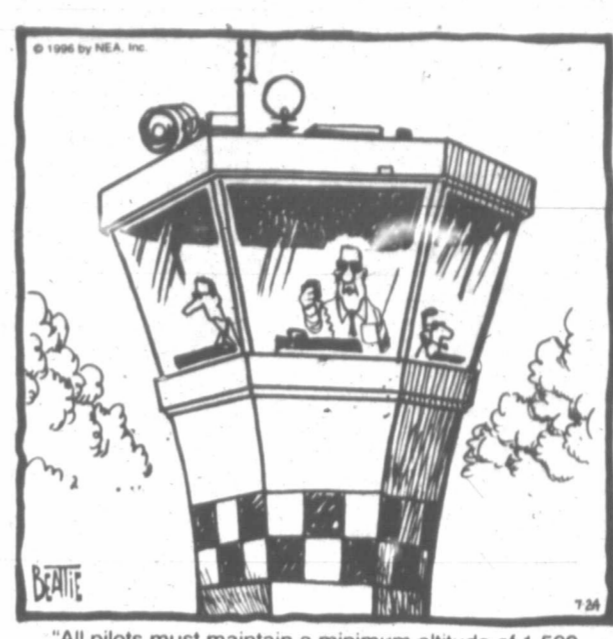
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22 Exclamation of surprise
23 Middle East org.
24 Sobs
27 Atrocious
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35 Small brook
McNally's partner
37 Marsh gas
38 Light wood
40 Pen and -
41 Baby colic
42 Spirited

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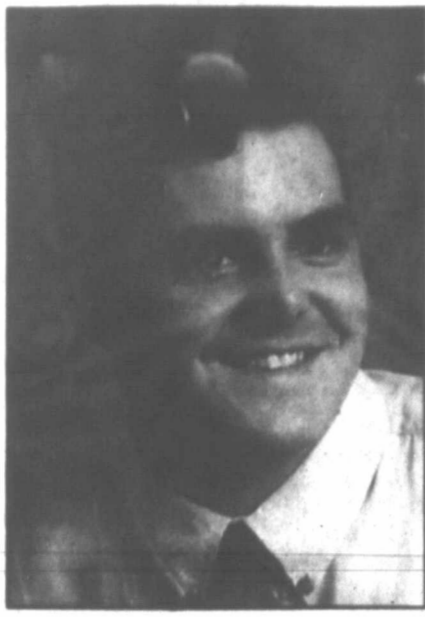
Newsmakers

Three Groom students earned honors during recent American Junior Chianina Association (AJCA) competition at Lawton, Okla.

Curtis Whatley placed third in the intermediate obstacle course held as part of the 19th AJCA National Junior Heifer Show at the Great Plains Fairground in Lawton, June 24-29.

Scott McLaughlin exhibited the division I champion Chiangus female. CJB Janie PCA, a November 1995 female, was sired by CJB Flash PCA and is out of CJB Shinnette 394 PCA.

April Burton exhibited the division I reserve champion Chiangus female. CJB Princess PCA, a January 1996 female, was sired by CJB Flash PCA and is out of CJB Show Princess 4T 2CA. Burton also exhibited the reserve champion Chiangus female in division IV, CJB Dayla PCA, sired by CJB Flash PCA and out of CJB Uleata ASU PCA. Dayla is a December 1994 Chiangus female.



David Rodney Robertson

David Rodney Robertson graduated May 11, 1996, from the University of Texas at Arlington with a bachelor of arts degree in criminology and criminal justice,

Publishers cash in on 'race' romances

DALLAS (AP) — His dark fingers tilted her chin upward and he submerged himself in the sable pools of her eyes.

With one look, they rewrote the story in their hearts and together moved onto the covers, a long-awaited journey that is expected to end happily ever after.

In the world of mainstream romance novels, minority couples are now taking the lead and increasingly gracing the books' covers as the publishing industry works to expand readership.

Last year, 25 books with ethnic lead couples were released, up from just eight in 1994.

This year, the books are being published with passion.

The \$1 billion-a-year romance novel industry expects about 5 percent of its books published in 1996 to have ethnic heroes and heroines. The industry published about 1,800 novels in 1995.

Having read thousands of romance books during the

with minors in sociology and psychology.

Robertson, a 1990 graduate of Pampa High School, is the son of David and Debbie Robertson of Pampa. He is the grandson of Hood and Ikey Earp of Pampa and Lois Robertson of Plano.

He is currently the manager of Strategic Technologies Inc. of Dallas, a firm that contracts with juvenile and adult probation offices in the Dallas-Fort Worth area.

decade she's been a fan, Adrienne Byrd of Memphis, Tenn., says it's about time she will have a choice of black heroines.

"It's been distracting a little bit because I couldn't have the blue eyes," she said with a laugh. "Now, if we could only get the movies to do it."

Despite the absence of lead ethnic characters in the past, minority characters have always been a part of the books, and minority women always have been readers. Romance industry insiders say within the pages, love is colorblind.

"They translate so well, despite what's on the covers. The characters can basically be black, white, whatever," said Stacy Widdrington, a spokeswoman for Harlequin, one of the largest publishers of romance fiction.

Harlequin is creating two new lines this year, including Spanish language books.

State briefs

Slack-wearing becomes issue at Bible college

FORT WORTH (AP) — Should female students at a Bible college be allowed to wear slacks on campus?

That was a hot topic Tuesday at the National Association of Free Will Baptists Convention in Fort Worth.

A three-hour forum was dominated by pros and cons of female students wearing pants.

Board members of the Free Will Baptist Bible College in Nashville voted this year to allow female students to wear slacks for recreation and during informal settings. Women would still be required to wear dresses at chapel services.

The convention continues through tomorrow. Delegates could vote to reverse the rule change.

Police investigating deaths of illegal immigrants

BUDA (AP) — Authorities are investigating the deaths of two illegal immigrants who were among 40 Mexican nationals riding in the trailer of an 18-wheeler before being dropped off at a gas station.

Both victims who died and a survivor, who was taken to a local hospital, apparently suffered from heat-related stress and dehydration, said Lt. Dennis Gutierrez of the Hays County Sheriff's Department.

Authorities said the illegal immigrants got out of the truck about 2 a.m. Tuesday in the parking lot of the Conoco gas station in Buda, a quiet agriculture community of about 1,800 roughly 15 miles south of Austin.

Many fled, while others bedded down in a field behind the gas station. The two bodies, removed from the truck by fleeing nationals, were found in the field about 8:30 a.m.

Suzanne Rossi, manager of the gas station, said she was looking for trash in the parking lot just before 8 a.m. when she noticed the surviving Mexican national. She said when he approached her she thought he was drunk because he was staggering toward her.

"He was covered in blood and said he had been beaten up and robbed. He said others got out of the truck and scattered. He said he didn't leave because the driver had robbed him and he didn't want to leave the others," Rossi said.

Australian court upholds euthanasia law

SYDNEY, Australia (AP) — An Australian court upheld the world's first voluntary euthanasia law today, overriding objections from aborigines who call it witchcraft and Roman Catholic church groups that call it a sin.

The challenge in the supreme court of the Northern Territory was one of several attempts to scuttle the regional law, which lets doctors — under certain conditions — administer lethal doses of drugs to the terminally ill.

There is strong opposition on the national level to doctor-assisted suicide, and the law seems destined to be struck down one way or another. A bill that would override it is pending in Parliament, and opponents vowed to appeal today's decision to the High Court of Australia on constitutional grounds.

Euthanasia became legal in the Northern Territory on July 1, more than a year after the territory's legislature voted for it. But doctors have refused to use the law until the legal challenge has run its course, fearing they could be charged with murder if the law is struck down.

No one is known to have been able to meet the strict requirements of the law and use it to die.

Two terminally ill patients who traveled to Darwin, the territory's capital, and publicized their desire to end their lives, were unable to find two doctors and a psychiatrist to evaluate them,

as required by law. The law also requires a nine-day waiting period.

The territorial court challenge was filed by individuals backed by the Australian Medical Association and aboriginal religious groups.

The aboriginal groups regard inducing death as a form of witchcraft. One of the plaintiffs, aboriginal Uniting Church minister Djinyinni Gondarra, said the law breaches the right to life guaranteed in the Australian constitution.

Social workers also say some aborigines might be afraid to go to clinics and hospitals for routine health care and inoculations if they knew white doctors had the ability to kill by injection.

The Australian Medical Association, the largest group of doctors in Australia, believes the measure would devalue life. Many doctors in the conservative group privately support euthanasia but believe that a law allowing it could cause it to become routine.

In addition to the opposition in Australia, church groups around the world have denounced the law. An Italian theologian wrote in the Vatican's official newspaper this month that the Northern Territory law opens a "new monstrous chapter" in history.

In the court challenge, the plaintiffs argued that the law was invalid because the Northern Territory did not have the power to make life-and-death decisions.

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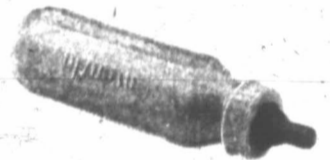
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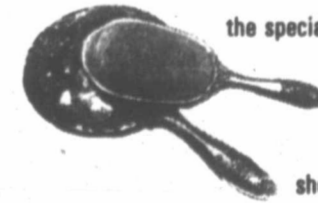
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