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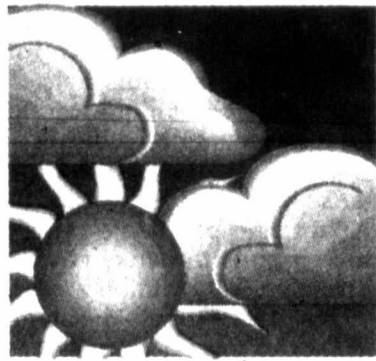
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PAMPA — A 21-year-old Pampa woman was sentenced to a six-year term in the penitentiary on Thursday as a result of a motion to revoke her probation which had been filed by the district attorney's office.

District Attorney John Mann said Amy Maul was placed on probation in July 1994 for the offense of forgery but was rearrested in May of this year on a new charge which involved the forging of stolen checks.

Court records show that the State of Texas filed a motion to revoke her probation in March of this year.

Maul, who is also on probation in Potter County for a similar charge, was sentenced by Visiting District Judge John Forbis of Childress. She is presently confined in the Gray County Jail awaiting transfer to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice - Institutional Division.

PAMPA — The Gray County Chapter of the American Red Cross will be offering another round of first aid and CPR classes beginning next week.

A standard first aid class is scheduled for Tuesday, July 30, with another one set for Thursday, Aug. 8.

Adult CPR classes will be held Wednesday, July 31, and Tuesday, Aug. 6.

Infant CPR classes are scheduled for Monday, Aug. 12, and Tuesday, Aug. 13.

All classes begin at 6 p.m. and will be held at the Red Cross office, 108 N. Russell. Those planning to attend should pre-register by calling the office at 669-7121 for information on fees.

HEWLETT, N.Y. (AP) — A love letter written by a youthful Bill Clinton to a girlfriend in Arkansas has sold for \$9,900, the second-highest price ever for a letter by a living person, an auction house said today.

Empire Autograph Auctions Ltd. also auctioned a signature of author J.D. Salinger for \$1,540 at a sale Thursday in Rockville Centre. It said the Salinger signature, written on the return flap of a New Yorker magazine envelop in 1968, brought the highest price ever paid for a signature alone of a living person.

Auction manager Herman Darvick said the previous high for a living person's signature was \$990 for a Greta Garbo a few years before the actress' death in 1990. He said the highest price for a letter of a living person was the \$12,500 paid in 1981 for one by Ronald Reagan.

The Clinton letter was written in 1968 when he was a 22-year-old student.

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Lefors council sets rules for land giveaway

By CHIP CHANDLER
Staff Writer

Lefors City Council members took a big step toward giving away their tax-delinquent land Thursday night, voting unanimously to start accepting entries Aug. 1.

Some legalities must still be worked out, but the council plans to take entries through the month of August and draw names Oct. 14.

Restrictions on entries as adopted by the council include:

- Entries must be written. No phone entries will be accepted.
- Entries must include name, address, phone number and date of birth.
- Applicants must be 18 years or older.

- One entry will be accepted per person. Also, only one entry will be accepted per married couple, though any children of that marriage over 18 may still enter.

About eight lots will be available, according to a preliminary division done by council member Velda Chadwick. The smallest lot measures 25 feet by 125 feet, though the others are larger, she said.

The lots lie mainly on 8th and 10th Streets in the northeast part of town.

"I can't see a reason why we can't go forward with this legally," City Attorney Matt Martindale told the council at the

start of the special meeting.

Martindale presented a rough draft of a restrictive covenant to the council in executive session, but he reviewed portions of it during open session.

Lot winners would have to agree to the covenant to take possession of the land.

Among restrictions discussed in open session:

- Construction on a house must begin within six months of the drawing. A trailer house should be moved in by that time.
- Trailer houses must be skirted and have at least two bedrooms.
- Lots may be used solely for residential purposes.

Council members asked Martindale to add clauses defining the term "beginning construction" and setting a completion deadline. A final draft is expected to be considered by the council at its next meeting.

Chadwick said the council should be lenient about beginning construction, taking into account the fact that winter weather may slow progress.

Plans call for a non-interested property to first draw a lot from a locked box, then draw an entrant's name to match.

In other action, action was tabled on accepting the resignation of City Judge Linda Daniel. An application from Russell Bockman is the only one received thus far by the council.

Tri-State Seniors golf



(Pampa News photo by Darlene Holmes)

Participating in the championship flight for the Tri-State Seniors Golf Association action Thursday at the Pampa Country Club are, from left, Eddie Duengel of Pampa, Joe Bob Browning of Amarillo, Corkey Dawson of Amarillo and E.C. Roark of Lubbock. For more on the golf tournament, see pages 9 and 11 in today's edition.

Mexico ready to make early payment on \$7 billion loan ahead of schedule

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Mexico will repay \$7 billion of a U.S. loan ahead of schedule, debunking critics who last year warned President Clinton that Americans could say adios to their dollars.

The early payment will slash the outstanding debt on the loan to \$3.5 billion and underscores

an economic recovery from last year's financial crisis, Mexico's sharpest recession in more than six decades.

"The American people are being repaid well ahead of schedule," U.S. Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin said in Washington. "Default has been averted, the Mexican economy is

beginning to recover and our exports to Mexico are running at an all-time high. The strategy is working."

Financial analysts said Thursday the early repayment vindicated Clinton's decision to open a \$20 billion line of credit to Mexico last year. The president made the offer using funds

at his disposal after Congressional opponents who doubted Mexico could repay the loan stalled efforts to approve the plan.

The president had argued that the United States could not afford to ignore a potential economic disaster on its southern border, especially after the two

countries launched a free-trade zone with Canada in January 1994.

"Clinton has been proven right. The big winner here is Clinton and the Clinton government, even far more than Mexico and the Mexican government," Mexico City economist Jonathan Heath said.



(Pampa News photo by Sherry Cromartie)

Don R. Riffe, pictured with his wife, Gaynelle, from Stratford, was honored with the 1996 Tri-State Seniors Golf Association Colonel Bogey trophy at the annual Col. Bogey banquet Thursday evening at the M. K. Brown Auditorium and Civic Center.

Don R. Riffe gains Col. Bogey Award

Before a crowd of almost 300 people, Don R. Riffe of Stratford was honored with the Colonel Bogey plaque and his wife, Gaynelle was handed a dozen roses at the banquet for the Tri-State Seniors Golf Association.

Dick Branson, president, of Tulsa, Okla., acted as master of ceremonies and made the award presentation at the closing of the banquet. He expressed his appreciation to the association members "for their work and promotion of a friendly and fun atmosphere all week."

Pampa Mayor Bob Neslage welcomed all the guests to Pampa. He acknowledged the value of their loyalty to return to the city every year making Pampa their temporary home during that week of the seniors golf tournament.

"It does a great deal for Pampa to have all the golfers and their

wives here for a week. We really appreciate your loyalty and desire to continue choosing our town for the return engagement, and hope you will continue to make it a habit every year from now on," Neslage said.

In the 62nd Annual Colonel Bogey Award Dinner, hosted by members of the association, several others were given recognition as well. Among them were incoming president Dick Stowers, who was introduced by Branson, outgoing president.

This year's Colonel Bogey, Riffe, is from Stratford. He has been a member of the Tri-State Seniors Golf Association for 12 years.

He is a graduate of Southern Methodist University. He and his wife, Gaynelle are active members of the United Methodist Church of Stratford, serving as teachers, a lay leader, local chairman and delegate to

the annual conference.

Riffe was president of the Tri-State Seniors Golf Association in 1993.

He and his wife have served as leaders in their local Boy Scouts unit, and have served as a board members; he has served as president of the Panhandle Area Boy Scouts of America.

Riffe has been involved with the grain business and was a former president of the Panhandle Grain and Feed Association and president of the National Feed and Grain Association.

He and his wife are parents to five children, Andy, Laura, Carrie, Diane and Chris.

The Colonel Bogey award is presented annually to an outstanding member of the association who is a dedicated member to the seniors golf organization and is also considered an outstanding citizen in his community.

Negotiators approve health insurance change

WASHINGTON (AP) — The White House today cheered a congressional agreement removing a major obstacle to a bill that would allow workers to get new health insurance, even if they have pre-existing illnesses.

"It's looking like a Rose Garden signing ceremony to me," presidential spokesman Mike McCurry said after negotiators agreed to a four-year test of tax-exempt medical savings accounts, an issue that had tied up the bill.

Thursday's agreement by Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., and Rep. Bill Archer, R-Texas, chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, also freed another popular election-year measure — a bill that would raise the minimum wage.

The minimum wage bill had been held up in the fight over medical savings accounts, which an insured person could use to pay routine medical expenses.

The House and Senate both have passed differing versions of the health insurance bill, the main thrust of which provides that anyone who changes or loses a job would be able to get health insurance, even with a pre-existing medical condition.

After the agreement was reached Thursday, the Senate choose conferees to work out a compromise health insurance bill with House negotiators.

The health insurance bill "will allow American workers the security of knowing that they will not lose their health coverage if they change their jobs," President Clinton said in a statement. "Raising the minimum wage for millions of America's hardest workers is also the right thing to do."

Archer said, "The American people are going to be the winners now because we're going to move with this health reform bill

and there's no reason why it shouldn't pass both houses

Kennedy had blocked progress on the health insurance legislation, which he had co-sponsored with Sen. Nancy Kassebaum, R-Kan., because he objected to Republican attempts to include medical savings accounts in the bill.

The minimum-wage bill got caught up in the dispute when the assistant majority leader of the Senate, Don Nickles, R-Okla., said he would block Senate negotiators from sitting down with House lawmakers on that issue as long as Kennedy blocked the health care conference.

The health bill negotiators still must resolve other problems, such as exactly what would be required of insurers to create the portability protection, and whether to require that insurers give the same coverage for mental illness as they do for a physical ailment.

Daily Record

Services tomorrow

COOK, James Kenneth - 2 p.m., St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, Pampa.
GRAYSON, Wally W. "Buddy" - 2 p.m., First Pentecostal Holiness Church, Guymon, Okla.
MILLER, Johnnie - Burial, 10 a.m., Highland Park Cemetery, Borger.

Obituaries

JAMES KENNETH COOK
 James Kenneth Cook, 70, died Thursday, July 25, 1996, at Amarillo. Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday in St. Matthew's Episcopal Church with the Rev. Jake Clemmens, rector of the church, officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Cook was born Nov. 25, 1925, at Ranger, Texas. He moved to Pampa in 1932 and attended Pampa schools, graduating in 1943. He worked for Ideal Food Stores and attended Marietta College in Marietta, Ohio. He was a U.S. Army Veteran, serving in the Army Medical Corps during World War II. He worked in pipeline construction for many years, retiring in 1984. He was a former member of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church of Pampa and was a current member of St. Peter's Episcopal Church of Amarillo.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Ida Sue Kirk, and by a sister, Clara Furnish. Survivors include his wife, Flossie, of Pampa; a stepson, Nick D'Alessandro of Dallas; a grandson, Jack Cox of Houston; four step-grandchildren; two nieces and their husbands, Jackie and Paul Sublett and Deana and Tommy Malone, all of Pampa; a nephew and his wife, Jay and Karen Furnish of Amarillo; and numerous cousins and step-cousins.

The family requests memorials be to a favorite charity.

WALLY W. "BUDDY" GRAYSON
 GUYMON, Okla. - Wally W. "Buddy" Grayson, 63, brother of a Pampa, Texas, resident, died Tuesday, July 23, 1996. Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday in the First Pentecostal Holiness Church with Jim Wiggins and the Rev. Dick Powell officiating. Burial will be in Elmhurst Cemetery under the direction of Bunch-Roberts Funeral Home.

Mr. Grayson was born at Brashear, Texas, and was a graduate of Emory High School at Emory, Texas. He moved to Guymon in 1955. He married JoAnn Brown in 1955 at Guymon. He was a truck driver, hauling fuel for Perkins Petroleum for 27 years. He founded Grayson Trucking Company in 1980, retiring in 1995. He was a member of the First Pentecostal Holiness Church.

Survivors include his wife, JoAnn; four children, Michael W. Grayson of Stillwater, Jalonda Kay Layton of Adams, Brenda Diane Crawford of Lubbock, Texas, and Bradley W. Grayson of Guymon; his mother, Lucille Grayson of Sulphur Springs, Texas; three sisters, Joyce Guenther of Mesquite, Texas; Nelba Armstrong of Bonham, Texas; and Linda Jones of Whitesboro, Texas; two brothers, Buster Grayson of Pampa and Manuel Otha Grayson of Fairfield, Texas; and six grandchildren.

JOHNNIE MILLER
 KILLEEN - Johnnie Miller, 86, brother of a Shamrock resident, died Wednesday, July 24, 1996. Services were to be at 10 a.m. today in Harper-Talacek Funeral Home with the Rev. John O. Schlater Jr., pastor of Church of the New Commandment, officiating. Burial will be at 10 a.m. Saturday in Highland Park Cemetery at Borger. Local arrangements are under the direction of Brown Funeral Directors of Borger.

Mr. Miller was born at Temple, Okla. He was a longtime Borger resident, moving to Killeen in 1980. He was a member of the Church of the New Commandment and the Isom Masonic Lodge #1242 at Borger.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Helen Miller, in 1980. Survivors include his wife, Annie; three daughters, Darlene Henson of Irving, Lanelle Young of Elgin and Earlene Feeler of DeSoto; a son, Harold Miller of Killeen; a sister, Neva Hastings of Shamrock; a brother, Ray Miller of Amarillo; nine grandchildren; and 19 great-grandchildren.

Stocks

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

Wheat	4.52	
Milo		
Corn		

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

Occidental	22 5/8	up 5/8
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The following show the prices for which these mutual funds were bid at the time of compilation.

Magellan	70.40	
Puritan	17.19	

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

Amoco	66 3/4	dn 5/8
Arco	117 3/4	dn 1/8
Cabot	25 3/4	up 1/4
Cabot O&G	15 3/4	nc
Chevron	58 7/8	up 1/8
Coca Cola	46 3/8	up 1/4
Columbia/HCA	51	up 3/8
Diamond Sham	27 3/4	dn 1 1/4
Enron	39 7/8	up 5/8
Halliburton	54 3/4	up 1/4
Ingersoll Rand	40 1/4	dn 1/4
KNE	33 1/8	up 1/8
Kerr McGee	60	nc
Limited	18 3/8	up 1/8
Mapco	56 5/8	dn 1/4
McDonalds	46 1/8	up 1/8
Mobil	111 5/8	up 5/8
New Atmos	21 3/4	nc
Parker & Parsley	23 7/8	dn 3/4
Penney's	49	dn 1/8
Phillips	41 1/4	up 3/8
SLB	82 5/8	up 3/4
SIS	31 3/4	dn 1/8
Tenneco	47	dn 1/8
Texaco	84 3/8	dn 1/8
Wal Mart	24	nc
New York Gold	385.50	
Silver	5.06	
West Texas Crude	20.74	

Sheriff's Office

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

THURSDAY, July 25
 Gray County Sheriff's Office reported driving while intoxicated and breath test refusal at the intersection of Gray County Roads 15 and F.

Arrests
 Shanna Tambungo, 34, Odessa, was arrested on a grand jury indictment of burglary of a habitation. She remained in custody on \$5,000 bond and \$400 fines for two municipal charges.

Patrick Allan Griffith, 37, 3000 Rosewood, was arrested on charges of driving while intoxicated and breath test refusal - second offense. He was released on \$2,000 bond.

Department of Public Safety
 Veronica Brown Britten, 40, Groom, was arrested on a charge of theft by check from Childress County. She was released upon payment of fine.

Police report

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

THURSDAY, July 25
 A 32-year-old female reported unauthorized use of a motor vehicle in the 1200 block of South Hobart.

A 17-year-old female reported burglary of a motor vehicle in the 1000 block of North Sumner. Stolen were a vehicle registration sticker and an MVI sticker.

Lost property was reported in the 400 block of North Lowry.

Assault by contact was reported in the 1500 block of North Banks by a 36-year-old man.

Allsup, 309 N. Hobart, reported theft of a \$1.99 piece of beef jerky.

A 48-year-old man reported burglary of a motor vehicle in the 600 block of North Frost. Stolen were a registration sticker and an MVI sticker.

Accidents

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

THURSDAY, July 25
 10:10 a.m. - A 1994 Isuzu pickup driven by Todd Allen Conner, 26, Amarillo, was in collision with a 1989 Buick Electra driven by Billie Ray Medley, 38, White Deer, at the intersection of Hobart and Wilks. Conner was cited for unsafe backing and failure to change address on driver's license.

Ambulance

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

THURSDAY, July 25
 12:37 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to a local nursing facility on a medical assist and transported one patient to Columbia Medical Center.

2:54 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to Columbia Medical Center for a patient transport to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

5:18 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to a local nursing facility and transported one patient to Columbia Medical Center.

8:13 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1900 block of North Christy on a medical assist. No patient was transported.

Calendar of events

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

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

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

MOBILE MEALS
 Mobile meals menu for Saturday, July 27, is spaghetti with meat sauce, green beans, tomatoes, garlic bread, dessert.

PANHANDLE AREA LUPUS SUPPORT GROUP
 The Panhandle Area Lupus Support Group will meet Monday, Aug. 5, at 7 p.m. in the Community Room of FirstBank Southwest, 201 S. Main, in Perryton. Program topic will be "Families and Lupus." All interested persons are invited to attend. For information or assistance, call (806) 435-7030 or (806) 435-5217.

Fires

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

THURSDAY, July 25
 8:14 p.m. - One unit and three personnel responded to 1928 N. Christy on a medical assist.

House panel backs thrift fund rescue

WASHINGTON (AP) - In a surprise twist, the House Banking Committee voted to use taxpayer money to pay for \$3 billion of the savings and loan cleanup.

The panel, by a 22-18 vote, adopted an amendment Thursday directing the Federal Reserve to devote part of its surplus to help pay off Financing Corp. - better known as FICO - bonds related to the bailout.

The amendment, sponsored by Rep. William Orton, D-Utah, was part of a package later approved by the committee to revive the thrift industry's shaky deposit insurance fund. The legislation, sponsored by Reps. Bill McCollum, R-Fla., and Henry Gonzalez, D-Texas, also would have banks and thrifts share paying off bonds related to the S&L rescue in the 1980s, in annual payments of \$790 million through 2019.

The thrift fund rescue package had been stalled as banks and others fought to avoid being forced to help pay off the FICO bonds. Orton defended his approach by saying he didn't think it was fair for banks or other institutions, such as mortgage giant Fannie Mae, to pay for

a problem they didn't create. But other panel members viewed the Orton amendment as a major setback. Rep. Marge Roukema, R-N.J., said she doesn't expect the Senate to support such a move.

"The Orton amendment results in the first use of taxpayer money to pay FICO and adds significantly to the cost already borne by the taxpayers as a result of the savings and loan crisis," said Roukema.

The Fed sends interest on its surpluses to the federal treasury. A Fed spokesman declined comment.

House Banking Committee spokesman David Runkel said the committee staff calculates the Orton amendment would reduce the payment of banks by \$100 million a year.

The House and Senate have been struggling to rescue the Savings Association Insurance Fund, known as SAIF, which insures S&L deposits up to \$100,000. While most of the nation's S&Ls are financially strong, the fund's reserves have been depleted, due partly to repayment of bonds from the S&L crisis and a shrinking number of savings and loans.

Lawmakers and the Clinton administration fear a financial crisis if Congress doesn't act to revive the fund. Healthy thrifts are beginning to convert to commercial banks to avoid the high fees charged by the SAIF, leaving more marginal S&Ls to foot the hefty payments.

"Passage of this legislation remains one of this administration's foremost and urgent priorities," said Leon Panetta, the White House chief of staff, in a letter to House Speaker Newt Gingrich, R-Ga.

Under the McCollum-Gonzalez plan, thrifts would make a one-time payment, estimated at \$5.5 billion, to bring the SAIF to full funding. Banks would help make the annual \$790 million FICO bond payments on a rising scale from 1997 to 1999. At that point, banks and thrifts would begin making the payments on a pro-rata basis, with banks paying an estimated \$600 million a year.

This plan also sets the stage for S&Ls to convert themselves to commercial banks later. Thrifts focus on taking deposits and using the money to finance home mortgages, while commercial banks are not bound by such limits.

Typhoon Gloria leaves 20 dead in Philippines

TAIPEI, Taiwan (AP) - Typhoon Gloria lashed southern Taiwan today after leaving the Philippines, where it killed at least 20 people and forced thousands to flee their homes.

Gloria caused rock slides that disrupted traffic along Taiwan's east coast. Heavy rain flooded some fields and domestic flights were canceled as winds gusted up to 103 miles an hour.

The storm, with sustained winds of 69 mph was centered over Taiwan's Hengchun peninsula, 30 miles inland. It was expected to gain strength as it headed for China's southeastern coast.

Huge waves broke over the coastline in Taiwan's central

Taichung and southern Kaohsiung counties, where particularly strong wind and rain was expected overnight.

Battening down against the wind, people removed signs and brought furniture and motorcycles indoors. In the capital, Taipei, many people left work early.

Authorities made preparations to allow thousands of Chinese fishing boat crews to take shelter on shore. Taiwan permits Chinese to be employed on its boats but usually forbids them from coming ashore. China considers Taiwan a renegade province and the two governments do not recognize each other.

In the Philippines, Gloria killed at least 20 people and caused at least \$37.4 million in property damage, relief officials said. Eight people were reported missing.

The Philippine National Disaster Coordinating Council said more than 81,000 people were affected by the storm, many of them forced to make emergency repairs on the roofs of their houses. About 3,000 others were living in government shelters because their houses were destroyed by the storm.

Gloria's 435-mile-wide rain clouds flooded many areas of Luzon island and loosened volcanic debris from Mount Pinatubo.

Weather focus

LOCAL FORECAST

Mostly cloudy tonight with a low near 70 and southeast winds to 15 mph. A 50 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, some possibly severe. Saturday, partly cloudy with a high near 90 and southeast winds to 15 mph. A 50 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Sunday, partly cloudy with a high near 95 and a low near 72.

Thursday's high was 84; the overnight low was 66. Pampa received 0.02 inch of moisture in the 24-hour period ending at 6 a.m. today.

REGIONAL FORECAST

West Texas - Panhandle: Tonight, becoming mostly cloudy with scattered thunderstorms, some storms severe. Rainfall heavy at times. Lows in the 60s. Saturday, partly cloudy with a chance of thunderstorms. Highs in upper 80s to low 90s. Saturday night, a chance of thunderstorms. Lows in the 60s. South Plains: Tonight, partly cloudy, becoming mostly cloudy

late with a chance of showers or thunderstorms. Lows 65-70. Saturday, partly cloudy. A slight chance of showers or thunderstorms. Highs 90-95. Saturday night, partly cloudy. A slight chance of showers or thunderstorms. Lows from mid 60s to near 70.

North Texas - Tonight and Saturday, partly cloudy with a chance of thunderstorms. Lows 69 to 75. Highs 90 to 97.

South Texas - Hill Country and South Central: Tonight, partly cloudy with widely scattered evening showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the 70s. Saturday, partly cloudy with widely scattered afternoon showers and thunderstorms. Highs in upper 90s to near 102.

Upper Coast: Tonight, partly cloudy with isolated to widely scattered mainly evening showers and thunderstorms. Lows from mid 70s inland to near 80 coast. Saturday, partly cloudy with widely scattered to scattered showers and thunderstorms. Highs from near 100 inland northwest to upper 80s

coast. Coastal Bend and Rio Grande Plains: Tonight, partly cloudy with isolated mainly evening showers and thunderstorms. Lows near 80 coast, upper 70s inland. Saturday, partly cloudy and breezy with widely scattered showers and thunderstorms. Highs from upper 80s coast to near 105 Rio Grande plains.

BORDER STATES

New Mexico - Tonight through Saturday, scattered afternoon and nighttime thunderstorms, mostly fair mornings. Thunderstorms most numerous mountains and northeast half. Lows mid 40s to around 60 mountains with 60s to low 70s elsewhere. Highs mid 70s to low 90s mountains and north with 90s to near 100 lower elevations central and south.

Oklahoma - Tonight, considerable cloudiness with scattered showers and thunderstorms. Lows mostly upper 60s and low 70s. Saturday, partly cloudy with scattered showers and thunderstorms. Highs mainly upper 80s and low 90s.

City briefs

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SUMMER CLEARANCE:

Lots of items at \$1.00. 115 N. Cuyler. Sweet Repeats. Adv.

TWO LADIES Diamond Rings. Locally appraised at \$5800. Will sell both for \$1500 or separately. 665-2247. Adv.

DERRICK CLUB Come by and check out the changes. Most games in town. Mixed music. Daily Beer Specials - now including Saturday and Sunday. Senior Citizens Specials - Daily. Adv.

NEW! NEW! NEW! New Owners. New Prices. 10¢ per minute! New lamps. Annie's Tan-N-Spa. 831 W. Kingsmill. 665-5940. Adv.

BRICK REPAIR, Harley Knutson. 665-4237. Adv.

CUYLER CLOTHING Co. has large selection of famous brand swim suits, half price. 113 N. Cuyler. Downtown. Adv.

1982 22FT. Road Ranger Travel Trailer \$4,000. 1985 26 ft. Layton 5th Wheel \$6,500. 16 ft. Walk-thru with 100 horse power Mercury \$1,200. 2 Camper shells. Ford cab extender. 1 set running boards. 669-2363. Adv.

NEW SHIPMENT of Poast herbicide. Kills bermuda grass in your gardens without harming flowers and vegetables. Watson's Feed & Garden. Adv.

OKRA, SHELLED Peas, Cantaloupe and good variety melons. Epperson's Garden Market, Hwy 60 and 1900 N. Hobart. Adv.

CLOSING ESTATE Sale. 601 N. Somerville. Many miscellaneous items. Saturday July 27th 9:00. Adv.

COME TO Kid's Crusade to study "How to be Happy" of the Pampa Chapel. 711 E. Harvester, 6-8 pm. July 29th - Aug. 1st. Ages 4 - 12. For more information 665-1579. Adv.

VARIOUS PAPER Routes available August 1st. Apply Pampa News. Adv.

LAKEVIEW APARTMENTS, 2 bedroom unfurnished apartments. No pets. 669-7682. Adv.

WANTED TO buy a late model, full size, General Motors, 4 door car. 665-2223 or 665-2255. Adv.

FOR SALE: Wheel chair, walker with wheels, cane with 4 legs, potty chair (all like new) - half price. Call 665-1252. Adv.

DANCE-MCLEAN Country Club, Saturday 27th, 8-12. Music by Sneider's. Members and guest welcome. Adv.

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

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FARMER'S MARKET open Saturdays and Wednesdays 6 a.m. - 7 M.K. Brown. Adv.

"GOLDY'S GRILL" open weekends northside of sadie Hawkins in Camper. We are serving lots of goodies. Adv.

MUST SELL 601 N. Somerville Make an offer. 665-5582. Adv.

DEL BRADLEY will be at the Pampa Mall this weekend for the Arts and Crafts Show. Adv.

CHANEY'S CAFE - Friday 5-8 p.m. Hand breaded catfish, chicken fried steak. 716 W. Foster. Adv.

HOME INTERIORS Clearance Sale. Saturday 9-1. 2117 N. Christy. MasterCard, Visa, Discover. Valerie and LeeAnn. Adv.

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Israel reseals West Bank after latest killings

TIROSH, Israel (AP) - Israel resealed the West Bank today after suspected Palestinian militants killed two Israelis and critically wounded a third in a drive-by shooting near this farming village.

The new blockade came only three days after Israel eased a 5-month-old closure of the West Bank and Gaza Strip imposed in response to suicide bombings by Islamic militants.

Today's shooting posed the first real test for Israel's new

prime minister, Benjamin Netanyahu, who has said he would succeed where his predecessors failed and stop attacks on Israelis.

Netanyahu issued a statement after the weekly Cabinet meeting demanding that Yasser Arafat's Palestinian Authority take measures against all groups involved in terrorism.

Arafat responded by criticizing Israel for re-imposing the closure. "This is another breach of what we agreed upon," he said at his

Gaza City office. "They do not have the right to do it."

The shooting took place at about 1 a.m. near Tirosh, about 10 miles from the West Bank.

The shots were fired from a moving car at a white Fiat sedan with four people inside, killing Uri Munk and his daughter-in-law Rachel Munk. Munk's son, Zeev, was critically wounded in the head, and Munk's wife, Aliza, was treated for shock. The Munks were residents of the nearby farming village of Mevo Beitar.

First lady implicated in FBI file scandal

WASHINGTON (AP) — Documents show a White House lawyer told the FBI that first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton recommended Craig Livingstone to head a White House personnel office that improperly gathered FBI background files, a House committee chairman says.

Rep. William Clinger, R-Pa., said an FBI report of a 1993 conversation between former presidential counsel Bernard Nussbaum and an agent quotes Nussbaum as saying Mrs. Clinton "highly recommended" Livingstone, who last month resigned from the White House after it was learned that one of his temporary employees gathered hundreds of FBI files on officials, including senior members of the Reagan and Bush administrations.

Clinger also said that the day before he was to see the FBI report, the agency gave the White House a "heads up" warning that the report was to be reviewed by Republicans. He suggested that the White House may have tried to intimidate Dennis Sculimbrene, the agent who spoke to Nussbaum and wrote the report.

Nussbaum denied on Thursday that he ever told Sculimbrene that Mrs. Clinton recommended Livingstone. "I am mystified and outraged that someone would attribute to me something I never said," he said.

The White House also denounced the disclosure and said it was a fabrication intended to hurt the Clinton administration.

"Congressman Clinger divulged confidential information that is clearly false and that originates from a questionable source," White House spokesman Mark Fabiani said.

White House Counsel Jack Quinn fired off a letter to FBI Director Louis Freeh that said he was "troubled" that a "false report" may have been submitted.

Just who championed Livingstone for the White House job has been the subject of intense questioning by Republicans, who believe that the FBI files-gathering mishap may have been part of a scheme to put together a list of Clinton enemies.

The White House has said the files were gathered by mistake and Nussbaum has taken the blame, saying he failed to properly oversee the employee who collected the files.

Mrs. Clinton and Nussbaum both have said they were not aware of how Livingstone, a Democratic campaign advance man with little experience in security matters, came to be hired as head of security for White House personnel.

Clinger, chairman of the House Government Reform and Oversight Committee, said he was reserving judgment about whether Nussbaum gave false testimony, referring it to prosecutors for consideration. But he added: "There appears to be very serious discrepancies."

Fun in the sun



(Pampa News photo by Darlene Holmes)

A group of seven- and eight-year-olds listen to their instructors during swimming lessons being provided at the Pampa Country Club swimming pool. The youngsters are Daniel Heare and Kasey Tindol, 7; Cama Niccum and Autumn Darden, 8; and Telissa Sealy, 7. Instructors are Cyndi Austin, at back, and assistant Kristen Stephens, at front. Sponsored by the club, each session lasts two weeks, held Tuesday through Friday, throughout the summer.

Wal-Mart honors Pampa teacher

Cindy Platt, a teacher at Pampa Academy of Christian Education, has received the Wal-Mart Teacher of the Year Award for excellence in teaching.

Platt was honored during recent ceremonies at the Wal-Mart located in Pampa and presented with a \$500 grant for the school.

Platt was one of 1,000 teachers from around the country who were selected to receive the award. The winners received a total of a half-million dollars in grants for their schools or school districts.

"Teachers have one of the most challenging and critical jobs in our communities," said David

Glass, president and chief executive officer of Wal-Mart Stores Inc. "The Wal-Mart Teacher of the Year Award program is our way of letting them know how much we appreciate their contributions to the education of our youth, which in turn contributes to the vitality of our nation."

The teachers were nominated for the award by their school or school district. Winners were selected by a panel of local community leaders.

The Teacher of the Year Award is one of dozens of initiatives Wal-Mart supports to increase educational opportunities for students, teachers and associates (employees). Each year, for exam-

ple, each of Wal-Mart's 2,200-plus stores awards a \$1,000 college scholarship to an outstanding local high school senior.

Since 1992, Wal-Mart and its vendor partners have provided \$20,000 "Competitive Edge" scholarships to more than 665 students pursuing college degrees in science and technology.

In addition, Wal-Mart has contributed more than \$5 million toward college scholarships for associates and their children. The company has also donated \$1 million to the United Negro College Fund, among other scholarship and job training programs.

Authorities say three suspects identified in connection with deaths of illegal aliens

AUSTIN (AP) — Three men face murder charges in the deaths of two foreign nationals who were among 40 carried in the trailer of a stifling 18-wheeler, officials say.

The truck and the trailer were found abandoned overnight at a north San Antonio truck stop, officials said early today.

One of the men, Alberto Cordero, is in custody, said Lt. Dennis Gutierrez of the Hays County Sheriff's Department in San Marcos, 45 miles south of Austin. Cordero is a foreign national from Guatemala living in Austin.

The other two suspects had not been apprehended. They were identified as Alfonso Rodriguez from Laredo and Juan Calles from Dallas.

Representative Black resigns, cites drought as reason

AUSTIN (AP) — Count another casualty of Texas' prolonged drought.

Rep. Layton Black, an Angora goat rancher who recently sold the last of his livestock, said Thursday he'll resign from the Texas House to become the top legislative lia-

son for state Attorney General Dan Morales.

His House salary was \$7,200 a year, plus a daily allowance for expenses while on legislative business. In his new state post, he'll get \$79,860. "I've been through one drought of the '50s, and it impressed me like the Depression did my momma and daddy. When a drought comes, you do whatever is necessary to survive," Black,

Each faces two counts of murder, officials said Thursday. The three men, who were riding in the rig's cab, took turns driving, Gutierrez said. "We think they're just the small fish in the big picture here. We probably anticipate more arrests coming out of this," he said.

Identification of the three came after an investigation by the Sheriff's Department, the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service, and the U.S. Border Patrol.

Cordero was taken into custody by the INS at his home in Austin, officials said.

The truck allegedly used to carry the immigrants was reported stolen by the parent company,

New Jersey-based TSI. Officials said the two suspects at large are TSI employees.

"They are on the run, and they have murder counts. They have to be considered dangerous," he said.

Gutierrez said Cordero was being taken to the Hays County jail from INS headquarters in San Antonio, where he was transported after his arrest.

The group of nationals from Mexico, Central America and South America were dropped off Tuesday at a gas station in Buda. They had been picked up in Laredo and were to be taken to New York City to pick up counterfeit immigration documents, authorities said.

D-Goldthwaite, said in an interview.

Black, whose resignation is effective next Thursday, has been a key member of House Speaker Pete Laney's leadership team.

Senate endorses sex offenders registry, anti-stalking legislation

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate overwhelmingly approved a pair of anti-crime bills Thursday, voting to establish a national registry of convicted sex offenders and to make it a federal crime to cross state lines to harass or threaten someone.

By voice vote, senators approved a measure by Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, R-Texas, making it a felony to travel to another state to intimidate a person or their immediate family. It would allow the FBI to investigate such acts.

"I hope we'll be able to prevent the harassment and even murders of women and children," Hutchison said.

The bill also includes language by Sen. Frank Lautenberg, D-N.J., prohibiting some people convicted of domestic violence from possessing or owning a firearm.

A dispute over a broader version of Lautenberg's provision had held up passage of the overall bill since May. In the end, the prohibition will apply to people convicted of domestic violence crimes who have an attorney or access to one.

An identical anti-stalking bill — minus the gun possession prohibition — passed the House on May 7, and the Clinton administration supports it. The legislation would expand the 1994 crime law, which applies only to interstate stalking by current or

former spouses or intimate partners. In a separate voice vote, the Senate also approved a bill by Sens. Phil Gramm, R-Texas, and Joseph Biden, D-Del., requiring creation of a national registry to track people convicted of sex crimes involving violence or minors.

Although 49 states already operate or are establishing their own registries, as mandated under the 1994 anti-crime law, there is no central database that allows law enforcement to keep track of sexual offenders once they move to another state, Gramm and Biden said.

"The problem with the state laws is that people are moving across state lines to try to avoid detection," Gramm said.

Biden termed the absence of a national tracking system a "gaping hole."

Under the bill, convicted sex offenders would have to register with the FBI if they live in a state that doesn't have a registration program. The bill would also require that the FBI put into a central database information each time a sexual offender moves, whether within the state or out-of-state. State and local law enforcement would have access to the national registry. Community organizations and private groups also could tap into the database via their local law enforcement.

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Texas Editorials

Houston Chronicle on lottery revenues:

The take from the Texas Lottery grows fatter each week as Texans take their chances, and lawmakers, predictably, have begun to eye more closely how the proceeds are handled.

Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock, for example, has asked a state Senate committee to consider devoting \$500 million in state lottery surpluses to public education in exchange for a two-year freeze in homeowners' school property tax rates.

State Sen. Tom Haywood, R-Wichita Falls, is considering proposed legislation that would stipulate that 5 percent of the amount raised in lottery ticket sales go directly to the cities and counties where the tickets are sold.

Each of these proposals and others like them have merit, but a simple warning is in order before anyone begins to contemplate spending possible lottery windfalls.

State-run lotteries have shown a historic tendency to draw lots of money and participants at the outset, only to see those numbers drop off as the lotteries mature.

It would be unwise for any local government to set up any mechanism or spending pattern that would put it in the position of expecting lottery money to continue as a matter of course.

Bullock's commendable idea of a one-time payment for schools does not suffer from this hazard, but other schemes for funneling lottery funds might.

There's nothing wrong with looking for creative ways to share the wealth of lottery revenues with Texas taxpayers. But we must be extremely careful about doing it, because such funding has just not proved to be a reliable, steady, long-term source of funds upon which budget-makers can depend.

Austin American-Statesman on property tax reform:

A daylong session on property tax relief this week revealed all over again that there is no easy way to shift the state's \$10 billion in property taxes for schools without a bitter fight.

The conference, sponsored by the Texas Women's Alliance, also focused on those areas that are escaping taxes and forcing property owners to pay higher taxes year after year.

But only political muscle and determination by Gov. George W. Bush and the Legislature will ease the property tax hold that is choking Texas.

Over the years, the wealth of Texas has shifted from minerals and manufacturing to trade and services, but the tax structure hasn't changed with it.

The older, stagnant or declining businesses are still paying onerous and growing property taxes while the service areas are taxed very little or not at all.

The governor should not have taken a state income tax off the table in considering tax reform. State Insurance Commissioner Flon Bomer, who heads the governor's tax reform committee, said the income tax has come up favorably at all the committee's public meetings.

Even State Rep. Tom Craddick, a Midland Republican, said opposition to an income tax is falling in his district because the property tax has grown so onerous.

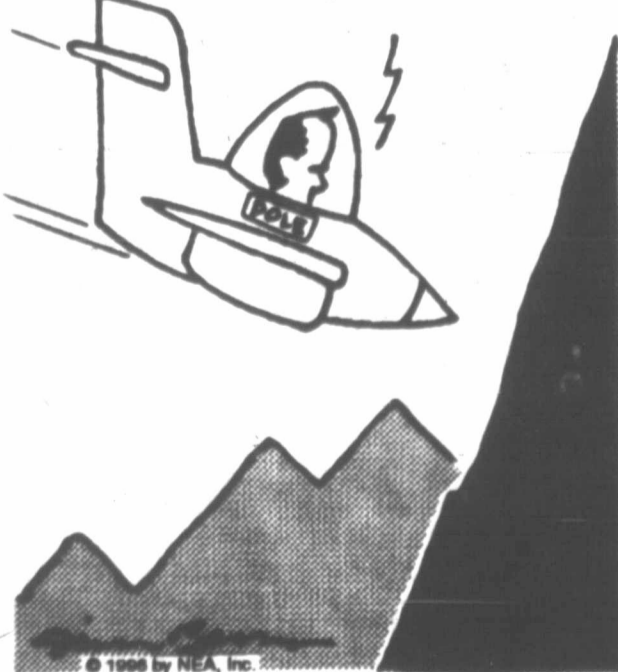
The Legislature eliminated an easy route to an income tax when it required a public vote on one. Yet the state must wean itself from the ever-increasing property tax if it is to continue to thrive.

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Media lies on Medicare top 1,000

Since those dastardly 1994 elections, reporters have made the GOP's hunger for "deep cuts" in Medicare an essential part in their campaign to underline the "extremism" of the Republican Congress. When the Congressional Budget Office estimated the Clinton health plan would have added a staggering \$784 billion to the budget over seven years, the press yawned. But when the GOP's budget plan called for a \$270 billion reduction in projected Medicare increases over seven years, that became the central figure in the budget story.

Unconvinced? Try this. Go into the Nexis news data retrieval system and secure every news story mention of "Medicare" within ten words of "cut," "reduce," "slash," "scale back" — and also "savings," just to be slightly nice to the GOP. If you selected three major newspapers (*The New York Times*, *The Washington Post* and *USA Today*) and three news magazines (*Newsweek*, *Time* and *U.S. News & World Report*) from Jan. 1, 1995, through June 30, 1996, you'll find 1,134 news stories — out of which there are 1,060 shameful occasions of journalists reporting the concept of Medicare "cuts."

That's funny: Under the GOP plan, spending per beneficiary would rise by a third, from \$4,800 to \$7,200. That natty truth wasn't going to stop the Grimm Brothers fairy tale about the nasty Republicans intent on "budget bloodletting," as CNN's Bob Franken put it.

The "news" magazines became editorial pages. The Jan. 8, 1996, *Newsweek* warned in its infamous "Corporate Killers" cover story: "Congress's budget debate — and possible cuts in programs like Medicare and Medicaid — feeds fears that the social safety net is about to be savaged." The May 15, 1995, *Time* claimed: "The President's strategists were not about to offer Republicans a hand with their balanced-budget/taxcut promises by agreeing to deep slashes in Medicare." A March



L. Brent Bozell

13, 1995, *U.S. News* story reported: "Among big-ticket programs, Medicare, the health care program for the elderly, and Medicaid, for the poor, both came in for major cuts." (*U.S. News* writer Gloria Berger has criticized the Democrats for "demagoguing" the Medicare-cut charge. True — but it happened at least five times in her own magazine under her byline.)

But the dishonesty is also amiss in the newspapers. Take *The New York Times* and its 386 mistakes, like this one from reporter David Sanger: "But when it came to the details, they balked at many of the most extreme cuts, from the deepest slashes in Medicare to the elimination of the Commerce Department." On Oct. 27, 1995, the *Times* reported Newt Gingrich's righteous objections to its poll question: "If you had to choose, would you prefer balancing the budget or preventing Medicare from being significantly cut?" As if it's not bad enough that they distort the news, they then distort the poll questions to see how well their distorted reports are playing with the public.

Over at *USA Today*, reporter William M. Welch suggested the Republican budget would "make huge cuts in Medicare and Medicaid" on May 10, 1995. In a bizarre twist, in the midst of the 157 Medicare "cut" errors, *USA Today* actually print-

ed a correction on Sept. 6, 1995: "In its Thursday edition, *USA Today* incorrectly states that Republicans have proposed reducing Medicare spending by \$270 billion. Under the Republican reform proposal to ensure that the program remains solvent, Medicare spending over the next seven years increases."

In *The Washington Post*, the leader in the "cut" contest with 397 untruths, Style section writer Lloyd Grove played press agent for Democratic Senate candidate Harvey Gantt: "Gantt has attempted to position himself as a populist champion of the working class, defending their sacred government entitlements, such as Social Security and Medicare, from brutal Republican cuts that Helms has eagerly endorsed." The Compound Error Award went to reporter Howard Kurtz and his attempt to correct a Clinton ad on Feb. 7, 1996: "What the ads don't say is that Clinton has also proposed to cut Medicare spending, albeit less than the GOP." Ad watcher, heal thyself.

The daily mendacity did not go wholly uninterrupted. References to "savings," "cuts in growth" and "cuts in projected spending" were also present, in 901 references, sometimes in the same stories as "cut" claims. (Is this room for optimism? They're closer to correct almost half the time?) But even these more accurate terms are garbled reactions to the looking-glass nature of baseline budgeting, where a big increase is a cut. After all, how informative is the term "savings" when spending will increase 7 percent instead of 10 percent? "Cuts in growth" and "cuts in projected spending" are interesting synonyms for a 7 percent increase — especially when these terms are modified to sound harsher by reporters, such as "unreasonably large savings," "deep cuts in projected spending" and "massive reductions in growth."

No wonder Republicans have yet to attempt to reduce the size of government.

Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Friday, July 26, the 208th day of 1996. There are 158 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On July 26, 1947, President Truman signed the National Security Act, creating the Department of Defense, the National Security Agency and the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

On this date:
In 1775, Benjamin Franklin became Postmaster General.

In 1788, New York became the 11th state to ratify the U.S. Constitution.

In 1856, playwright George Bernard Shaw was born in Dublin, Ireland.

In 1894, English novelist Aldous Huxley, author of *Brave New World*,

was born in Godalming, England.

In 1908, U.S. Attorney General Charles J. Bonaparte issued an order creating an investigative agency that was a forerunner of the FBI.

In 1945, Winston Churchill resigned as Britain's prime minister after his Conservatives were soundly defeated by the Labor Party. (Clement Attlee became the new prime minister.)

In 1952, Adlai E. Stevenson was nominated for president by the Democratic national convention in Chicago; later that day, John J. Sparkman was nominated for vice president.

In 1952, Argentina's first lady, Eva Peron, died in Buenos Aires at age 33.

In 1952, King Farouk I of Egypt abdicated in the wake of a coup led

by Gamal Abdel Nasser.

In 1953, Fidel Castro began his revolt against the regime of Fulgencio Batista with an unsuccessful attack on an army barracks in eastern Cuba. (Castro ousted Batista in 1959.)

In 1956, Egyptian President Gamal Abdel Nasser nationalized the Suez Canal.

In 1964, Teamsters president Jimmy Hoffa and six others were convicted of fraud and conspiracy in the handling of a union pension fund.

In 1971, Apollo 15 was launched from Cape Kennedy.

Ten years ago: Kidnappers in Lebanon released the Rev. Lawrence Martin Jenco, an American hostage held for nearly 19 months. American

statesman Averell Harriman died in Yorktown Heights, N.Y., at age 94.

Five years ago: Secretary of State James A. Baker III addressed Mongolia's first legislature chosen in multiparty elections, applauding the rise of democracy and promising millions of dollars in aid.

One year ago: The Senate voted 69-to-29 to unilaterally lift the U.N. embargo on arms shipments to Bosnia. Former Michigan Governor George W. Romney died at age 88.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Jason Robards Jr. is 74. Movie director Blake Edwards is 74. Movie director Stanley Kubrick is 68. Singer Dobie Gray is 54. Rock star Mick Jagger is 53. Actress Helen Mirren is 50. Actress Susan George is 46.

The real welfare authorities speak

Once again a welfare-reform bill seems to be moving from the Republican Congress to President Clinton's desk for signature or veto. The last time it got there, Clinton vetoed. He leaned in part on a hokum study from his own Department of Health and Human Services. It purported to show that reform would push a million children into poverty.

But the central question in the debate is this: "Does welfare encourage illegitimacy?" After all, children in the households of never-married women are about eight times more likely to grow up beneath the poverty line.

Clinton has said that out-of-wedlock birth is our most serious domestic problem. He's right. About one out of every three children in America is born without a legal father. Only a few decades ago the rate was one out of 20. Illegitimacy is not only directly linked to poverty among children, but to crime, poor education, unemployment and second-generation welfare.

How can the question be answered? By measuring what people think (via attitudinal survey research) or how they act (via statistically valid social science studies). As it happens, there is recent material from both realms, each suggesting a "yes" answer. (Yes, welfare encourages illegitimacy.)

Now, there are times when it is silly to ask the public about their opinions. Questions like "Will China become a democracy?" lead directly to another one: "How would they know?"

What about our question: "Does welfare encourage illegitimacy?" Answers from the general public might well be put aside. How would they know? But suppose the same question were asked of welfare recipients. If anyone would



Ben Wattenberg

know about the matter from firsthand experience, these are the people who would. As it happens, the Public Agenda Foundation surveyed welfare recipients earlier this year. The following statement was read to respondents: "Welfare encourages teenagers to have kids out of wedlock." Respondents were asked if they thought the problem was 1) "very serious," 2) "somewhat serious," 3) "not too serious," or 4) "not serious at all."

Almost two-thirds (64 percent) of the welfare respondents said "very serious!"

Remarkably, that was a somewhat higher score than was recorded by the general public (60%), blacks (59 percent) or whites (61 percent).

Other tough statements in the poll showed a similar pattern of high "very serious" response by the public, with even higher rates by welfare recipients. For example: "The system undermines the work ethic and encourages people to be lazy" (57 percent of the public and 62 percent of welfare recipients) and "People cheat and commit fraud to get welfare benefits" (64 percent of the general public and 67% of welfare recipients).

This is no conservative put-up job. The guiding

spirit of the Public Agenda Foundation is the distinguished social scientist and survey researcher Daniel Yankelovich. "Moderate" or "moderate liberal" would be his most appropriate appellation. And among the grant-givers for the study was the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation, whose general position would seem to be somewhere in the realm of "very liberal," "extremely liberal" and "you've got to be kidding."

There is meat for liberals in the study as well. Solid majorities of both the public and welfare recipients favor "child care while mothers on welfare work or go to school" and "requiring enrollment in job training and education programs."

The public has spoken. But what do social scientists say about the matter?

Surprise! Liberal social scientists have said no, welfare does not encourage illegitimacy. Conservative researchers have said yes, it does too.

So the National Academy of Sciences sponsored new research. An important paper by Professor Mark Rosenzweig, chairman of the Economics Department at the University of Pennsylvania, shows a clear correlation: Among young, poor women, a 10 percent rise in cash welfare benefits yields a 12 percent rise in illegitimate births. Rosenzweig says it would work in reverse as well: A cut in benefits would reduce illegitimacy. Some other recent studies confirm the general direction of Rosenzweig's study.

That academic argument goes on. But who knows best, the politicized scholars or those who ended up ensnared in the welfare trap? Asking the question answers it. Clinton should sign the bill and save the children.

Is Veto Bill resolved to reform system?

Old Veto Bill was a label President Clinton said he'd wear proudly after blocking harsh Republican measures. But he needs to sign a bill now to overhaul welfare, or risk a campaign backlash.

Welfare reform will measure Clinton's standing as a Democratic centrist, on an issue he'd stressed four years ago, then put aside in a move that proved to be politically costly.

Actually, there may now be a meeting of motives on welfare legislation, since GOP congressional leaders want it enacted to show that their majorities can deliver.

Their rival promises are in the same words, to "end welfare as we know it." But while both sides have made concessions in seeking to do so, there are still disputes over how.

In addition, as the Senate completes action on its welfare bill, there are cross currents of opposition. Liberal Democrats contend the measure would punish blameless children. And there are Republicans who would prefer an issue for the fall campaign to a bill that Clinton can sign and claim for credit.

"This should not be a party issue," Clinton said in Denver on Monday. "All Americans ought to want this system changed."

A vast majority do, according to an AP poll showing that about seven out of 10 favor limiting lifetime benefits to five years for recipients capable of working.

The bills in Congress would do that, require work for welfare after no more than two years on the rolls, and let states set their own rules. It

**Walter Mears
AP Special Correspondent**

would end the 60-year federal guarantee of benefits for the poor, sending money and authority for welfare to state governments.

Clinton has agreed to those basically Republican terms; he advocated the two-year work requirement in his own belated welfare proposal, but would have retained the system as a federal entitlement.

For their part, Republicans dropped the demand that welfare be tied to a state takeover of Medicaid. Federal grants would have helped them cover the costs, but states would have set their own rules for that medical program for the poor.

The president had said he'd veto that. Bob Dole, the GOP presidential candidate, had resisted separating the two. So the decision to separate the two raised the prospect that Clinton will sign a major welfare reform bill just as the campaign opens, and will share credit for it. But House Republicans wanted action to buttress their own campaigns, and Dole wound up saying that he did, too.

Dole has campaigned against Clinton as an obstacle to welfare reform, and a vetoed bill would serve that strategy. The president, Dole says, is getting a last chance to keep his promise of welfare reform.

"Now it's true that I have vetoed two previous

bills that had the label 'welfare reform' ...," Clinton said. He said he didn't regard them as real reform because they were too tough on needy children.

That remains an administration objection to the bill the House passed last Thursday. The White House wants a voucher system to meet the needs of welfare children whose parents lose benefits, but the House rejected that and the Senate has, too. The administration also objects to sharp House limits on food stamp eligibility, and to the denial of assistance to most legal immigrants.

House and Senate negotiators will work out final terms of a bill; White House signals are mixed on what Clinton would or would not sign.

Sen. Tom Daschle, the Democratic leader, said last week that Clinton wanted it made clear he would veto a welfare bill again if he deemed it a bad one.

"There is a notion out there that somehow the president is prepared to sign virtually anything," Daschle said, and it isn't so.

But a third veto could be a campaign burden for the president who raised the issue himself, put it aside for his futile quest to overhaul health care, and saw the Republicans seize both points in the campaign that won them Congress in 1994.

"It is critical that Republicans maintain the upper hand on this issue," House Speaker Newt Gingrich told his colleagues before they passed the welfare bill.

Clinton said Monday that it shouldn't be a party issue. But it is. And it will be, all campaign long.

Fire safety meeting



(Pampa News photo by Darlene Holmes)

Shepard's Crook Nursing Agency staff watch as owner/administrator Suzie Wilkinson puts a fire out in a box Tuesday morning during a safety and inservice training meeting for agency personnel. Providing the fire safety training were Tom Adams, fire marshal; Gary Stevens, assistant fire marshal; and Gary Ensey of Pampa Fire Extinguisher Service.

New Scrabble champ outspells hundreds to win

DALLAS (AP) — Sure, you could win the National Scrabble Championships — if you know words like cavie, valgus and knur.

Adam Logan of Canada parlayed those and other little-known lexemes into the title and \$25,000 first prize Thursday, beating 415 players from 35 states and six other foreign countries.

The 21-year-old graduate mathematics student said he

used his education to advantage in the five-day competition.

"It uses the same analytical skills as in math," Logan said of the game, which is a mixture of a crossword puzzle and anagram and is played with 100 lettered tiles on a multicolored board.

"You have to think about what sort of tiles you are likely to be dealt."

Asked what he'll do with the

money, the Harvard student said: "I have student loans to pay off."

Logan, who graduated from Princeton University at age 19, began winning Scrabble tournaments when he was just 14.

Two words — "balanced" and "uncloyed" — helped him win the 27th and final round.

"I'd never been this close to the (national) title before," he said. "I had better luck this time and better tiles."

Nation briefs

Dominique Brown sold topless photos of slain sister

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Nicole Brown Simpson's own sister sold topless photos of the slain woman and pictures of her two children to a supermarket tabloid for \$32,500, a lawyer said.

Dominique Brown testified Thursday in the wrongful death lawsuit against O.J. Simpson that she sold pictures of her family, said a defense attorney who spoke on condition of anonymity.

"She said she sold two of four photos of Nicole Brown Simpson in Mexico, two in which she was topless, for \$25,000 to the *National Enquirer*," the lawyer said.

Brown also sold three pictures of her niece and nephew, 10-year-old Sydney and 7-year-old Justin.

Brown refused to explain why she sold the photos or whether the children received a share of the money, the lawyer said.

Coffee shop customer sues over high-five

LITTLETON, Colo. (AP) — A man is suing Starbucks, saying an employee at one of the company's coffee shops left him disabled by greeting him with a "high five" slap of the hand.

In his lawsuit, Jerry Merich says he went to a Starbucks on July 20, 1995, and was greeted warmly by former employee Eric Shoemaker with first one high-five, then another.

In the second one, Shoemaker delivered a blow to the "end of Merich's extended arm," injur-

ing his shoulder. The injury required repeated medical attention and never healed, the lawsuit says.

The blow rendered Merich "completely unable to work as a carpenter and general contractor from July 20, 1995, until Feb. 22, 1996," according to the lawsuit, which does not name Shoemaker as a defendant.

Porcupines: Gimme a double brake fluid dry

SPEARFISH, S.D. (AP) — It's the drink of choice among discriminating porcupines. It's

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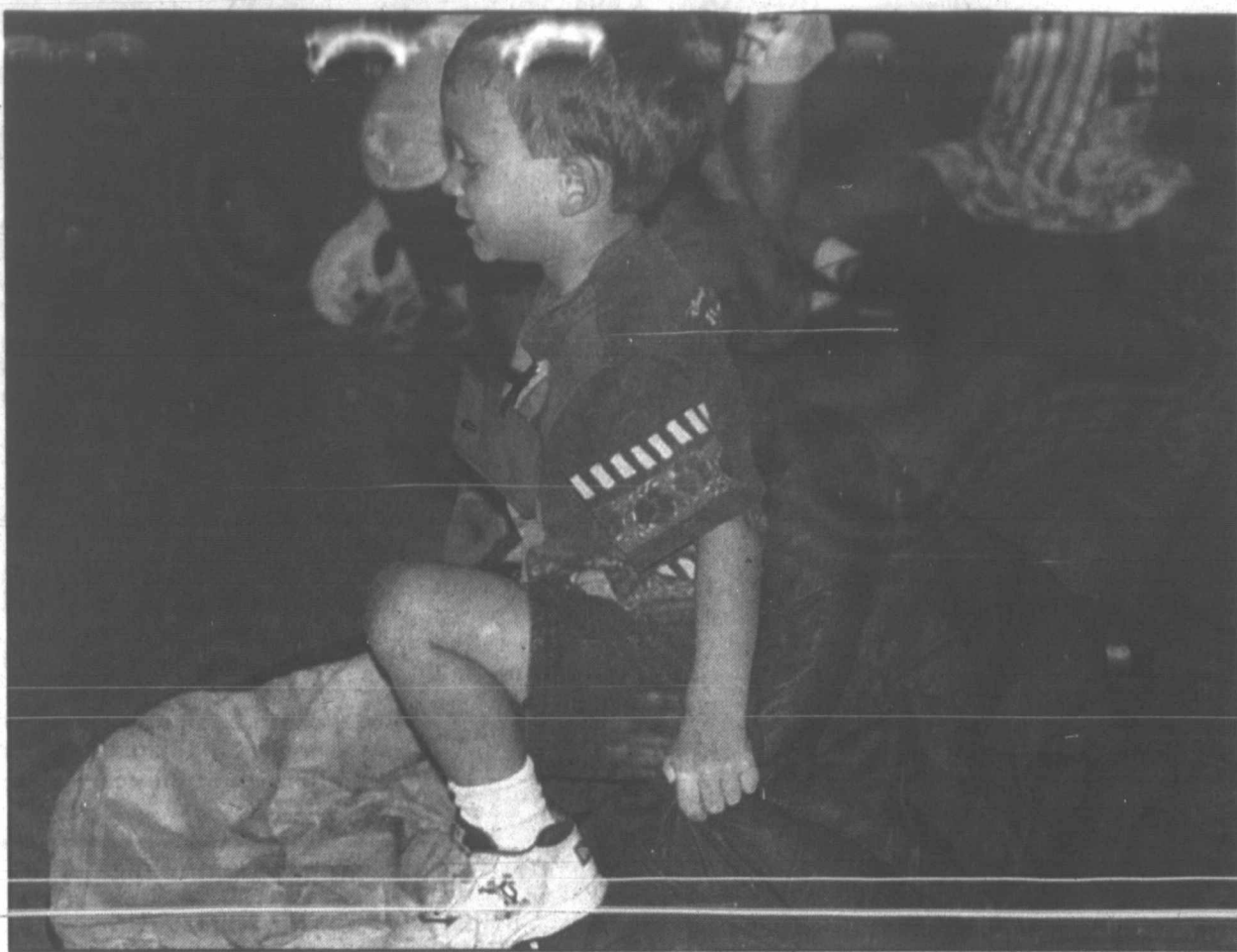
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Sleepy head



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Three-year-old Olin Boyd climbs out of his sleeping bag at this week's First Presbyterian vacation bible school. The theme of the school was the Olympics, and the three and four year olds were in the mountain climbing room.

Church bounces back from censure, removal by continuing to reach out

By SUZANNE BOWLING
Associated Press Writer

GRANVILLE, Ohio (AP) — Members at First Baptist Church thought they were doing what a church ought to do when they opened the doors to homosexual members. Instead, that decision led to censure and removal from the Columbus Baptist Association.

What was meant to be a punishment has turned into a blessing, said the church's pastor, the Rev. George Williamson Jr.

Since the church was ousted from the association, gays, lesbians and bisexuals from around the state have joined First Baptist.

"You've been thrown out of the church," one new parishioner told Williamson. "You're like us."

Attendance is now up 60 percent, and the congregation has become stronger and more enthusiastic.

"I think when we got thrown out of the church, that was what had happened to all of them," Williamson said, "and that made it possible for them to think of us as someplace safe they could come."

The CBA, which represents 33 American Baptist churches in central Ohio, voted to condemn the church in January 1995 and passed a constitutional amendment that allowed it to revoke First Baptist's membership.

Four months later, the CBA voted 101-34 to revoke the membership. The decision was acknowledged by the Granville-based American Baptist Churches of Ohio in September. A committee at the American Baptist Churches of the USA is looking into the case.

The Rev. Gary Boggs, president of the CBA and pastor of the Second Baptist Church of Newark, said the condemnation was necessary but wasn't something the association enjoyed doing.

"When there's something that is blatantly unscriptural in your midst, you need to deal with it and that's why we did it," he

said. "It's the kind of thing that nobody's standing up and cheering about."

Some of First Baptist's new members don't mind cheering.

Amy Dickerson came to the church about eight months ago at the urging of a friend, before she had even heard about the problems with the CBA.

"I carried around a lot of animosity toward the church because of the fact that I was rejected," she said.

Dickerson, 28, was raised as a Nazarene, but had been attending another church that also accepted her sexual orientation.

"I walked in the door and it was absolutely wonderful," she said. "It was neat to go into a very large church and find people who were straight and people who were gay and lesbian all kind of together worshipping."

"There was no animosity. There was no judging. Everybody was accepting and loving and really reached out to me on a personal level."

She now drives 42 miles each way from her home in rural southeastern Ohio to attend First Baptist.

The church's journey toward accepting homosexuals was not a simple one, said Williamson, who has been pastor for 15 years. And it hasn't all been rosy. There has been some picketing, and a fair amount of hate mail.

Williamson cited a number of factors — the youth group's work with a gay advocacy group at Denison University, the CBA's refusal to ordain a First Baptist member who said he planned to minister to homosexuals and church members with gay relatives — as contributing toward that journey.

The church decided to reach out in 1988, after a member spoke to the congregation about his difficulties dealing with his sexual orientation.

Church members contacted about 30 churches across the country that ministered to homosexuals, which soon led to the formation of the Association of

Welcoming and Affirming Baptists.

Most of those churches were in large cities on the coasts, where homosexuality was more accepted, Williamson said.

It took First Baptist a few years to take the step officially.

"For us, it was a little different. We're in the Midwest, a small town, a very straight town in a conservative part of the country," he said. "On the other hand, this was a community that needed somebody to stand up for them."

Matt Hartfield, who came out nine years ago, felt the acceptance of the church long before the vote, but he thought a public stance was crucial.

"The people who have been out as long as I have are pretty secure and have learned how to deal with the hatred ... that comes along with being gay," he said. "But the kids, almost all of them talk about ... suicide and wondering if it was just easier to die than having to live as a gay person. And if the church isn't going to speak out about that, who is?"

The 28-year-old computer programmer lives in the Columbus suburb of Dublin and drives 68 miles round trip to church twice a week for services and choir practice.

"I've not found anyplace that's as much a church family as First Baptist Granville is to me," he said.

News of the CBA's decision brought homosexuals to the church "very tentatively," Williamson said. They soon became "just so enthusiastic and so thrilled and so grateful."

He said the primary beneficiaries of First Baptist's decision to support homosexuals are the other members of the congregation.

"For us, this is the natural outcome of a long and very serious and very troublesome process. We were kind of tired and maybe a little cynical," he said.

"But no more, because of all this enthusiasm. That's catching."

helps put a mental lock on the refrigerator door or provides a detour by the fast-food, drive-through lane.

"We tell people that when you overeat, you obey food, you give your heart to eating," Shamblin said. "Why not transfer that relationship with the refrigerator to God? Let God help you lose weight."

The classes for Weigh Down, held once a week during 12-week seminars, open with a prayer, followed by a video and audiotapes by Shamblin.

Bicycle pants are optional, and the only steps are those leading into the church.

"The only exercise is getting down on your knees," said Renee Reed, another outreach director.

The main objective is to have people eat only when they're hungry and to stop when they're full. Too often, people eat because of a mental urge and not to nour-

ish themselves, Shamblin said.

The approach won't work for everyone, but it does for many.

"The stomach hunger is a gentle nudge, or an empty feeling," Shamblin said. "We urge our participants to turn to God to get them to wait on the stomach hunger and not listen to the head hunger, which is emotional eating."

Pampa Community Christian School now taking applications

By TIFFANIE FRANKS
Staff Writer

"The real world is the Christian world, and we believe that our school lives up to the standards of the bible," said Lynn Smith, administrator of the new Pampa Community Christian School.

The major difference in this new school and the public school system is that it teaches biblical principals and application of those to every day life.

Smith also said the philosophy of their school is different from the three other private Christian schools in Pampa.

"The parents are very involved, and we have a traditional classroom setting. We are very patriotic and will be opening each day with the pledge of allegiance, Christian pledge and pledge to the bible," she said.

The philosophy statement of the school says:

"Community Christian Schools believe in Spiritual salvation, growth, and development, Shared home/school responsibility, Academic, social, and physical development."

The discipline system the school will be using is called the tally system. Each time a child commits a behavioral offense the teacher writes it down and gives the paper to the student. After an accumulation of tallies, detention is served or the parent is called.

"The tally system works well in other schools like ours and is based on the Ten Commandments," Smith said.

The interdenominational school is a nonprofit organization and will be teacher directed. Each of the teachers will be required to have a college degree.

"We will be teaching fundamentals of the bible and not church doctrine. If one of the children has a question about the doctrine the teacher will direct the question to the student's parent," Smith said.

Tuition is comparable to other Christian schools of its type in the Panhandle area.

The Pampa Community Christian School is currently taking applications for kindergarten through the 9th grade at its office.

The office is located at 1200 S. Summer in the south end of Trinity Fellowship Church and is open from 10 to noon and 1:30 to 3:00 Monday through Thursday.

The staff is available for interviews during the day or evening. For more information call 665-3393.

Religion briefs

BUDAPEST, Hungary (AP) — The head of Russia's Orthodox Church has turned down an invitation to meet with Pope John Paul II when he visits Hungary this fall, the state news agency says.

The pontiff's visit will take him to northwestern Hungary to mark the 1,000th anniversary of a Benedictine monastery in Pannonhalma and to the western city of Gyoeer to meet with Hungarian bishops.

Hungarian church officials also had invited Patriarch Alexy II of the Russian Orthodox Church to Hungary. The proposed meeting was seen as a way of overcoming tensions over what the Orthodox Church sees as overzealous missionary work by Roman Catholics in Russia.

The patriarch had proposed the date for a meeting with the pope, who will be in Hungary on Sept. 6 and 7,

the MII state news agency said.

Pannonhalma Abbot Asztrik Varszegi and Gyoergy Nanovsky, Hungary's ambassador to Russia, said the Russian Orthodox Church leadership had decided to turn down the invitation.

Conservative Orthodox leaders feared the pope was trying to extend Catholic influence over their church, Nanovsky said.

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — The 89th General Assembly of the Church of God of Prophecy has approved expanded duties for women ministers and pastors.

While the church had previously recognized women pastors, their authority to perform certain ministerial functions had been limited.

The membership voted this month to allow women pastors to perform marriages, administer

Communion, baptize converts and administer the covenant for new membership.

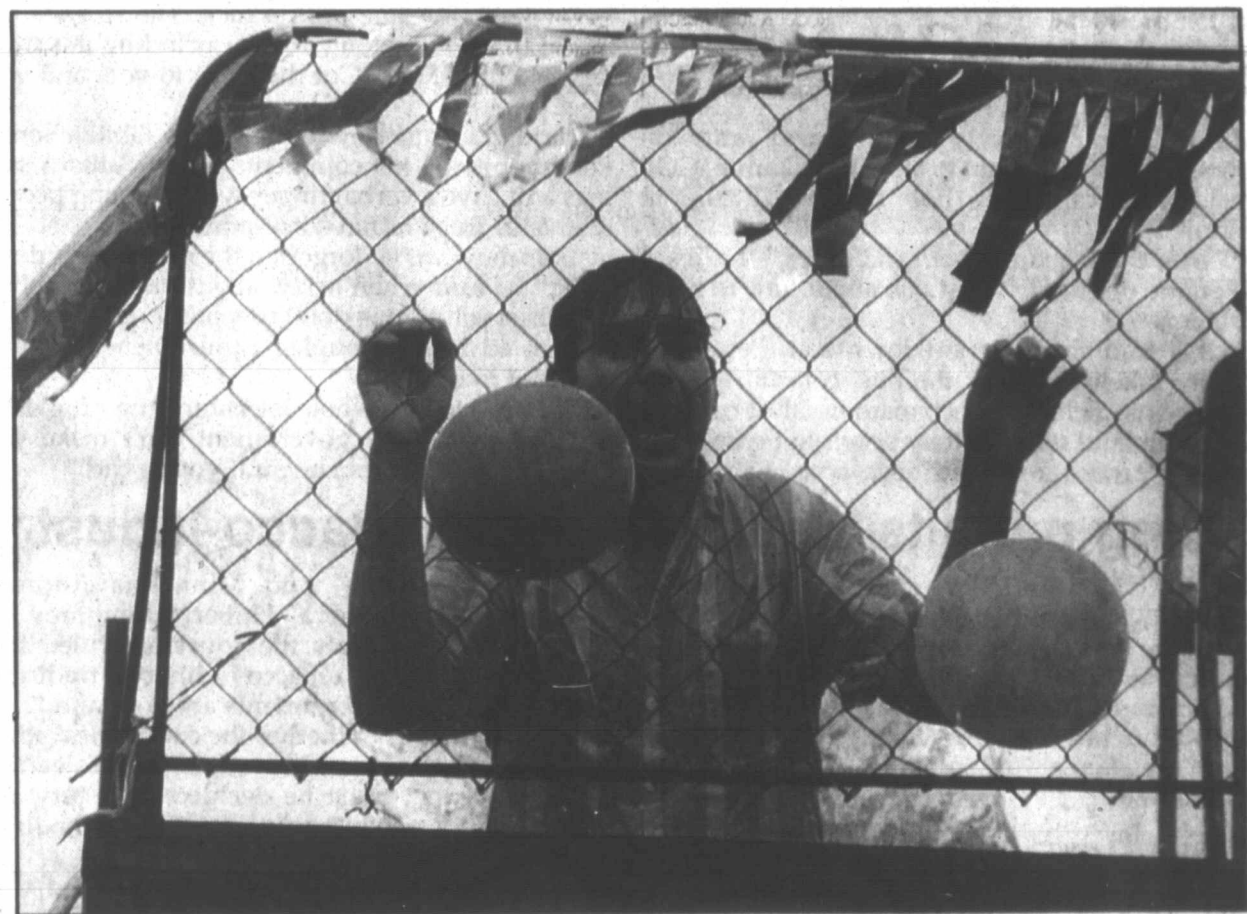
Women also were given full and equal voice in local and general business conference. Previously, only the male membership had an official voice in the various business sessions of the church.

The membership did not approve a female minister's authority to serve as an ordained elder.

PONTIAC, Mich. (AP) — They already had the faith. Now, thanks to their churches and an international job placement company, more than 40 area residents have a paycheck, too.

Manpower, a Milwaukee-based company that places full- and part-time employees with clients, including the Big Three automakers, began recruiting in local churches early this year.

Holy terror



(Pampa News photo by Danny Cowan)

Some people will do anything to beat the summer heat. Here, the Rev. Lyndon Glaesman, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, takes a plunge in a dunking tank, falling victim to someone's well-thrown ball. Rev. Glaesman was volunteering his services for the carnival at the end of the church's Vacation Bible School activities last Saturday.

Program urges people to turn to God to shed pounds

By LUCAS L. JOHNSON II
Associated Press Writer

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — When diet programs didn't work, Donna Peak turned to something less expensive and more familiar — her faith.

With Weigh Down Workshop, a Christian weight-loss program, Peak stopped counting calories and counted on God to help her drop 120 pounds.

Down from a top weight of 276 pounds, Peak is a big believer in a workshop found at more than 5,000 churches across the country. In Tennessee alone, there are 464 Weigh Down Workshops.

Based in Frankl'in, Tenn., Weigh Down was founded by Gwen Shamblin in 1986 to compete with commercial weight-loss plans. Her plan differs in the emphasis it puts on prayer, faith and Bible Scripture.

According to the program, faith

helps put a mental lock on the refrigerator door or provides a detour by the fast-food, drive-through lane.

"We tell people that when you overeat, you obey food, you give your heart to eating," Shamblin said. "Why not transfer that relationship with the refrigerator to God? Let God help you lose weight."

The classes for Weigh Down, held once a week during 12-week seminars, open with a prayer, followed by a video and audiotapes by Shamblin.

Bicycle pants are optional, and the only steps are those leading into the church.

"The only exercise is getting down on your knees," said Renee Reed, another outreach director.

The main objective is to have people eat only when they're hungry and to stop when they're full. Too often, people eat because of a mental urge and not to nour-

ish themselves, Shamblin said.

The approach won't work for everyone, but it does for many.

"The stomach hunger is a gentle nudge, or an empty feeling," Shamblin said. "We urge our participants to turn to God to get them to wait on the stomach hunger and not listen to the head hunger, which is emotional eating."

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Burundi leader installed by Tutsi regime urges international acceptance of coup

By KARIN DAVIES
Associated Press Writer

BUJUMBURA, Burundi (AP) - Burundi's military-installed leader urged the rest of the world to accept a coup by the Tutsi-led army as an act necessary to halt the ethnically torn country's "descent into hell."

In a radio address to the country Thursday night, Pierre Buyoya invited Burundi's deposed Hutu president to participate in an effort to rebuild the central African nation.

President Sylvestre Ntibantunganya (pronounced En-tee-bahn-toon-gan-yah) has been at the U.S. ambassador's residence since paratroopers surrounded government buildings in the capital Tuesday night. Embassy spokeswoman Judith Kaula said he had not resigned.

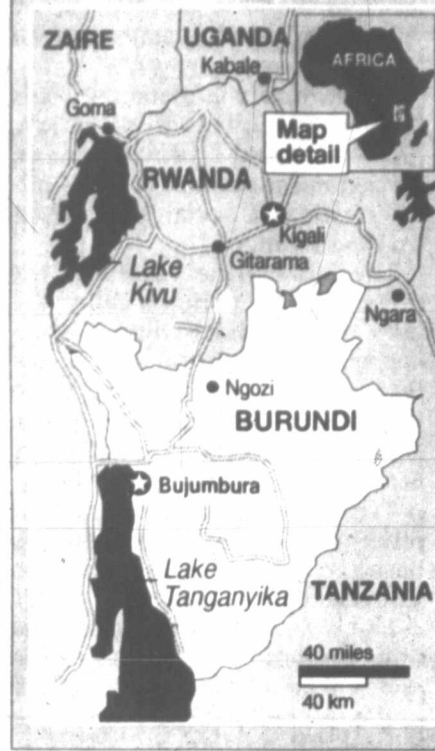
Buyoya called on the world to "understand the purpose of our efforts."

"What happened today was not a change of regime through ambition, glory or anything else," he said. "What happened today was an action of salvation."

Western leaders condemned the coup, fearing it could bring on ethnic warfare on the scale of neighboring Rwanda's genocide, but said nothing about sending troops to restore Ntibantunganya, who headed a Tutsi-Hutu coalition government.

This morning, the army lifted an overnight curfew that had closed businesses in Bujumbura

Uncertain fate for Burundi



Burundi's Hutu president, Sylvestre Ntibantunganya, fled to the U.S. ambassador's house in Bujumbura late Tuesday following an apparent coup attempt by the Tutsi-led army.

Facts about Burundi

Geography: Landlocked Central African country wedged between Tanzania and Zaire and south of Rwanda. Total area 10,750 square miles (27,834 sq kms), about the size of Belgium.

Population: About 6 million, including 85 percent Hutu, 14 percent Tutsi, and one percent Twa or pygmy. Official languages Kinyarwanda and French. Roman Catholic 62 percent, Protestant five percent, traditional beliefs 32 percent, Muslim one percent. Literacy about 50 percent.

Economy: Resource-poor, mainly agricultural. Coffee accounts for about 90 percent of export earnings. With per-capita income of \$220 a year, Burundi is the 12th poorest country according to World Bank statistics.

AP/Wm. J. Castello

and kept civilians at home. People were venturing onto streets; roadblocks were removed but soldiers continued to patrol.

The coup follows three years of civil war between the country's Hutus and Tutsis that has killed more than 150,000 people.

Burundi's ethnic mix - and hatred - is similar to that of Rwanda, where Hutu militia slaughtered a half-million Tutsis and moderate Hutus two summers ago. The Rwandan geno-

cide was prompted in part by Hutus' fears that Tutsis would try to regain the power they held until their monarchy was overthrown in 1959.

In Burundi, however, the Tutsis have been in control since the country's independence in 1962. The military coup does not alter the balance of power; no matter who has occupied the presidency, Burundi's Tutsi-run military has always run the country.

Burundi, a mountainous coun-

MTV bus stops in Dallas for interview with Reform Party founder Ross Perot

DALLAS (AP) - Climbing aboard MTV's leopard-carpeted campaign bus, Ross Perot offered this advice Thursday for the youthful crowd: don't take drugs or have sex, but do learn "to love, to care, to share."

And for any adult voters who might be watching, the funding father of the Reform Party declared, "Politics is nothing but acting."

"Never forget, the American voter is easily manipulated," he said, sitting ramrod straight in his pin-striped suit and tie.

Perot, who won 19 percent of the vote when he ran for president in 1992, announced two weeks ago that he would seek the nomination of his Reform Party this year. Former Colorado Gov. Richard Lamm also is running.

Perot hasn't actively campaigned and on Thursday he didn't want to talk about Lamm, GOP presidential candidate Bob Dole or President Clinton.

"I won't talk about other candidates," the Texas billionaire declared. "I just talk about how to solve problems."

In his traditional button-down suit, Perot was initially taken back by the bus' colorful interior decorations, including deep-maroon-fabric covered walls with gold stars. Glittery tassels hung from the ceiling. Purple, green and deep blue chairs with

harlequin diamond patterns, throw pillows and a carpet of gold-and-black leopard spots completed the picture.

"The colors are so dull," Perot joked. "I may fall asleep. You all better come back and let me jazz this up."

The cable music channel is attempting to mix music with a message by touring the country, registering voters and interviewing politicians, in its slogan-and-shrink-wrap covered "Choose or Lose" bus.

The shrink wrap gives the outside of the bus a red, white and blue appearance. The slogans are meant to inspire young voters, including this from rapper Run DMC: "Got the right to vote and will elect."

During his interview with MTV's Tabitha Soren, Perot peppered his comments with Southern sayings and gave a verbal finger-wag to young people who take drugs or have irresponsible sex.

"Somehow we've forgotten the only cure is don't do it," he said when asked about his drug policy. "The best solution is don't touch it."

Perot advocated tougher punishment for those involved in drugs.

"We need to be a whole lot tougher on drug dealers," he said. "The government can't make you good, it can only punish you if you're bad."

Ruling permits insurers to sue tobacco industry

ST. PAUL, Minn. - A state Supreme Court ruling allowing a private insurer to sue the tobacco industry promises to lead to more lawsuits claiming the public has been deceived about the dangers of smoking, experts said.

"This has been a much-watched case," said Richard Daynard of the Tobacco Products Liability Project at Northeastern University in Boston. "There are a number of health insurers that have been waiting for a decision here before acting."

The unanimous ruling Thursday stemmed from a lawsuit filed by the state attorney general's office and Blue Cross

and Blue Shield of Minnesota, a nonprofit insurer.

The court ruled that Blue Cross has the right to sue tobacco companies for false advertising. The lawsuit contends that the tobacco industry has deceived the public for 40 years about the dangers of smoking.

In the past, tobacco companies have successfully fought off product liability lawsuits that sought to prove smoking was harmful. The companies contended that smokers understood the risks or could not prove that tobacco was the sole cause of their illnesses.

"The tobacco industry has been able to win ... cases because lawsuits have focused on their product, rather than their behav-

ior," said Minnesota Attorney General Hubert Humphrey III. "Now the court has ruled that the tobacco industry's traditional arguments are not valid."

Whether the companies' activities are unfair or misleading must be decided by a jury, the court said. A trial is scheduled for 1998.

Tobacco companies said they would eventually prevail.

"We remain confident that, in the end, the law does still count, and that political correctness is not sufficient ground for rewriting the rules of litigation," said Charles Blixt, general counsel for R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co.

World briefs

Cubans anticipate message of hope in Castro speech

HOLGUIN, Cuba (AP) - Political slogans and salsa music filled the streets of this eastern city as Cubans struggling to overcome economic crisis anticipated a message of hope today from President Fidel Castro.

Communist Party ward leaders organized block parties that began Thursday night with dancing, free food and plentiful cases of cheap beer.

"We are still limited by our circumstances, but we are going to make do with what we have," said Miralis Rojas, a political leader who decorated her two-story house with paper streamers and flags. "We are going to dance all night long."

State factories - adorned with pictures of Castro, tiny paper flags and signs declaring "Viva Fidel!" - closed on Wednesday so workers could prepare for Castro's arrival and a national holiday today commemorating the 1953 start of the revolution.

victed on two charges of sexually assaulting women while he directed a boarding school for Indians 30 years ago.

Hubert O'Connor, 68, remained free on bail pending a sentencing hearing set for Sept. 9. He is the highest-ranking Catholic official to be charged with sex crimes in Canada.

O'Connor was found guilty Thursday on one count of sexual assault and one of indecent assault. He was acquitted on two other counts.

It was the second trial for the former bishop of Prince George, British Columbia.

The first was halted in 1992 when a judge ruled the prosecution had failed to give the defense records of the alleged victims' therapy and counseling. That ruling later was overturned, clearing the way for a new trial.

O'Connor was charged with the assaults of a student and three former students at a boarding school at Williams Lake, in central British Columbia.

Former Catholic bishop convicted in sex assault case

VANCOUVER, British Columbia (AP) - A former Roman Catholic bishop was con-

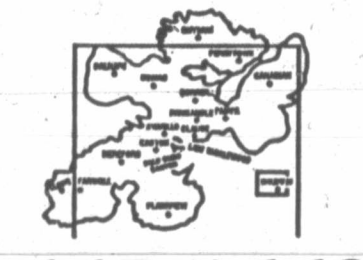
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Winning teams in the wives' portion of play for the Tri-State Seniors Golf Tournament are, from left, Margaret Lawyer of Pampa and Rubye Murphy of Odessa, first; Betty Clemmons of Fritch and Jane Dodson of Amarillo, second; and B.J. Williams of Kemp and Judi Rittiman of Rockport, third.

Tri-State Senior wives two-women golf scramble winners announced

Under a clear blue sky and perfect temperatures in the 70s, Thursday morning, the Tri-State Senior Women's Golf group played the two-person scramble, their second one-day tournament this week.

Tee off started at 9 a.m. at Pampa's Hidden Hills Golf Course with 37 players in the scramble. Elnora Haynes, coordinator of the women's golf matches, said this week was perfect for the ladies' scrambles and putting tournament.

"We always look forward to this every year. The women are all friends, and a great bunch to be with and to play golf with," she said.

In Thursday's play, Rubye Murphy and Margaret Lawyer won first place in the two-person scramble.

There were three teams tying for third. A playoff was held with teams made up of Judi Rittiman and B.J. Williams, Marty Nash and Freda Frazier, and Sue Davis and Sandra

Mathers. After the third hole, the winner of third place was determined — Rittiman and Williams.

The following scores were posted for the winning teams:

First place, score 42 — Rubye Murphy of Odessa and Margaret Lawyer of Pampa.

Second place, score 43 — Betty Clemmons of Fritch and Jane Dodson of Amarillo.

Third place, score 44 — Judi Rittiman of Rockport and B.J. Williams of Kemp.

Senate passes foreign aid package

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate passed a \$12.25 billion foreign aid bill today that includes a measure imposing limited economic sanctions against Burma.

The bill, approved 93-7, must be reconciled with a \$11.9 billion House version that passed in June, before it is sent to President Clinton for signing.

With help from Republicans, the Clinton administration staved off an attempt during Thursday's floor debate to make a total cutoff of economic ties to Burma, the Southeast Asian nation whose whose military leaders ousted a democratically elected government in 1990 and are accused of human rights abuses.

The sanctions proposal, sponsored by Sen. William Cohen, R-Maine, was attached to the 1997 foreign aid bill, which also included a measure to restore the administration's request for \$213 million for international drug-control efforts.

Also approved was an amendment making Poland, Hungary, Slovenia and the Czech Republic eligible for \$60 million in U.S. aid designed to expedite their entry into the NATO alliance. The House has passed a similar measure.

Another amendment restored the \$25 million requested by the administration to support the Korean Peninsula Economic Development Organization, which provides North Korea with energy as part of a 1994 deal to dismantle its nuclear arms program. The aid is conditioned on, among other things, North Korean cooperation with efforts to recover remains of U.S. servicemen killed in the Korean War.

The Burma measure was supported by the Clinton administration. The administration opposed a move to enact tougher sanctions by barring all private and public U.S. investment in Burma.

The Cohen sanctions would

take effect immediately; as an additional penalty, the president would have to cut off all new U.S. investment in Burma if he determined that the Burmese government had harmed or exiled opposition leader Aung San Suu Kyi or committed large-scale repression or violence against the pro-democracy opposition.

By a vote of 54-45, the Senate defeated an attempt to kill Cohen's measure. Cohen said his approach would enable the Clinton administration to coordinate with Asian allies on an effective policy supporting democratic change in Burma.

The Senate also adopted an amendment to the foreign aid bill that would increase spending on international counter-drug efforts from \$53 million to the \$213 million requested by Clinton. That amendment, sponsored by Sen. Paul Coverdell, R-Ga., but opposed by many Democrats, was approved by a vote of 51-46.

Record number of adults earn GED diplomas

WASHINGTON (AP) — A record half-million adults earned high school equivalency diplomas last year, joining a roster of well-known test takers that includes Bill Cosby, the late Navy Admiral Jeremy Boorda and Sen. Ben Nighthorse Campbell.

Last year, nearly 724,000 adults in the United States and Canada completed the General Educational Development test, commonly known as the GED, according to a report released today by the American Council on Education.

Seventy-two percent, or 523,463 people, passed and received credentials — the largest number since the test began in 1943 to help World War II veterans earn high school credit.

"I've always been proud of the fact that I did it and I've given talks to motivate others to do it," said Campbell, R-Colo. "I tell them if they want to straighten out their lives, the GED is part of that opportunity."

Campbell took the test while

serving in the Air Force in the early 1950s. A self-described "troublemaker," Campbell dropped out during his senior year at Placer High School in Auburn, Calif. In 1992, he returned to the school to walk through commencement with the graduating class.

More than 10 million adults have earned GED credentials in the past 25 years. The number of adults earning GED diplomas has increased by 19 percent during the past decade, the report says.

The GED is a battery of five tests that measure the general

academic skills and knowledge usually acquired in four years of high school. They test writing skills, social studies, science, interpretation of literature and the arts, and math.

"Those who take the GED test are a richly diverse group," the report says. "Some have recently dropped out of school. Others have been out of school for several years. Most take the tests to qualify for further education, and others hope that passing the GED will encourage their children or their grandchildren to stay in school."

Clinton puts travelers on notice: More airline security, longer lines

NEW YORK (AP) — President Clinton has put air travelers on notice: Stepped up security following the explosion of TWA Flight 800 may mean longer lines and pricier plane tickets.

More luggage will be searched by hand and more bags screened, Clinton announced Thursday. And for all international flights, there will be a preflight inspection of "every plane, every cabin, every cargo hold, every time."

"The steps we are taking today, and others we may take in the future, could increase the inconvenience and the expense of air travel," Clinton said. "I want the American people to know that up front."

The Federal Aviation Administration said the new measures, which took effect immediately, end curbside baggage check-in on international flights and baggage check-in through hotels.

There will be more questioning of passengers in check-in lines as well as inspections of carry-on baggage. Other steps are also going to be taken, but will remain classified.

The FAA suggested that travelers arrive early for flights, photo identification in hand and with baggage labeled and ready for inspection.

The president announced the measures at Kennedy Airport

after meeting with relatives of TWA victims. He said they have "suffered enormous pain" and he expressed sympathy with their frustration over the slow recovery and identification of bodies.

Currently, carry-on luggage is screened with X-ray devices designed in an era when the primary threat was hijackers with guns. Today, more complex and sophisticated bombs may be overlooked by such devices.

Tighter security could help avoid another disaster, but federal officials said it could add 15 to 30 minutes to boarding time.

Most airlines already require passengers to be at the airport two hours early for check-in on an international flight, but El Al and Tower Air, which fly to security-tight Israel, require three to four hours.

"Everybody has always been miffed at those kinds of measures because of the amount of time it puts on the passengers to be at the airport before the plane takes off," said Wanda Potrykus a spokeswoman for the Montreal-based International Air Transport Association, which represents the major international airlines.

Danny Peleg, director of security for Tower Air, said airlines should be able to follow the president's directive without delaying passengers.

"If they (do), it is just that the people on the field should find the right way to implement them," he said.

Regardless, more security means more money to pay for more equipment and more personnel.

At a briefing near New York's Kennedy Airport, Transportation Secretary Federico Pena said "the American people understand the need" for tighter security.

He could not project the added cost, but said it would be paid by airlines. Initially, anyway.

"The government says the airline has to pay for it and the airline passes it on the traveling public because they can't absorb it," said Potrykus, the IATA spokeswoman.

Pena described the moves as the "next generation" of increased security that began last autumn in preparation for such events as the pope's visit. He said the measures were not related directly to the TWA crash.

Clinton appointed Vice President Al Gore to head a commission on airline safety that will report back in 45 days on deploying the latest security technology. "Whatever needs to be done, we will do it," Clinton said.

Travelers may not be too upset if the costs of added security are within reason.

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Devil's Advocate Has Sympathy For Cops Who Lose Their Cool

DEAR ABBY: I am an 84-year-old woman who would like to play the devil's advocate, but in this case, I would like to know who the devil is.

An officer of the law, whose job it is to reprimand anyone who is breaking the law, must drive 80 to 100 miles an hour on a freeway, chasing someone who is endangering the lives of everyone on the freeway, including himself.

Abby, how can we expect a police officer (who doesn't know whether he will go home to his wife and kids that night) to drive at breakneck speed for an hour or more, and keep his composure when he finally catches up with the criminal? If he's human, he will lash out at the culprit. Then, it seems to me, everyone is appalled at the behavior of the police officer — instead of the one who is breaking the law.

Ten-to-one, the criminal is high on something, and though the marks on him are visible, I'll bet he didn't feel the blows as much as the high he was getting on the substance, which gave him the courage to drive that fast.

What say you, Abby?

ELEANOR FROM BROOKLYN

DEAR ELEANOR: I can understand your frustration, but tolerating police brutality will not reduce our crime rate. The police are trained (and paid) to apprehend criminals. They are not vigilantes who may enforce their own code of



Abigail Van Buren
SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

punishment.

All citizens would be in great danger if taking the law into our own hands became acceptable.

DEAR ABBY: What is your opinion of people who take photographs — and, in some instances, motion pictures — of strangers in a public area without their permission?

I am not referring to celebrities, but the general public.

A.O. IN LOS ANGELES

DEAR A.O.: Photographing strangers without permission is a clear invasion of their privacy. Most people may have no objections, but on the chance that they do, they should be asked first.

DEAR ABBY: Some time ago, you reprinted a brief essay about death. I don't remember the exact wording, but the gist of the piece was likening the individual to a

ship — seen by one group of people as leaving, and at the same time seen by another group as arriving. This piece impressed me so much that I want it to be read at my funeral.

I wasn't able to keep the newspaper. If you recognize this essay, will you please print it again?

ELAINE HARPER, NASHVILLE, TENN.

DEAR ELAINE: The piece was titled "A Parable of Immortality," by Henry Van Dyke. Not only have I published it before, it's also in my "Keepers" booklet. Here it is:

"I am standing upon the seashore. A ship at my side spreads her white sails to the morning breeze and starts for the blue ocean. She is an object of beauty and strength, and I stand and watch until at last she hangs like a speck of white cloud just where the sun and sky come down to mingle with each other. Then someone at my side says, 'There she goes!'"

"Gone where? Gone from my sight — that is all. She is just as large in mast and hull and spar as she was when she left my side and just as able to bear her load of living freight to the places of destination."

"Her diminished size is in me not in her. And just at the moment when someone at my side says, 'There she goes!' there are other eyes watching her coming and other voices ready to take up the glad shout, 'Here she comes!'"

manipulate friends today because they might resent being used even more than you do.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) If the abrasive outside world doesn't treat you too well today, don't bring your frustrations to the dinner table and take them out on innocent family members.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) The venomous tongue of someone you dislike might sting you today if you take his or her remarks to heart.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) A sly salesperson might try to sell you something you do not need today. This person will exert a lot of pressure, but you must resist.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Today, you might be saddled with a difficult companion who will be in an argumentative frame of mind. Try to remain patient.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Avoid doing physically strenuous things today. Your mind might be comfortable with the challenge, but your muscles may not be ready.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) You do not like to be controlled, so don't try to

manipulate friends today because they might resent being used even more than you do.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Guard against the inclination to deliberately take chances with your finances if you know the odds are stacked against you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Your views and opinions might be challenged today, even by individuals who haven't done this previously. Prepare to back up your claims with facts.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Do not let a surrogate make financial commitments on your behalf today without your consent. The situation could get ugly.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) People who don't know you well could find you difficult to read today. Your mood could swing from tolerance to temper at the drop of a hat.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Actions will speak louder than words today. Do not say you will do something unless you truly mean it. Associates will find this behavior hard to excuse.

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Horoscope



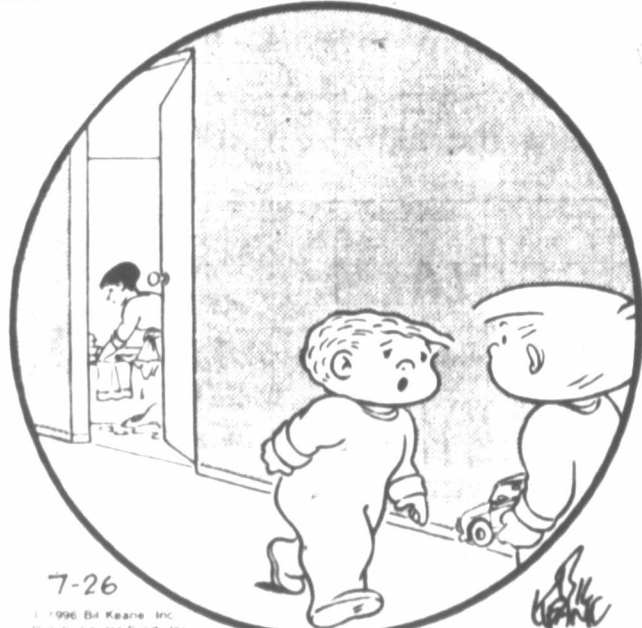
Your Birthday

Saturday, July 27, 1996

Major changes in your social life are probable in the year ahead. It looks like you are finally going to be part of that group or clique you've always admired and envied.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Make an effort to treat everyone with whom you're involved equally today. Do not cozy up to specific individuals just because you think they can do you a favor. Trying to patch up a broken romance? The Astro-Graph Matchmaker can help you understand what to do to make the relationship work.

Mail \$2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this news-



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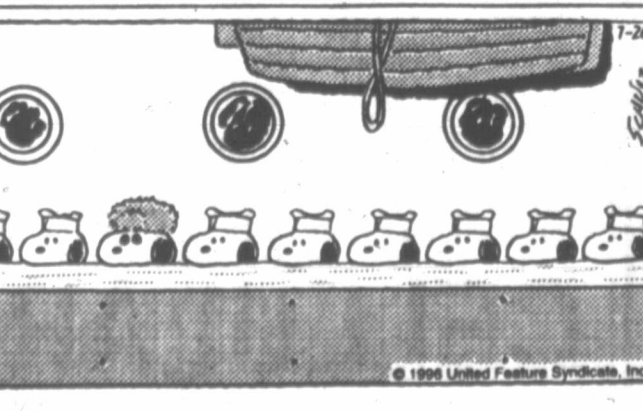
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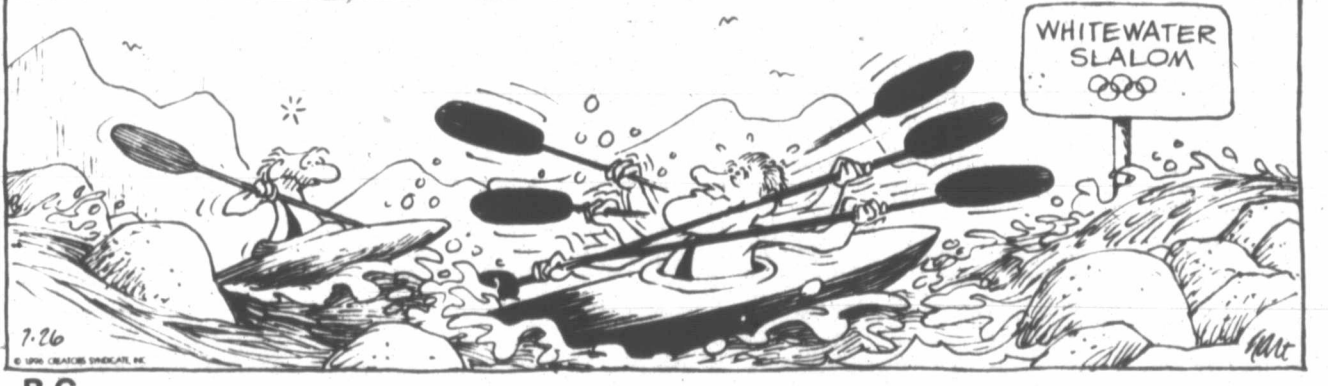
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BASEBALL

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Kevin Appier, eligible to become a free agent following the season, agreed with the Kansas City Royals on a \$14.9 million, three-year extension through 1999.

Appier will get \$4.8 million per season and the Royals have a \$5.2 million option for 2000 with a \$500,000 buyout. The Royals can't trade him from July 30 this season through next July 30. After that, there are six teams he can't be traded to.

In five years he has a 90-61 record. This year he has a 3.52 ERA in 125 1-3 innings, third in the American League, and is fourth with 122 strikeouts.

GOLF

HILVERSUM, Netherlands (AP) — Irishman Des Smyth had an eagle 3 at the 18th hole to complete a 7-under-par 64 for the opening-round lead in the Dutch Open, one shot ahead of Northern Ireland's David Feherty and France's Jean van de Velde.

Englishmen Stephen Field and Russel Claydon fired 66s to tie for fourth. Scott Hoch shot 70, and John Daly had a 4-over 75.

PORTRUSH, Northern Ireland (AP) — Englishmen Malcolm Gregson, Neil Coles and Roy Smethurst shot 5-under-par 67s for a one-stroke lead after the first round of the Senior British Open.

One stroke back were American Tom Wargo, Tommy Horton of England and Bob Charles of New Zealand.

BASKETBALL

NEW YORK (AP) — The NBA begins its 50th anniversary season with a 14-game schedule Nov. 1 highlighted by the champion Chicago Bulls playing the Celtics in Boston.

Opening night will also feature New York at the Toronto Raptors, 50 years to the day the Knicks played the then-Toronto Huskies in the first NBA game at Maple Leaf Gardens.

The Seattle SuperSonics, who lost to the Bulls in the NBA Finals in six games, also open Nov. 1, at Utah.

The All-Star game will be played Feb. 9 at Gund Arena in Cleveland.

COLLEGE

EDINBURG, Texas (AP) — The NCAA placed Texas-Pan American on four years' probation for recruiting and ethics violations in the men's basketball program.

The infraction was the third against the Division I university since 1990, and resulted in the school's second probation in four years.

The violations, first alleged in September, centered around charges that in 1993, two assistant coaches improperly helped recruits with correspondence course work from the Southeastern College of the Assemblies of God.

In addition, the NCAA concluded the coaching staff conducted illegal off-campus basketball camps and provided improper benefits for players.

It accused head coach Mark Adams of violating NCAA ethical standards by discussing the investigation against orders and providing false information to the enforcement staff and university officials.

In addition to probation, the NCAA prohibited the university from awarding basketball scholarships to transfer students for the 1997-98 and 1998-99 school years. It also reduced from 13 to 12 the number of scholarships available those two years.

HOCKEY

MIAMI (AP) — Florida Panthers goaltender John Vanbiesbrouck will undergo arthroscopic surgery to repair a small cartilage tear in his right shoulder, and miss the 1996 World Cup.

Heroes of Barcelona, also-rans of Atlanta

By RAUL NEWBERRY
AP Sports Writer

ATLANTA (AP) — There was Janet Evans, chugging along at the back of the pack. If only she had stopped to look, she could have seen the newest darling of American swimming up ahead — way ahead.

There was Shannon Miller, tears streaming down her face after a disastrous misstep on the gymnastics mat.

Two American women who stood at the pinnacle of their sports in Barcelona four years ago were also-rans at these Olympic Games on Thursday.

"I don't really have any regrets," said Miller, who broke down as she spoke about her eighth-place finish in the women's all-around. "I'm still going home with a (team) gold medal."

One of the Olympics' glamour events, track and field, was getting started today with finals in two events as well as several preliminaries. Swimming was scheduled to wrap up with the Americans trying to build on their impressive medal haul, which included an Olympic record by the women's 800 freestyle relay team Thursday. The Dream Team returns to the court tonight, against China.

While Miller and Evans stumbled Thursday, two other stars from 1992 are still shining brightly.

Krisztina Egerszegi of Hungary became the first swimmer in Olympic history to win five gold medals in individual events when she blew away the field in the 200-meter backstroke.

And Russian Alexander Popov proved once again that he is the fastest man in the pool, outstretching America's Gary Hall Jr. in a stirring 50-meter freestyle.

"If you win first Olympics, you become famous," said Popov, who repeated his double-gold medal performance of Barcelona with wins in the 50 and 100 freestyle. "If you win second Olympics, you become great."

The greatness of the U.S. women's basketball team is becoming more and more apparent. The Americans whipped Zaire 107-47 before a Georgia

Dome crowd of 31,230 — the largest in the history of women's basketball — and appear to be an unstoppable as the other Dream Team.

"It was really exhilarating because when you walk out, you feel like you're at a men's game," said Carla McGhee, one of seven U.S. players to score in double figures. "There were so many people. We were really pumped up."

Overall, the Americans remained atop the medals board with 32 (12 gold, 16 silver, 4 bronze), followed by Russia with 25 (13-7-5) and Germany with 22 (3-8-11).

Miller, who won a total of five silver and bronze medals at Barcelona, finally won her first gold Tuesday night in the women's team all-around. But the individual all-around turned out to be a disaster for the Americans.

Dominique Dawes, leading after the first two events, went skidding out of bounds in the floor exercise and wound up 17th. Miller's routine was ruined when she barely stumbled out of bounds.

The other American, Dominique Moceanu, subbing for injured Kerri Strug, finished ninth in an event won by Ukrainian world champion Lilia Podkopyayeva.

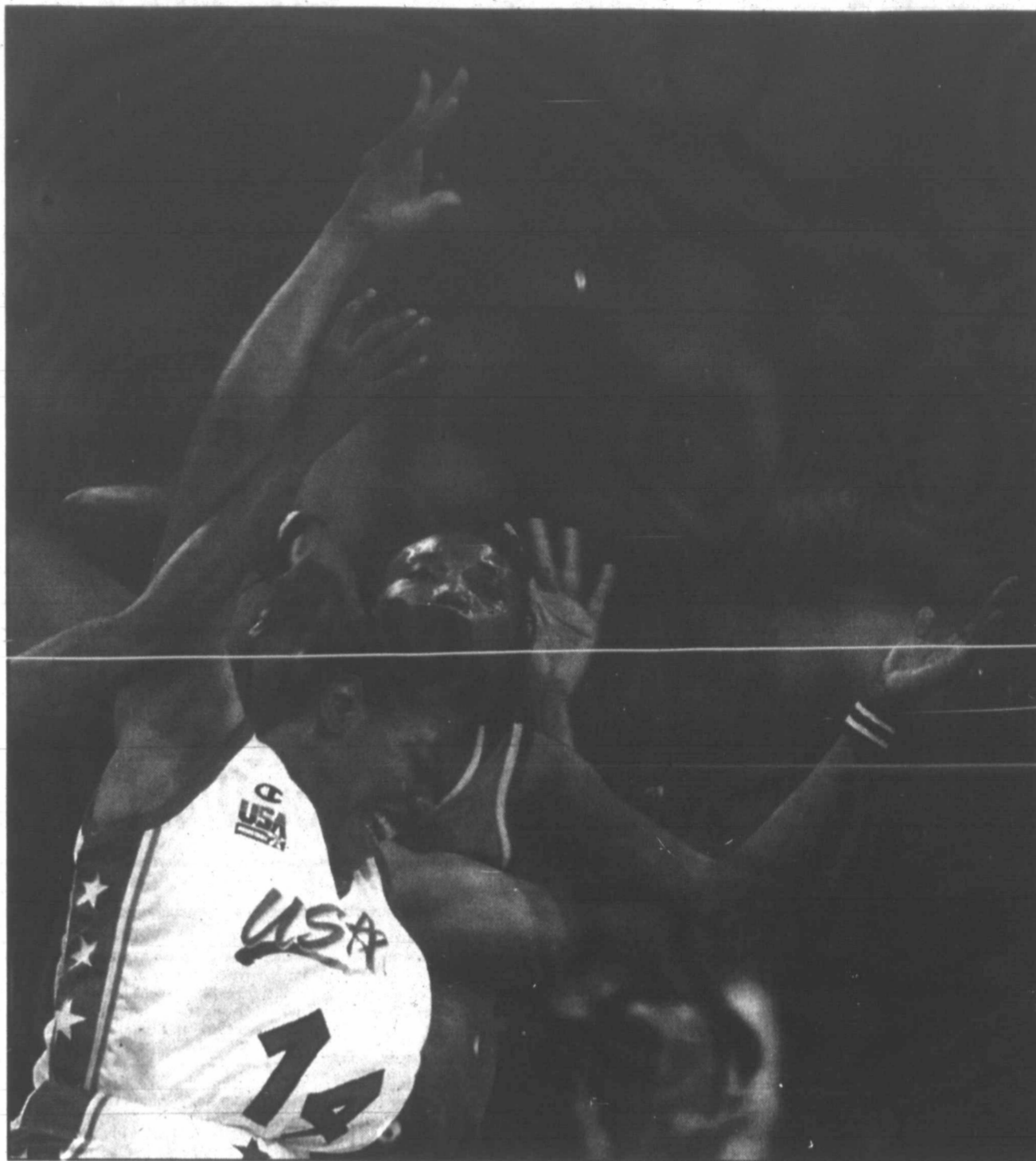
"I tried my hardest tonight," Miller said. "We won the gold and were so excited, we lost focus. It's hard."

More bittersweet than disappointing for the Americans was the sight of Evans, a four-time gold medalist at Seoul and Barcelona, finishing the 800-meter freestyle near the back of the pack, more than 11 seconds behind 16-year-old winner Brooke Bennett.

"Even 20 years down the road, everybody's going to remember Janet," Bennett said. "I think Janet's always going to be the queen of distance swimming."

For Evans, there were no regrets about finishing her career with such a dismal performance, no second thoughts about coming back for one more Olympics.

"I leave with a smile on my face," she said, following through



(Freedom News Service photo by Michael Goulding)
U.S. women's basketball player Venus Lacey (140, of Chattanooga, Tenn., fights for a rebound with Muene Tshijuka of Zaire during Thursday's game. Lacey scored 13 points as the U.S. won 107-47.

on her plans to retire after the Atlanta Games — one gold medal short of Bonnie Blair's record for an American woman.

The U.S. boxers saw their hopes wane because of two questionable decisions. Zahir Raheem was left sobbing in the ring after the referee stopped his 119-pound bout in the first round, and 147-pound Fernando Vargas could only shake his head in dis-

belief when he lost a one-point decision to a Romanian.

The American men's volleyball players also were shaking their heads after a five-set loss to Cuba. The match ended when Bryan Ivie's spike attempt hit the net out-of-bounds marker on match point.

The U.S. baseball team hopes to fare better as it heads toward an inevitable showdown with the

powerhouse Cubans. A record five first-inning homers powered the Americans to a 15-5 win over Japan and equaled Cuba's 4-0 start.

In Columbus, the women's softball team fared better at the end, scoring two runs in the final inning to beat Canada 4-2. The game didn't end until nearly 2 a.m. today because of a rain delay.

Bowe holds lead Thursday in Tri-State Senior golf tournament

First round leader Gary Bowe of Lubbock held on to a slim one-shot lead after Thursday's second round of the Tri-State Seniors Golf tournament.

Lowe led the champion's flight going into action today with a total score of 146 total over Pampa's Elmer Wilson's 147 and Stratford's Donald Riffe's 147.

Riffe had the low round of the day with an even-par 71.

Robert Sanders of Amarillo and Ed Dudley of Plainview are each two shots back at 148.

In the president's flight, Ray Morgan of Crosby 154 holds a one-shot lead at 154 over Amarillo's Doug Barron's 155. Merle Terrell of Pampa was in third with 156.

Today's final round at the Pampa Country Club promises to be exciting with seven golfers within four shots of the lead in the Championship flight.

After two days of match play, flights one through nine will finish the tournament with medal play.

Thursday's results within flights:
Broadmoor/First Flight: Rudolph Inman def. Lloyd Stephen 2 and 0; Jeff Walker def. Dick Long 1 up; Don Babcock def. Bob Velasquez 4 and 2; James Jezek def. Sonny Adams 3 and 2.

Consolation: Bill Allen def. J. T. Webb 4 and 3; Ken Chandler def. Whitey White 4 and 3; Robert Stovall def. Charles Swearingen 7 and 6; James Stavenhagen def. Frank Robinson 2 up.

Colonial/Second Flight: Gene Hollingsworth def. Dale Haynes 6 and 5; Charlie Heimer def. Lowrey Rhodes 1 up; Rodney Dunkin def. Leldon Blue 6 and 5; Larry Freeman def. Mel Monroe 1 up.

Consolation: Dave Davidson def. Hugh Lorimer 1 up; Gene James def. Hugh Boyd 3 and 1; Henry Connor def. Chuck White 5 and 3; Charles Davis def. Norman Sublett 1 up.

Crestview/Third Flight: Jay Baker def. Darel Lee 3 and 2; Bill Long def. Steve Stevens 4 and 3; Jay Guillory def. Bill Downing 6 and 5; Mackie Allen def. Bill Scholz 6 and 5.

Consolation: Bobby Baker def. Doc Hamilton 2 and 1; Johnny Sweeney def. Carlton Dodson 1 up; Bill Blackman def. Glen Stafford 5 and 4; James McDonald def. Mel Rittiman 3 and 2.

Greenbriar/Fourth Flight: Eddy Clemons def. Carlton Freeman 2 up; Wayne Martin def. John Haynes 2 up; John Perdue def. Jim House 3 and 2; Fred Adams def. Dan Steen 3 and 2.

Consolation: Jim Albritten ten def. Carroll Reed 2 and 1; Bill Riffe def. Frank McAleavey; Tom Murphy def. Rex Christian 5 and 4; John Phillips def. Travis Loudermilk 3 and 2.

Hillcrest/Fifth Flight: James Cunningham def. J. C. Beyer 5 and 3; Russell Baker def. Bert Uhlenhake 7 and 5; Nash Grover def. George Roach 1 up; Mark Tomlinson def. Roy Blank 2 and 1.

Consolation: Joe Boyd def. Gerald Matsler 5 and 4; Tyler Collins def. James Carver 5 and 4; Don Russell def. C. L. Duniven (forfeit); Ben Mathers 1 up.

Lakewood/Sixth Flight: W. Phillips def. Joe Fusco 3 and 2; Loyd Blackburn def. Lee Petty 3 and 2; Harvey Haas def. J. Donaldson 4 up; Buzz Roberts def. Bud Cozad 1 up.

Consolation: Bob Shuttee def. Vester Smith 3 and 2; Dave Redus def. Tommy Lee 1 up; Foy Guin def. Walter Farr 1 up; Harry Frye def. Don Davis 2 up.

Meadowbrook/Seventh Flight: Delmer Jones def. Charles Matsler 2 and 1; John Blumberg def. Dewayne Wells 5 and 4; Steve Moore def. Dick Stowers 5 and 4; Tom Frazee def. Danna Howerton 5 and 4.

Consolation: Frank Kelly def. Harold Ewald 1 up; Paul Rathbun def. J. Waterfield 3 up; Bud McMurry def. John Behnen 4 and 2; Courtney Cowden def. Vincent Simon 5 and 3.

Oak Hills/Eighth Flight: Don Travis def. Dick Branson 2 up; A. T. Pumphrey def. Don Curphey 7 and 5; Pete Swearingen def. Ralph Lakin 4 and 3; Frank Burkman def. Ward Farmer 4 and 3.

Consolation: Robert Bean def. Jim Barnett 4 and 3; O. C. Penn def. John Short 10 and 3; Ralph Collinsworth def. Tom Cox 3 and 2; Joe Barrow def. Bob Curry 4 up.

Pinecrest/Ninth Flight: Richard Byrd def. Bill Ballard 4 and 3; Richard Fox def. Ray Dunkin 3 and 2; Jim Garrett def. Ralph Heatly 7 and 5; Bob Petterson def. Tom Fatkin 1 up.

Consolation: Loyde Moon def. B. Patterson 6 and 4; Doug Newton def. Ed Williams 1 up; Bill Shropshire def. Elvin Kays 6 and 5; Guy Lateano def. Doc Williams.

Standings after Thursday's play:

Pos.	Player	Hometown	Rd 1	Rd 2	Tot
1	Bowe, Gary	Lubbock	73	73	146
2	Wilson, E.	Pampa	75	72	147
3	Riffe, D.	Stratford	76	71	147
4	Sanders, B.	Amarillo	74	74	148
5	Dudley, E.	Plainview	74	74	148
6	Dudley, J.	Big Spring	77	72	149
7	Langley, C.	Pampa	75	75	150
8	Perak, E.	Lubbock	75	75	150
9	Quartel, E.	Pampa	75	76	151
10	Howell, F.	Amarillo	76	77	153
11	Browning, J.	Amarillo	76	77	153
12	Salmon, H.	Pampa	77	78	155
13	Dawson, C.	Amarillo	77	80	156
14	Goodell, J.	Amarillo	79	77	156
15	Knight, O.	Copus Christi	78	79	157
16	DelCach, D.	Dallas	79	80	159

Pos.	Player	Hometown	Rd 1	Rd 2	Tot
1	Morgan, R.	Crosby	80	74	154
2	Barron, D.	Amarillo	80	75	155
3	Terrell, M.	Pampa	81	75	156
4	Dial, J.	Waco	82	74	156
5	Pettit, J.	Hominy, OK	80	82	162
6	Adams, G.	Arlington	83	79	162
7	Stovall, F.	Houston	85	78	163
8	Pierce, K.	Amarillo	82	82	164
9	Kuntz, D.	Abilene	88	78	166
10	Simpson, E.	Amarillo	80	86	166
11	Cammons, B.	Fritch	85	83	168
12	Darby, J.	Pampa	91	79	170



(Pampa News photo by Sherry Cromartie)
Doug Newton, second from right, poses with teammates Ray Dunkin, Robert Fox and Dr. Ed Williams.

Player brings new meaning to 'senior'

They call it a seniors golf tournament, but one player brings new meaning to the word.

Doug Newton has been coming to the Tri-State Seniors Golf Tournament for many years — at least 25 to 27 years, he said.

Newton, by the way, is 91 years old.

The golfers get excited about reuniting with old friends every year and making new ones.

Newton made new acquaintances this year when he was matched up in his foursome in the first round of play Wednesday, including Ray Dunkin of Alva, Okla., Robert Fox of Midwest City, Okla., and Dr. Ed Williams of Pampa.

Newton, a lifetime resident of Del Rio, is a retired district attorney. He received the Col. Bogey award in 1992. He said he will continue playing in the Tri-State tour-

nament "until I get too old to play. I've played golf for 75 years."

He decided to play golf in 1922 while watching his hometown golf course being built, he said.

"I've always tried to stay in shape, working out some, or playing golf. When I was in college, I was the light-weight champion in boxing at The University of Texas, and I've worked out ever since," Newton said.

He said he has played golf all over the world, including Mexico, Scotland, France, Switzerland, Italy, Greece and Canada, and many places in the United States. Newton says he has lived a "wonderful life and enjoys every minute of it."

"I always enjoy the nice scenery here at the Pampa Country Club and the good people. It is wonderful coming here from Del Rio ... the weather is perfect," Newton said.

Scoreboard

BASEBALL

American League Standings
By The Associated Press
All Times EDT

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
New York	60	40	.600	—
Baltimore	50	50	.500	10
Toronto	46	56	.451	15
Boston	45	55	.450	15
Detroit	32	70	.314	29

Central Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Cleveland	62	40	.608	—
Chicago	55	47	.539	7
Milwaukee	50	51	.495	11 1/2
Minnesota	49	52	.485	12 1/2
Kansas City	47	56	.456	15 1/2

West Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Texas	58	44	.569	—
Seattle	54	48	.524	3
Oakland	53	50	.515	5 1/2
California	49	53	.480	9

Wednesday's Games
New York 4, Texas 2
Oakland 6, Chicago 5
Boston 12, Kansas City 2
Minnesota 11, Baltimore 4
Cleveland 10, Toronto 7
Seattle 8, Milwaukee 7
Only games scheduled

Thursday's Games
Toronto 4, Oakland 3
Kansas City 7, New York 0
Minnesota 16, Boston 6
Cleveland 10, Baltimore 7
Texas 4, Chicago 3, 12 innings
California 5, Milwaukee 4

Detroit 7, Seattle 4, 10 innings

Friday's Games
Kansas City (Haney 8-8) at New York (Key 7-7), 7:35 p.m.
Cleveland (Swindell 1-1) at Baltimore (Musina 11-7), 7:35 p.m.
Oakland (Adams 0-0) at Toronto (Guzman 9-6), 7:35 p.m.
Texas (Oliver 8-3) at Chicago (Alvarez 12-5), 8:05 p.m.
Boston (Clemens 4-9) at Minnesota (Radke 5-13), 8:05 p.m.
Milwaukee (D'Amico 3-2) at California (D. Springer 0-0), 10:05 p.m.
Detroit (Sager 2-1) at Seattle (Hitchcock 9-4), 10:05 p.m.

Saturday's Games
Cleveland (Hershiser 10-6) at Baltimore (Haynes 3-6), 1:05 p.m.
Texas (Hill 11-5) at Chicago (Tapani 9-5), 1:05 p.m.
Kansas City (Belcher 9-5) at New York (Rogers 6-5), 4:05 p.m.
Oakland (Wasdin 6-2) at Toronto (Hanson 8-12), 4:05 p.m.
Boston (Gordon 7-5) at Minnesota (Robertson 4-9), 8:05 p.m.
Milwaukee (McDonald 10-3) at California (Langston 5-4), 10:05 p.m.
Detroit (B. Williams 2-7) at Seattle (Wagner 3-2), 10:05 p.m.

Sunday's Games
Oakland at Toronto, 1:05 p.m.
Cleveland at Baltimore, 1:35 p.m.
Kansas City at New York, 1:35 p.m.
Texas at Chicago, 2:05 p.m.
Boston at Minnesota, 2:05 p.m.
Milwaukee at California, 4:05 p.m.

Detroit at Seattle, 4:35 p.m.

National League Standings
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Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlanta	63	38	.624	—
Montreal	54	46	.540	8 1/2
Florida	48	53	.476	16
New York	47	54	.465	16
Philadelphia	41	61	.402	22 1/2

Central Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
St. Louis	54	48	.529	—
Houston	54	49	.524	1/2
Cincinnati	48	49	.485	3 1/2
Chicago	48	53	.475	5 1/2
Pittsburgh	46	54	.460	7

West Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Colorado	53	48	.525	—
Los Angeles	54	49	.524	—
San Diego	54	49	.524	—
San Francisco	44	57	.436	9

Wednesday's Games
Cincinnati 3, Philadelphia 1
Atlanta 4, St. Louis 1
Pittsburgh 5, Montreal 4
Houston 8, San Diego 4, 10 innings
Colorado 7, New York 6, 10 innings
Chicago 7, San Francisco 1

Thursday's Games
Los Angeles 6, Florida 3
Pittsburgh 6, Philadelphia 4
Montreal 4, St. Louis 2
Atlanta 4, Atlanta 3
Chicago 10, Colorado 8
Only games scheduled

Friday's Games

San Diego (A.Ashby 8-2) at Florida (Repp 5-11), 7:05 p.m.
Philadelphia (Schilling 4-4) at Pittsburgh (Neagle 12-4), 7:35 p.m.
New York (Wilson 4-5) at Cincinnati (Smiley 8-9), 7:35 p.m.
Montreal (Fassero 9-7) at St. Louis (Osborne 9-5), 8:05 p.m.
Los Angeles (R.Martinez 7-4) at Houston (Wall 6-2), 8:05 p.m.
Chicago (Navarro 7-9) at Colorado (Freeman 7-6), 8:05 p.m.
Atlanta (Glawine 10-5) at San Francisco (M.Letter 4-8), 10:05 p.m.

Saturday's Games
New York (Clark 10-7) at Cincinnati (Salkeid 5-3), 1:05 p.m.
Atlanta (Woodall 0-1) at San Francisco (Gardner 8-3), 4:05 p.m.
San Diego (Tewksbury 9-5) at Florida (Burkett 8-9), 7:05 p.m.
Philadelphia (Mulholland 7-7) at Pittsburgh (Parrs 6-0), 7:05 p.m.
Montreal (P.Martinez 8-5) at St. Louis (Andy Benes 8-8), 8:05 p.m.
Los Angeles (Park 5-3) at Houston (Drabak 4-7), 8:05 p.m.
Chicago (Telemao 4-4) at Colorado (Thompson 3-7), 8:05 p.m.

Sunday's Games
New York at Cincinnati, 2:15 p.m.
Montreal at St. Louis, 2:15 p.m.
Los Angeles at Houston, 2:35 p.m.
Chicago at Colorado, 3:05 p.m.
Atlanta at San Francisco, 4:05 p.m.
San Diego at Florida, 4:35 p.m.
Philadelphia at Pittsburgh, 8:05 p.m.

Osborne: New conference could hurt former Big Eight members

By R.B. FALLSTROM
AP Sports Writer

ST. LOUIS (AP) — As much as he complains, Nebraska coach Tom Osborne isn't getting anywhere with the Big 12 Conference brass.

Leading off the new league's media day Thursday at the TWA Dome, the coach of the two-time defending national champions said the alliance could end up hurting former Big Eight members because of stringent freshman eligibility rules.

"Anytime you're merging two cultures, there's going to be some growing pains," Osborne said. "I just worry about the conference."

Under Big 12 rules, which are more stringent than NCAA standards, recruits cannot attend prep school, take entrance exams after Aug. 1 following graduation from high school, or be on scholarship as a non-qualifying student. Each school can take one partial qualifier as a freshman.

None of that is likely to change anytime soon.

"In my travels and dealings with the board of trustees, there's great support for the strengthened academic requirements," Big 12 commissioner Steve Hatchell said. "I think the coaches have a good viewpoint, but I don't see any weakening on that by our CEOs at all."

Life was easier in the Big Eight, where Osborne and other coaches didn't have those restrictions. One of the players he brought to the two-day meetings, senior outside linebacker Jared Tomich, has attention deficit disorder and was once a partial qualifier.

Under the new rules, Tomich said "I'd maybe be working at a mill somewhere."

Colorado wide receiver Rae Carruth has a similar story to tell. "I was one of the guys who barely made it in," Carruth said. "I think it takes away from a guy having a chance to get a good education."

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Swing set, little tikes, and crafts.</p> <p>Multi Family Back Yard sale. Furniture, clothing, Bass Buster boat, small appliances, tools, air compressor, miscellaneous, 1117 Sandwood Drive. Friday 7:30 to 1 pm and Saturday 8-12.</p> <p>Lots of baby clothes, (sizes 0-12 months), baby accessories, Tike toys, some furniture, lots of miscellaneous, some children and adult clothes. 1604 N. Sumner. Friday 9? Saturday 9?</p> <p>1009 Farley. Friday noon to Saturday 6 pm. Rebuilt bicycles and miscellaneous items.</p> <p>MENS, womens, childrens clothes, short wide pickup bed liner, ironing board, curtains, and sand box, toys. 2117 N. Zimmers. Friday and Saturday.</p> <p>HUGE Estate / Garage Sale Friday and Saturday 8 - 7 1919 Chestnut. Electric bed, twin bed and frame, lots of dishes, glassware, linens, quilts, books, home healthcare equipment, etc.</p> <p>735 S. Barnes, Saturday and Sunday 8 - 7 Refrigerator, table and 4 chairs, recliner, couch, Tv, Clothes, dishes.</p> <p>RADIAL Saw, Chest of drawers, Baby bed, bedspreads, pans. At the Red Barn, 1414 S. Barnes, Saturday 9 am, go South on Cuyler.</p> <p>1025 Mary Ellen Lots of Stuff! Saturday Only, 8 - ?</p> <p>Garage Sale: Clothes, stereo, saddles, miscellaneous. 621 E. 18th. Saturday 8 am - ?</p> <p>Garage Sale: Corner of Gulf and Second, Lefors, Tx. Saturday and Sunday, 8 a.m. till 7 Furniture, tools, household goods, clothes, large Bar B Que grill, Satellite System, good used doors, exercise bike, weight bench, ten speed bike. Lots of miscellaneous.</p> <p>MOVING Sale: Moving to apartment. Household items, garden tools, miscellaneous items. Saturday 7:30 am - 2. 1528 N. Wells.</p> <p>ESTATE Sale: 1200 N. Wells #93. Entire household, car, Saturday and Sunday 9 am. No Early Birds!</p>	<p>69a Garage Sales</p> <p>Saturday and Sunday 8-1. 2232 Chestnut.</p> <p>4 Family Garage Sale: Collectibles, very nice infant, children and adult clothing, books, some furniture, lots of miscellaneous. Saturday 8 a.m. 2613 Cherokee.</p> <p>SATURDAY Only. Price Red and Kentucky follow signs. Antique claw foot table and 4 chairs, spool 1/2 bed, oak dresser, curio cabinet, love seat, brass items, dishes, ShawWalker desk and 4 drawer file cabinet, Schwinn Aero Dync exercise bike and lots more.</p> <p>MOVING Inside Sale - Saturday 8 - 3, 1115 Charles. Swing set, little tikes, and crafts.</p> <p>ALMOND color washer and dryer, solid oak loft bed board and mattress. All in excellent condition. Also have built in dishwasher. (806)669-0401.</p> <p>70 Musical</p> <p>PIANOS FOR RENT</p> <p>New and used pianos. Starting at \$40 per month. Up to 6 months of rent will apply to purchase. It's all right here in Pampa at Tarpley Music. 665-1251.</p> <p>CLARINET For Sale. \$125. 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1009 Mary Ellen. 2 bedroom, 1 bath, 1 car. Price Reduced. MLS. Pampa Realty, 669-0007

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1124 E. Francis, 2 bedroom, 1 bath, carport, central heat/air. Owner will carry. Pampa Realty, 669-0007.

1225 Hamilton, 2-3 bedrooms, 1 bath, central heat/air. Work in progress. Make Offer. 1-405-354-4854.

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218 Walden (McLean), 2 bedroom, 1 3/4 baths, 1 car garage. Great home. Pampa Realty, 669-0007.

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ZIMMERS - Large kitchen, sprinkler system, three bedrooms, 2 baths. Cathedral ceiling in living area. Fireplace, double garage. MLS 3772.
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NELSON - Corner lot, 3 bedrooms, central heat/air, storage building, large kitchen, single garage. MLS 3800.
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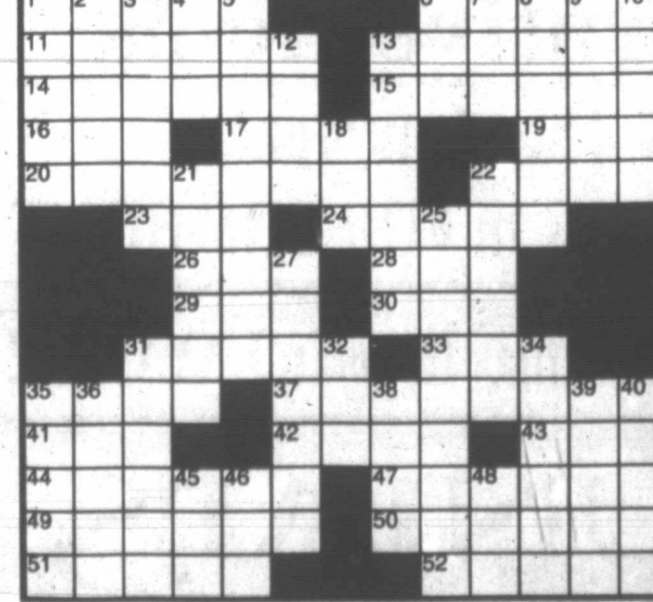
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Area family members serving as cast members in 'TEXAS' this summer

Several individuals with family in the Pampa area are spending their summer as members of the cast or hospitality company for the musical drama *TEXAS*. The internationally acclaimed outdoor drama is in its 31st season at Pioneer Amphitheater in Palo Duro Canyon State Park.

Written by Pulitzer-prize winner Paul Green, *TEXAS* uses song, dance, dialogue, colorful costumes and spectacular special-effects to tell this story of early settlers in the Lone Star State. The show's setting in Palo Duro Canyon adds to the depth and drama of the action as cowboys ride the range, Indians stand proud on the craggy face of the canyon and progress makes its path across the prairie.

Janice Nash is enjoying her 384th plus performance as a dancer in *TEXAS*. In 1995 she performed with members of the company at the rededication of the Capitol in Austin. She has also danced for former President Bush in his 1992 campaign, and for the National Tourism Association Convention in Atlantic City. Her performance credits include *Nutcracker*, *The Enchanted Garden*, *A Night on Broadway*, *Follies*, *Evita*, *Kismet*, *Dancin' People* and *Stars at Night*.

Nash graduated from West Texas A&M University with a master of arts in interdisciplinary



Janice Nash



Amy Watson



Cynthia E. Hale



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studies. She has managed the WTAMU Dance Academy for seven years and the WTAMU Dance Camp for five years. She joins Ballet Magnificent in the fall. Nash is the daughter of Tom and Doris Nash of Pampa.

Amy Watson is a member of the *TEXAS* cast for her first season. Currently a dance major at WTAMU, she studied dance for 15 years with Jeanne Willingham. Watson also danced with the Pampa Civic Ballet Company for seven years. She studied dance with Madeline Graves and was a member of the M.G. Dance Company.

Watson graduated with

advanced honors from Pampa High School and was in the top ten percent of her class. She was also a member of the National Honor Society and Business Professionals of America. Her parents are Randy and Becky Watson of Pampa.

Cynthia E. Hale is returning for her fourth season as a *TEXAS* cast member. She is a 1990 graduate of Amarillo High School and a 1995 honors graduate of WTAMU with a bachelor of fine arts in dance. Hale performed in *Carousel*, *The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas*, *Follies*, *Dancin' People* and *Nutcracker*.

As a member of the WTAMU

Dance Ensemble for four years, she has traveled to Atlantic City, Corpus Christi and, finally, to Austin for the rededication of the Capitol. Hale is the niece of Aubrey and Margeret Steele of Pampa.

Marcy McKee joins the *TEXAS* cast for her first season. A 1993 graduate of Liberal High School, she is currently a senior at WTAMU, pursuing a degree in music education and vocal performance. McKee is a member of the WT chorale, the Madrigal Chamber Singers and the WT Opera Workshop. She is Choristor of Mu Phi Epsilon fraternity.

McKee has performed in productions of *Annie Get Your Gun*, *Brigadoon*, *Anything Goes* and excerpts from *The Magic Flute* and *Hansel and Gretel*. McKee is the niece of Brian and Linda Hensley of Skellytown.

Holly Abbott will be a senior at Abilene Christian University this fall, and she is majoring in theater with an emphasis in costume design. She serves as costume assistant in the costume shop at A.C.U. Abbott was the head designer for *The Steadfast Tin Soldier*, a children's show which played to 9,000 school children in the Paramount Theater in Abilene. She plans to do graduate

work in costume design.

Abbott graduated from Pampa High School in 1993, and is the daughter of Glynn and Karen Abbott Pampa.

TEXAS plays nightly except Sundays in the Palo Duro Canyon State Park near Amarillo and Canyon. A professional cast of 80 singers, dancers, actors and musicians tell the colorful story of pioneer life on the Texas High Plains.

The show plays nightly except Sundays at 8:30 p.m. An optional barbecue dinner is also available for an additional \$6.50. For more information, call *TEXAS* at (806) 655-2181.

FCC moves forward on digital TV program, creates new radio service

WASHINGTON (AP) — Television got a boost into a new era that promises extra-sharp pictures and crystal clear sound when federal regulators accepted a proposal Thursday to give broadcasters extra channels they'll need for the digital service.

The Federal Communications Commission's unanimous decision begins the painstaking process of allocating a chunk of the public airwaves for digital TV — the biggest innovation since color picture tubes in the 1950s.

The FCC proposed to match up each of 1,600 TV stations, which now use analog channels, with a digital channel. The FCC hopes to make a final decision by the end of the year and begin licensing digital stations in early 1997, said FCC Chairman Reed Hundt.

Until TV stations convert entirely to a digital format, they'll transmit programs on two channels — one in analog and one in digital or an even more defined digital format, called high definition. This way, existing TV sets, which are capable of receiving only analog signals, won't be rendered immediately obsolete.

Today, TV uses channels 2 through 69. Under the FCC's proposal, TV would use channels 7 through 51 after a transition to digital is complete.

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During the transition, the FCC proposed taking some of the spectrum now used exclusively by broadcasters and making it available for new non-broadcast uses.

The National Association of Broadcasters applauded the FCC for moving forward, but opposed this part of the plan. It "will provide less digital service and more interference to existing TV," the NAB said.

Dick Smith, chief of the FCC's office of engineering and technology, said less than one percent of broadcast TV homes would experience interference — which he described as "slight snow on screen" on their analog channels. If those same homes get their broadcast channels via cable TV, they won't see any

difference, Smith added.

The FCC, in a separate proceeding, is considering whether cable TV systems would have to carry broadcasters' digital channels. Existing regulations require cable to carry some local (analog) TV stations. The digital channels are worth billions of dollars.

GOP presidential contender Bob Dole wants broadcasters to pay for them. But the Clinton administration says that could put stations out of business. The FCC's proposal doesn't deal with the issue because only Congress has the authority to put the second channels up for auction.

Hundt, who has shown interest in auctioning the digital channels, said the FCC's digital allotment plan "represents the biggest single gift of public property of any industry in this century."

FCC Commissioner James Quello, a former broadcaster, shot back that the plan is "not a giveaway — it's a loan" because the analog channels eventually will be returned to the government.

In other action, the FCC: — Created a new low-power radio service that could aid the hard-of-hearing, help police track stolen goods or transmit patients' vital signs to their doctors. The portable devices envisioned would be small,

probably inexpensive, and limited to short-range transmissions. For hearing enhancement, the devices would have a range of one or two city blocks.



For tracking purposes, devices would have a range of two to four miles on the ground and farther in the air, said FCC engineer Roger Noel.

The biggest advantage devices using the new service will have is that they'll be less susceptible to interference, the FCC said.

The FCC's action opens up frequencies that previously had gone unused. The new service, asserted FCC commissioner Rachelle Chong, will "improve Americans' lives."

Proposed rules that would give cable TV companies the option of creating a very low-priced basic service as long as the total price of regulated service remains the same — a move the FCC believes will get cable TV into more homes by making the basic service cheaper. A larger customer base would help cable companies compete against telephone companies, the FCC said.

Because any basic rate decrease would be paired with a corresponding increase in the price of other regulated services, the FCC is considering capping the increase.

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