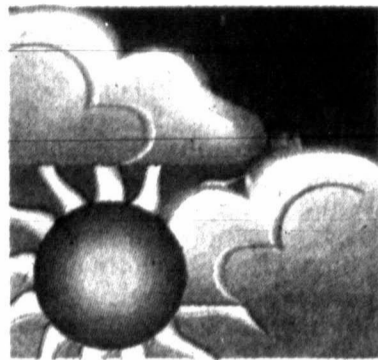


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**CANADIAN** — The Hemphill County 4-H Rodeo has been set for Friday, Aug. 9, and Saturday, Aug. 10, at Canadian.

The Friday performance starts at 6 p.m. with team roping, followed by the regular events. On Saturday, the rodeo kicks off with team roping at 4 p.m.

Entries for the 4-H rodeo are due by Thursday, Aug. 7, to avoid a late fee. Entry forms can be picked up at the Extension office in the basement of the Hemphill County Courthouse or by calling (806) 323-9114.

Youths up to age 19 can participate. There will be some Pee Wee events, 8-12, 13-15 and 16-19 age groups.

Regular events include breakaway and ribbon roping, tie-down for older age group, barrels, poles, goats, bareback, bull riding and team roping.

**PAMPA** — Summer high school band rehearsals begin Wednesday for entering freshman, band director Bruce Collins said Monday afternoon.

Freshmen should report at 8 a.m. for orientation and initial rehearsals.

The full band begins meeting Monday, Aug. 5, at 8-11 a.m. and 7-9 p.m.

Band members will have a new assistant band director when they report, Collins said.

Roger Myers, formerly of Nazareth High School, replaces Brad Bledsoe, who resigned at the end of the last school year.

Myers is a McLean native, Collins said.

**SAN FRANCISCO (AP)** — A veteran television reporter who claimed he was fired because of his age will receive \$514,449 in damages and attorney fees, an appeals court has ruled.

Steve Davis, 57, worked at KGO-TV as a reporter and anchor from 1971 to 1992, when he was fired. Davis, who was 53 at the time, sued the station for age discrimination, noting that the station had replaced him with a number of younger reporters.

State law forbids firing workers over 40 because of their age.

The station claimed it fired Davis because his stories were rambling and unfocused and it needed to save money.

Davis offered evidence that his award-winning work met or exceeded industry standards.

Witnesses praised his reporting and testified that his work was well above average in the local market.

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## Storm brings rain total to near normal

Summer rainstorms keep pushing the area closer to normal rainfall totals as the Texas Panhandle region recovers from the 1995-1996 drought period.

Rainfall in the areas around Pampa on Monday night through early this morning was light to moderate, but steady.

Pampa received slow rains measuring 1.21 inches, with some thunder and lightning during the night.

The latest storm pushes the July rainfall total for Pampa to 6.76 inches and the year-to-date total to 12.78. Normal should be 15.74 at this time of the year, according to meteorologist Darrell Sehorn of KGRO/KOMX radio station.

"It was good display of lightning, but basically it was just a good thunderstorm," Sehorn said.

In McLean, Mayor Sam Haynes, official weather reporter, said the city received 1.45 inches of rain, but about ten miles north of town on the Pampa highway, 2.35 inches were reported.

Stella Lee, city secretary for the City of McLean, said she received at least 1.6 inches at her house, and was happy to receive the summer rains for her vegetable and flower gardens, she said.

"The rain is really good for my squash, cucumbers, tomatoes, cantaloupes and my grandson's watermelons," she said.

Other rainfall totals were near the two inch mark in parts of southern Gray and Carson counties along the Interstate 40 route.

In Lefors, 1.45 inches of rainfall was recorded at the local Taylor Foods Mart #24, according to Jada Murray, store manager.

"About 7:30 p.m., the rain began falling steady, but for a few minutes we had real hard gusty winds," she said.

"The morning coffee crowd, including many of Lefors farmers, are really proud of the rain received this summer. The farmers say the cattle are looking better than ever, because of feeding on green

grass for a change. They are also surprised about the amounts of rain received in July, but we all hope it continues throughout the summer," Murray said.

About 2.50 inches of rain fell in Ilo Ilo Duro Canyon State Park in Randall County, where flash flooding was a threat to visitors in the park.

According to Genevieve Campos, office manager in the park superintendent's office, when the water crossings begin to fill, the water moves too fast and becomes a threatening situation to motorists trying to cross over.

Rains began falling around 6 p.m. in the evening, and around 7:30 p.m. park officials were instructing people to move to other camping areas.

"As a precaution, we moved 60 campers away from the water crossings to higher grounds, moving them from the Sunflower and Juniper camps to the Mesquite campground area. As far as I know, most of them are still in the park

this morning," she said.

The camping areas were filled, Campos said, but no difficulties or injuries were reported by anyone.

"When water crossings begin to fill, people tend to panic, and that is why it is safer to provide assistance in moving them away from the low water areas," she said.

The weather predictions for today will be mostly cloudy with 40 percent chances of light rains in the areas. The high temperatures are expected to be in the middle 80s, with northeasterly to eastern winds of 10 to 12 miles per hour.

The National Weather Service predicts 50 percent chance of more scattered showers in the area today into the night.

Other area rainfall amounts reported, according to Fred Ziegler, NWS meteorologist, are as follows: Borger, 0.54 inch; Canadian, 0.33; Perryton, 2.47 inches; Lipscomb, 1.84; Miami, 0.20; and Panhandle, 0.90.

## Juvenile probation board awaits action on boot camp

Potential investors in the planned girls boot camp are waiting for action from the Texas Legislature before they give money to the project, a Corplan representative told juvenile probation board members Monday morning.

James Parkey said investors want to see if the state will agree to give communities financial assistance in sending residents to boot camps, including the one planned for Pampa.

He said the legislature last year focused in on getting additional personnel in local juvenile probation offices, and the hope of investors is that the state will focus on funding assistance.

Placing a juvenile in a boot camp costs an average \$75 a day.

In other business, board members agreed to go no further with a discussed junior high in-school boot camp after a report from school Superintendent Dr. Dawson Orr.

Orr told the board that with the adoption of alternative edu-

cation plans, the need for such a camp did not exist.

Board members including 31st District Judge Kent Sims and 223rd District Judge Lee Waters had visited a pilot in-school program in Conroe about two years ago.

Chief Juvenile Probation Officer Albert Nichols said that officers Jim Reeves and Buddy Isabell have worked with two crews of juveniles doing community service hours at the high school for the past two weeks. Community service workers have also worked cleaning parks, roads and county rights of way.

Assistant Warden Kenneth Reagans of the Jordan Unit told board members of a planned program he and Probation Officer Kim Davis are planning.

Under the program, Davis would take juveniles to the unit for a "Scared Straight" type program. The program will be an action item at the board's next meeting, Nichols said.

## FEC sues Christian Coalition for violations of election law

WASHINGTON (AP) — The government today sued the Christian Coalition, charging that the religious group founded by Pat Robertson violated federal election laws by promoting Republican candidates for president and Congress.

Among those that the Federal Election Commission charged got improper coalition help were former President Bush, Sen. Jesse Helms, Senate candidate Oliver North and House Speaker Newt Gingrich.

The commission charged that the Christian Coalition distributed printed voter guides, held conferences and identified Republican voters and used mail and telephone banks to get them to the polls in federal elections in 1990, 1992 and 1994.

Such activities amount to "express advocacy" for particular candidates and legally should have been either reported as independent expenditures or as in-kind contributions to the candidates who benefited, the FEC argued in documents filed in U.S. District Court.

Because the coalition is incorporated, the money spent to help Republicans also amounted to

illegal corporate contributions, the FEC said.

The commission, made up of three Democrats and three Republicans, authorized the lawsuit in a vote on May 7. At least one Republican had to vote for the action to provide the majority needed to go forward.

The suit asks the court to impose fines, prevent further use of corporate money to promote candidates and force the coalition to disclose the money it spends on politics.

The finding that the coalition's activities constitute partisan political involvement could have broader impact as well. The group also is under scrutiny by the Internal Revenue Service, which has yet to issue a final ruling on whether the group can legitimately claim tax-exempt status. The exemption claim has been pending since the Christian Coalition was founded in 1989.

There was no immediate response from the coalition, but in an interview last month, the organization's executive director, Ralph Reed, said he was "absolutely and totally confident that we are in full compliance" with the law.

## Signing up for a pen pal



Toria Rodriguez, 7, is busy signing up for a pen pal while stopping by Lovett Memorial Library this morning. Toria, who enjoys reading, said she was excited about becoming a pen pal and hopes to have more than one. Lori Nock, a former Pampa librarian now with the Miller Branch of the Beaumont Library, contacted children's librarian Shania Brookshire in Pampa about having kids from the two libraries becoming pen pals.

## Gray County commissioners to consider personnel manual

Gray County Commissioners Court will have a regular session at 9 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 1, in the second floor courtroom of the Gray County Courthouse.

Under agenda items, the commissioners will consider adoption of the Gray County personnel policy manual and consider approval of county business transactions.

In other business, commissioners will also hear presentations from representatives of the Texas Panhandle Mental Health Authority and of the Skellytown Fire Department on fire cost needs.

Doug Ware will present the annual county audit for consideration.

In other agenda items, the commissioners will consider:

- Deeding property to McLean I.S.D.
- Lefors use of property for the local fire department.
- Sale of delinquent tax properties in Pampa.
- Hangar lease options for Leonard Hudson Drilling Inc. and for Red Hawkins.
- Appointment of county representative to the Panhandle Regional Housing Finance Corporation board.
- Appointment of Freda Lankford, presiding judge for Precinct 8, and Landon Sanders, assistant presiding judge for Precinct 12.
- Resolution on the state highway funding shortfall, not for action.
- Consideration of a five-year contract proposal for Natural Resources and Conservation Service.



### The Alligator Song



(Pampa News photo by Tiffanie Franks)

Nick Miller sings the Alligator Song in the Lefors Church of Christ vacation bible school Monday morning. The school is being led by the McAurthur Park Church of Christ's youth group of San Antonio and includes 2 year olds through adults. The church is located at 3rd and Gray in Lefors and the school is from 9:30-11:30 a.m. through Wednesday.

## GOP touts 'unconventional convention' while party officials engage in turf wars

By SANDRA SOBIERAJ  
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republicans promise an "unconventional convention" when the GOP faithful gather next month. So far that's meant open turf battles among convention officials — and a speakers lineup that has Pat Buchanan claiming "shabby treatment" of conservatives.

Trying to gin up excitement for the Aug. 12-15 convention, Republican National Committee Chairman Haley Barbour promised Monday it would be a "festival of Republican ideas" featuring presentations by "real people, in the real world" rather than elected officials.

Without specifying their roles, Barbour released what he called a partial list of 44 convention speakers — all party luminaries, including seven senators, 10 House members and 10 governors.

Scheduled for prime-time speeches on the convention's second night, Republican sources said, are three abortion-rights supporters: New Jersey Gov.

Christie Whitman, Texas Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, and New York Rep. Susan Molinari, the keynote speaker. Retired Gen. Colin Powell, another abortion-rights supporter and proponent of affirmative action, is to speak opening night.

Although conservatives also will have prime-time roles — House Speaker Newt Gingrich and Wisconsin Gov. Tommy Thompson on Day Two, for example — it is the spotlight on abortion-rights backers that has rankled Buchanan and his top advisers.

They claim that Dole, in a calculated appeal to women voters, is shafting Buchanan and the anti-abortion, anti-affirmative action platform he championed in the primaries.

As evidence, the Buchanan camp points not only to the prominent convention roles given to GOP moderates, but also Barbour's weekend call to Buchanan extending the same offer made to Dole's other primary rivals: a short video presentation to the convention and a spot on stage with Dole after

his last night acceptance speech. Buchanan's sister and top political adviser, Angela "Bay" Buchanan, called the decision not to give her brother his own speech "an affront to the millions who believe in Pat and the 3 million who voted for him."

She portrayed the handling of Buchanan as "a continuance of the shabby political treatment that Pat and the conservatives have received from those running the San Diego convention."

Sources said Buchanan declined to make the convention video but did not object when Barbour indicated the party would cobble something together from snippets of Buchanan campaign footage.

Barbour, whose overture to Buchanan had Dole's blessing, said there would be no better offer.

"I think Pat Buchanan should be treated like the other losing candidates for the Republican nomination," Barbour said. "In presidential elections there's no prize for second, or third, or fifth or ninth place."

Dole aides took pains not to create more controversy, calling Buchanan's position "unfortunate."

"We remain confident he'll be part of the fight to defeat Bill Clinton after San Diego," said campaign spokesman Nelson Warfield.

Buchanan, who plans his own rally near San Diego on the eve of the convention, finished a distant second to Dole and won only the New Hampshire primary. How far Buchanan plans to carry his feud might become clearer on Wednesday, when Buchanan plans to meet with reporters.

Bruised egos and turf fights are common in convention planning and the assignment of speeches, but a host of Republicans interviewed in recent days said this year's bickering appears more acrimonious than in years past.

Much of the anger from Buchanan — and some other conservatives — is directed at Paul Manafort, the veteran GOP lobbyist and campaign operative who is Dole's convention manager.

## Treaty ratification could harm Texas most, study claims

WASHINGTON (AP) — Texas would be the state hit hardest by new regulations if the Senate ratifies the Chemical Weapons Convention, according to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

Some 212 chemical and petroleum producers, as well as some tire and paint manufacturers in Texas, likely would be affected by Senate ratification of the weapons treaty, the committee said in an analysis issued Monday.

Additionally, another 460 sites in Texas potentially could be affected by the treaty, which is intended to end the manufacture, stockpile and use of chemical weapons.

The convention would impose new reporting requirements and regulatory burdens on producers of legal chemicals that could be illegally diverted to the manufacture of chemical weapons.

"Compliance costs associated with the CWC will prove a massive new regulatory

burden to many companies," Foreign Relations Committee Chairman Jesse Helms, R-N.C., wrote in a letter to his colleagues. "Unprecedented on-site inspections and data declarations may compromise trade secrets vital to the competitive edge of many businesses."

Helms complained that "legions of lawyers" would be needed by the companies to meet the new reporting requirements.

But the Chemical Manufacturers Association, which has been working for 15 years on ratification of the treaty, contends that the requirements are a manageable burden.

The association, which represents more than 90 percent of all U.S. industrial chemical manufacturers, "fully and unconditionally" supports ratification, said spokesman Matthew Weinstock.

Association lawyer Mike Walls said the organization's own study shows the treaty

would affect 2,000 U.S. facilities — mainly chemical producers. Of that number, 1,800 would be required to fill out a simple one-page form, he said.

The other 200 would submit to on-site inspections by international inspectors.

The treaty has been crafted to "make sure those inspections are not intrusive, do not jeopardize confidential trade information in any way and yet permit the rapid verification that the activities in those facilities are not in conflict with the Chemical Weapons Convention," Walls said.

The committee's analysis was based on information provided by the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency.

New Jersey stands behind Texas in the number of industrial sites likely to be affected with 206, according to the report. California is next with 142, followed by Ohio (140) and Illinois (133).

### State briefs

#### Jury selection to begin in trial of 12-year-old

AUSTIN (AP) — At a time when most young girls her age are getting ready for another school year, a 12-year-old Austin girl will be at the defendant's table in a capital murder trial.

Jury selection was scheduled to begin today in the trial of the girl who is accused of capital murder in the apparent beating death of 2 1/2-year-old Jayla Belton.

Lawyers argued on Monday over the admissibility of video and audio tapes of statements the girl, then 11, made to a police counselor and a homicide detective. Judge John Dietz said he would rule on the tapes' admissibility Tuesday.

Authorities said Jayla, who died May 24 of a ruptured liver, was being cared for in an illegal daycare operation run by the older girl's grandparents, her adoptive parents.

In court Monday, the accused girl looked bewildered, her eyes darting around the courtroom while television cameras stared back unblinkingly.

#### Man pleads guilty to slitting mother's throat

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) — A 22-year-old man has pleaded guilty to murder, admitting that he slit his mother's throat in December.

Mark Seaton entered the plea Monday in exchange for the prosecution promise of a life sentence and that a capital murder count against him be dropped.

Seaton, of Bishop, was accused of killing his mother as he and

another man allegedly tried to rob her.

As part of the plea bargain, Seaton agreed to testify in the capital murder trial of Nick Gonzalez, 22, whom prosecutors contend helped Seaton kill and rob Seaton's mother, 49-year-old Pauline Seaton.

Gonzalez is scheduled to go on trial Aug. 12.

#### Weaver avoids jail on felony impostor charge

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A California man who changed his identity to play football for the University of Texas after his eligibility expired has avoided prison time or a fine.

Ron Weaver, 30, of Salinas, will have a felony criminal record after appearing Monday before U.S. District Judge William J. Rea. He pleaded guilty in May to misusing a social security number.

He could have received up to two years in federal prison, said his lawyer, Peter Soli.

"He essentially told the judge that he allowed his love of football to cloud his judgment," Soli said. "There was never any indication of any motivation of greed or monetary interest. He remains remorseful for his actions."

After exhausting his eligibility at Sacramento State in 1989, Weaver took the identity of 23-year-old Joel Ron McKelvey. Under McKelvey's name, he played two seasons at Los Angeles Pierce Community College and last season at Texas.

Texas officials announced in March that the NCAA cleared the school of any wrongdoing.

## Erdmann successor leaving Lubbock office for university post

LUBBOCK (AP) — After four years of sitting through the jumble left by Ralph Erdmann, the notorious pathologist's successor is moving on.

West Texas medical examiner Sparks Veasey was assigned the arduous task of undoing the legacy of Erdmann, who is serving a 10-year prison sentence for his part in botching possibly more than 100 autopsies.

Veasey holds no malice toward Erdmann, however.

"I think he's been beat up on enough," Veasey said. "I'm not trying to second-guess judges or prosecutors. But you look at the violent offenders in our society who have spent less time in prison. I think there's something incongruous."

Veasey, 44, will begin teaching and performing autopsies for the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston next month. He'll examine bodies of prisoners who die behind bars.

Among the prisons in the region is Erdmann's current home at the Ramsey II unit in Rosharon, about 30 miles from Galveston. It was the site of Veasey's first surgical action as a UT medical student, when he removed a bullet from the scalp of a prisoner.

Veasey, who said he has spoken to Erdmann briefly on two occasions, says he hopes to have a longer talk with him. Officials

appointed Veasey and two others to begin investigating Erdmann's work in 1992.

He became medical examiner on a contract basis for counties throughout the region, and his defense lawyers have blamed a virtual round-the-clock work schedule for many of the mistakes.

Erdmann is one year into a 10-year prison term for an autopsy he botched in Lubbock County. He had received probated sentences in that case and two others, but a weapons conviction in

Washington state last year has landed him back in jail.

Erdmann, 70, is up for parole in December but isn't likely to earn freedom, said Philip Wischkaemper, Erdmann's defense attorney.

"Statistically, most folks don't make their first parole date," he said.

Wischkaemper's older brother Bill, also a Lubbock defense lawyer, credits Veasey with negating a manslaughter charge earlier strengthened by Erdmann's faulty findings.

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Opinion

Russia begins era of freedom?

President Boris Yeltsin's election victory marks the beginning of a new era for Russia. After five years of transition since the Soviet regime was overthrown, the old era of communism has been buried by voters. The country resoundingly has affirmed its embrace of democracy and is unlikely to return to the days of dictatorship.

It is troubling that Yeltsin announced he would include some communist members in his cabinet, even though he trounced Communist Party candidate Gennadi Zyuganov.

But the Communists' defeat indicates that most Russians have no desire to give power to Zyuganov, a virulent Stalinist and anti-Semite. Zyuganov's 40 percent vote was large enough, but that's because the old Soviet system left behind tens of millions of apparatchiks and their families who benefited from the tyrannical state. As Russia continues down the path of democracy and capitalism, the apparatchiks will die off, as will support for any return to communism.

Another major winner was Gen. Aleksandr Lebed, who finished third in a preliminary election in June. He then supported Yeltsin and has become the ailing president's national security adviser and putative successor.

This means the war in Chechnya should be ended soon. The election is over. And Gen. Lebed - for all his other outbursts of religious intolerance and hints of police-state restoration - long has opposed the barbarous war, the greatest stain on Yeltsin's tenure in office.

If the war does not end, it will be no thanks to President Clinton, who has remained morally compromised by his uncritical stance on Chechnya. It is ironic and hypocritical that a president who protested the U.S. war in Vietnam, which was justly aimed at preventing the tyrannization of a small country, and dodged the draft to avoid being sent there, has by his silence supported the invasion of Chechnya by Russian draftees. (Russia just switched to an all-volunteer force, but earlier draftees remain in service.) Minimal pressure by Clinton could have ended the atrocities two years ago.

Both under the czars and under the Soviets, the Russian soul was divided between the "East" and the "West." The successful elections, the gradual spreading of the rule of law, the surge in trade with the rest of the world, and the country's communications interconnections via the Internet - all are pushing Russia toward the "West."

As anyone who reads Solzhenitsyn or listens to Shastakovich can see and hear, the Russians are a unique, gifted people with more to give the world than Soviet bombs and tanks. A peaceful, democratic, prosperous Russia rapidly is restoring the country to the ranks of civilization.

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Are school girls getting shafted?



Stephen Chapman

Extreme feminists keep themselves in the frame of mind appropriate to Puritans on the way to church - endlessly eager to hear about depravity in their midst. They are quick to believe any new evidence of the oppression heaped daily on women in modern America, such as dire claims marshaled in the past on behalf of the Gender Equity in Education Act.

That assortment of proposals, brought together in one package, was the work of several women in the U.S. House of Representatives, including Democrats Patricia Schroeder of Colorado and Patsy Mink of Hawaii and Republican Olympia Snowe of Maine.

It assumes that girls get a thoroughly raw deal on school and demands an array of remedies, including a new Office of Gender Equity in the Education Department, funds for the recruitment of female math and science teachers to serve as "role models," and programs to prevent sexual harassment.

What is the problem? "There exists subtle yet systematic discrimination against girls in our education system," announced Snowe. Such as? "They receive less teacher attention than boys and are often discouraged from enrolling in math and science courses."

Mink complains that girls do worse on math and science tests, that the tests are biased against them, and that even those who do well are discouraged from careers in math and science. Schroeder blames schools for destroying feminine self-esteem - a process she says starts in preschool, when "teachers give more hugs to boys than they do to girls."

Keep in mind that all this supposed discrimination against girls comes from a public school teaching force that is three-quarters female. There is plenty of evidence that the boys have a bigger

gripe. Boys get worse grades. Among whites and Hispanics, more males drop out than females. A lot of the attention lavished on boys is not the kind girls would want: Four times as many males as females find themselves at the business end of a paddle, and nearly three times as many are suspended from school.

If our educators are trying to discourage girls from achieving, they are doing a spectacularly inept job. Females are more likely than males to go on to higher education: Women now make up 54 percent of all college students. They earn 53 percent of the bachelor's degrees awarded American colleges and 53 percent of the master's degrees. In the last 20 years, the number of professional degrees going to women has risen 15-fold.

Yes, girls do worse on math and science tests than boys. Does this demonstrate discrimination against girls? No more than one can prove prejudice against boys by the fact that they can't measure up to girls on reading and writing tests.

For one reason or another - many experts suspect inherent differences in brain organization - males and females, on average, exhibit different intellectual strengths and weaknesses, with males

having an advantage in math and females in verbal ability. Those gaps become more important as students advance from algebra, say, to calculus - something that happens in high school.

Feminist ideologues blame biased tests for presenting a false picture of women's abilities. But after a 1992 report by the American Association of University Women cited a study proving that girls do better overall in college than their SAT scores would imply, Daniel Seligman of *Fortune* magazine looked up the study and found it had reached exactly the opposite conclusion - that girls tend to do a bit worse in college than the SAT predicts.

The theory that girls are handicapped by the lack of "role models" is likewise unencumbered by any evidence. For one thing, there are lots of role models out there already: 45 percent of high school math teachers are women. Are we supposed to believe that if the figure were 50 percent, the test scores of girls would suddenly skyrocket?

For another, what on earth do role models have to do with academic achievement? Asian-American high school students don't seem to need Asian-American teachers to excel in math and science.

Sexual harassment of girls doubtless exists in many schools, as just one symptom of a general breakdown of discipline and authority - something that elicits no attention from these lawmakers. Schools struggling to combat guns, drugs and violence can't devote much effort to controlling foul language and lewd propositions. But handing out a few federal grants isn't going to restore order and good manners to our public schools.

The Gender Equity in Education Act is based on all sorts of defective ideas. But none is odder than the assumption that the way to help girls do better in school is to make them feel sorry for themselves.

Today in history

By The Associated Press  
Today is Tuesday, July 30, the 212th day of 1996. There are 154 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:  
On July 30th, 1945, the cruiser USS Indianapolis, which had just delivered key components of the Hiroshima atomic bomb to the Pacific island of Tinian, was torpedoed by a Japanese submarine. Only 316 out of 1,196 men survived the sinking and shark-infested waters.

On this date:  
In 1619, the first representative assembly in America convened in Jamestown, Va.

In 1729, the city of Baltimore was founded.

In 1864, during the Civil War, Union forces tried to take Petersburg, Va., by exploding a mine under Confederate defense lines. The attack failed.

In 1889, Vladimir Zworykin, often called the "Father of Television" for inventing the iconoscope, was born in Russia.



Clinton apparently has no shame

Charley Reese

I rise to speak a word in defense of Colombia. As you may know, the Clinton administration has "decertified" Colombia as a partner in the ridiculous so-called war on drugs. It has further insulted Colombia by denying a visa to the elected president, Ernesto Samper, even though the Colombian Parliament cleared him of the charge of accepting drug money for his presidential campaign.

The Clinton administration is an exceptionally conscienceless, hypocritical administration. With these meaningless gestures, Clinton is duping American suckermoney into believing that he is serious about fighting drugs.

If I were the Colombians, I would decertify the United States as a partner in the war against drugs, and I would deny Clinton a visa to enter Colombia.

Believe me, Clinton has a far worse record in the war on drugs than Samper.

Note these facts, just published by a Heritage Foundation study:

- Clinton hired Lee "Out of Town" Brown as a drug czar. The man was a joke and was only recently replaced by a retired general who, let's face it, has no law enforcement experience.

- Clinton cut the positions in the drug czar's office from 145 to 25.

- More importantly, under Clinton, 227 agent positions in the Drug Enforcement Administration have disappeared.

- Efforts to interdict drugs have gone way down. Interdiction flight hours have been cut by 50 percent, ship steaming days have fallen by 33 percent.

- Cocaine seizures by the Customs Service and the Coast Guard declined from 51 metric tons in fiscal 1993 to 15 tons in fiscal 1994. But at the same time, the street price of cocaine dropped - an irrefutable indication that the supply has increased.

- Cocaine-related emergency room admissions in the first half of 1995 were 65 percent higher than in the first half of 1991; for heroin, it was 120 percent higher; for methamphetamine, 321 percent higher.

- Under the Reagan-Bush administrations, drug use by teenagers had declined; under the Clinton administration it is increasing.

- And why is anyone surprised? Clinton has admitted he used illegal drugs, and British newspapers, which have done a better job of covering Clinton than American newspapers, have reported witnesses as saying he was a heavy user. His brother was convicted of drug charges. One of his big sugar daddies in Arkansas was convicted of drug charges

involving cocaine and sent to prison and what did then Governor Clinton do? He pardoned him.

- And how do you criticize Colombians when Clinton brings 21 people who admitted to recent use of illegal drugs - admitted to committing a crime - onto the White House payroll? Clinton won't say if any worked in a high-level job. Why not? Nine are still in a required drug-testing program.

- How do you criticize Colombians when your own surgeon general, shortly after her son was convicted on drug charges, publicly says drugs ought to be legalized? And don't forget, Clinton didn't dump her because of comments about drugs; he dumped her because of remarks she made about masturbation.

- Listen, say what you will about Colombia, but these are hard truths. To fight drugs in Colombia is to put your life and the lives of your family at risk of murder. Many good Colombians have been killed trying to fight a drug industry that is supported virtually entirely by American drug dealers and American drug consumers.

- Have you no shame, Mr. Clinton?

- You want Colombians to die trying to stop drugs that your own employees admit to having used? You disgrace the American people by bringing admitted drug users into the White House and then you have the gall to criticize Colombians who have bled and died fighting the drug lords. What a farce our country has become.

Non-fictional dumb and dumber story



Edwin Feulner

A certain Mr. Wade Miller of New Mexico recently called the U.S. Olympic Committee in Atlanta to buy tickets for the Summer Olympics.

"I'm sorry, sir," the voice on the other line replied. "I can't sell tickets to someone outside the United States."

Yep - you heard correctly. The U.S. Olympic Committee sales office didn't know that "New Mexico" isn't part of old Mexico. Though he tried, Mr. Miller could convince neither the operator - nor her supervisor! - that New Mexico is one of the fifty United States of America. The supervisor, getting on the line when Mr. Miller insisted, told him (you can just hear her tone), "Sir, new Mexico, Old Mexico - it doesn't matter. You still have to go through your country's Olympic Committee."

When reporters from a Santa Fe newspaper asked for tickets, they were told - once again - to contact the Mexican consulate.

When I hear stories like this, I don't know whether to laugh or cry. At first, of course, I laugh - I mean, it is funny after all. But then I start thinking about why it's funny. And then, I become a little more pensive. If people with so little basic knowledge are able to get jobs with the U.S. Olympic Committee - as supervisors no less! - it makes me wonder how many other people like this there are out there, and where they work. A nuclear reactor, maybe?

The reason we laugh, of course, is because something we all secretly know has been exposed without warning, in all its irony: Our "education system" is now so bad it no longer transmits even the most basic knowledge to a great many people.

And those people are becoming such a large proportion of the population that they now show up as employees of organizations as prestigious as the U.S. Olympic Committee.

I'm not exaggerating or overreacting here. I have a friend who used to be a television news reporter, who once took his camera and crew to the University of Maryland. He wanted to ask university students simple, basic knowledge questions in categories like geography, history, math and science to see whether they knew things anyone at that educational level ought to know. Some of the answers he got will make a believer out of anyone.

Two female students tried for a full minute to come up with the formula for finding the area of a rectangle, and finally gave up with embarrassed giggles. One young man couldn't say what part of the world Poland is in. Another simply walked away when asked what, for him, was apparently the stump question: Who was president of the United States during the Civil War?

"What three powers did we fight against in World War II? was one question. To be fair, my friend says a few came up with the correct answer, with a few hints along the way: Germany, Italy and Japan. Then there was the young man who said, in a confident tone (my friend tells me this is a direct quote): "Well, the first one, I know, is Russia. The second one is Korea. And the third one, I understand, is Pearl Harbor."

Pearl Harbor? What on earth is going on here? A student at a major U.S. university, and he not only can't answer a simple history question every American should be able to answer - he doesn't even understand what is said to him? Pearl Harbor isn't a "power." It's a little country in the middle of the Atlantic; everybody knows that!

You have to wonder who signed a certificate of graduation from high school for this young man. What "educator" admitted him to a university? And how did he stay there, after he got there?

The answer is simple, and not funny: He's a product of the same politically correct, "socially conscious" educators who have presided over the decline in American education during the past three decades. The reason they have resisted all change in their approach to education is also their great secret: they see this decline as a positive good. After all, academic excellence is just a form of elitism. It will be a great stride forward for social equality when everyone is on the same, dumbed down intellectual level.

What I want to know is: Who should District of Columbia residents call for tickets to the Olympics? Atlanta - or Bogota?

World briefs

American imprisoned for life freed by president
DHAKA, Bangladesh (AP) — An American woman walked free from a Bangladesh prison today, having received a presidential pardon three years after she was sentenced to a life term for smuggling drugs.
Eliadah McCord, 23, of Houston, left Dhaka Central Jail and prepared to return to the United States and reunite with her family.
U.S. Rep. Bill Richardson, D-N.M., who helped negotiate her release, arrived in Dhaka to escort McCord to Washington.
McCord was arrested in 1992 with seven pounds of heroin hidden in her dress as she prepared to board a flight to London at Dhaka's international airport.
She pleaded innocent, saying a Nigerian man she had met during her two-week visit had compelled her to carry the four packets. She said she did not know the packets contained drugs.
In 1993, she and the man, Robert Blankson, were convicted in separate trials and sentenced to life terms. An appeals court last year reduced McCord's sentence to two years, but the decision was overturned by the Supreme Court.
Bangladesh law calls for a minimum of two years in prison for possessing heroin. A conviction for smuggling more than 25 grams, or 0.9 ounces, carries either a life sentence or death.

Burundi's new military leader seeks international support
BUJUMBURA, Burundi (AP) — While Burundi's coup-installed president sought to rally international support and vowed to end his country's ethnic warfare, the United Nations pressed for a restoration of constitutional government.
The outside world has condemned last week's military coup, and no country has recognized Pierre Buyoya (pronounced boo-YO-yah) as the new president of Burundi. The United States has said it will not accept any government that comes to power by force or intimidation.
But that has not deterred Buyoya, who invited foreign diplomats to a hotel in the capital, Bujumbura, on Monday to convince them of his good intentions and of the likelihood that he can halt fighting that has claimed 150,000 lives in three years.
"The international community has warned against genocide in Burundi, and it was to stop this from happening that I accepted this responsibility," the 46-year-old military leader said. "You have to understand that we could not let the situation deteriorate further."

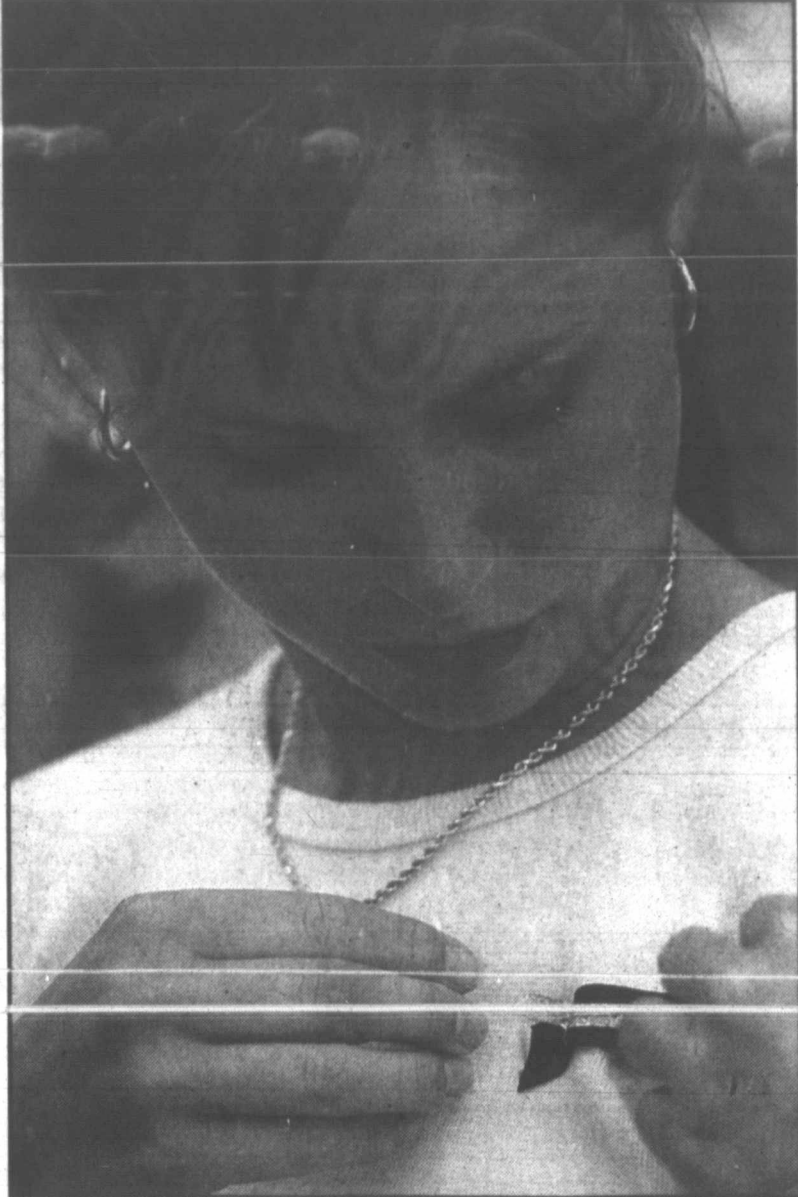
Iraqi beheaded in Saudi Arabia for fatal shooting
RIYADH, Saudi Arabia (AP) — An Iraqi man was beheaded Monday for fatally stabbing and shooting a Saudi national, the Interior Ministry said.
Mufeed bin Mohammed bin Abdul Karim Al-Mashahedi was executed in Arar, 620 miles northwest of the capital, Riyadh, for the murder of Lafi bin Farhan bin Fureih Al-Enizi.

Al-Mashahedi and an accomplice called the victim into a tent and tied him up before Al-Mashahedi killed him. The ministry did not say when the murder occurred, what the motive was, or whether the accomplice was charged.
Twenty-one people have been beheaded in Saudi Arabia this year, a pace well behind 1995 when the kingdom beheaded a record 192 people.

Police investigate suspicious packages, false bomb scares
PITTSBURGH (AP) — Hoax bomb threats and suspicious packages forced the evacuation of thousands of workers from downtown Pittsburgh and closed off the United Nations as authorities took no chances following the bombing at the Olympics and the explosion of TWA Flight 800.
"I don't pay it any mind," said Ralph Wilson, who was evacuated Monday from the Veterans Affairs office in Pittsburgh's federal office building. "I spent two years in Vietnam. It doesn't bother me. If it's going to come, it's going to come."
Elsewhere in Pennsylvania, the Westmoreland County Courthouse in Greensburg was evacuated following a bomb threat traced to a pay phone in downtown Pittsburgh.
And in the Philadelphia suburb of Conshohocken, police evacuated a four-story office building after someone inside the building reported a bomb threat.
Since Saturday's bombing at the Olympics that killed one woman and injured more than 100 people, the New York Police Department has responded to a rash of calls, said Capt. Mike Collins, a department spokesman.
On Monday morning alone, police investigated a suspicious package near the visitors' entrance of the United Nations, a bomb threat at the Port Authority bus terminal, a package at a Times Square building and suspicious suitcases across from St. Patrick's Cathedral and Saks Fifth Avenue.
Similar incidents occurred

in other cities on Monday.
— Washington, D.C., police received bomb threats causing the evacuation of a downtown office building and a health club. They also investigated a suspicious car, parked near the Washington Monument.
— At New Jersey's Newark International Airport, a United Airlines jet carrying 113 passengers from Chicago was evacuated after a walkie-talkie was found in an overhead compartment of the cabin. The radio was traced to a California cleaning company that inadvertently left the device on the plane earlier in the day.
— A concourse area at the Seattle-Tacoma International Airport was closed briefly after a gate attendant noticed a suspicious package.
— In Albuquerque, N.M., the Amtrak train depot and a Motorola electronics plant were evacuated at separate times while a police bomb squad investigated reports of suspicious packages.
— San Juan's Luis Munoz Marin International Airport had four bomb scares over the weekend, all bogus, police said.

Olympic bombing ribbons



(Freedom News Service photo by Grant Halverson)

Ashley Sisson, 21, of Auburn, Ala., pins a green ribbon on her shirt Sunday evening. The ribbons, given out by the Victim Witness Assistance Program of Atlanta, are to honor the victims injured in an explosion the occurred in Atlanta's Centennial Park early Saturday morning. The explosion killed two people and injured hundreds of others.

Congressional redistricting parties submit maps for review by panel

HOUSTON (AP) — More than a dozen maps bearing different Texas congressional district lines have been submitted to a three-judge federal court panel.
The panel is working to assure the legality of new boundaries for three districts that were found to be racially gerrymandered.
Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock and state House Speaker Pete Laney submitted a pair of plans Monday to the Houston court.
Two others were delivered by plaintiffs in the case. More plans arrived from such parties as the Galveston County Republican Party, a Hispanic civil rights organization, some Houston city officials and U.S. Rep. Eddie Bernice Johnson, whose Dallas-area 30th District was among the three ruled unconstitutional by the U.S. Supreme Court.
The judicial panel also had asked the parties to present new boundaries for the Houston area's 18th and 29th districts. Any redesign, however, also could affect numerous adjacent districts.
The judges could accept any of the plans or draw their own boundaries.
The panel, which includes U.S. Appeals Judge Edith Jones and district judges David Hittner and Melinda Harmon, has indicated that up to 14 districts may have to be redrawn if they do the work.

The new boundaries became necessary after Republican plaintiffs argued successfully in a lawsuit that racial criteria were used improperly in designing the districts.
They want new lines this year, as do GOP congressmen and party officials eager to expand their presence. The Democrats hold an 18-12 advantage in the Texas congressional delegation.
Meanwhile, Democratic state officials and House members are satisfied with the status quo and want the Texas Legislature to draw a new map next year.
Of the maps submitted Monday, one version of the Bullock-Laney plan would affect nine districts and four counties, with Dallas and Harris counties seeing the most change. The plan would eliminate fingers of the 30th District that reach into Tarrant and Collin counties.
The map also would maintain black voting strength, the attorney representing Bullock and Laney contends. For example, the population of the 18th District, now 53.2 percent black, would be 44.8 percent black.
The second Bullock-Laney plan would alter 12 districts and 10 counties, with the major changes occurring in Harris, Dallas, Tarrant, Parker, Johnson, Ellis and Navarro counties. Less

extensive changes would be made in Brazoria, Fort Bend and Collin counties.
Under that plan, the 18th District's population would be 46.2 percent black.
Plaintiffs filed two proposals, one changing 13 districts, the other 17.
"Clearly from the discussions in court, the three judges in this case signalled to us and to the other participants in this case that the plans we submitted should focus in on the northeast Texas region and the southeast Texas region and not go all the way, let's say, west of Waco," said plaintiff Ed Blum.
In court papers, the plaintiffs said computer data regarding race should be used only after a districting plan is finished and to determine if minority communities have been divided inadvertently.
No plan was submitted by the Texas attorney general's office, which has been defending the state in the voters' lawsuit.
"Redistricting is a legislative function and our position is that the counsel representing those defendants — House Speaker Pete Laney and Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock — are putting forth their plans," said Ward Tisdale, a spokesman for Attorney General Dan Morales.

Educators consider mainstreaming special ed students

AUSTIN (AP) — Putting special-education students into classes with other pupils can pay off for both, but schools must have the resources to make it work, says a teacher who has become a cheerleader for the idea.
"There has to be support for that regular education teacher. The child cannot be dumped in that room," said Twila Figueroa, a McAllen Independent School District special-education teacher.

member — the girl changed. She became outgoing, talking with other students and making friends.
"I became a cheerleader for inclusion when the situation is appropriate," Figueroa said at the forum convened by the Association of Texas Professional Educators.

and understanding of differences."
The keys, she said, are teamwork among teachers, administrators and parents; and support for the teachers who are receiving the special-education students, including help from other staff members.
"This takes money. It takes more manpower," she said.

A member survey by ATPE found 62 percent of teachers who'd had special education students in their classrooms weren't given special training. Sixty-eight percent said inclusion is not the best policy for all special education students.
This past year, Figueroa said, all her students spent 30 minutes to an hour per day in a general education classroom.
"These children's communication skills improved tremendously. Their social skills improved tremendously," she said. "It also helps the regular education child because they learn compassion ..."

Rep. Scott Hochberg, a member of the House Public Education Committee, said he's concerned that current funding patterns may signal to schools that it's better to isolate special-education students than to put them in mainstream classes.
For example, schools get five times the usual basic student allotment for homebound special-education students; and three times the basic allotment for self-contained special education on a regular campus.

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## Ex-Husband's Address Is Classified Information

DEAR ABBY: I recently called my daughter-in-law and asked her to give me my ex-husband's new address. She refused to give it to me, so the next day I called my son "Jeff" at work and asked him for the address. He also refused, and said he doesn't give his dad information about me and he wouldn't give me information about his father. I don't care if Jeff gives such information to anyone — I am listed in the phone book.

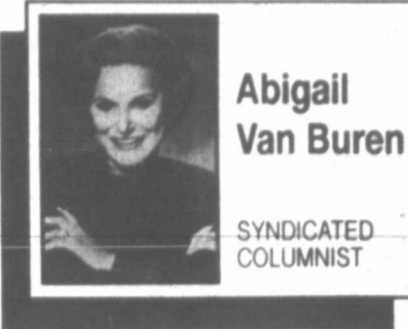
Jeff said he would call his dad and ask if it was OK to give me the address (His father and I are estranged and avoid all possible contact.) I merely want his address for my records, and I did not request a telephone number.

I know in which city he lives and have been thinking of moving to that city as well, but I certainly would not want to live in the same neighborhood. I may need the address in later years to claim Social Security benefits or some-

I am dismayed at my son's attitude. I can't understand why he is being so pigheaded about an address. Am I wrong for expecting him to give me this information?

**A DISMAYED AND PERPLEXED MOM**

DEAR DISMAYED AND PERPLEXED: Yes, you are wrong to expect your son to give you information about his father, especially since you are estranged from your former



**Abigail Van Buren**

SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

husband and you both avoid contact. Don't try to wheedle the information from Jeff or his wife. Putting your son and daughter-in-law in the middle will only alienate them from you. Jeff will tell his father you would like his address. But the decision whether or not to give it out rests with your ex.

DEAR ABBY: I just spoke with my younger sister whom I haven't seen in six years. I had planned on visiting her in September. She told me she had heard through the family grapevine that I was planning to bring "John," my live-in boyfriend. Abby, John is not just a boyfriend — we are getting married before the end of the year.

I am not a child. I have four grown children and a grandson, and I have been divorced for many years.

Well, to make a long story short, my sister informed me that when I

visit her I will not be allowed to sleep with John. (It's not like she and her husband are saints. He did drugs and had plenty of women before they were married, and my sister was no angel either.)

I am so burned up over her holier-than-thou attitude that I'm considering canceling my trip. What are your thoughts on this, Abby? It's going to be a family reunion and I would hate to miss it.

ON THE FENCE

DEAR ON: Your sister and brother-in-law have the right to make the rules in their home. Stop fuming, get off the fence, take John and stay at a motel.

P.S. I hope you and John enjoy the family reunion!

CONFIDENTIAL TO "YOUR NEW READER IN PORTLAND, ORE.": True, charity begins at home, but it shouldn't end there. The way to have nothing to give is to give nothing.

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## Horoscope



**Your Birthday**

Wednesday, July 31, 1996

Partners could play important roles in your affairs in the year ahead, so make sure to select them carefully. If you make good choices, you will receive large rewards.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** If you put a social event together today, do not invite friends who don't get along well with one another. Limit your guest list to compatible people. Leo, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing \$2 and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Make sure to state your zodiac sign.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** Your responsibilities might be heavier than usual today. If you fail to keep pace with these burdens, they could become more complicated with time.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** Even if your mate's demands are unreasonable today, make an effort to appease him or her if you want to maintain harmony at home.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)** Usually you are a dedicated person who attacks objectives in a sensible manner, but today you might ignore practical procedures and do things the hard way.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)** Subdue the inclination to read more into things than friends intended today. If your feelings are hurt, you may have misinterpreted a statement.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** You might not be capable of doing your best today when it comes to managing your resources. Ask for help from an experienced associate.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)** Do not let indecisiveness impede your progress today. If you make a decision, study all

the ramifications carefully before you commit yourself.

**PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)** If anyone comes to you for advice today, don't pretend to know something you don't. This person will trust you and you might point him in the wrong direction.

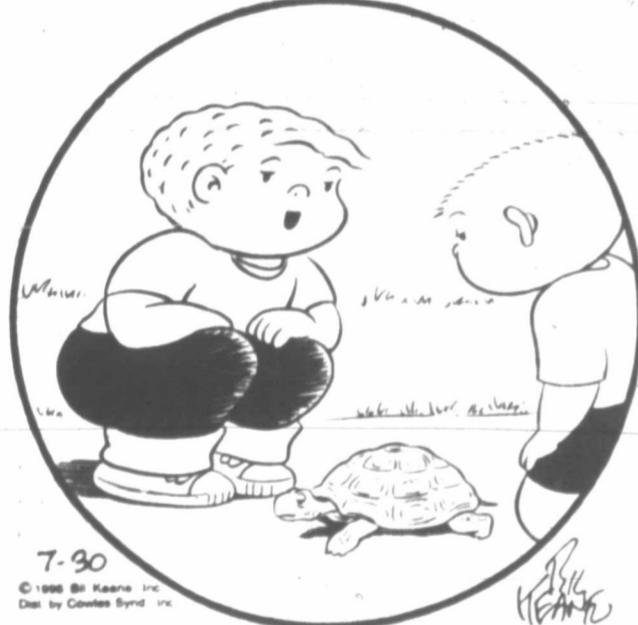
**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** For your own comfort and peace of mind, it might make sense today to avoid activities if certain people you dislike will be present.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** Today you could be sitting on a fragile limb, so don't try to shake things up. The tumble you take could make you look bad in front of others.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** Friends might not appreciate your viewpoints today. If your endorsement is poorly received, be smart and change the subject to something more tolerable.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** Today, if you have to do business with someone who outwitted you previously, try to profit from your past mistakes instead of repeating them.

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"Best part about bein' a turtle is you never hafta buy clothes."



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"Cooking dinner isn't easy with wall-to-wall Marmaduke."

### The Family Circus

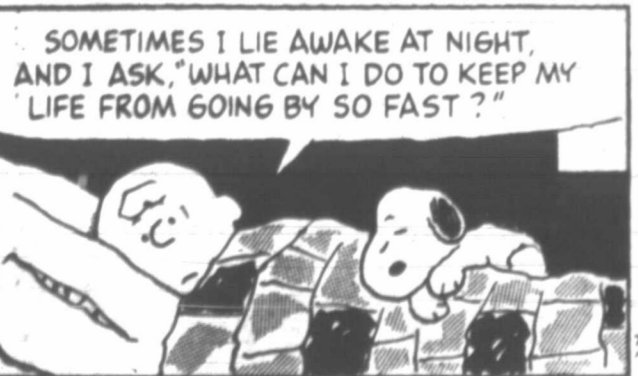


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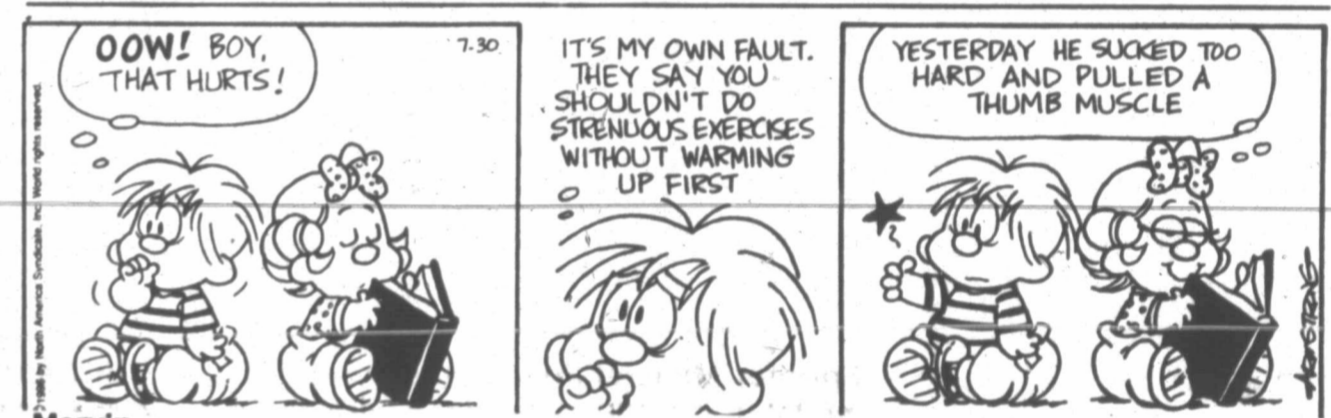
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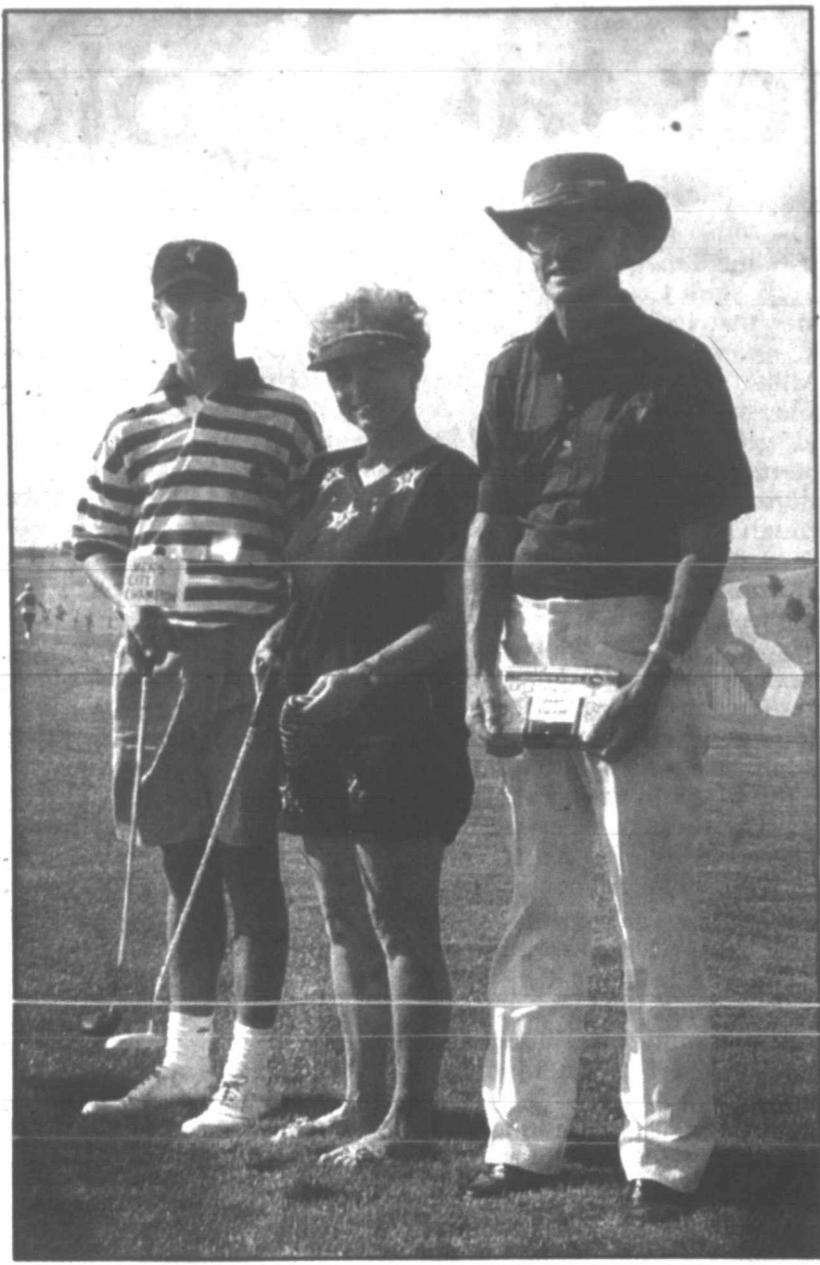
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Golf tourney champs



(Pampa News photo by Sherry Cromartie)

Phil Everson, left, won the seventh annual Pampa News City Golf Championship Tournament...

Greg Norman advances in tournament

KOHLER, Wis. (AP) - Greg Norman, Nick Price and Steve Elkington advanced while Ernie Els was eliminated...

Australian Craig Parry 1-up while Elkington, another Australian, eliminated Vijay Singh...

OLYMPICS

Table showing Olympic medal counts for various countries including United States, Germany, Russia, etc.

Scoreboard

Scoreboard section containing American League Standings, National League Standings, and Baseball games.

Staubach, Jones head-to-head over public transit

By MELISSA WILLIAMS Associated Press Writer

DALLAS (AP) - Former Dallas Cowboys quarterback and local hero Roger Staubach is going head-to-head with current team owner Jerry Jones.

of the \$28 million the city pays annually to participate in the program through a 1-cent sales tax.

needs to be regional." Staubach released a statement Monday agreeing to appear in pro-DART campaign advertising and brochures.

workplace," he said. A referendum on DART is scheduled for Aug. 10. About 3,000 people have cast ballots since early voting began last week...

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# Divers seek wreckage pointing to sabotage of TWA Flight 800

By PAT MILTON  
Associated Press Writer

EAST MORICHES, N.Y. (AP) — Passengers sitting toward the front of TWA Flight 800 were apparently the hardest hit when the plane exploded, an FBI agent said.

Although the injuries suffered by the people aboard fit no pattern, "those in front experienced the bulk of the event," said Joe Cantanessa, an FBI supervisor.

That fact would support — but not yet prove — the theory that the jetliner's nose was blown off by a bomb, sending the aircraft plunging into the ocean. Publicly, officials say they don't know what caused the plane to crash 10 miles off Long Island on July 17 — a bomb, a missile or catastrophic mechanical failure.

But a source has told The Associated Press that investigators think a bomb exploded in the 747's front cargo hold, and they are close to proving it.

The AP source, who is close to the probe and spoke on condition of anonymity, said investigators needed one key piece of evidence — such as the plane's aluminum skin, pierced by the blast — to prove their bomb theory.

The Navy said the salvage ship USS Grapple would join the recovery effort today. Its tools include a remote-controlled underwater vehicle capable of raising loads up to 33,000 pounds. Another vessel on the scene, the Diane G., has an acutely sensitive laser scanner.

Investigators had no progress to report Monday. "We're all a little frustrated," Cantanessa told reporters. He said tests had not confirmed several preliminary indications of bomb residue on plane wreckage, and that any pitting found on metal did not indicate a bomb.

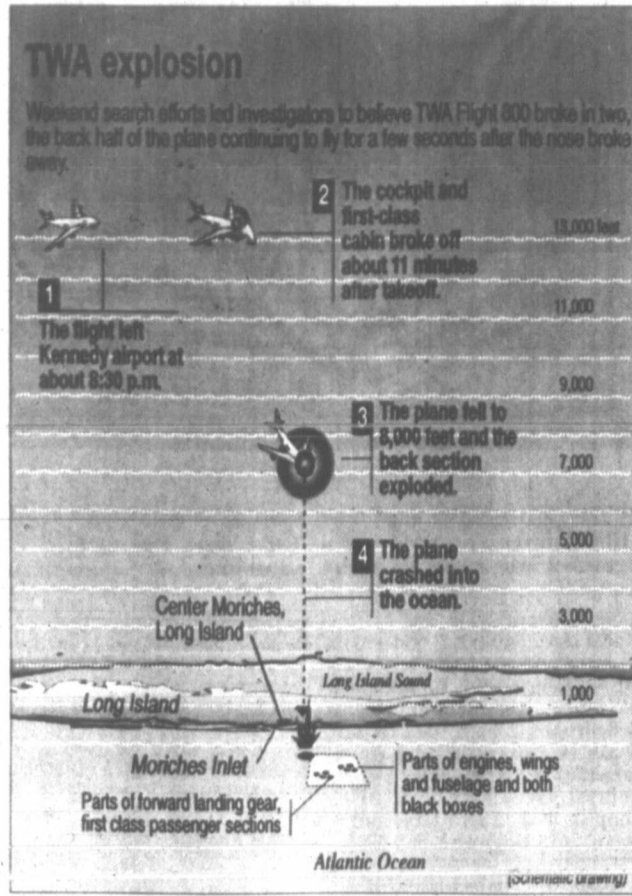
Searchers armed with sophisticated tools converged on an underwater "debris field" Monday where first-class seats and the front landing gear were found over the weekend.

While divers have scoured the sea floor for days, Cantanessa said the first parts of the plane to hit the ocean have not been brought up.

That was partly a result of the initial focus on recovering victims' bodies over collecting evidence, investigators said.

Robert Francis, vice chairman of the National Transportation Safety Board, said the emphasis on recovering victims "is probably marginally delaying our finding out what caused this catastrophe."

But, he added, "That's not a high price to pay." Earlier Monday, some victims' relatives com-



plained searchers were more interested in finding evidence.

"We believe that the investigation may be taking priority over the recovery of the bodies," said Joe Lychner of Houston, who lost his wife and two daughters. "We have to make absolutely certain that every single loved one comes out of the water."

Another relative, John Felice, added, "We feel that we're being spoon-fed bodies, three or four a day."

Francis later showed the relatives a videotape of the crash site to illustrate how difficult and dangerous recovering bodies was, and he assured them that "recovery of (bodies) remains the highest priority of the recovery team," NTSB spokesman Peter Goetz said.

The medical examiner said 161 of the 230 bodies had been recovered as of Monday, and 155 positively identified.

In an effort to identify more victims, FBI agents on Monday tried to match baggage with passengers, showing pictures of luggage to victims' relatives.

## Nation briefs

### Swastika symbols found painted in gas station

FORT BRAGG, N.C. (AP) — Swastikas were spray-painted on the floor and walls of a gas station on Fort Bragg during a weekend break-in, the second incident in two weeks involving the symbols on the Army base.

The gas station was also robbed of \$15,000 worth of merchandise during the early Sunday break-in, said Maj. Gerald O'Hara.

The thieves drew the swastikas' arms counterclockwise, O'Hara said. The Nazi symbol is drawn clockwise.

"I say they are swastika-like because they didn't even draw it right," said O'Hara, who did not give other details of the graffiti.

Two weeks ago, red swastikas were painted on eight doors in a military barracks that houses mostly Special Forces soldiers. Six of the rooms were occupied by black soldiers, and two were vacant. Army investigators are still investigating.

The vandalism followed other suspected hate crimes that have damaged the Army's reputation at Fort Bragg, including murder charges filed seven months ago against two white soldiers of the 82nd Airborne Division in the killing of two black Fayetteville residents. A third soldier was charged with conspiracy in the slayings.

### Wedding night fracas ends in bride's arrest

BRAINTREE, Mass. (AP) — A bride never forgets her wedding day.

But Judy Craig made hers even more memorable when she was arrested for hitting a police officer during a nuptial celebration that turned into a brawl.

Arrested along with Craig, 25, of Norfolk, were her parents, brother, sister and new father-in-law. All were charged with

assault and battery on a police officer, resisting arrest and disorderly conduct.

Police said they were called at about 2:15 a.m. Sunday to the Sheraton-Tara hotel and told a guest was drunk and causing problems.

Two officers tried to take Craig's brother, Christopher O'Brien, 30, of Rehoboth, into custody, but O'Brien hit one officer in the chest and took a swing at another, Officer Kevin Collins said.

When Craig's family jumped in, police were forced to use pepper spray to subdue the group.

The groom was not arrested.

### Students in graduation dispute receive scholarships

MUSKOGEE, Okla. (AP) — Three students whose high school diplomas were withheld because they wore ethnic symbols to graduation have been offered full scholarships to the University of Minnesota.

Two of the students accepted the offer. The third has decided to attend Northeastern State University in Tahlequah.

The Muskogee school district has refused to release the girls' diplomas until they serve 24 days in a school detention program for violating the graduation dress code. The students have refused to enter the program.

Danaj Battese-Trudell, an American Indian, wore an eagle

feather on her mortarboard during the May 18 commencement. Garrica Johnson and Sydney Watts wore multicolored African tribal cloth with their gowns.

### Another judicial panel strikes down Internet law

NEW YORK (AP) — A second judicial panel has declared the Communications Decency Act unconstitutional, saying the law goes too far in restricting free speech among adults.

The unanimous ruling Monday by three federal judges adds weight to last month's decision in Philadelphia that blocked enforcement of the law.

The latest ruling found that the statute, which makes it illegal to provide "patently offensive" material to minors through the Internet, is "an overbroad prohibition on constitutionally protected indecent speech between adults."

The judges also said there was no practical way for Internet service providers such as America Online and CompuServe to comply with the law as written, making them potentially liable for anything their customers send.

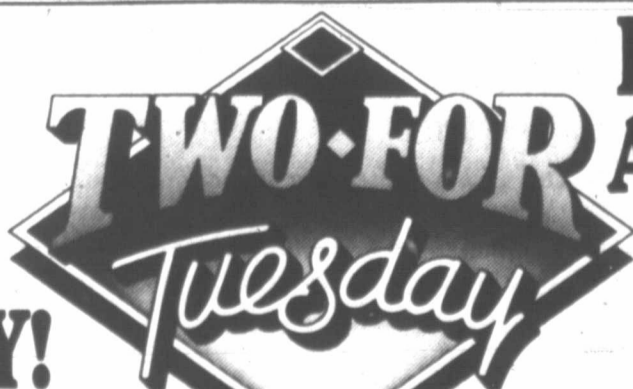
The ruling stemmed from a lawsuit brought by Joe Shea, editor of *The American Reporter*, an online newspaper that published an intentionally profane criticism of the Decency Act in order to challenge the law.

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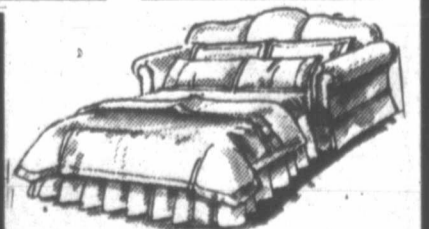
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