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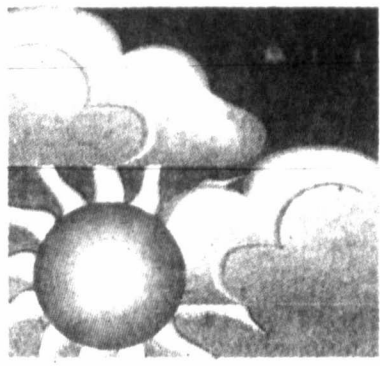
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high tomorrow in mid
90s. See Page 2 for
weather details.

AMARILLO — The Romance Writers of the Texas Panhandle is accepting entries for its fourth annual conference and writers contest. Aug. 23 is the deadline for all contestants to send for information.

The title of this year's conference is *Haunted By Love*. Writing categories include contemporary romance, historical romance, inspirational romance, paranormal romance, contemporary or historical suspense, mainstream and short story.

The preliminary round will be judged by published authors. Finalists will be judged by editors.

For more information, write to RWTP Contest Chair, P.O. Box 1343, Amarillo, TX 79105-1343; or call Pam Waddell at (806) 352-7982.

AUSTIN (AP) — A total of 533 crime fighting and drug prevention programs across the state have been awarded \$27.7 million by the governor's office.

Gov. George W. Bush announced the awards Wednesday.

It was the final group of grants awarded, bringing the total to 796 grants for \$46.1 million through several state and federal funds administered by Bush's criminal justice division.

Funded for a year through the grants were 26 Crime Stoppers programs; 35 victims services projects; seven narcotics control programs; 57 DARE (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) projects; 83 juvenile crime, drug and delinquency prevention projects; 32 gang programs; and 55 juvenile justice alternative projects.

DALLAS (AP) — An uncle who gained national attention for quitting college to raise five nieces and nephews will support one more girl after DNA testing proved she's his daughter.

Eugene Helm, 26, learned that he's the father of 12-year-old Cassandra Dean and said he will start paying child support this month.

"I want to get to know her and establish a relationship with her," Helm said. "She's got this big extended family now."

AUSTIN (AP) — One ticket bought in Humble and two tickets bought in Watauga matched all six numbers drawn Wednesday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said. The jackpot was \$18 million.

The numbers drawn from a field of 50 were: 1, 3, 14, 19, 26 and 29.

Lottery officials estimate the jackpot for Saturday night's game will be \$4 million.

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Bills on welfare, minimum wage nearing passage

WASHINGTON (AP) — Driving toward a summer recess, Congress is nearing completion of a pile of legislation, capped by a historic welfare overhaul and election-year bills to fight terrorism, increase the minimum wage and broaden access to health insurance for millions of people.

The spurt of legislative activity punctuated what had been a sharply partisan, generally unproductive session of Congress so far this year and should provide campaign fodder for both parties as they gear up for their national nominating conventions and head into the fall elections.

"I'm still somewhat numb from what all has happened in the last few hours," Rep. Clay Shaw, R-Fla., one of the authors of the welfare bill, told reporters shortly after the House passed the measure Wednesday. "This plurality was tremendously important to show the resolve of the American people that we are going to change this welfare system."

"This is a remarkable vindication of the direction we're trying to help all of America get to," House Speaker Newt Gingrich, R-Ga., said. "I think is a tremendous achievement."

The welfare bill, which would

end the six-decades-old federal pledge of open-ended aid to the poor, passed 328-101 shortly after President Clinton's dramatic announcement that he would sign the bill after weeks of wavering.

Ninety-eight Democrats joined the House's Republican majority, and the Senate was expected to approve the welfare measure today.

During his 1992 presidential campaign, Clinton promised to end the current welfare system, but he vetoed two previous GOP welfare plans, calling them too harsh.

Clinton said the current plan had "serious flaws" but he would sign it because "I believe we have a duty to seize the opportunity it gives us to end welfare as we know it by moving people from welfare to work, demanding responsibility and doing better by children."

Acknowledging the concerns of the Democratic left, Clinton said the bill was "far from perfect" and that he would work to relieve cuts in food stamps and benefits for legal immigrants.

Likely Republican presidential nominee Bob Dole called Clinton's move "an election year concession."

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Baker, Lamar to be accepting Head Start, pre-K applications

Applications for Head Start and pre-kindergarten will be taken at Lamar and Baker elementary schools Tuesday, Aug. 13, from 9-11 a.m. and 1-3 p.m.

This year, PISD will offer bilingual Head Start and pre-kindergarten in addition to the regular English instruction offered before.

To qualify, prospective students must be four years old on or before Sept. 1. Other qualifications include the family meeting income guidelines, family on public assistance, child with a documented disability and/or a foster child.

Children are enrolled based on need and eligibility, not a first-come, first-serve basis.

Parents should bring a copy of

the child's birth certificate, income verification (check stubs and income tax forms), immunization record, social security numbers, documentation of disability (if available) and proof of public assistance (food stamp card, AFDC benefits, Medicaid, WIC, SSI and HUD).

If parents participated in pre-enrollment in the spring, they still need to come Aug. 13 to apply. Applicants will be notified of their child's status before the first day of school.

All children who qualify for Head Start will be placed in Head Start or in district-supported pre-kindergarten classes.

For additional information, contact Betty Beyer at Carver Center, 669-4700.



(Pampa News photo by Sherry Cromartie)

Ben and Nell Barrow of Clarendon, left, enjoy comparing gardening skills with their Pampa friend, Gene Cade, while waiting to sell their produce at the Farmers' Market.

Clarendon couple among those bringing produce to Pampa's Farmers' Market

At the corner of Somerville and Sumner streets, the people standing around are planning family meals.

Barrow Gardens vegetable stand, operated by Ben and Nell Barrow of Clarendon, has been setting up its street-store in Pampa's Top O' Texas Farmers' Market for about ten years.

"We drive over here on Wednesdays and Saturdays every week during the growing seasons," Mrs. Barrow said.

"We'll be here until the first frost," said Barrow, who has been growing a garden most of his life, somewhere.

"For 34 years I worked for the highway department, and when I retired in 1987 I retired to do what I wanted to do, not to lay down and die," he said.

He has been planting and cultivating a public garden ever since.

The Barrows plant their garden on three and half acres on their land near the city limits of Clarendon near Hwy. 287 South. In addition to the daily chores of hoeing, digging and picking, they also farm 80 acres of land in stock feed for about 100 head of cattle.

A friend to the Barrows, Gene

Cade, who enjoys comparing his own gardening talents with those of the Barrows, said, "There are no other folks who work as hard as these folks do, and produce as much as they seem to do. I can't even guess when they have a chance to sleep."

Mrs. Barrow told him she had stayed up past 11 p.m. making preserves in the past couple of days.

All the vegetables are hand planted, hand picked and cleaned, and packed up in boxes before making the trip into Pampa. Their garden is fertilized with home-processed manure, and it is irrigated with well water, said Barrow, and he believes that makes the produce much healthier, with a full, rich flavor.

Cade said he has a small garden on his place, but it is more of a neighborhood production.

"I can provide enough vegetables for about two to three families and a few friends each summer," said Cade, who also owns and services a windshield repair business. He said his wife cans the vegetables each year, and puts up at least 100 quarts of pickles, 100 quarts of green

beans, or freezes the rest.

"We've lived off a garden for 50 years. If you don't have a garden, you don't have anything good to eat," he said.

The Barrows have a busy corner of food shoppers, and enjoy serving them. "We try to grow everything we can," said Mrs. Barrow, pointing to the many varieties of fresh vegetables.

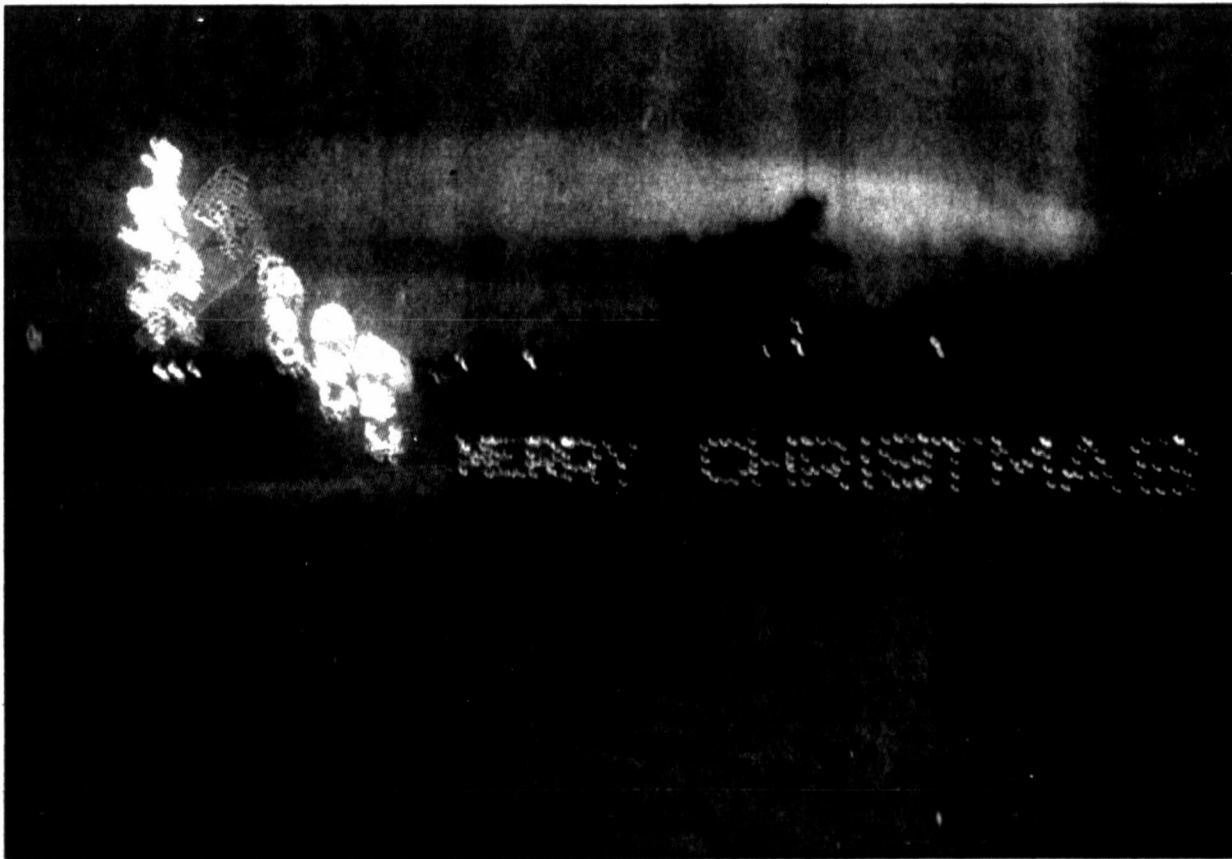
With the produce ready to take home in small bags or large containers, one can purchase tomatoes, green beans, blackeye peas, zipper peas, purple hull and cream peas, jalapeno peppers, green peppers, okra, egg plant, zucchini and yellow squash, watermelons and cantaloupe, big potatoes, cucumbers and leafy vegetables when available.

A couple of women requested blackeye peas and tomatoes.

"We are already out of those this morning. Those are the first vegetables to go, and shoppers have to be here early to get their choices," Mrs. Barrow said.

The Farmers' Market is open on Wednesday and Saturday mornings in the north corner of the M.K. Brown Memorial Auditorium parking lot, with local and area farmers bringing in their fresh produce for sale.

Summer Santa



(Pampa News photo by Chip Chandler)

Though it may look like someone might be slightly confused about when Christmas is, Celebration of Lights organizers say it's no accident that Santa is parachuting to the ground at the intersection of Hobart and Somerville, as seen in this time-lapse photo. Celebration of Lights is asking for community response about this decoration and the possibility of having 100 like it on display at Recreation Park during the holidays. Organizers ask residents to call Seleta Chance at 669-5790 or Kathleen Chaney at 665-2454 with their opinion.

Forensic tests fail to show bomb explosion evidence

EAST MORICHES, N.Y. (AP) — Tests failed to show evidence of a bomb on a piece of front cargo door from TWA Flight 800, stalling investigators' attempt to prove the plane was destroyed by an explosion in the hold, a source close to the investigation said today.

The source, who spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity, said that forensic tests also had failed to find bomb evidence on any of the other pieces of wreckage recovered in recent days.

In a preliminary inspection of the cargo door, "nothing ... jumps out at us," the source said. "Nothing that looks like it is going to get us closer" to concluding what destroyed the plane.

Investigators who favor the bomb explanation had high hopes for the cargo door piece. They have theorized that a blast occurred in the front cargo hold, which on Flight 800 carried passengers' baggage.

In field tests, some pieces of debris have shown traces of suspicious chemicals. But as of today, the source said, none of those positive readings had been confirmed by tests with more sophisticated equipment in Washington.

If the bomb did blow up in the cargo hold, the search for a potential bomber could be narrowed to those who had access to the bags. But inspectors also have speculated that a bomb could have been placed in the nose wheel, or in a food cart in the front upper section of the jetliner, the source said.

On Wednesday, bad weather stalled efforts to retrieve more of the crash's 230 victims, and it rained in the area again today. Forty-six bodies remain unaccounted for, and a lead investigator said it was unlikely all of them would be found.

Officials also unveiled drawings of the airplane to show how little of the wreckage has been recovered. There was a lot of white — representing the original outer skin — and very little blue — pieces that had been found. The diagram did show that the front cargo door and a piece of fuselage on the opposite side of the plane had been recovered.

The exact cause of the July 17 crash that killed 230 people remained elusive, and frustrated officials had not yet discounted two other theories: that a missile or mechanical malfunction may have caused the explosion.

Daily Record

Services tomorrow

BABCOCK, James D. "Jim" - Funeral mass, 10 a.m., Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church, Groom.

CROW, Ernest Lee "Tex" - Graveside services, 2 p.m., Memory Gardens Cemetery, Pampa.

GERHARDT, Helen Ramage - Memorial services, 11 a.m., Wesley United Methodist Church, Borger.

MYNEAR, Lura Mae Casity - 2 p.m., Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel, Pampa.

NASH, Elrie Jr. - Graveside services, 2 p.m., Fairview Cemetery, Wellington.

REYNOLDS, Henry C. - Memorial services, 10 a.m., Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel, Pampa.

Obituaries

JAMES D. "JIM" BABCOCK

GROOM - James D. "Jim" Babcock, 45, died Tuesday, July 30, 1996. Rosary will be recited at 7 p.m. today in Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church. Funeral mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Friday in the church by the Rev. Raymond Crosier of the church. Burial will be in St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery under the direction of Schooler-Gordon Funeral Directors of Amarillo.

Mr. Babcock was born at Groom. He graduated from Groom High School in 1969 and from West Texas State University in 1973, receiving a degree in business education. He worked for State Chemical and Grubkey Insurance Company of Amarillo.

Survivors include his mother and stepfather, Leona and A.J. Newsum of Groom; a sister, Yvonne "Bunny" York of Groom; a brother, Dan Babcock of La Barge, Wyo.; and two stepdaughters, Kay Pratt of Claude and Linda Williams of Amarillo.

The family will be at 311 Shelton and requests memorials be to St. Anthony's Hospice and Life Enrichment Center, P.O. Box 950, Amarillo, TX 79176-0001; or to Groom Ambulance Fund.

HELEN RAMAGE GERHARDT

BORGER - Helen Ramage Gerhardt, 88, died Wednesday, July 31, 1996, at Amarillo. Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. Friday in Wesley United Methodist Church with the Rev. Sammie Rainey officiating. Burial will be in Westlawn Memorial Park under the direction of Minton/Chatwell Funeral Directors of Borger.

Mrs. Gerhardt was born at Murchison, Texas. She had been a Borger resident since 1927. She married E.E. "Tiny" Gerhardt on Nov. 13, 1944, at Roswell, N.M.; he died Dec. 26, 1926. She was a graduate of West Texas Teachers College and worked as an accountant for Brinson Development and several other businesses in Borger. She was a member of Wesley United Methodist Church.

Survivors include two daughters, Janis Marie Holleman of Borger and Kathryn Susan Gerhardt of Canadian; a son, Robert Alan Gerhardt of Amarillo; a sister, Winifred Lair of Canyon; five grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to Wesley United Methodist Church, 1202 Valley Drive, Borger, TX 79007.

LURA MAE CASITY MYNEAR

WHITE DEER - Lura Mae Casity Mynear, 84, died Tuesday, July 30, 1996, at Pampa. Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday in Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel with the Rev. Bob Hudson, pastor of Bible Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be in the White Deer Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Mynear was born Dec. 1, 1911, at Miami, Texas. She moved to White Deer in 1944 from New Mexico. She owned and operated the High Plains Cafe in White Deer and Skellytown for several years, retiring in 1979. She was a member of the First Baptist Church in White Deer and was a 50-year member of the Skellytown Rebekah Lodge.

Survivors include two sons, Carl Mynear of White Deer and Clifford Mynear of Pampa; a sister, Violet Lee of Gruver; eight grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

ELRIE NASH JR.

WELLINGTON - Elrie Nash Jr., 63, brother of Pampa residents, died Tuesday, July 30, 1996. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Friday in Fairview Cemetery with the Rev. F.F. Patrick, pastor of Macedonia Baptist Church in Pampa, officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Adams Funeral Home.

Mr. Nash was born at Carthage. He moved from Carthage to Wellington in 1942. He was a farmer and a Baptist.

Survivors include a daughter, Casandra White of Lubbock; two sons, John Williams of Fort Worth and Glen Williams of Amarillo; five sisters, Ester Landers, Lucille Mallard and Dorie Hurvutt, all of Pampa, and Lura Mae Diamond and Alice Maberry, both of Fort Worth, and five grandchildren.

Fires

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

WEDNESDAY, July 31

11:42 a.m. - One unit and three personnel responded to 695 Bradley on a lifting assistance.

Obituaries

RONALD SHAW STILL

Ronald Shaw Still, 61, of Pampa, died Tuesday, July 30, 1996. The body was cremated and consequently will not be available for viewing. Private memorial services for the family will be scheduled at a later time.

Mr. Still was born Aug. 13, 1934, at Texarkana, Texas. He was a Pampa High School graduate and was a member of the high school choir and the All-State Choir. He attended the University of Southern California. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy, serving as a lieutenant (jg). He was active in the Amarillo Chamber of Commerce. He lived in Los Angeles, returning to Pampa in 1979.

He was preceded in death by his father, Victor Hugo Still, in 1964.

Survivors include two daughters, Pam Delangre of Magalia, Calif., and Pat Still of Escalon, Calif.; two sons, David Still, serving with the U.S. Navy in West Palm Beach, Fla., and Ronald Still of Coshocton, Ohio; and six grandchildren.



Police report

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

WEDNESDAY, July 31

Criminal mischief was reported in the 1400 block of North Banks. The complainant's car was scratched by a key, causing \$500 damage.

Parks Director Reed Kirkpatrick reported criminal mischief at Evergreen Park, 2200 Evergreen. A person caused damage to the grounds by driving circles on the grass, causing \$100 damage.

The Pampa Branch of the Amarillo Federal Credit Union, 900 N. Hobart, reported forgery of a withdrawal slip. The report said \$500 was withdrawn.

Officer Neal H. Sandlin reported fleeing arrest or detention and criminal mischief in the 1100 block of Christine.

A juvenile reported disorderly conduct by language in the 500 block of Roberta.

Arrests

Jonathon Aaron Phelps, 17, 1111 Christine, was arrested on charges of display of acceleration, fleeing arrest or detention and criminal mischief. He remained in custody on bonds and fines totaling \$3,332.

James Carlos Tucker, 42, 617 W. Browning, was arrested at the Derrick Club on a capias pro fine warrant. He remained in custody on a \$112 fine.

THURSDAY, Aug. 1

Yvonne Bonnie Everson, 25, 215 N. Houston, was arrested on three capias pro fine warrants. She was released following payment of fines.

Ambulance

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

WEDNESDAY, July 31

11:55 a.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to a local nursing facility and transported one patient to Columbia Medical Center.

1:38 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to a local nursing facility and transported one patient to Columbia Medical Center.

5:32 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the 900 block of South Nelson on a medical assist and transported one patient Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

8:54 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the 2200 block of West Kentucky on a trauma and transported one patient to Columbia Medical Center.

Sheriff's Office

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

WEDNESDAY, July 31

William Chris Fox, 21, Skellytown, was arrested on a charge of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle. He remained in custody on \$3,000 bond.

Department of Public Safety

Theresa Lee Sierman, 41, Lefors, was arrested on a charge of theft by check over \$20 and under \$500. She was released on bond.

Eugene Everett Smart, 44, McLean, was arrested on charges of no annual inspection and failure to appear. He was released on payment of fines.

Stocks

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

Wheat	4.49	up 1/8
Milo	NA	up 1/8
Corn	NA	up 1/4

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

Occidental	22 1/4	dn 1/8
Chevron	58	up 1/8
Coca Cola	47 3/4	up 7/8
Columbia/HCA	51 3/8	up 1/8
Diamond Sham	27 1/2	dn 1/4
Enron	39 1/4	up 1/8
Halliburton	53 3/8	up 1/4
Ingersoll Rand	43 1/8	up 1/2
KNE	32 5/8	up 3/8
Kerr-McGee	57 1/4	up 1/4
Limited	19 1/4	up 1/4
Mapco	54 7/8	up 1/8
McDonald's	46 7/8	up 1/2
Mobil	110	up 3/4
New Alton	NC	NC
Parker & Parsley	23 1/4	up 1/2
Penney's	50	up 3/8
Phillips	39 3/8	dn 1/8
SLB	81 3/4	up 1 3/4
SPS	13 1/4	NC
Tenneco	50	dn 7/8
Texaco	85 3/4	up 3/4
Wal Mart	24 1/8	up 1/8
New York Gold	386 3/4	up 1/8
Silver	5 3/8	up 1/8
West Texas Crude	21 40	up 1/8

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

Magellan	71 1/2	up 1/8
Puritan	17 3/4	up 1/8

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

Amoco	67	up 1/8
Arco	116 5/8	up 5/8
Cable	25 3/8	up 1/4
Cable O&G	15 5/8	NC

Calendar of events

BLOOD PRESSURE CHECK

A blood pressure check and blood sugar tests offered from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. each Friday in the Red Cross office, 108 N. Russell. A donation is accepted to cover expenses.

CONT. FROM PG. ONE

Bills

"There's not a dime's worth of difference between the bill he talked about today than the one he vetoed a few months back," Dole said while campaigning in Nashville, Tenn. "The only difference is it's 97 days before the election."

In other congressional actions Wednesday:

—House-Senate conferees reached agreement on a bill designed to guarantee access to medical insurance for workers switching jobs. Republicans said they expected to send the measure to the House floor as early as today and hoped to have it cleared for Clinton's signature by the end of the week.

—The health care agreement was expected to clear the way for passage by the end of the week of a separate bill to raise the minimum wage by 90 cents an hour, in two stages, beginning Oct. 1.

—Key lawmakers reached agreement with the White House on a package of anti-terrorism measures that would expand wiretapping authority, tighten airport security and allow prosecution of suspected terrorists under federal racketeering laws.

—House and Senate negotiators worked out an agreement to provide tens of millions of dollars to upgrade municipal water systems and, for the first time, require that citizens be told what contaminants are in their tap water.

Republicans celebrating passage of the welfare plan said the vote also signaled a change in fortunes for their party and their agenda.

"We have shifted the whole emphasis of what is mainstream politics in the United States," Shaw said. "This lopsided vote ... sets the norm for politics throughout the rest of this century and well into the next century."

Some Democrats complained bitterly, however, saying the welfare vote was a betrayal of American ideals.

"What we're doing is wrong, just plain wrong," Rep. John Lewis, D-Ga., shouted during a passionate speech on the House floor. "This bill will put 1 million more children into poverty."

Dean Lynch named to post of News circulation manager



Dean Lynch

Dean Lynch, a Pampa native, has been named circulation manager for The Pampa News.

Lynch attended Pampa schools and is a 1981 graduate of Pampa High School.

After high school, he attended Clarendon College. He is a December 1994 graduate of West Texas A&M University in Canyon, with a business administration degree.

He has previously worked at K&K Inc. in White Deer and at the Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum in Canyon while attending college.

Teen arrested after high speed chase through neighborhood

A 17-year-old man remains in custody today on bonds and fines totaling \$3,332 after his arrest Wednesday evening at the conclusion of what witnesses called a high-speed chase in a residential neighborhood.

Jonathon Aaron Phelps, 17, was arrested on charges of display of acceleration, fleeing arrest or detention and criminal mischief at 8:18 p.m. by Officer Neal Sandlin.

According to the police report, Sandlin was dispatched to 1111 Christine to speak with Phelps' father and grandmother regarding the teen's unauthorized use of a pickup. Sandlin passed the teen on his way to the call.

Phelps pulled into the driveway, and Sandlin asked him a number of times to leave the vehicle.

Court absolves former Nazi officer

ROME (AP) - A military court absolved former Nazi SS Capt. Erich Priebke today of charges of cruelty and premeditation in the World War II massacre of 335 Italian civilians.

In what was likely one of the last Nazi war crimes trials, the court found Priebke guilty of taking part in the reprisal killings - which Priebke admitted - but cleared him of the more serious charges because he was only following orders.

Phelps refused and drove off. Sandlin pursued the teen in a block-wide radius before Phelps stopped once again in his driveway. He was placed under arrest, handcuffed and seated in the back of the patrol car.

Phelps kicked the restraining cage between the front and back seats, breaking it and managing to crawl out of the car. Sandlin then placed him in feet restraints, but Phelps was able to escape those as well. Phelps ended up trying to get in the front seat of the car.

A sheriff's deputy rode in the back seat of Sandlin's patrol car from the arrest scene to the police department to prevent any further damage.

It is unclear whether the teen's father will file charges for unauthorized use of the pickup.

PHS Class of '46 to have 50th year reunion

The Pampa High School Class of 1946 will be celebrating the 50th anniversary of their graduation with a reunion this weekend, Aug. 2-4, with approximately 110 people having registered to attend.

Friends of the class are invited to join them Friday morning at the City Lake pavilion for coffee and visiting.

A part of the class will be attending the TEXAS perfor-

mance Friday evening, with the bus leaving for the trip at 1 p.m. from the Coronado Inn parking lot. Those not attending the performance will gather at 3 p.m. Friday to tour the high school and then dine at Dyer's Bar-B-Que at 6:30 p.m., followed by an evening of visiting in the home of Dot and Dick Stowers at 2015 Charles.

On Saturday there will be a luncheon at the Pampa Country

Club beginning at 12 noon. Afternoon activities include a tour of the White Deer Land Museum at 3 p.m. and a tour of Freedom Museum USA and Freedom Walk at 4 p.m.

A banquet will be held at 6:30 p.m. Saturday at the Biarritz Club at Coronado Inn.

Activities will conclude with a farewell breakfast at 8 a.m. Sunday in the Coronado Inn Green Room.

Weather focus

LOCAL FORECAST

A chance of showers and thunderstorms tonight with a low in the mid 60s and south winds 10-20 mph. Friday, sunshine and hot weather with a high in the mid 90s. A high of 100 is possible for Saturday. Wednesday's high was 79; the overnight low was 61. Pampa received 0.04 inch of moisture in the 24-hour period ending at 6 a.m. today.

REGIONAL FORECAST
West Texas - Panhandle: Tonight, becoming mostly cloudy with a chance of thunderstorms. Lows in the 60s. Friday, partly cloudy with a slight chance of thunderstorms. Highs from around 90 to mid 90s. South Plains: Tonight, partly to mostly cloudy. A slight chance of thunderstorms south, chance of thunderstorms north. Lows 65-

75. Friday, partly cloudy. A slight chance of thunderstorms northern low rolling plains, extreme southeast Texas Panhandle. Highs 95-100.

North Texas - Tonight, partly cloudy. A slight chance of thunderstorms central and east. Lows 72 to 77. Friday, partly cloudy. A chance of thunderstorms north and east. Highs 92 northeast to 100 south.

South Texas - Hill Country and South Central: Tonight, isolated early evening showers or thunderstorms north, otherwise partly cloudy. Lows in the 70s. Friday, partly cloudy and hot. Highs near 100 east to 104 west. Upper Coast: Tonight, partly cloudy with a slight chance of evening showers or thunderstorms. Lows in mid 70s inland to low 80s coast. Friday, partly cloudy with a slight chance of showers or thunderstorms east. Highs in the 90s. Coastal Bend

and Rio Grande Plains: Tonight, mostly clear. Lows near 80 coast, mid to upper 70s inland. Friday, mostly sunny and hot. Highs in low 90s coast to upper 90s inland, near 102 to 106 Rio Grande plains.

BORDER STATES
New Mexico - Tonight, widely scattered scattered thunderstorms, slowly diminishing but with a few lingering after midnight along the eastern border and in the southwest. Lows 40s and 50s mountains, upper 50s to low 70s elsewhere. Friday, partly cloudy with scattered afternoon and early nighttime thunderstorms. Highs 70s to near 90 mountains with upper 80s to near 102 lower elevations.

Oklahoma - Tonight, partly cloudy with a slight chance of thunderstorms. Lows in low 70s. Friday, partly cloudy with a slight chance of thunderstorms. Highs in low to mid 90s.

City briefs

The Pampa News is not responsible for the content of paid advertisement

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

BOOTHS AVAILABLE for Crafts, Collectables, Gifts, The Dusty Attic, 2121 N. Hobart. 665-0020. Adv.

BILLIE'S BOUTIQUE, 2143 N. Hobart, all Summer merchandise 1/4 to 1/2 off! Adv.

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

SUPER SATURDAY. End of Season Clearance Sale at both Watson's Feed & Garden and Celebrations Gift Shop. Saturday only. Hwy 60 East. Adv.

ALL ITS Charm Summer Sale - many items 25% to 50% off. Adv.

COUNTRY GENERAL Customer appreciation day. Saturday August 3rd. 1 day only. Bag sale, 15% off any thing that will fit in a bag, excluding guns. 2545 Perryton Parkway, Pampa Mall. Adv.

ERIC, JONATHAN, and Aaron Carr welcome baby sister - Shelby Jordyn, born July 19, 1996. Proud parents are Ron and Sandy Carr. Pampa grandparents are John and Judy Warner. Adv.

NEEDING COOKS for evening shifts. Scotty's Restaurant, 123 N. Hobart, 669-7971. Adv.

GARAGE SALE - 513 N. Wells, Thursday, Friday. Adv.

NINNY'S BUCKET - Summer Clearance 50% Off. Now accepting Fall and Winter. Adv.

SKATETOWN REOPENS Friday, August 2 and only Friday nights in the month of August. 8-11 p.m., \$4 person. Adv.

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Drug cartels use fronts to buy up border land

WASHINGTON (AP) — Ranchers along the Southwest border with Mexico are being forced to sell their property to Mexican drug cartels seeking new routes into the United States, witnesses at a Senate hearing said.

A Texas rancher, hooded to hide his identity, and border-state senators told the Senate Judiciary Committee Wednesday that ranchers intimidated by rising violence and crime were selling land to the American fronts of Mexican drug traffickers.

Ranchers "have begun selling their ranches to the highest bidders, who happen to be fronting for the very Mexican drug traffickers who intimidated the ranchers into abandoning their livelihoods and way of life," said Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, R-Texas.

The key witness was a Texas rancher who appeared wearing a black hood and raincoat and spoke behind a curtain into a microphone that altered his voice.

Committee chairman Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, commended his courage in speaking out. "Numerous Texas ranchers were contacted but have refused to testify for fear of extreme reprisal by Mexican drug cartels."

The rancher said that he too has decided to sell the land his family has lived on for two generations even though he knows the only potential buyers would be drug-connected.

The border along the Rio Grande "has become a Golan Heights, a no-man's land at night" with smugglers slashing fences, knocking down gates and firing rifle shots at his home. "Some days it looks like an army has crossed" the land.

The rancher alleged that drug money had "gradually destroyed the community" by tainting local politicians and law enforcement officers.

The president's drug czar, Barry McCaffrey of the National Drug Control Policy Office, testified that successes in intercepting drugs at border cities such as San Diego and El Paso have forced traffickers to look for weaknesses elsewhere. "The level of rural violence on the border is consequently increasing."

In one New Mexico county, said Sen. Pete Domenici, R-N.M., "drug smugglers armed with automatic weapons threaten state police flying helicopters along the border at night."

Sen. Phil Gramm, R-Texas, spoke of "running gun battles" around Eagle Pass, Texas. "This is an area where we have lost control of our borders."

Gramm said that when he asked an Air Force colonel to house drug-fighting units on his base near the border, he was told the Air Force was concerned that flight lines might be attacked by drug groups.

Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., said drug smuggling had become "our number one national security problem" and said she was nearing the opinion that "we need to put a military presence on the border to stop these incursions."

Tralee Crisis Center volunteers



(Pampa News photo by Darlene Holmes)

Tralee Crisis Center recently completed domestic violence training for volunteers, with three women finishing the course: Marie Hoepfner, Gina Coleman and Sandra Holley. Looking over some of the materials on domestic violence are, sitting from left, new volunteer Hoepfner and Ann Hamilton, volunteer coordinator, and standing, Linda Town, Tralee Crisis Center executive director, and new volunteer Coleman. Not pictured is new volunteer Holley.

Federal court rules Indian tribe should be compensated for loss of 3.4 million acres

EL PASO (AP) — The Alabama-Coushatta Indians could be in line to receive a windfall equaling 109 years' worth of profits generated by 3.4 million acres of ancestral land taken by settlers, tribal attorneys say.

The U.S. Court of Federal Claims in Washington, D.C., has ruled the United States should compensate the tribe for the loss of the land, which includes all or part of 12 southeast Texas counties.

Since the land has been a center for oil and timber production, the ruling "potentially has the making of a sizable recovery," Tom Diamond, an El Paso attorney representing the tribe, said Wednesday.

He said the award likely would take into account the loss of fair rental value and profits, including those from the oil, gas and timber produced over the years in the area beginning at the Louisiana border and spreading north of Houston.

David Shuey, the Justice Department attorney representing the government in the case, could not immediately be reached in his office Wednesday.

The court opinion, handed up July 22, stems from a tribal claim filed in 1983 arguing the United States failed to protect tribal land after annexing Texas in 1845 and so owed the Alabama-Coushattas for ensuing losses.

Congress referred the case to the federal court after the tribe petitioned for relief after failing in attempts to pursue the case through other avenues.

A court panel found the tribe established ownership, or "aboriginal title," of the land through continuous and exclusive use over an extended period.

The panel said the United States did not act to protect the tribe's occupancy of the land and determined the government was liable for losses incurred between 1845 and 1954, when Congress transferred responsibility for the land to the state.

Diamond noted only the federal government would be responsible for paying.

"It doesn't affect the state of Texas, it doesn't affect anyone in the state of Texas," he said. "It doesn't mean someone in the Big Thicket is going to have to give up their homestead."

The exact dollar amount of the damages will be determined in another phase of the case. That won't begin for at least another 90 days, the period set aside for attorneys to make recommendations for how to proceed.

The damage recommendation will be forwarded to Congress, which can appropriate the necessary money or reject it. A settlement also is possible.

"I certainly hope it means the tribe will finally receive the restitution they've been due for the loss of millions of acres of land that were just flat out taken without any legal process whatsoever," said Don Miller, an Native American Rights Fund attorney who participated in the case.

Tribal officials could not immediately be reached for comment Wednesday.

Heart drug shows promise but causes kidney damage

DALLAS (AP) — A new substance developed to help stop heart attacks in progress has shown promise in hospital studies but also causes kidney damage, and researchers are going back to the laboratory.

Patients given poloxamer 188, also known by the brand name RheothRx, had smaller heart attacks and less heart muscle damage, and their hearts pumped more efficiently compared with people who received a dummy medication, according to a study in the American Heart Association journal *Circulation*. All of the patients were given standard clot-busting drugs as well.

But kidney damage developed in some participants in the study and in two larger clinical trials that followed.

As a result, Glaxo Wellcome has shelved development of RheothRx as a heart attack treatment, said Dr. Gary L. Schaer, one of the study's authors and director of cardiac catheterization at Rush-Presbyterian-St. Luke's Medical Center in Chicago.

However, another company, Cytrx Corp. of Norcross, Ga., is trying to come up with a form of RheothRx that will be less damaging to the kidneys.

"The bottom line is the drug is being further developed and further modified to try to get rid of the (kidney damage) side effect," Schaer said. "The compound needs to be reformulated and retested."

Animal studies have been promising, Schaer said, but clinical trials must determine

whether the new form is less damaging to the kidney.

The study took place at 11 hospitals around the country. Seventy-five heart attack patients were given poloxamer 188, and 39 got a placebo.

By the time the poloxamer 188 patients went home, their hearts were pumping more strongly than those who received the placebo, Schaer said.

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Nation briefs

Girl beaten unconscious, three relatives charged
SOUTH HILL, Va. (AP) — A 3-year-old South Carolina girl was beaten unconscious a week ago and three young relatives who told officials they beat her because she would not cry are being held on assault charges.

The girl has had several operations since her father found her unconscious in bed July 25, but she has not regained consciousness, police said.

The suspects, a 16-year-old half brother, an 11-year-old half sister and a 13-year-old male cousin, would only say they beat the girl because she refused to cry, Police Chief Norman Hudson said Wednesday.

"It's dreadful. It's something I haven't had to deal with in almost 30 years of law enforcement," he said.

The three children were taken into custody the day after the attack and charged with felonious assault. They are due in court Aug. 7.

The suspects and the victim, whose names were not released, are from Lancaster, S.C., and were spending two weeks with relatives in South

Hill, 60 miles southwest of Richmond.

FCC to set rules to heighten phone competition

WASHINGTON (AP) — Marking another major step in the telecommunications revolution, federal regulators are finalizing an overhaul of the local telephone business intended to give Americans more choices and lower prices.

The Federal Communications Commission was expected today to approve rules opening the \$100 billion local phone marketplace to long-distance and cable TV companies and other potential competitors.

Customers in New York, Texas and California could begin to see multiple choices for residential local phone service by the end of the year, state regulators and telephone companies say.

The FCC's action implements the centerpiece of a law passed six months ago to overhaul telecommunications laws that have been in place for 62 years.

The FCC's rules will set a national policy to guide states into the new era of competition. But they also will provide state regulators with leeway to make decisions that would best serve local customers.

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Opinion

New meat safety rules finally arrive

After a fatal E. coli outbreak swept the Pacific Northwest three years ago, government officials vowed to overhaul the nation's archaic meat inspection system. Finally, they have come through.

For the first time in nearly a century, science-based controls - first innovated by the Pillsbury company to protect astronauts' food supplies in space from microbial contamination - will be required at all 6,200 slaughter and processing plants in the United States.

The government will also set unprecedented performance standards for poultry, beef, pork, lamb and several other raw products. In addition, all meat and poultry establishments will be required to submit written records of sanitation standard operating procedures.

In his weekly national radio address, Clinton recounted the deaths of four young children and the poisoning of nearly 5,000 people in the Pacific Northwest who ate - or came into contact with someone else who had eaten - undercooked hamburgers. Since then, thanks largely to pressure from consumer groups and victims' parents, area restaurants have cleaned up their act and safe handling labels now appear on meat products.

The country's meat supply is the safest in the world, but it could be safer. As Clinton lamented, "For all our technological advances, the way we inspect meat and poultry has not changed in 90 years." Why? Both the private and public sectors are partly to blame.

While private industry created the high-tech process now being implemented and petitioned the government to adopt it, other trade groups lobbied against new regulations and safe handling labels as superfluous government micromanagement. Meanwhile, inspectors' unions at the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) resisted changes to the outdated "poke and sniff" system because it would mean the elimination of jobs.

To its credit, the Clinton administration overcame industry resistance and union pressure to enact long overdue regulatory reforms. Nevertheless, science-based regulation is just one part of the meat safety equation.

What all the inspectors, regulators and high-tech wizardry in the world cannot ensure is common sense. Nearly five million cases of illness and more than 4,000 deaths are attributable to food poisoning each year. Better regulation will help reduce those numbers, but, data from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention show that a majority of those cases can be traced to mistakes made after a product has left the regulated plant.

Poor hygiene, incomplete cooking and improper storage account for most food-borne illnesses and deaths. According to the CDC, the single most important preventive action is simply washing your hands.

Clinton's overhaul will at last bring the nation's meat inspection system into the 21st century. The new rules will not achieve zero risk, but combined with old-fashioned common sense and consumer awareness, they will help make our food supply far safer as it travels from farm to table.

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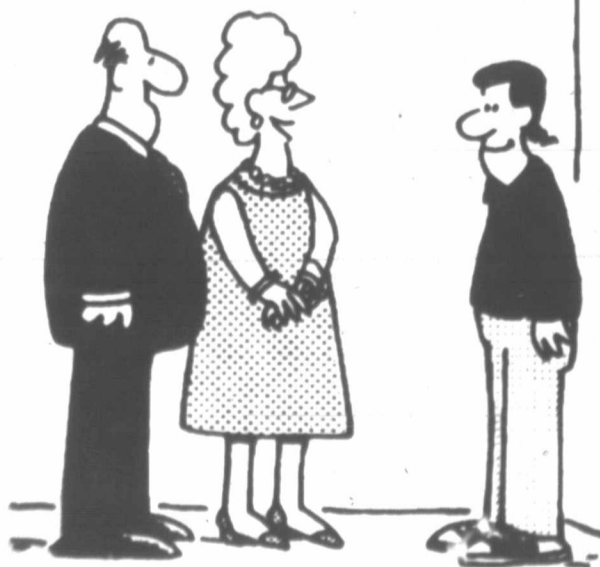
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The battle to save European culture

During the Inquisition, some Jews in Spain were forced to convert to Catholicism. That custom, it's safe to assume, did not create many devout Christians. Today, France and Spain are enforcing compulsory ingestion of national culture, which probably do about as much to enrich their civilizations as Torquemada did to spread acceptance of the Gospel.

During the world GATT negotiations, the French refused to budge on the practice of taxing American films to subsidize French filmmakers, which they insist is essential to preserving their fragile national identity. If that weren't bad enough, they and the Spanish have since adopted even more hostile measures to combat the terrifying menace posed by American popular culture.

Both houses of the French parliament approved a law requiring that at least 40 percent of the songs played on radio stations be French, whether anyone wants to listen to them or not. This was modeled on the existing law for television, which commands stations to devote at least 40 percent of their time to French programs and at least 60 percent to European shows, limiting American pollution to 40 percent of the total. In Spain, lawmakers decreed that for every two days a theater shows American films, it must allot one day to European fare, a measure that would not be needed if audiences actually enjoyed local movies.

European chauvinists, and the local industries that stand to gain, portray this as a moral struggle against what the French Minister of Culture Jack Lang calls the "mental colonization of Europe" by the Americans. But colonization was a product of forcible conquest. The success of Hollywood, by contrast, comes from the eager patronage of European moviegoers, whose tastes are uncannily similar to those of American bumpkins.

Stephen
Chapman

The problem is not Americans but Europeans. There is nothing stopping French singers and Spanish directors from stealing audiences away from Madonna and Arnold Schwarzenegger - nothing except the fact that ordinary Europeans like the stuff coming across the Atlantic much better than what is produced at home.

American films attract nearly 80 percent of the total audience in Spain, more than 60 percent in France and 90 percent in Britain. U.S. audiovisual exports to the European Community are 13 times greater than EC exports to the United States, mainly because our movie studios are far better at satisfying Europeans than theirs are at appealing to Americans.

British filmmaker David Puttnam (*Chariots of Fire*) exhibited the kind of realism that is absent in the French cultural ministry, telling a gathering of young filmmakers in London, "We have to start from an acknowledgment of the fact that we have failed; that the films aren't very good at the moment."

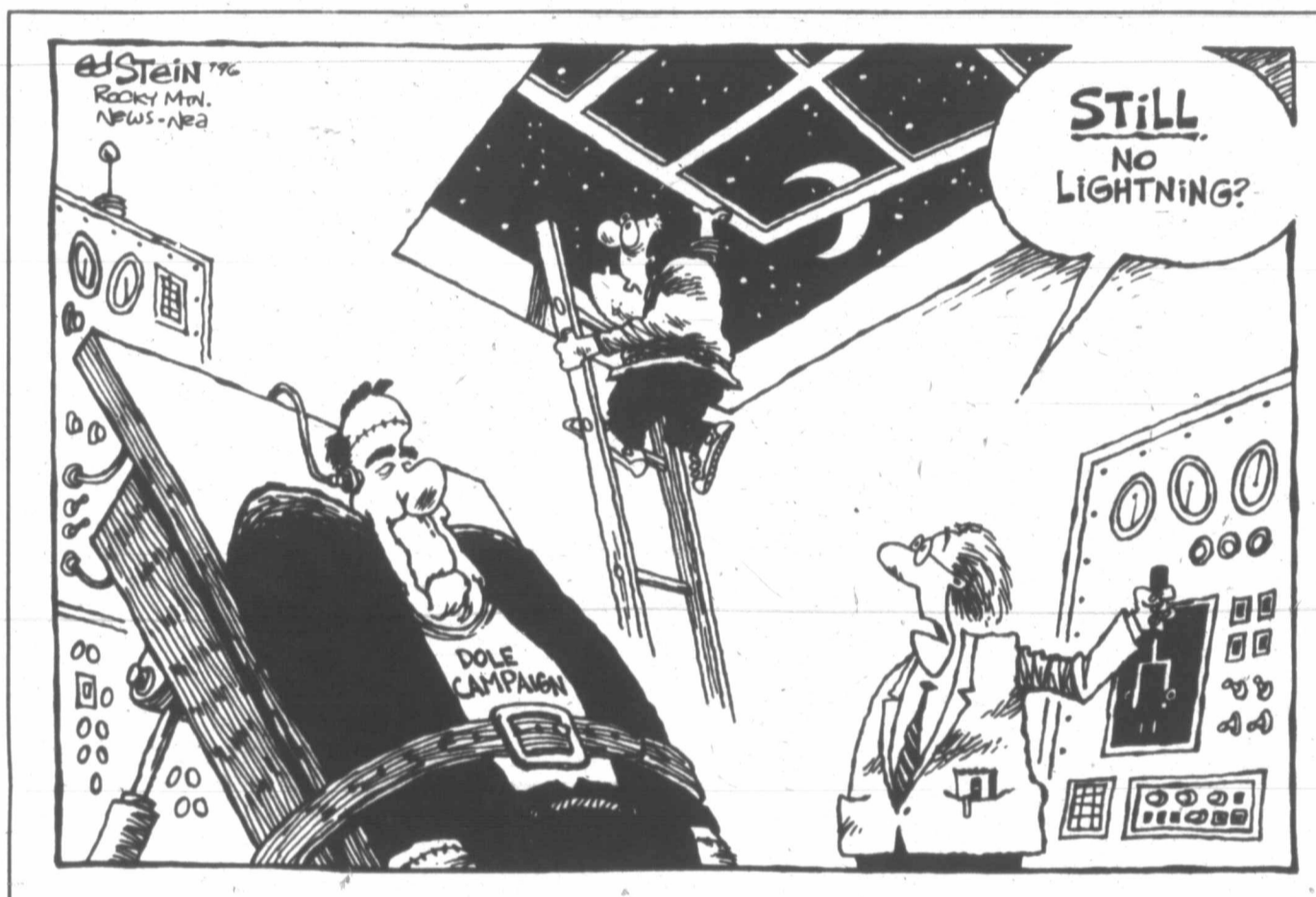
The answer is not for Europe to punish its people by making them listen to music that leaves them cold and attend movies that put them to sleep. Any industry shielded from competition is

bound to grow less vital, not more, since it quickly comes to assume that its customers exist for its benefit, rather than that it exists for theirs. Protected companies lose their motive to search ceaselessly for ways to attract consumers and keep them, which is just the shortcoming of European music and filmmakers.

American pop culture is vigorous mainly because it is so open to new influences and so clever at incorporating them. When the Beatles launched the British invasion, Americans didn't pass laws to keep the foreigners from seducing our young, and yet American rock music somehow survived and flourished. Today, pop records from the United States make money even in countries where a lot of people can't understand the lyrics.

The idea of compelling people to appreciate the right music and movies is not exactly in keeping with the free spirit of art. Peruvian novelist Mario Vargas Llosa writes in an issue of *The National Interest* magazine that the products of French culture do "not need to be protected by bureaucrats or police, nor confined behind bars, nor isolated by customs barriers ... These things tend rather to folklorize and fade them. They need to live in the open, exposed to continuous comparison with differing cultures, thanks to which they are renewed and enriched, and can evolve and adapt themselves to the continuous flow of life."

The real danger, he says, are those "who speak of French culture as if it were a mummy that cannot be brought out of its sealed chamber, because the open air would cause it to disintegrate." European culture can withstand the unsettling competition of Americans, which is not to say it can overcome the stultifying paternalism of Europeans.



Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, Aug. 1, the 214th day of 1996. There are 152 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

Fifty years ago, on Aug. 1, 1946, President Truman signed the Fulbright Program into law, establishing the scholarships named for Sen. William J. Fulbright, D-Ark.

On this date:

In 1714, Britain's Queen Anne died; she was succeeded by George I.

In 1790, the first U.S. census was completed, showing a population of nearly 4 million people.

In 1873, inventor Andrew S. Hallidie successfully tested a cable car he had designed for the city of San Francisco.

In 1876, Colorado was admitted as the 38th state.

In 1914, Germany declared war on Russia at the onset of World War I.

In 1936, 60 years ago, the Olympic games opened in Berlin with a ceremony presided over by Adolf Hitler.

Dole should simply bow out of the race

Charley Reese

If Bob Dole had a firm grasp of reality, which I doubt he does, he would come up with some face-saving excuse, release his delegates, and allow Republicans to pick another presidential nominee at an open convention.

Of course, he won't. He will just continue to bumble along, sinking further and further in the polls and practically guaranteeing the re-election of Bill Clinton and most likely a loss of the Republican majority in Congress.

On a scale of good deeds and bad deeds, handing the White House to Bill Clinton pretty much outweighs any previous good done by the man from Kansas or by the party born in Ripon, Wis.

Dole's record is so bad that the Clinton campaign doesn't even have to lie about it. They just scroll across the screen the billions of dollars in tax increases Dole has voted for during his career. Clinton would have to stay in office another 30 years to have the opportunity to propose as many tax increases as Dole has voted for.

So taxes is a dead issue.

The North American Free Trade Agreement, the World Trade Organization, the Mexico bailout, and the deployment of U.S. troops to Bosnia are all likewise dead issues because Dole supported Clinton's position on every one of them.

It's small wonder that Dole is having trouble developing a campaign since he's in agreement with Clinton on all the issues the American people care about. And on the other issues, he waffles. Picking a pro-abortion keynote speaker is about as dumb as anything Dole has done so far.

You could say the Dole nomination is the Republican Party's Death Wish Three. Death Wish One was George Bush's arrogant and incompetent campaign in 1992. Death Wish Two was failing to put a cork in Newt Gingrich's mouth and Gingrich's betrayal of the real conservatives who were elected in 1994. Death Wish Three is nominating an old, worn-out professional partisan like Dole with the backing of the Rockefeller wing of the party.

The Rockefeller wing - so-called because the late Nelson Rockefeller was its leader - is liberal, internationalist and Eastern Establishment big business to the core. It can never beat the Democrats because it is the same side of the coin.

The basic rule in politics is you can't beat some-

thing with nothing. To dislodge an incumbent, you have to build a case for the voters that explains clearly (1) why the incumbent should not be re-elected; and (2) why the challenger can do a better job.

Dole can't do that. His record and positions on key issues are too similar to Clinton's. He clearly does not have the youthful energy that Clinton does. He is a poor speaker. He is not decisive. He has no vision. He has no strategy. And, apparently, Dole will not listen to anyone who does.

Unless Martians appear in flying saucers and kidnap him or the special prosecutor indicts him, Clinton will bury Dole and the Republican Party with him. Good riddance in both cases.

Old Tom Jefferson once said that the concept of a just God caused him to fear for his country. If Clinton and Dole are a reflection of what the American people have become, if they are the best we have to offer as leaders, then it's bye-bye U.S.A. and hello, ash heap of history.

I think it's time to start stockpiling grits and smoked hams and to find a place where the soil will grow turnips. I'm a firm believer that while civilizations rise and fall, those who see to their stomachs survive. I have a lot more faith in soil than I do in politics.

'Revolutionary' party keeps spending

The people who signed a contract with America recently sponsored a "Reform Week" for the purpose of fixing Congress.

The remodeling began on July 15 and ended on July 19.

Perhaps you didn't notice.

Oh, the Republicans did a lot of fussing and even formed a House GOP Task Force on Reform. For a while, they were on a roll.

They were going to penalize lawmakers who fail to show up for work; reform campaign spending; deny pensions to members convicted of felonies; deny access to the floor by ex-members who are registered lobbyists; limit the use of military transport; prohibit the personal use of officially accrued frequent-flyer miles; and, in what was perhaps the idea of the year, require lobbyists to wear brightly colored badges ("Scarlet Letters," the lobbyists grumbled).

So, what was accomplished during Reform Week?

Very little.

The junior Republicans managed to stymie a cost-of-living pay hike of \$3,000, leaving the lawmakers stuck at an annual \$133,600 salary for the fifth straight year, but they had to fight the leadership to pull it off. "Members of Congress are not overpaid," growled Rep. Bob Livingston, R-La., chairman of the Appropriations Committee. "They give up the prime productive years of their life to come here. They could do other things."

That is an interesting concept, and I'll come right back to it. But first, I want to give you an idea of a few of the things that Congress has man-

Joseph
Spear

aged to accomplish recently.

The appropriations committees on both sides of the Hill have been drafting bills to fund the government next year, and guess who has been agitating for more, more, more? Why, those rabid revolutionaries, that's who. Sen. Robert Bennett, R-Utah, wanted extra funds for federal arts programs. Sen. Thad Cochran, R-Miss., wanted additional money for the improvement of poultry. Rep. Dan Miller, R-Fla., wanted to study the "red tide." Rep. Harold Rogers, R-Ky., thought the State Department was underfunded.

The House Appropriations Committee drafted a Defense spending bill that gave the Pentagon \$10 billion more than the Clinton administration requested, and more than the Defense Department wanted. They resolved this dilemma by putting ships, planes and weapons on an accelerated procurement schedule, and by dumping \$1 billion into something called the National Defense Sealift Fund. And guess where a lot of the extra sealift money is going? Well, to a shipyard in

Louisiana, where Rep. Livingston lives. And to shipyards in southern Mississippi, where new Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott lives. And so on.

My point is, it makes little difference whether Congress is controlled by Republicans or by Democrats; the place is jampacked with scoundrels. Indeed if all the mountebanks under that dome had to wear brightly colored badges, they'd be calling the place Rainbow Hill. Nobody has figured out how good people can get elected and turn into oafs overnight, but there's a doctoral dissertation in it for somebody: "Hometown Sage to Capitol Clod: The Congressional Experience as a Metamorphic Phenomenon."

Which brings me back to Mr. Livingston's comment. Members of Congress could do other things. Indeed, in the interest of national survival, we should force them to do other things.

That is why term limits remain a viable idea.

And that is also why Lamar Alexander's campaign cry of "cut their pay and send them home" remains a good idea. We need a part-time Congress. We need citizen-legislators who live among the people they govern for at least half of every year.

Let's think this is a radical notion, consider this comment by a prominent lawmaker: "I think we spend too much time in Washington ... If we could spend six months here and six months at home, I think the country might be better off." If Bob Dole really believes what he said in January 1993, he ought to campaign on it. It might turn things around for him.

Spanish fossil proves birds flew early

By MATT CRENSON
AP Science Editor

A remarkably preserved fossil shows that birds beat aeronautical engineers to an ingenious design by more than 100 million years, an innovation used today to keep jumbo jets from crashing when they land.

The fossil, unearthed in central Spain, sports a tuft of feathers known as an alula, or bastard wing, that helped the bird stay aloft at slow speeds, which is crucial for smooth landings and takeoffs.

Similar devices, leading-edge flaps, keep airplanes from losing lift as they slow down. Passengers often see the flaps inching forward on the wings just before landing.

The alula and the rest of the bird's anatomy indicate that birds could fly about as well 115 million years ago as their descendants do today.

In life, the now-extinct Spanish bird could have flitted between branches or alighted on a lofty perch as effortlessly as a sparrow, said Luis Chiappe, one of seven paleontologists who described the fossil in today's issue of the journal *Nature*.

Found squashed between two slabs of rock in a limestone quarry, the finch-sized fossil suggests that evolution had perfected flight not long after birds arose. Flight allowed birds to exploit a wide variety of foods and inhabit many different environments.

"This is the first bird in which we find both the modern design in bones and the modern design in feathers," said Chiappe, a paleontologist at the American Museum of Natural History in New York City.

Paleontologists are amazed

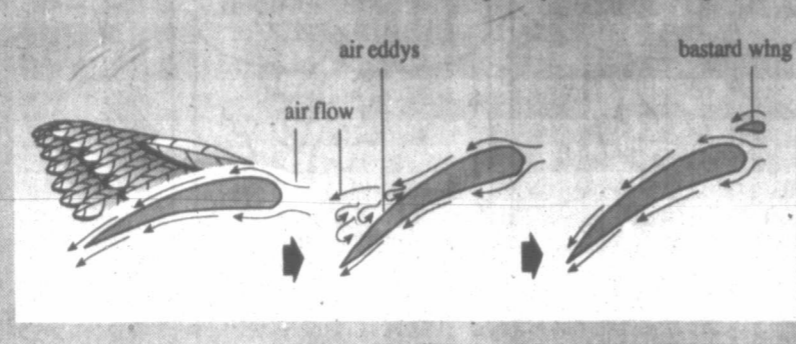
Early bird

A fossil found in Spain shows that prehistoric birds could fly at least as well as the present-day sparrow.

Wing cross-section

The fossil had bones and feathers similar to today's birds.

It also showed a tuft of feathers attached to the front of the wing that cut down turbulence, keeping the bird aloft. That feature is copied by aeronautical engineers.



Source: Nature

AP/Amy Krantz

at the preservation of the fossil, which is played out on the two rock slabs. The remains include the bones of the bird's body and wings, with most of the feathers intact.

"Feathers are extremely rare in the fossil record," Chiappe said. "The preservation of this specimen is so spectacular it has not only all the feathers in place, or most of them, but also the contents of its last meal."

The bird holds the fossilized remains of tiny shrimp-like crustaceans in its belly. It may have hunted the creatures by wading in the shallows of the way plovers and similar shorebirds do today, Chiappe said.

The bird probably lived on the shores of a lake lined with lush vegetation and inhabited by ancient crocodiles, insects, frogs and dinosaurs: It would have been the occasional prey of some of those creatures, but

its flying ability would have made it elusive, Chiappe said.

He and his colleagues have given the fossil bird the Latin name *Eoalulavis hoyasi*, which translates loosely as "early bird with an alula from Las Hoyas." The bird was found at the Las Hoyas fossil site, a limestone quarry in central Spain.

"This specimen I think is more important than anything else that has come to light within the last three or four years regarding this issue of the origin of flight in birds," said John Ostrom of Yale University in New Haven, Conn.

Eoalulavis belongs to an extinct bird group known as

the Enantiornithes. The group died out at about the same time the dinosaurs went extinct. Modern birds are descended from another group, the Neornithes, that first appears in the fossil record about 80 million years ago.

The oldest known bird, *Archaeopteryx*, is about 30 million years older than *Eoalulavis*. It probably flew poorly, running desperately to get off the ground and crashing at the end of its flights.

"It was quite sloppy the way it flew," Chiappe said.

But 30 million years later, evolution had solved enough aerodynamic problems to give *Eoalulavis* the gift of flight.

"In less than 30 million years the wing and the structure of the shoulder and the structure of the feathers got completely modified into the modern design," Chiappe said.

In addition to Chiappe, the *Nature* paper's authors include Jose Sanz, Bernardino Perez-Moreno, Angela Buscalioni, Jose Moratalla, Francisco Ortega and Francisco Poyato-Ariza, all of the Autonomous University of Madrid.

Lawsuit turned into a real cat fight

HOUSTON (AP) — It was a lawsuit that was a real cat fight. Jurors ruled Wednesday that a bus driver and the Houston Metropolitan Transit Authority were not negligent when the driver refused to haul a woman's cat on his bus.

It all started in 1994 when Alica Zickert boarded a Metro bus with her cat inside a pet carrier, headed for a visit with a veterinarian. Driver Cory Taylor told the woman she couldn't ride the bus with the cat.

Zickert filed a lawsuit accusing Taylor of heaving the cat and carrier out of the bus door and manhandling her. Zickert admitted she got mad and stood in front of the bus until a passenger got off and yanked her out of the way.

Zickert had sought damages for personal injury and mental anguish.

The woman said that the incident angered her because she had called Metro and was assured that cats in proper carriers were permitted on buses.

Taylor received a two-week suspension for failing to follow Metro policy and for not waiting for a supervisor to settle

State briefs

Leal pleads innocent to father's slaying

BROWNSVILLE (AP) — A man accused of strangling his father then dumping his weighted-down body in the bay near their home has pleaded innocent to murder.

Victor Lino Leal, 23, entered his plea Wednesday to a charge of first-degree murder four years after one of the most sensational murders in the Rio Grande Valley.

Leal is accused of killing his father, Victor Leal Sr., a Brownsville eye surgeon who was once convicted in the murder-for-hire of his brother-in-law and had been linked to reputed drug kingpin Juan Garcia Abrego.

Initially, police suspected Leal was the target of a hit ordered by Garcia Abrego.

Soon after, however, the investigation began to focus on Lino Leal, the primary beneficiary of his father's life insurance policy. But neither he nor anyone else ever was charged in the murder — until now.

Lino Leal's attorney, Michael Garza, said a key to defending the case would be the length of time between the crime and his client's arrest.

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Marriage May Force Widow To Forfeit Husband's Pension

DEAR ABBY: My ladyfriend and I would like to get married (we are both 70 years old). However, as a widow she gets a pension from her deceased husband's former employer, which indicates her pension will stop if she remarries.

A friend of mine says that the U.S. Supreme Court ruled some years ago that this type of restriction is no longer valid. Is this correct? E.A.H. IN POMPANO BEACH, FLA.



Abigail Van Buren

SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

DEAR E.A.H.: I am not permitted to practice law in Florida — or any other state. However, I checked with my legal experts who informed me that most pension plans are covered by ERISA (the Employee Retirement Income Security Act). The pension administrator for the deceased husband's company can verify for your ladyfriend whether or not her pension is covered by ERISA. If it is, then that provision is not valid. If the pension is not covered, she should check with a Florida lawyer who is an expert in pension law.

end of the day, teachers could remind the students, "Don't forget the Golden Rule."
What do you think, Abby?
NANDOR LAZAR, NORFOLK, VA.

DEAR NANDOR LAZAR: "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you" is an excellent philosophy to live by. The message is simple and powerful. However, children learn by imitation. I feel that principles such as this are most effective when they are at home by parents who not only preach the rules but practice them as well.

but she won't let me come over if she's not there.

She never gives us any privacy or any time alone. She's overprotective and babies him a lot. If I say anything, she tells me it's none of my business. I should tell you that I'm 21 and Ben is 16. Is there any way to reassure her that we know what we're doing?

Please print this because I would like to show her your answer.
KNOWS WHAT I'M DOING

DEAR KNOWS: You are an adult, but the boy is underage, so I implore you to back off. If you refuse to do so, his parents could take legal action against you. The best way to reassure Ben's mother is to respect the rules of her household.

DEAR ABBY: Circumstances beyond our control prevent us, a single man and single woman, from marrying.

When one of us dies, in the obituary, along with the listing of family survivors, may the term "significant other" be used in listing the surviving partner? Or do you think just "dear friend" would be better?
LONGTIME READER
IN FLORIDA

DEAR LONGTIME READER: "Dear friend" would be my choice.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) A situation that has left two crucial matters dangling can be successfully concluded today if you make it your priority.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Words and ideas might come to you more easily today. Take advantage of this condition to catch up on both verbal and written communications.
SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) You do not have to be loud and dramatic to be understood today. Instead of making demands, your suggestions will have greater impact if they are more subtle.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) When managing subordinates today, try to recognize their needs and desires. If you view things from their perspective, you will succeed.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Let your compassionate and charitable inclinations motivate you today. If you know of someone who needs your help, try to help him or her.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) You should be on your best behavior when you go out in public today. What you

wear and what you do will be observed closely by admirers and critics.
PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) In financial and career matters today, your perceptions could be sharper than usual. Try to trust your instincts.
ARIES (March 21-April 19) You might have a learning experience today. You will acquire specific knowledge which could be used to benefit others in the future.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Someone you know who manages money well might come to you with an investment proposal today. Listen carefully to what he or she proposes.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Make an effort to cater to the person who is No. 1 in your life today. You will enjoy the experience and the object of your affections will be enthralled.
CANCER (June 21-July 22) Aside from your personal sense of accomplishment, the probability of larger-than-usual rewards will be strong today. Strive consistently to do the best you can.

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Horoscope

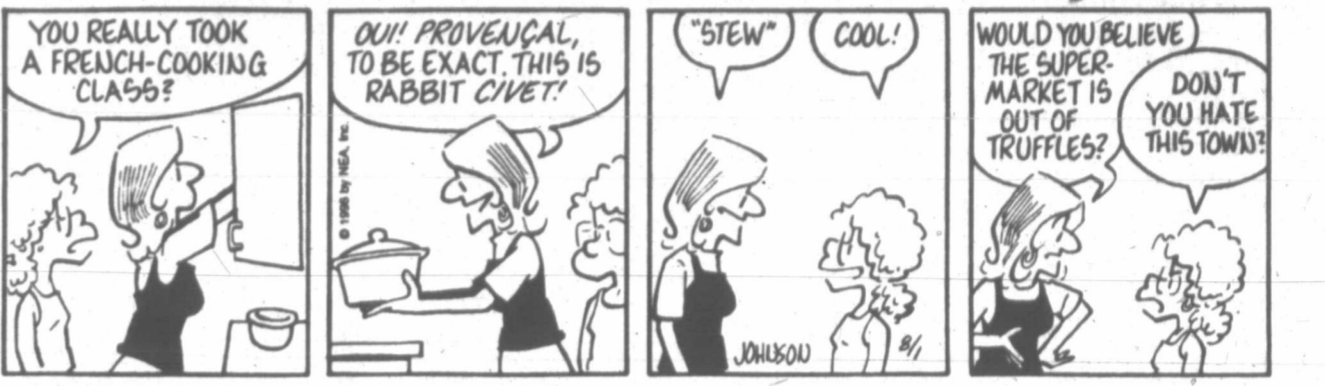
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Investigate all possibilities which might provide a second source of income in the year ahead. You could have good luck in this area and you may even hit the jackpot.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Finely tuned adjustments can be made today to vastly improve a situation with a person who is enormously important to you socially. Do what you have to do. Get a jump on life by understanding the influences that govern you in the year ahead. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions today 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.



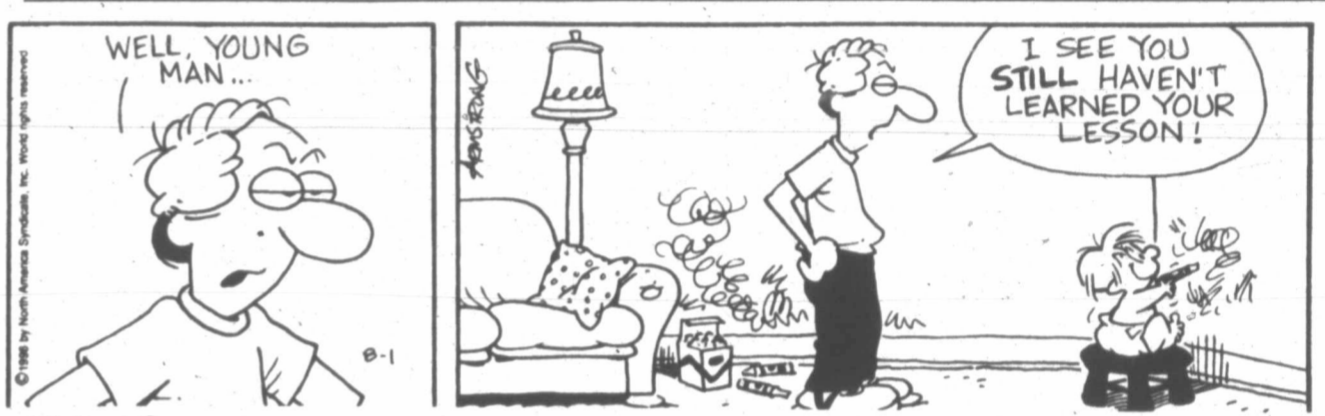
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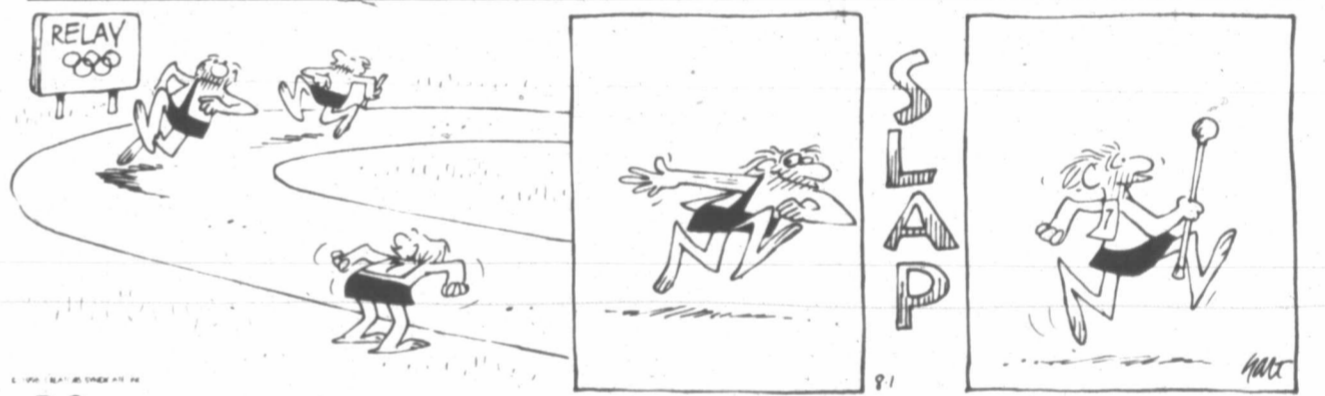
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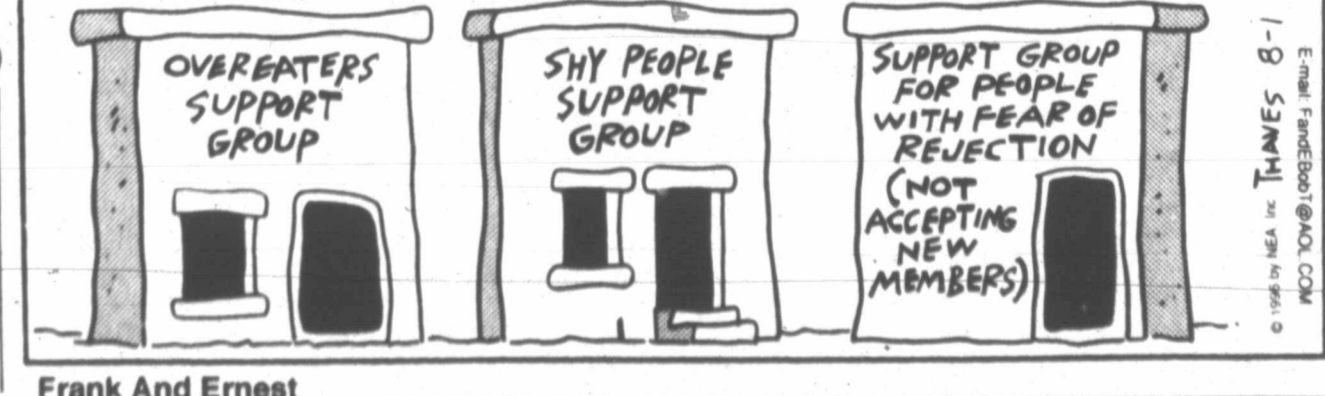
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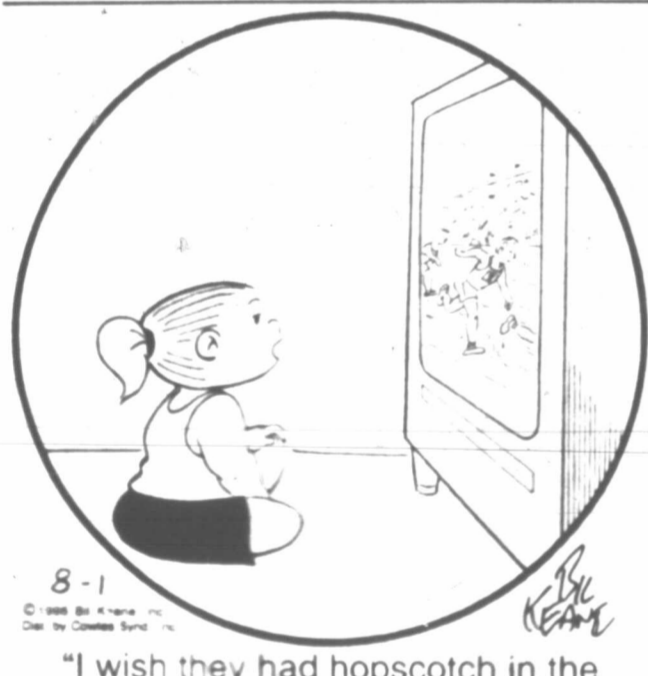
The Born Loser



Frank And Ernest



Mallard Filmore



"I wish they had hopscotch in the Olympics. That's what I'm best at."

The Family Circus



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Notebook

BASEBALL

NEW YORK (AP) — Cincinnati's Chris Sabo was suspended seven games for using a corked bat, while the Reds were fined \$25,000.

The players' association immediately appealed the suspension and fine. The penalties cannot take effect until NL president Leonard Coleman holds a hearing.

In Monday night's home game, Sabo faced Astros pitcher Mike Hampton and shattered his bat while popping to shortstop in the second inning. Bits of cork flew out and a large chunk of the barrel landed near third base, where it was retrieved by home plate umpire Tom Hallion. Hallion discovered the bat had been hollowed and ejected Sabo.

BASKETBALL

NEW YORK (AP) — The NBA rejected the \$98 million, seven-year deal Juwan Howard signed with the Miami Heat, contending the contract exceeds the team's salary cap.

The league said the Heat "incorrectly calculated their available salary cap room" by excluding performance bonuses for Tim Hardaway and P.J. Brown.

Jeffrey Mishkin, the NBA's chief legal officer, said the Heat also reached an agreement with Alonzo Mourning before signing Howard, further reducing the amount available.

The matter is to be settled by arbitrators selected by the league and the players' union.

CHESAPEAKE, Va. (AP) — Joe Smith, the Golden State Warriors' top draft pick last season, was arraigned on a charge that he hit and cut a male dancer with a bottle.

Smith could face five to 20 years in prison if convicted on the felony charge of malicious wounding.

Police say Smith hit exotic dancer Carlton Coney with a beer bottle early Friday at Ridley's Restaurant and Lounge. Coney was cut between the shoulder blades and needed 22 stitches.

Smith, who grew up in nearby Norfolk, played basketball at Maryland for two years before entering the NBA draft.

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) — The New Jersey Nets introduced free-agent point guard Robert Pack as a key figure in their rebuilding process, and played down concerns about his injury-ridden past.

The Nets signed Pack to a deal reportedly worth \$15 million over five years. Pack was having an all-star season for Washington, when a coach accidentally bumped his knee into Pack's right leg. A nerve in the leg went to sleep and did not recover until the end of the season.

The year before, Pack's season with Denver was cut short after arthroscopic surgery on his left knee. In 31 games last season, Pack averaged 18.1 points, 7.8 assists and two steals.

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — Veteran swingman Gerald Wilkins, hampered by injuries the last two seasons, signed a one-year contract with the Orlando Magic worth \$250,000.

Wilkins, 6-foot-6, missed Cleveland's 1994-95 season with a torn right Achilles' tendon. Last season, he averaged 6.7 points and 2.4 assists in 28 games for the expansion Vancouver Grizzlies after undergoing surgery Nov. 12 to remove a herniated disc in his lower back.

Wilkins, 32, averaged 14.1 points and 3.3 assists in 10 seasons. He played his first seven in New York before signing with Cleveland in 1992.

O'Brien goes for gold as Devers, Bubka lose chance

By RICK WARNER
AP Sports Writer

ATLANTA (AP) — Gail Devers, Sergei Bubka and Dan O'Brien waited four years for Olympic redemption. Devers and Bubka didn't get it. O'Brien looks like he will.

Devers, who was headed for victory in Barcelona before tripping over the last barrier in the 100-meter hurdles, lost the race again Wednesday night. This

time, she simply wasn't fast enough to beat gold medalist Ludmila Engquist of Sweden, runner-up Brigita Bukoyec of Slovenia or bronze medalist Patricia Girard-Leno of France.

"Obviously, it was not to be," Devers said. "But I finished fourth, (one place) better than I did in Barcelona. And I finished on my feet."

Devers, who won the 100 meters in Barcelona and Atlanta, once again failed to become the

second woman to sweep the sprint and hurdles in the same Olympics. Fanny Blankers-Koen of Holland did it in 1948.

"It's not a disappointment," said Devers, who was edged out of the bronze by one-hundredth of a second. "Definitely I wanted to come in here and win, but I'm the type of person who thinks everything happens for a reason, and if it didn't happen it wasn't meant to be at this time."

Bubka, the greatest pole vaulter

ever, withdrew from the event with an injured right Achilles tendon. The 32-year-old Ukrainian won a gold medal in Seoul eight years ago and was the favorite again in 1992, but failed to clear any heights in the final.

"For me, it is great tragedy," said Bubka, who has set 35 world records and is the only person to clear 20 feet. "It was incredible pain, pain not only in my injury, but in my heart."

O'Brien, like all competitors in the decathlon, was in pain after completing the first half of the grueling event. Unlike the others, though, he was in first place.

O'Brien, who failed to make the U.S. team in 1992, heads into the second day of competition with a 124-point lead over Frank Busemann of Germany. After finishing his opening day with a victory in his 400-meter heat, the world record-holder left the track and received intravenous fluids to combat dehydration.

"I'm only a couple of points lower than the Olympic trials, and I was on a world-record pace there," O'Brien said.

O'Brien's bid for gold should be one of the highlights of today's Olympic schedule. Also on tap: Michael Johnson's attempt to complete a historic sprinting sweep with a victory in the 200 meters, Andre Agassi vs. India's Leander Paes in a men's tennis semifinal, and Americans Terrance Cauthen, Rhoshii Wells and Nate Jones in boxing semifinals.

Plus, the U.S. women's soccer team vs. China for the sport's first Olympic gold and semis featuring the Dream Team vs. Australia and the U.S. baseball team vs. Japan.

Johnson, who won the 400 Monday, and Namibia's Frankie Fredericks both had 20.38-second clockings in their second-round heats of the 200. But Fredericks, who ended Johnson's 21-race winning streak in the 200 on July 5, said he's the clear underdog.

"Michael's the guy to beat," Fredericks said. "He's the world record-holder and he's got 80,000 fans watching."

Three more U.S. boxers advanced to the semifinals Wednesday, including Floyd Mayweather Jr., who became the first American fighter to beat a Cuban at the Olympics since 1976.

Mayweather edged Lorenzo Aragon by one point in the 125-

pound division for the first U.S. Olympic win over a Cuban since Leon Spinks defeated Sixto Soria in the 178-pound final at Montreal. The Americans had lost six straight Olympic bouts to the Cubans before Mayweather snapped the streak.

"I'm happy, but I'm not satisfied," said the 19-year-old from Grand Rapids, Mich. "I'm here to show I'm the best in the world and win a gold medal."

Americans Antonio Tarver and David Reid also won Wednesday. With six fighters in the semifinals, which guarantees at least a bronze, the U.S. boxing team will double its medal total from Barcelona.

Led by 6-foot-5 center Lisa Leslie, the U.S. women's basketball team beat undersized Japan 108-93 to move within two wins of a gold medal. Leslie, who moonlights as a model, looked fabulous scoring 35 points, an Olympic record for an American woman.

U.S. freestyle wrestlers also looked good. Kendall Cross (125 1/2) and Kurt Angle (220) won golds, while Townsend Saufers (149 1/2) got a silver.

Angle wrestled Iran's Abbas Jadidi to a 1-1 tie, but won on a referee's decision. Angle cried as he draped his gold medal around his mother's neck.

"It's a very emotional day for me," he said. "It's been so stressful and anxious. It's pure happiness, but it was a hard day for me."

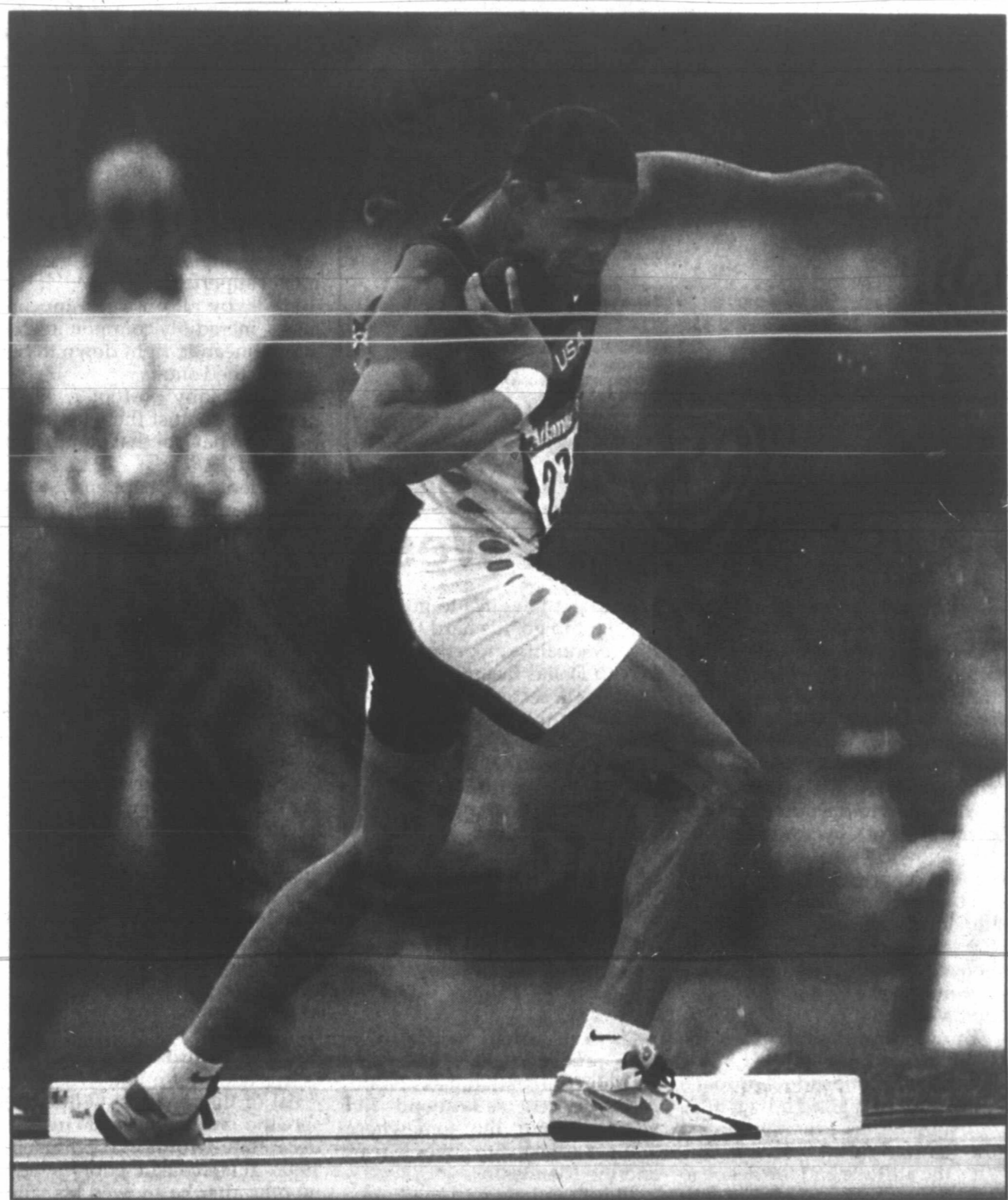
Lindsay Davenport wept after beating her best friend and U.S. teammate Mary Joe Fernandez in straight sets to reach the women's tennis final.

"I don't want to go out there and see her lose," said Davenport, who will play for the gold against Spain's Arantxa Sanchez Vicario, who downed Jana Novotna of the Czech Republic in the other semifinal.

China and Africa also had cause to celebrate.

China's Fu Mingxia, who had already won the platform title, captured the springboard gold, becoming the first woman in 36 years to win both at the same Olympics.

Nigeria shocked soccer powerhouse Brazil 4-3 in overtime, setting up a gold medal showdown with Argentina. And Hezekiel Sepeng won the silver in the men's 800, the first medal for a black South African.



Decathlete Dan O'Brien of Portland, Ore., produces a throw of 15.66 meters in the shot put Wednesday. The throw earned O'Brien 830 points. He competes tonight in the second night of decathlon competition.

Girls softballers



(Special photo) Patti Montoya and Tiffany Morse were named to the all-tournament team at the recent state softball tournament in Odessa. The girls were selected by tournament directors, umpires and opposing coaches. The Lady Harvester softball team placed third in the tournament, held July 14-17.

George goes shopping and grabs Cecil

By TOM WITHERS
AP Sports Writer

After Juan Gonzalez and the Texas Rangers blasted away on his Yankees for the second straight night, New York owner George Steinbrenner figured he'd better add some pop to his lineup.

So The Boss went out and grabbed the biggest bat he could find — Cecil Fielder.

Just hours before the midnight trading deadline, the Yankees acquired the Detroit Tigers slugger for designated hitter Ruben Sierra and pitcher Matt Drews.

"I'm shocked I'm going to the Yankees," said Fielder, who had requested a trade earlier this season. "I didn't think I'd go there, to tell you the truth. I'll just go to work and try to do the best I can for the New York Yankees."

Fielder, who hit 51 homers in 1990 — including his 50th at Yankee Stadium — has hit at least 28 homers in six consecutive seasons. He is hitting .248 this year with 26 homers and 80 RBIs.

Fielder, 32, will become the Yankees full-time designated hitter, leaving Darryl Strawberry and Gerald Williams to platoon in left.

"This is big for us," Yankee manager Joe Torre said. "That's a big RBI bat. There's been a lot of questions about us against left-handed pitching, and that should answer that."

Interestingly, the Yankees move came just hours after Seattle completed a trade with Philadelphia for lefty Terry Mulholland. The Mariners and Yankees met in last season's memorable five-game AL division series, and both teams could be envisioning a 1996 rematch.

That was a big one for the Yankees, said Baltimore's Bobby Bonilla, who remained an Oriole despite heavy trade rumors. "The Yankees ain't fooling around. They went out and got some thunder. They got Big Daddy."

In American League action, it was: Texas 9, New York 2; Oakland 5, Chicago 4; Detroit 10, California 3; Seattle 9, Milwaukee 3; Baltimore 9, Minnesota 3; Boston 5, Kansas City 3; and Cleveland 4, Toronto 2.

Fifth Olympic athlete tests positive for drugs

By LARRY SIDDONS
AP Sports Writer

ATLANTA (AP) — A fifth athlete from the former Soviet Union was kicked out of the Olympics today for using a controversial stimulant, and an Irish runner and her track team's officials were scolded in a drug case involving an over-the-counter cold pill.

The International Olympic Committee said Marina Trandenkova of Russia, the fifth-place finisher in the women's 100 meters, tested positive for bromantan, a stimulant the Russian Olympic committee says is not technically banned.

Trandenkova was thrown out of the games and her results erased from the records, the IOC said. She was the first doping expulsion in track and, as the fifth athlete to be expelled, left the Atlanta Games with the same number of drug positives as were recorded in the entire Barcelona Olympics four years ago.

The IOC also said it had reprimanded Irish 5,000-meter runner

Marie McMahon for using Robitussin, a cold and cough medicine readily available in drug stores without a prescription. McMahon finished 14th of 15 runners in the women's 5,000.

There was much confusion in the case, the IOC said. The drug, whose generic name is phenylpropanolamine, is listed on the banned list and the list of drugs allowed to be used, said IOC spokeswoman Michele Verdier.

McMahon would not be expelled because, although she should not have taken the drug without reporting it to her team officials, she had received conflicting information from the Irish national Olympic committee and the Irish track federation, Verdier said.

"The IOC reprimanded the athlete for not consulting the team doctor and strongly told the delegation of Ireland that their athletes are not very well cared for, and that causes some problems," the spokeswoman said.

All drug expulsions so far have involved bromantan, and all those samples have come from

athletes competing for nations that were part of the old Soviet Union.

Trandenkova was the fourth Russian expelled, including two bronze medalists. The fifth athlete was a Lithuanian cyclist. The IOC also threw out that cycling team's doctor and coach for promoting drug use.

The Russian Olympic committee has denied that the drug is a stimulant and appealed the disqualification of the medalists, one each in swimming and Greco-Roman wrestling.

Prince Alexandre de Merode, chairman of the International Olympic Committee's medical commission, said Russian officials told him that Soviet athletes already were using bromantan at the 1988 Olympics in Seoul.

Traces of the drug were detected in as many as 20 tests in the past two years, all involving athletes from the former Soviet Union, de Merode said.

Scientists only recently could identify the substance and class it as a banned performance-enhancing stimulant, he said.

Scoreboard

OLYMPICS

Through 188 medals
Wednesday, July 31

Country	G	S	B	Tot
United States	27	30	15	72
Russia	21	16	8	45
Germany	11	12	20	43
China	15	16	10	41
Australia	7	9	18	34
France	13	6	14	33
Italy	11	6	9	26
Canada	2	8	7	17
Cuba	3	5	8	16
Ukraine	6	2	7	15
South Korea	4	7	4	15
Romania	4	5	6	15
Poland	6	5	3	14
Netherlands	2	4	8	14
Belarus	1	5	8	14
Hungary	4	3	6	13
Britain	1	4	6	11
Japan	3	4	3	10
Brazil	3	2	5	10
Bulgaria	0	4	4	8
Greece	4	3	0	7
New Zealand	3	2	1	6
Kazakhstan	2	3	1	6
Belgium	2	2	2	6
Switzerland	4	1	0	5
North Korea	2	1	2	5
Spain	2	1	2	5
Czech Republic	2	2	2	5
Ireland	3	0	1	4
Turkey	3	0	1	4
Denmark	2	1	1	4
South Africa	2	1	1	4
Sweden	1	2	1	4
Norway	1	1	2	4
Finland	1	2	0	3
Jamaica	1	2	0	3
Kenya	0	2	1	3
Ethiopia	2	0	0	2
Armenia	1	1	0	2
Indonesia	1	0	1	2
Slovakia	1	0	1	2
Yugoslavia	1	0	1	2
Slovenia	0	2	0	2
Austria	0	1	1	2
Iran	0	1	1	2
Costa Rica	1	0	0	1
Ecuador	1	0	0	1
Hong Kong	1	0	0	1
Syria	0	0	1	1
Argentina	0	1	0	1
Croatia	0	1	0	1
Malaysia	0	1	0	1

BASEBALL

American League Standings

By The Associated Press
All Times EDT

East Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
New York	63	42	.600	—
Baltimore	53	52	.505	10
Toronto	49	58	.458	15
Boston	47	58	.448	16
Detroit	35	72	.327	29

Central Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Cleveland	65	42	.607	—
Chicago	58	49	.542	7
Milwaukee	52	55	.486	13
Minnesota	51	55	.481	13 1/2
Kansas City	48	60	.444	17 1/2

West Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Texas	61	46	.570	—
Seattle	58	48	.547	2 1/2
Oakland	55	53	.509	6 1/2
California	51	56	.477	10

Tuesday's Games

Toronto 3, Cleveland 1
Detroit 12, California 9
Kansas City 7, Boston 0
Baltimore 16, Minnesota 4
Texas 15, New York 2
Chicago 2, Oakland 1
Seattle 6, Milwaukee 5, 1st game
Milwaukee 4, Seattle 3, 2nd game

Wednesday's Games

Oakland 5, Chicago 4
Detroit 10, California 5
Boston 5, Kansas City 3
Texas 9, New York 2
Seattle 9, Milwaukee 3
Baltimore 9, Minnesota 3
Cleveland 4, Toronto 2

Thursday's Games

California (Boskie 10-6) at Detroit (Williams 2-8), 1:15 p.m.
Baltimore (Wells 7-10) at Minnesota (Robertson 4-9), 1:15 p.m.
Seattle (Moyer 7-1) at Milwaukee (McDonald 10-4), 2:05 p.m.
Chicago (Tapani 9-5) at Oakland (Wadlin 6-3), 3:15 p.m.
Toronto (Hansen 9-12) at Cleveland (TBA), 7:05 p.m.
Boston (Clemens 4-10) at Kansas City (Belcher 9-6), 8:05 p.m.
*New York (Rogers 7-5) at Texas (Hill 11-5), 8:35 p.m.

Friday's Games

Seattle at Detroit, 7:05 p.m.
Minnesota at Boston, 7:05 p.m.
Baltimore at Cleveland, 7:05 p.m.
California at Toronto, 7:35 p.m.
New York at Kansas City, 8:05 p.m.
Chicago at Texas, 8:35 p.m.
Milwaukee at Oakland, 10:05 p.m.

National League Standings

By The Associated Press
All Times EDT

East Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlanta	65	41	.613	—
Montreal	58	48	.547	7
New York	52	56	.481	14
Florida	49	58	.458	16 1/2
Philadelphia	43	63	.406	22

Central Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
St. Louis	56	50	.528	—
Houston	57	52	.523	1/2
Cincinnati	52	51	.505	2 1/2
Chicago	52	54	.490	4
Pittsburgh	48	59	.449	8 1/2

West Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
San Diego	58	51	.532	—
Los Angeles	57	51	.528	1/2
Colorado	54	53	.505	3
San Francisco	46	60	.434	10 1/2

Tuesday's Games

Montreal 3, Colorado 1
Cincinnati 5, Oakland 10, 11 innings
Chicago 4, San Francisco 0
Philadelphia 8, St. Louis 7
New York 5, Pittsburgh 4, 1st game
New York 4, Pittsburgh 3, 12 innings, 2nd game
Lubbock at Rio Grande Valley
San Diego 2, Atlanta 1

O'Brien pursues place in Olympian legend

By STEVE WILSTEIN
AP Sports Writer

ATLANTA (AP) — As a boy, hooked on Hollywood, it was natural to believe that the greatest athletes in the history of the world were Hercules and Jim Thorpe, and that every Olympic decathlon champion would carry their pedigree.

Hercules, a demigod brought to the grainy screen by Steve Reeves, could fling a discus forever. Jim Thorpe, a mere mortal portrayed by Burt Lancaster, could do anything.

Years later, the fantasy still a tender memory, an encounter with Dan O'Brien is strangely revelatory as he pursues his place in Olympian legend today with the final five of the decathlon's 10 events.

The world's greatest athlete is so ... ordinary. He isn't a giant with bulging muscles. He doesn't have super powers. He doesn't act superior.

He is, by all outward appearances, incredibly common in size and demeanor, right down to his gap-toothed smile.

How many 6-foot-2, 185-pound men must there be in the world? What is it that makes him different?

O'Brien, as it happens, is the ideal height and weight for a decathlete, according to numerous studies and computer models. Big biceps and a thick chest might help in the discus or shot put, but they would hinder in the high jump and pole vault. Long legs might be useful in the 400 or 1,500, but sprinting power and quick strides are needed in the 100.

Decathletes aren't the best athletes in any one thing, but they are the best in doing everything, and for that they must find a precise balance of speed, strength, endurance and skill.

O'Brien has the perfect package and more. Reflexes beyond the range of normal. Body fat lower than 5 percent. The coordination of a juggler. The flexibility of a gymnast. The techniques he's learned and practiced over and over to throw the javelin and discus and shot put just right.

All of that enabled O'Brien to set the world record in the decathlon with 8,891 points in 1992, a Herculean effort a few months after he showed his fallibility by failing to clear any height in the pole vault in the tri-

als for the Barcelona Olympics.

The Greeks liked their heroes to suffer at times, to overcome perils and setbacks so their triumphs would seem greater. O'Brien has prevailed over drug use and alcoholism and a streak of wildness, and now he is determined to vanquish the memory of those terrible vaults that kept him out of Barcelona.

"People ask me, 'Do you still think about it?' Every day," he said. "Every time I'm on the pole vault I think about it. It gave me something to overcome."

"I heard a line in a movie once. It's Greek. Zeus said to his son, 'Find and fulfill your destiny.' That's what I'm doing."

He began to fulfill his destiny, in the punishing heat and humidity Wednesday morning and late afternoon, kept at it through spotty showers at night, and finished after an exhausting 13 hours.

He won his first race, the 100-meter dash, and his last, the 400, punching the air at the end and blowing a kiss to the crowd before dropping wearily to his knees, gasping for air and praying for the strength to go on.

Moments later, he left the track to receive intravenous fluids for dehydration.

Heading into the second day of competition — usually O'Brien's strongest — he held first place with 4,592 points, 124 ahead of Frank Busemann of Germany. Erki Nool of Estonia was third with 4,457 and American Chris Huffins fourth with 4,448.

"I wanted to score 9,000 points at this meet, but I think that's a little unrealistic at this point," O'Brien said. "But I'm only a couple of points lower than the Olympic trials, and I was on a world-record pace there."

O'Brien won the 100 in 10.50 seconds, and the 400 in 46.83 seconds. He had a long jump of 24 feet, 10 inches, a shot put of 54-4 1/2, and a high jump of 6-9 1/2. None of those marks matched his personal bests, but he's still comfortably ahead of everyone else.

Next up today are the 110 hurdles, discus, pole vault, javelin and 1,500, an array of tests that usually leaves even the best decathletes rolling on the ground in pain and fatigue.

"I want to thrill the crowd with a good pole vault," O'Brien said. In truth, no one would be more thrilled with that than O'Brien.

Raiders beginning to look like 'Cowboys West'

By CHIP BROWN
Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN (AP) — Oakland offensive lineman Kevin Gogan jokingly calls the Raiders "Cowboys West" after being joined in silver and black by former Dallas teammates Larry Brown and Russell Maryland this offseason.

But unlike teams that have made Cowboy free agents like Dixon Edwards, Robert Jones and Ron Stone \$10 million men, the Raiders aren't looking for former Super Bowl experience in taking talent from the world champions.

Believe it or not, the bad boy Raiders are looking for discipline.

"Basically, what Russell and Larry bring is a work ethic," said Raiders coach Mike White, whose team wrapped up three days of practice with Dallas on Wednesday.

"They bring pure pressure because they are there every day

working and know how to do things.

"You can call it leadership, but really it's an example that they set that we needed more of," White said. "We need that consistent work ethic so that as a season wears on, we are not sagging."

Sagging may be an understatement for what the Raiders did last year, losing their final six games to finish 8-8 and miss the playoffs.

"I think both Dallas and Oakland are full of talent, but I think Dallas has been more disciplined," said Brown, a cornerback named the most valuable player in the Cowboys' Super Bowl victory over Pittsburgh last year.

"This year, our focus is to be disciplined," Brown said. "Let's not make mistakes. Let's not get into the stupid things. Let's not let people lure us into the trap that the Raiders are nasty players and everything."

"For us, we are just going to try to stay together and play together," Maryland is a relentless worker on the defensive line who figures to help Oakland stop the run. He doesn't hesitate to counsel his new teammates, even offensive players like rookie tight end Rickey Dudley.

Maryland told Dudley to study game films of Cowboys tight end Jay Novacek to learn some lessons on possession receiving.

"I know they are an aggressive bunch of guys and that's what Raiders football has always symbolized," Maryland said. "The commitment is to be aggressive, not to be dirty."

Brown says in the past, the Raiders may have suffered a little from their renegade approach when the team faced adversity.

"Nobody has ever questioned the Raiders' talent," Brown said. "It's the attitude and the desire to pull together to go where you want to go."

"I can see a bond forming this

year to get the guys to go where we want to go. It's hard to get all the personalities together."

With Dallas facing depth problems in its secondary because of Kevin Smith's recovery from a ruptured Achilles and Deion Sanders wanting to play more receiver, Brown took a light job at his old team for not making an effort to keep him.

"In this league, you need four or five corners who can play, and I think the Cowboys are beginning to realize that," he said.

Maryland and Brown both said returning to the Cowboys' training camp as Raiders was a bit awkward.

"It feels odd," said Brown, who predicted that Dallas and Oakland will both finish 12-4 this year. "When you spend five years of your life somewhere, you get adjusted to a whole team and the friendships."

"But I think now I am adjusted to being a Raider, so I'm ready to move on."



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'Hero' in limbo as authorities conduct search of possessions, residences

ATLANTA (AP) — For five hours, Richard Jewell sat glumly on the step to his apartment, watching federal agents cart away his worldly goods. Eighty miles away, agents picked through his previous home, a secluded cabin and shed overlooking the Chattahoochee River.

By early today, authorities had not said whether they had found evidence indicating that the "hero" of Saturday's attack on Centennial Olympic Park could be the same person who left a timed pipe bomb in the midst of a festive crowd.

"We are continuing and we are going to find out who did this," FBI spokeswoman Joyce Dean said late Wednesday, after agents spent a day exploring the most minute physical details of Jewell's life.

Two federal officials in Washington, speaking on condition of anonymity, suggested that investigators' interest in Jewell was diminishing somewhat.

"We are somewhat less suspicious of him, in part because a couple of people have come forward and modified what they said about him before," one of the officials said.

But Dean said it was premature to conclude that the FBI was losing interest in Jewell, a 33-year-old security guard who pointed out a suspicious knapsack to police minutes before a bomb inside exploded.

Jewell's action gave officers time to move back some people who had been near the knapsack, likely lessening the number of victims. One woman died and 111 people were injured.

Jewell was lionized as a hero — a role he embraced enthusiastically, though with "aw, shucks" modesty. Since Tuesday, when it became apparent that he was a prime target of the FBI investigation, his life has turned upside down.

FBI officials here have maintained all along that Jewell was only one of many people being investigated. But a federal law enforcement source in Washington described him Tuesday as the "leading candidate" at that point in the investigation.

The scene Wednesday at his apartment, in a low-slung brick building on a busy four-lane road, was surreal.

As well over 100 reporters and photographers from around the world watched from the parking lot and Jewell watched from the steps, agents of the FBI and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms trooped in and out of his apartment.

They brought in police dogs. They brought out boxes, among them a military ammunition box. They also impounded a plastic bag filled with laundry.

At one point, they installed a white awning, about 8 feet square, outside the door, apparently to serve as a shield from rain.

Jewell eventually went into the apartment, and could be seen at one point wearing the same rubber gloves as the investigators.

Meanwhile, on a hill overlooking the Chattahoochee in northeastern Georgia, more agents and dogs pored over the property where Jewell had lived while working as a security guard at nearby Piedmont College.

The agents seemed primarily interested in a blue cement shed, about 6 feet by 10 feet, near a dilapidated wooden cabin. They also inspected a 55-gallon drum.

By late evening the agents had left, leaving only a van belonging to the Georgia Bureau of Investigation. Two agents worked at the back of the van, apparently conducting chemical tests.

Fugitive financier Vesco goes to trial in Cuba

HAVANA (AP) — He has eluded American justice for a quarter-century. But Robert Lee Vesco is finally going on trial — albeit in a Cuban courtroom on charges of economic crimes against the communist government.

Vesco faces up to 20 years in a Cuban prison in connection with allegedly trying to develop and market a drug for cancer and arthritis without the government's knowledge.

He has been on the run since 1971, when he fled the United States to escape charges that he bilked mutual fund investors of \$224 million. Cuban authorities allowed him to settle here in 1982 after stays in the Bahamas, Costa Rica and Nicaragua.

A 1989 U.S. indictment accuses Vesco of using Cuba as a base for drug trafficking. He also is wanted on charges of making an illegal \$200,000 contribution to President Nixon's 1972 re-election campaign.

The Detroit native is the most notorious of the almost 100 fugi-

tives from the American legal system in Cuba.

U.S. officials in Washington said earlier this month that Cuban authorities had considered charging Vesco with espionage and sabotage — crimes that could have brought the death penalty.

Instead, he was charged with acts "prejudicial to the economic plans of the country" and "illicit economic activity" in connection with the drug research and marketing.

Vesco was scheduled to

respond to the charges today in the Popular Provincial Tribunal in Havana, located near the "Capitolio" building, a scaled-down replica of the Capitol in Washington.

Vesco has been in poor health for some time and was admitted to a military hospital in December, the U.S. officials said on condition of anonymity. He is hospitalized there now.

Vesco for a time had an amicable relationship with President Fidel Castro, but was taken into custody on May 31, 1995.

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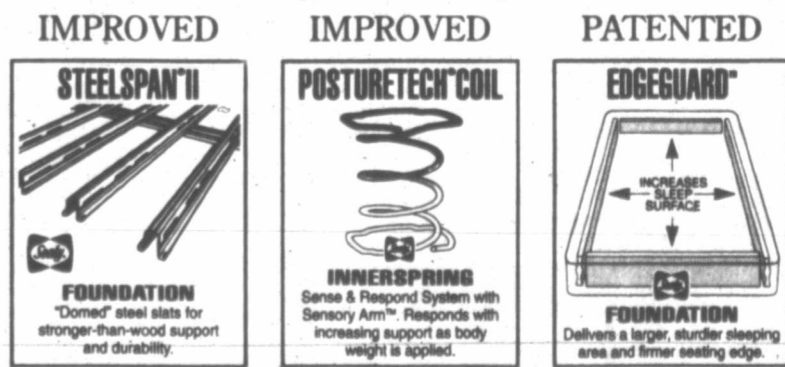
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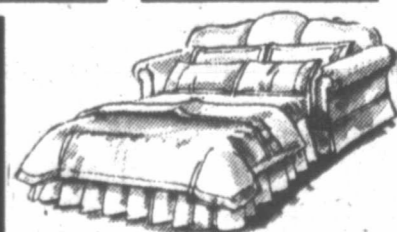
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