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PISD board decides to keep exam waivers

By CHIP CHANDLER
Staff Writer

High school juniors and seniors will still be eligible for exam waivers this school year after school board members decided to take no action on a proposal from high school administrators.

Principal John Kendall proposed that juniors not be eligible for the exam waivers, citing state rule changes through last year's Senate Bill 1. Kendall said that new rules would not allow the school to count students exercising a waiver as present at school.

That could have a detrimental effect, Kendall continued, on the school's average daily attendance, a figure the state uses to determine school funding for the next year.

Kendall and assistant principals Cay Warner and Floyd Sackett told trustees that despite the fact they felt the waivers

were beneficial to both seniors and juniors, they and their high school leadership team felt it was in the school's best interest to preclude juniors.

Warner said she felt that overall attendance would take a greater hit, though, because many juniors would lack motivation to maintain their attendance throughout the year. Current policy allows juniors and seniors with certain grade point averages and attendance records to be exempt from about half of their final exams.

But board president James Frugé told the high school administrators he had heard input from parents who felt exam waivers did their children a disservice.

By not requiring students to take more tests, the school was not properly preparing them for college, Frugé said parents had told him.

Warner argued that many students still take a number of national exams like the

SAT and still have to take a number of exams at school.

Some board members agreed with Warner.

"It's a tradeoff. ... They learn more from being in class daily [than from cumulative exams]," trustee Phil Vanderpool said.

After Warner told the board how many exams the students actually take, Frugé said he felt better about granting the waivers.

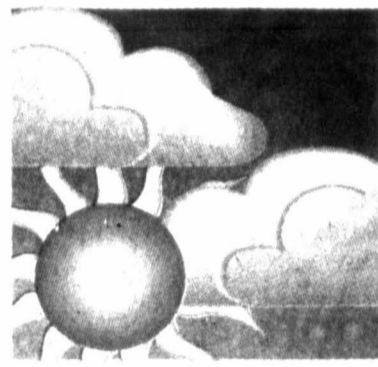
Superintendent Dr. Dawson Orr said it would be impossible to predict how average daily attendance would be affected with or without the waivers, giving board members a tacit administrative OK to leave the policy as is.

Kendall said a committee of students and teachers will work this year to develop an alternative policy to allow students to still be exempt from tests but still involved in a school activity on those days.

In other business, the board agreed unanimously to set a 25-year term on a proposed bond to finance their elementary school consolidation project. The public will vote Sept. 10 on the bond issue.

In addition, the board:

- Accepted bids on paper goods and fuel.
- Approved a five-day trip to Washington, D.C., for the high school band in May.
- Approved a staff development waiver for Lamar and Baker elementaries to encourage staff at those schools to be English as a Second Language certified.
- Contracted with Calame, Linebarger, Graham and Pena for property value study appeal services.
- Accepted TASB interlocal agreements for unemployment compensation fund and workers' compensation self insurance fund.



Low tonight near 70,
high tomorrow near 100.
See Page 2 for weather
details.

PAMPA - A fire that destroyed a vacant home at 801 Malone early this morning is being investigated as arson, Fire Marshal Tom Adams confirmed today.

Adams said he has some suspects in the case, but he doesn't expect charges to be filed until next week.

Firefighters were called out at 3:54 a.m. to respond to what was described as a "fully involved" blaze. Witnesses told dispatchers that flames were seen coming out of the windows, a fire spokesman said.

The fire was under control at 4:23 a.m., and firefighters remained on scene until 6:30 a.m. Two firefighters stayed until 8:30 a.m. watching hot spots and assisting in the investigation.

The home, owned by Tommy Carver of 900 Brunow, was vacant though used for storage. It is considered a total loss, Adams said.

PAMPA - Carolyn Stroud of Pampa will be representing Texas Congressional District 13 as a delegate to the Republican National Convention in San Diego, Calif., Aug. 12-15.

Mrs. Stroud has worked at the grassroots level for the Republican Party for several national, state and local candidates and is currently vice chairman for the Gray County Republican Party.

She organizes precinct and county conventions, staffs Republican headquarters with volunteers and oversees schools for candidates and judges.

Most recently, she organized the 1994 and 1996 Republican Party primaries in Gray County.

Stroud currently holds the position of Outreach and Benevolence coordinator for Trinity Fellowship Church in Pampa. She and her husband, Ed, have one daughter and two grandsons.

Other GOP delegates from the district include Bettyann Chambers and Benona Love, both of Amarillo.

PAMPA - City commissioners will meet Aug. 20 to discuss budget strategies after two days of sessions this week reviewing departmental budgets.

City Manager Bob Eskridge said he was satisfied with the departmental reviews presented but suggested the commission take more time to study the budget.

"We should give everybody time to look at strategies before our final acceptance of the budget recommendations," Eskridge said.

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Miniature spaceship?

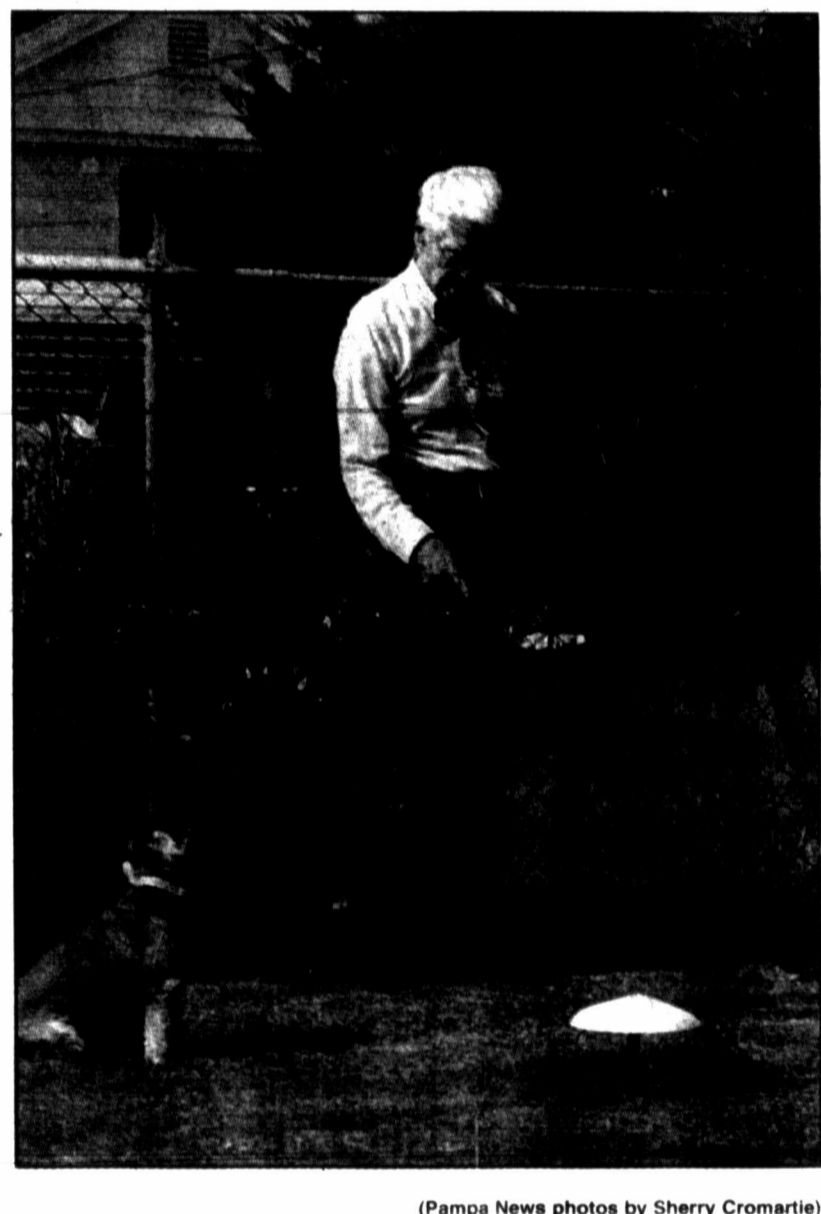
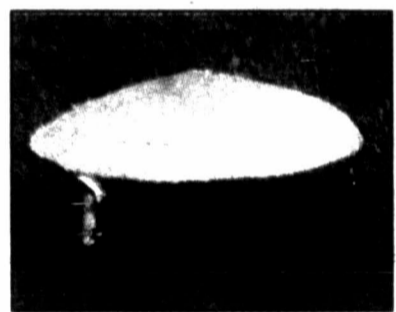
It looks like a really small spaceship from outerspace landed in the backyard of Mr. and Mrs. Hershel Srygley, who live at 1218 Mary Ellen Street.

"I really don't know what to think about those things. I just know they are the biggest ones I've ever seen," Mrs. Srygley said.

The "things" are actually large toadstools that have interfered slightly with the mowing pattern Srygley tries to maintain in his yards this summer.

"I've had as many as eight of those large size toadstools growing in the yard at one time," he said.

This is the second time the Srygley backyard has developed those large fungus growths in the nine years they have lived there. Due to the heavy rains this month, Srygley, looking at the mushroom in photo at left, believes that the accumulation of moisture contributes to the unusual toadstools coming up in his backyard.



(Pampa News photos by Sherry Cromartie)

Henderson elected parks board chairman

By TIFFANIE FRANKS
Staff Writer

Gary Henderson was elected chairman of the parks and recreation advisory board during the board's Thursday evening meeting.

Members decided to delay reading the board's founding ordinance until all members were present.

One vacancy remains on the board. Members expressed a desire to find a minority or senior citizen member.

In other action, the committee approved a parks survey they have been polishing for over a year. They plan to submit the survey to the city commission for approval at its Aug. 27 meeting.

The survey will be mailed out with citizens' water bills. Committee members discussed the hand-delivering surveys to resi-

dents who do not pay water, including apartment and retirement home dwellers.

The committee also decided to table discussion of a new super playground until the survey was complete to get community opinion on the subject.

The board also decided to continue charging a \$20 group reservation fee at the Recreation Park shelter because of the site's popularity.

A recommendation to get rid of the flat rocks at M.K. Brown pool and plant grass in their place was passed unanimously. Other recommendations were to flip the divider fence to stop cuts and the tearing of clothing and to do something about the splinters from the wooden decks.

Parks Director Reed Kirkpatrick reported that \$4,000 had been allotted so that the board could go to a statewide

parks and recreation conference. The city will pay for the members' hotel rooms and \$30 per day for food.

Recreation Superintendent Shane Stokes reported that a new lifeguard tower was purchased for the M.K. Brown pool and spoke of a survey he had done on other area pools on admittance fees and minimum age limits.

Stokes also said that the economy of the city will be greatly boosted because of the state Class E men's softball tournament this weekend and the 1,500 people visiting the hotels.

Kirkpatrick also told the board the parks department will absorb the electrical costs of a planned Christmas light display at Recreation Park following a presentation by Celebration of Lights representative Colleen Eskridge.

U.S. settles computer chip dispute with Japan

WASHINGTON (AP) - The Clinton administration settled a dispute with Japan today over the sale of American computer chips. It calls for more monitoring of global trade in semiconductors but lacks specific targets for Japanese purchase of foreign chips.

The agreement was announced by Acting Trade Representative Charlene Barshefsky, who negotiated with her Japanese counterpart in Vancouver, British Columbia. U.S. and Japanese

negotiators weren't able to reach a deal on opening Japan's insurance market. Those talks will continue but there is no specific timetable.

President Clinton said, "Frankly, I'm delighted that we got a semiconductor agreement. I thought we could get an insurance agreement. I still think we can."

The semiconductor agreement requires industry experts from the Japanese and U.S. trade associations to compile information on market size, growth and mar-

ket share. The data will be turned over to the respective governments every three months.

"This is significant because we recognize here that continued vigilance with respect to openness of semiconductor markets worldwide is absolutely critical," Barshefsky said.

Her counterpart, Japanese Trade Minister Shunpei Tsukahara, told reporters, "The contents are almost exactly the same as Japan's version of the plan."

County approves personnel manual

By SHERRY CROMARTIE
Staff Writer

Gray County commissioners voted to adopt the county personnel manual, heard progress reports on area volunteer service organizations and approved county transactions during their regular meeting Thursday.

On a three to one vote, the commissioners accepted the proposed Gray County Personnel Manual, allowing changes or provisional adjustments as laws change affecting personnel.

Gray County Judge Richard Peet explained revisions will be made as state or federal laws demand, on the court's approval. After the final approved draft has been constructed, the policy manual will be distributed to all county employees and will be effective immediately.

Prior to the approval vote, Commissioner Jim Greene, moved "to continue as we are and do away with the proposed policy manual." The motion died for lack of a second.

Greene expressed concern whether adopting the policy will cancel out some precinct policies each individual commissioner may have previously set for his employees, and whether any hiring, firing or supervisory methods would be affected.

In other business, no action was taken on the written presentation by Doug Ware, C.P.A., of the 1995-1996 county audit. Peet said the commissioners would take time to review the audit and discuss it further at the next meeting on Aug. 15.

Ware pointed out various revenue items and expenditures of the county budget over the past year. He said the totals of the county financial statements and balance sheets checked out accordingly when his accountants made their analysis.

The audit shows special revenue funds received in the amount of \$77,000 were not originally budgeted and the county did not show \$43,000 on school tax revenue in the budget. These amounts were accounted for in line-item adjustments through the year, however. Overall, the county spent \$94,000 less than actually budgeted, he said.

The Lake McClellan project created an overspend, he said, but the records reflect certain receipt items have not been reimbursed to the county from the National Forest Service.

Commissioner Gerald Wright explained that he has been discussing the outstanding items with officials of the NFS and he feels confident Gray County will receive the money soon. When the money is received, it will adjust the overage.

Ware recommended the commissioners plan an over-budget accounting on such items as school revenue and outgoing expenditures in the beginning budget procedures, then adjustments and amended budget items are more readily explained. If pre-budgeted, this would prevent some items being improperly logged.

Peet said commissioners will continue reviewing the county budget recommendations until the next commissioners' meeting scheduled for Thursday, Aug. 15.

"Although the tax revenue has dropped, in reviewing our budget needs, I will not require a tax increase, even though the appraisal district indicates a tax increase is needed," he said.

Commissioners approved appointments of Freda Lankford as presiding judge for Precinct 8, and Lindon Sanders as assistant presiding judge for Precinct 12, during the current election year.

The commission appointed County Treasurer Scott Hahn as the county's representative to serve on the Panhandle Regional Housing Finance Commission (PRHFC) Board.

County Attorney Todd Alvey reported no further action is taking place concerning the fireworks lawsuit against Gray County; however, he expects to file a request for dismissal soon.

"The last time I talked to anyone, I told them the county commissioners had rescinded its court order, and I asked if the case could be dismissed, then. It is my understanding that the pyrotechnic people are considering that option, and I feel it will be done by the end of September," Alvey said.

In other business, commissioners:

- Tabled until Aug. 15 financial decisions on requests from Texas Panhandle Mental Health Authority and the Skellytown Volunteer Fire Department.
- Voted to deed certain city lots in Pampa to the McLean ISD.
- Voted to accept bids on tax delinquent lots located in Prairie Village and Keisters additions.
- Approved the City of Lefors use of property for its fire department.
- Tabled until Aug. 15 decisions concerning leased hangars at the local air field.
- Voted to submit the county's resolution to support Texas' highway funding by the legislature for Texas counties roads and bridges.
- Tabled until Aug. 15 a request to revise current lease agreement of office space in the County Annex building with National Resource Conservation Services (NRCS) when more lease details are determined.

Daily Record

Services tomorrow

DICKERSON, E.L. "Lefty" - 10 a.m., Wesley United Methodist Church, Borger.
PITCOCK, Ida Ruth - 10 a.m., Robertson Funeral Directors Chapel of Memories, Clarendon.
TIPTON, Leslie Erwin "Tip" - Masonic graveside services, 2 p.m., Alanreed Cemetery, Alanreed.
SWINGLE, Mary E. Garrett - 10:30 a.m., Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home Chapel, Perryton.

Obituaries

DWINNA L. JOHNSTON CRANE
 Dwinnna L. Johnston Crane, 78, of Pampa, died Thursday, Aug. 1, 1996, at Fort Worth. Services will be at 2 p.m. Monday in the Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel with Tom Russell, minister of the Central Church of Christ, officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.
 Mrs. Crane was born May 13, 1918, at Alvord, Texas. She was married to E.M. Sallee and J.D. Henthcock, both of whom preceded her in death. She later married Vernon Johnston in December 1956 at Panhandle; he died July 5, 1978. She later married Jack Crane on April 5, 1982, at Clovis, N.M.; he died July 4, 1994. She had been a Pampa resident since 1948. She owned and operated Hillcrest Beauty Salon for many years. She was a member of the American Women's Business Association and the Central Church of Christ.
 Survivors include two daughters, Dwinnna Dean Barker and Norma Spencer, both of Fort Worth; two sons, David Sallee of Richardson and Vernon E. Johnston of Nocona; a sister, Eunice White of Amarillo; a brother, Don Hamrick of Superior, Ariz.; five grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

E.L. 'LEFTY' DICKERSON
BORGER - E.L. "Lefty" Dickerson, 85, died Tuesday, July 30, 1996. Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday in the Wesley United Methodist Church with the Rev. Sammie Rainey officiating. Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery at Pampa under the direction of Brown Funeral Directors.
 Mr. Dickerson was born at Gould, Okla. He received a bachelor of arts degree from Panhandle State University and a master's degree from Highland Village University. He had been a Borger resident for 45 years. He was the first drivers' education instructor in Borger and retired from the Borger Independent School District, working as a teacher and coach from 1931 to 1976. He was a member of the Wesley United Methodist Church and the Adobe Walls Masonic Lodge #1355.
 He was preceded in death by his wife, Margaret Faye Dickerson, in February.
 Survivors include a daughter, Carolyn Ann Montgomery of Fort Smith, Ark.; a son, Wally Dickerson of Borger; a sister, Alice Beth Fisher of Canyon; two brothers, Donald Dickerson of Taos, N.M., and Harold Dickerson of Cleveland, Ohio; four grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

KATHRYN (MAMA KAT) MURPHREE
 Kathryn (Mama Kat) Murphree, 81, of Pampa, died Thursday, Aug. 1, 1996. Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday in the First Baptist Church with the Rev. John Glover and the Rev. Jerry Arrington, associate pastors, officiating. Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.
 Mrs. Murphree was born Feb. 11, 1915, at Gilmer, Texas. She moved from Gilmer to Pampa in 1935. She married Joe H. Murphree on Jan. 31, 1939, in Colorado; he died Jan. 16, 1964. She was a member of the First Baptist Church and the Pampa Rebekah Lodge.
 Survivors include a daughter and son-in-law, Lynn and Larry Ray of Pampa; a son and daughter-in-law, James and Donna Murphree of Pampa; two sisters, Bonita Brown and Rhonda Hendrix, both of Pampa; a brother, O.E. Langford of Broken Arrow, Okla.; six grandchildren; Randy Ray of Nashville, Tenn.; Kristi Hutto of Pampa; Joe Murphree, Johnnie Cadena and James H. Murphree, all of Green Bay, Wis.; and Cindy Carroll of Lexington, Okla.; and 10 grandchildren.
 The family requests memorials be to the First Baptist Church.

IDA RUTH PITCOCK
CLARENDON - Ida Ruth Pitcock, 79, a former Pampa resident, died Thursday, Aug. 1, 1996. Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday in the Robertson Funeral Directors Chapel of Memories with Mike Suiter, minister of the Clarendon Church of Christ, officiating. Burial will be in Shamrock Cemetery at Shamrock.
 Mrs. Pitcock was born at Mount Vernon. She married Johnny Ferrell Pitcock in 1938 at Shamrock; he died in 1967. She had been a Pampa resident prior to moving to Clarendon in 1988. She was a homemaker and a nurse's aide. She was a member of the Clarendon Church of Christ.
 She was preceded in death by a daughter, Jerrey, in 1958.
 Survivors include a daughter, Iolline Leach of Guymon, Okla.; four sons, James Pitcock of Houston, Gary Pitcock of Centralia, Wash., and Ronnie Pitcock of Amarillo; four sisters, Bernice Crocker of Clarendon, Darlene Weiss of Rapid City, S.D., Louise Hurst of Tulsa, Okla., and Toni Cole of Craig, Colo.; 14 grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren.

Accidents
 Pampa Police Department reported the following accident in the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.
THURSDAY, Aug. 1
 Unknown time - A legally parked 1992 Chevrolet pickup owned by Donna R. Cross, 1601 W. Somerville, v as struck by an unknown white car in a private parking lot at 219 N. Russell.

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 held 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 was a graduate of 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, and his stepfather, Dean Monday, who was a Navy veteran, on April 11, 1992.
 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; his mother, Nelda Monday of Panhandle; and six grandchildren.



MARY E. GARRETT SWINGLE
PERRYTON - Mary E. Garrett Swingle, 93, aunt to a Canadian resident, died Tuesday, July 30, 1996. Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday in Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Harrol Waterbury, pastor of the Full Gospel Church, officiating. Burial will be in Ochiltree Cemetery.
 Mrs. Swingle was born in Ochiltree County to one of the county's early pioneer families settling the area in 1894. She married George B. Swingle in 1930 at Perryton; he died in 1988. She moved from Ochiltree County to Mount Vernon, Ill., in 1930 and from Mount Vernon to Lindale in 1931, moving again in 1993. She later moved to Denton, where she was living at the time of her death.
 She was a homemaker and a member of the Order of the Eastern Star and the United Methodist Church of Mount Vernon.
 Survivors include two grandsons, David Yearden of Oklahoma City and Lon Yearden of Wichita, Kan.; and three nieces, including Yvonne Moore of Canadian.

LESLIE ERWIN 'TIP' TIPTON
GROOM - Leslie Erwin "Tip" Tipton, 58, died Sunday, July 28, 1996. Masonic graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday in Alanreed Cemetery with Eldom Wetzel, of Midland, officiating. Burial will be under the direction of Robertson Funeral Directors Inc.
 Mr. Tipton was born at Alanreed. He had been a Clarendon resident prior to moving to Groom two and a half years ago. He married Sharonne Gail Horne in 1957 at Las Vegas, Nev. He was transportation superintendent for Winn-Dixie in Fort Worth, retiring in 1978. He served in the Navy from 1955 to 1960. He was a member of the Groom Masonic Lodge, the Clarendon Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #7782 and the Friendship Baptist Church in Blue Mound.
 Survivors include his wife, Sharonne; three sons, Rick Tipton of Colorado Springs, Colo., Rodney Tipton of Lumberton and Weston Tipton of Tomball; his father, H.L. Tipton of Fort Worth; a sister, Shirley Joyce of Fort Worth; a brother, Richard Tipton of Fort Worth; and nine grandchildren.

Calendar of events
PAMPA AREA LITERACY COUNCIL
 Pampa Area Literacy Council office will be open from 9 to 11 a.m. and 1 to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday. For more information, call 665-2331.
PAMPA BRIDGE CLUB
 Pampa Bridge Club meets at 2 p.m. Sunday in Room 11 at Clarendon College. For a partner, contact Marie Jamison at 669-2945.
THEE PLACE
 Thee Place for Singles is open 7-10:30 p.m. Saturdays at 520 W. Kingsmill.
MOBILE MEALS
 Mobile meals menu for Saturday, Aug. 3, is pinto beans and ham, mixed greens, buttered carrots, cornbread and cake.
PANHANDLE AREA LUPUS SUPPORT GROUP
 The Panhandle Area Lupus Support Group will meet Monday, Aug. 5, at 7 p.m. in the Community Room of FirstBank Southwest, 201 S. Main, in Perryton. Program topic will be "Families and Lupus." All interested persons are invited to attend. For information or assistance, call (806) 435-7030 or (806) 435-5217.

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

Wheat	4.52	up 1/8
Milo	7.06	up 3/8
Corn	7.95	dn 1/2

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

Occidental	22 3/4	up 1/4
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 The following show the prices for which these mutual funds were bid at the time of compilation

Mutellan	72.41	
Puritan	17.54	

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

Amoco	67 1/2	up 1/8
Arco	115 1/2	dn 3/4
Gabon	25 13/16	up 5/16
Cabot O&G	15 3/4	NC

Chevron	58 1/4	up 1/8
Coca-Cola	48 5/8	up 1/2
Columbia/HCA	53 5/8	up 1
Diamond Sham	27 1/2	up 1/8
Enron	39 7/8	up 3/8
Halliburton	52 5/8	dn 1/2
Ingersoll Rand	43 3/8	up 3/8
KSE	72 5/8	up 1/4
Kerr McGee	58 1/8	up 5/8
Limited	19 3/4	up 1/4
Mapco	54 1/2	up 1/8
McDonald's	47 3/4	up 5/8
Mobil	111 3/8	up 1/2
New Atmos	22 7/8	up 1/8
Parker & Parsley	24 1/8	NC
Penney's	51 3/8	up 3/8
Phillips	39 1/8	dn 1/8
SLB	81 5/8	dn 7/8
SPS	32 1/4	NC
Tenneco	49 3/4	up 3/8
Texasco	84 7/8	up 1/8
Wal-Mart	24 5/8	up 1/8
New York Gold	386.30	
Silver	5.00	
West Texas Crude	21.40	

Congress makes burst of activity on bills

WASHINGTON (AP) - In a last-minute burst of activity, Congress moved toward final passage today of legislation raising the minimum wage and expanding health insurance coverage for working Americans.

Earlier, lawmakers had passed a bill replacing the nation's welfare system as a prelude to leaving town for the presidential nominating conventions.

After months of fighting over the details of a bill both parties claimed as their own, the House on Thursday voted 421-2 in favor of a compromise

plan to guarantee workers access to health insurance when they change jobs, even if they have pre-existing medical conditions.

With time running out before the August recess begins at week's end, action on the bill quickly shifted to the Senate.

"We are not leaving here without passing health insurance reform," Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., said Thursday. He warned of possible sessions through the weekend before the August recess begins.

Still on the congressional plate besides health care and the welfare overhaul were 1997 spending bills; bills to raise the minimum wage and provide tax breaks for small businesses; legislation to strengthen anti-terrorism provisions; and a measure that would help ensure safe drinking water.

Late in the morning, the House passed and sent to the Senate compromise legislation providing a 90-cent-an-hour increase in the minimum wage on a 354-72 vote.

It would increase the wage from \$4.25 per hour to \$4.75 effective Oct. 1 and, on Sept. 1, 1997, to \$5.15. It would be the first such rise in five years, benefiting more than 10 million workers, two-thirds of them adults.

Quilting conference set

AMARILLO - The Panhandle's largest conference geared toward home sewers, crafters and quilters will be held in Amarillo this weekend.

"Sew Alive in '96" will feature Kaye Wood, host of the PBS show *Quilting for the '90s*, who will present two seminars. Marilyn Gatz of Sew Better Seminars also will teach two seminars on constructing designer fashions from simple patterns.

Sponsored by Sewing World of Amarillo, the two-day conference also includes a fashion show, seminars presented by major sewing machine manufacturers, and booths that feature the newest fabrics, patterns and quilting supplies.

The conference will begin at 10 a.m. Saturday at the Ambassador Hotel, 3100 I-40 West. It will conclude at 8:30 p.m. Sunday.

Admission to the exhibits is free. Seminar fees vary, with limited seating. For more information, call Sewing World at (806) 352-5027.

Ambulance

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

THURSDAY, Aug. 1
 8:48 a.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the 2100 block of North Banks on a medical assist and transported one patient to Columbia Medical Center.
 5:54 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1200 block of North Wells on a medical assist. No patient was transported.

FRIDAY, Aug. 2
 3:57 a.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the 800 block of Malone on a structure fire standby. No patient was transported.

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

THURSDAY, Aug. 1
 12:58 p.m. - Two units and six personnel responded to Citgo, 1524 N. Hobart, on a gas spill.
 5:24 p.m. - One unit and four personnel responded to the intersection of Cuyler and Brown on a reported motor vehicle accident. Nothing was found.

FRIDAY, Aug. 2
 3:54 a.m. - Two units and seven personnel responded to 801 Malone on a structure fire termed "totally involved" by firefighters.

Police report

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

THURSDAY, Aug. 1
 Water Superintendent Charlie Smith reported theft of service at 2712 Charles. The report said the water meter had been bypassed.

Criminal trespass was reported in the 400 block of North Russell. A door to a storage building was pried open causing \$50 damage.

Burglary of a habitation was reported in the 2700 block of Rosewood. A Smith and Wesson 58 revolver (41 magnum) worth \$350 was taken.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 1000 block of Charles. A security light in the backyard was shot out with a BB gun. Damage was estimated at \$80.

A 30-year-old man reported assault by threat in the 300 block of Baer.

Burglary was reported in the 300 block of Tignor. Items stolen included a 13-inch television and a CD/tape player.

FRIDAY, Aug. 2
 Theft was reported in the 900 block of South Sumner. Stolen was a TV/VCR worth \$600.

Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 700 block of East 14th. Stolen from the unlocked vehicle were two box speakers, 30 CD's and a semi-automatic handgun. Damage to the dashboard and stereo was also reported.

Sheriff's Office

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

THURSDAY, Aug. 1
 Information was sought about assault by threat.

Weather focus

LOCAL FORECAST
 Partly cloudy tonight with a low near 70 and southeast winds to 15 mph. A 30 percent chance of scattered showers and thunderstorms. Saturday, mostly sunny. Highs 95-100. Saturday night, partly cloudy with a slight chance of showers or thunderstorms. Lows from 65-70 northern portions of South Plains to 70-75 rolling plains.

REGIONAL FORECAST
 West Texas - Panhandle: Tonight, partly cloudy with a chance of thunderstorms. Lows in mid 60s to near 70. Saturday, increasing high clouds with a slight chance of thunderstorms. Highs in the 90s. Saturday night, a slight chance of evening thunderstorms, otherwise partly cloudy. Lows in mid 60s to low 70s. South Plains: Tonight, partly cloudy with a slight chance of showers or thunderstorms. Lows from 65-70 northern portions of South Plains to 70-75 rolling plains. North Texas - Tonight and Saturday, clear to partly cloudy. Lows 74 to 78. Highs 96 north to 104 south. South Texas - Hill Country and South Central: Tonight, clear. Lows in upper 70s. Saturday, partly cloudy. Highs near 100. Upper Coast: Tonight, clear. Lows in mid 70s inland to near 80 coast. Saturday, partly cloudy and hot with isolated showers or thunderstorms. Highs near 100 inland north to low 90s coast. Coastal Bend and Rio Grande Plains: Tonight, clear. Lows in mid 70s. Saturday,

partly cloudy and windy. Highs in upper 90s coast to near 100 inland, near 102 Rio Grande plains.

BORDER STATES
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Bomb suspect optimistic of being cleared; FBI mum on charges

By MITCHELL LANDSBERG
AP National Writer

ATLANTA (AP) — As hours turn into days, the security guard at the center of the FBI's Olympics bomb investigation is growing more optimistic that he will be vindicated, his lawyer says.

Federal officials say, in essence: Not so fast. Watson Bryant, the lawyer for bombing hero-turned-suspect Richard Jewell, said Thursday that Jewell is still worried, in part because federal officials won't tell him anything about their investigation.

"He's still in shock," Bryant said on CNN's *Larry King Live*. Still, he added, "As time passes without an arrest or any more trouble from the government, he becomes relieved. ... Every minute

that goes by, we feel a little better." The *Washington Post* today quoted sources who said Jewell told colleagues at his old job that he would be a "hero" at the Olympics.

Responding to that report, Bryant said, "If that's the probable cause, I think it's ridiculous." He used the legal term for evidence of guilt that must be cited when a search warrant is sought.

"You could take police officers or law enforcement people anywhere in the world and if something was to happen, they'd love to have the opportunity to be on the spot so that they could help people and solve the problem," Bryant said this morning on NBC's *Today* show.

Jewell was hailed as a hero after he spotted an unattended knapsack in Atlanta's crowded Centennial Olympic Park during a rock concert. The knap-

sack contained a bomb that exploded early Saturday, splattering the park with nails and shrapnel that killed one person and injured 111 others.

On Thursday, Jewell turned from hero to what one federal law enforcement official called the "leading candidate" in the investigation. Authorities were looking into whether he planted the bomb in order to "find" it and become a hero.

For two days, agents of the FBI and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms have been putting Jewell's life under a microscope, examining everything from his underwear to the paint on his door.

Jewell, a 33-year-old former deputy sheriff, has not been charged or arrested, and FBI officials have stressed that he is only one of several potential suspects.

As time goes on, speculation has begun to rise that investigators may be losing interest in Jewell.

Federal officials cautioned Thursday that their investigations often take a long time, and that it is premature to expect an arrest. At the same time, they continued to stress that Jewell should not be judged prematurely.

"Nobody is about to be charged with a crime," FBI Director Louis Freeh said in testimony before the Senate Intelligence Committee.

"The fact that somebody's name has surfaced or may surface ... doesn't mean anything," he said. "It certainly doesn't mean that people should speculate as to guilt. We work very carefully to get the evidence we need to go into a court. ... We regret many times in these investigations that people's names surface as sus-

pects who are later proven not to be connected. We want to avoid that."

As federal agents came and went, Jewell remained a virtual prisoner Thursday in the northeast Atlanta apartment he shares with his mother. Although he was free to leave, the crowd of reporters outside apparently deterred him.

He has been questioned by the FBI at least a half-dozen times since the explosion.

Also Thursday, a half-dozen agents returned to a rundown cabin in northeastern Georgia where Jewell lived until May. Reporters, kept 20 yards away, saw them carting away more material, removing blue paint from around the doorway, looking under the house and taking photographs, around its foundation.

World briefs

Japan wakes up and smells the latte

TOKYO (AP) — Japan, meet mocha frappuccino.

Having brought once-esoteric concoctions like espresso con panna to the masses across North America, the Seattle-based Starbucks chain is introducing yuppie coffee to Tokyo. Its first foreign outlet opened today in the swank Ginza shopping district.

Yuji Tsunoda — president of Starbucks Coffee Japan and a board member of Starbucks' Japanese partner, the slick retailer Sazaby — has more on his mind than just peddling a few cups of joe.

"We want to introduce the coffee lifestyle to Japan," he said. "We want this to be part of their daily life."

Japan already has a coffee culture — of sorts. It's the world's fourth-largest coffee consumer. Canned-coffee vending machines are everywhere. People flock to Tokyo's tiny coffee bars to escape from their even tinier apartments.

But Starbucks says it's offering a whole new kind of java jolt.

Japanese customers might need a little hand-holding at first to guide them through the thicket of grandes and frappuccinos. But Tsunoda thinks they'll catch on fast.

Italians protest as Nazi cleared of all charges

ROME (AP) — Hours after a former Nazi officer was cleared of the most serious charges in a 1944 massacre and ordered released, Italian authorities rearrested him today to face extradition to Germany.

Protesters outraged by the court's order to release Erich Priebke stormed the courthouse and refused to let the 83-year-old former SS captain leave. During the seven-hour standoff, scuffles broke out and at least five officers were injured.

Early today, Justice Minister Giovanni Maria Flick told the crowd that judicial police would act on Germany's request to arrest Priebke. An appeals court must uphold the arrest within four days.

Officers led Priebke past the shouting protesters to a police van, and he was taken to Regina Coeli prison along the Tiber River.

Priebke was charged with participating in the massacre of 335 civilians at the Ardeatine Caves outside German-occupied Rome. The slayings were ordered in reprisal for a resistance bomb attack that killed 33 Germans.

Red Cross raffle winners



(Pampa News photo by Darlene Holmes)

Tanita Olson and her son, R.C. Olson, present a Ron Marks slalom ski to Miles Cook of T-Shirts Plus, right. R.C. sold the winning raffle ticket to Cook. The raffle was held to help raise money for the disaster fund of the Gray County Chapter of the American Red Cross. Tanita Olson serves as chairman of disaster services, with Heidi Phelps as secretary of disaster services. Lynda Duncan serves as the local Red Cross director.

Poll: Shifts in Clinton coalition since 1992, middle class voters not greatly enthused

NEW YORK (AP) — President Clinton professes to be their champion and they were a key to his 1992 victory, but middle-class voters are relatively lukewarm about re-electing him, a national poll suggests.

And while Clinton is strong among independents, they report being far less likely to vote in November than four years ago, according to the survey released Thursday by the Pew Research Center for the People and the Press.

The poll, conducted July 25-28, gives Clinton a 53-42 lead over Dole. But it indicates Dole could narrow the gap. Fifteen percent of voters said there is a chance they might vote for Dole though they don't support him now; 8 percent said they might switch to Clinton.

First, though, Dole will have to stop Clinton from at least running even with him on traditionally Republican issues such as welfare reform, family values, foreign policy and the federal deficit. Only on cutting taxes did voters in the new poll say Dole would do a better job than Clinton.

While Republicans have been

attacking Clinton on character issues, few voters say that matters, the Pew poll and earlier surveys have found.

"It's his record, stupid," Pew center director Andrew Kohut said in a play on the 1992 Clinton campaign mantra about the importance of economic issues.

"The president has not only convinced many voters that he has a record of accomplishment but has also blunted the GOP's usual advantage on a number of issues," Kohut said.

Demographically, Clinton's edge comes entirely from his 4-1 advantage among non-whites. He is only tied with Dole among whites, who made up 82 percent of the sample.

Democrats running for Congress have even worse standing among whites. If the election were today, 52 percent of whites say they would vote for the Republican in their district, 41 percent for the Democrat.

Overall, Republicans have pulled even with Democrats on the generic congressional ballot question. An Associated Press poll earlier this month also found the GOP now tied after being 11 points behind on the congressional preference question in December.

In the Pew survey, Clinton leads 49 percent to 42 percent among voters with family income of more than \$75,000, a traditionally Republican bloc. But one in five wealthier voters who don't back Dole now said they might in November. Clinton

got only a third of the over-\$75,000 vote in the three-way 1992 election, which he won with 43 percent.

The middle class, which helped Republicans win three straight presidential elections before boosting Clinton in 1992, appears to be wavering. Clinton and Dole were tied among voters with family incomes from \$30,000 to \$75,000.

Another group that helped Clinton to the White House, college graduates, also are split in the Pew poll.

However, Clinton is holding another vital element of his 1992 coalition: the young. He led Dole 58 percent to 41 percent among registered voters under age 30 in the new survey.

While Clinton leads among self-described independents — even in a three-way matchup with Dole and Ross Perot — just 38 percent of self-described independents said they're paying "quite a lot" of attention to the campaign, down from 56 percent four years ago.

Bus driver, 'witch' on trial for affair with 14-year-old

BRIDGEPORT, Conn. (AP) — She called him "Lb." — for little boy — and sent him love letters signed in blood and decorated with supernatural symbols.

Kerri Lynn Patavino, a self-proclaimed witch, was his 26-year-old school bus driver who wrote of seeing his "aura." He was a 14-year-old middle school student.

The two had sex for months, the boy said, until he began to fear Patavino's taste for the bizarre. Once, after she cut her arm with a razor blade, "she made me lick the blood," the boy testified as Patavino's sex assault trial began Thursday.

Patavino, a married mother of three, is accused of having sex more than 50 times in 1995 with the teen, who was a student on her bus route in Trumbull. She is also charged with breaking into the boy's home after he ended their alleged affair, stealing a ring, videotapes, a skateboard and other possessions.

Patavino, now 28, wore a pentagram medallion — a witchcraft symbol — around her neck in court. She could face more than 20 years in prison if convicted.

When the boy, now 16, testified that she had sometimes given him marijuana and crack cocaine, she looked at the ceiling, shook her head and said, "Oh, my God."

The lanky teen, who is not being identified because of his age, smiled and fidgeted uncomfortably as he told the jury about his first sexual encounter with Patavino. He said they had sex about four times a week from February through June 1995.

He was the first student on her

bus every day, and she greeted him with a love note and a kiss, he said. On the way home, she would drop him off at a store, drop off her bus, then come back and pick him up.

Prosecutor Stephen Sedensky III read aloud letters that police said were decorated with witchcraft symbols and signed in Patavino's blood.

"I am a witch and I see your aura. ... Your spirit is good; use it, use it," reads one letter.

When asked what "Lb." referred to in the letters, the boy hesitated, then said that Patavino called him a little boy.

The boy said he finally told his mother about the relationship in June 1995 after Patavino began to bother him, calling incessantly. The mother took the boy to police.

Defense lawyer Joseph Mirsky tried to show that Patavino's bus company found nothing improper after investigating a complaint that she had taken the boy home late at night.

Patavino had said her husband was friendly with the boy's father and that the father knew the boy sometimes visited her home, according to testimony from Gail Avery-Cross, a contract manager for Ryder Student Transportation Services Inc.

"We were satisfied with her explanation of why she was with this child," Avery-Cross said. Nonetheless, Patavino was eventually suspended.

Bus driver Gale Somers testified that Patavino had tried to take over her high school bus route just as the boy was finishing middle school.

State treasury closing, but not gone

AUSTIN (AP) — The State Treasury is closing, but it's not disappearing.

The Treasury Department, as it now exists, will be shut down Aug. 31 under a constitutional amendment approved last year by Texas voters.

But it will reopen the next day as an arm of the state comptroller's office.

Most taxpayers won't notice the difference: The estimated \$7.5 million in savings will barely make a mark in the state's \$80 billion, two-year budget.

Most of the agency's employees will stay in the same offices for the time being, although a few will move to new space at the comptroller's office. Some people have lost their jobs

with the consolidation. In mid-May, 21 of the department's 176 employees were told their positions were being eliminated, and some of them have already found jobs at other agencies. Another 17 people aren't sure whether they will survive the move.

In the budget year that begins Sept. 1, the comptroller estimates the consolidation will save the state \$160,000, including Treasurer Martha Whitehead's salary of \$79,247 a year.

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Texas Editorials

The Baytown Sun on Gov. Bush and influence peddling:

Up to this point, Gov. George Bush has avoided many of the pitfalls and mishaps that naysayers had predicted when the son of the former president first announced intentions to run for the state's top post.

Despite having never held elected office, Bush seems comfortable in the public eye, and by most accounts, he's done a good job of stepping in and addressing some of the major problems facing the state.

Still, he seems to have misjudged the reaction around the state to the budding influence-peddling scandal that is dogging his administration.

Three of Bush's top aides have left the administration to take lucrative lobbying posts. In addition, Diane Allbaugh, the wife of Bush's right-hand man, executive assistant Joe Allbaugh, landed a high-paying lobbyist job to represent Texas utilities.

If Bush wants to put an end to this imbroglio, he should follow the lead of Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock, who has barred his aides from lobbying for a year after leaving his staff.

That sort of hard-line stance would make it clear to influence-seeking industries and ambitious aides alike that the revolving door at the governor's mansion has been locked — or at least temporarily closed.

The Fort Worth Star-Telegram on crime prevention:

A new nonprofit policy recommendation group called Fight Crime: Invest in Kids deserves everyone's best wishes because it is going to lobby for more programs to keep kids from becoming criminals.

It is not new idea that giving kids a better start and better direction at an early age is preferable to watching them drift into crime and violence. Indeed, a search through our files revealed that the Star-Telegram was editorializing in favor of that idea in 1947.

We still think it is a good plan. A Fight-Crime survey of police chiefs showed that nine out of 10 agreed that helping children now would mean paying less later in the cost of crime, welfare, etc. Former U.S. Attorney General Elliot Richardson equates investing in childhood development to taking the offensive against crime rather than just reacting to crime.

We need cops. We need prisons. But we need early intervention to prevent crime, too. If we'd done more of it in 1947, we'd have less crime today.

Austin American-Statesman on teenage pregnancy:

In the classrooms and corridors of Austin's Kealing Junior High School last week, there were stark truths and sad stories from teenagers to teenagers about pregnancy.

The story one young mom told of her struggle was riveting. Being just a kid herself, she spoke from the heart of missing teenage life: not being able to go to the mall, to hang out with friends, to attend the prom.

Of course, for society, the problem of teen pregnancy is much greater than a stunted social life.

It was smart ... to offer a program where kids had a chance to talk to each other about the pressure to have sex and the burdens of early motherhood. As one girl said, "No kid is going to listen to you old people."

But they might listen to each other and they might learn to resist the pressure, to say no to sex, to demand protection. It may well help them avoid the trap of early pregnancy.

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Longest running play in history

Bring up the house lights! Turn off the air conditioning! Time to close down America's longest running morality play, charmingly entitled "Outrage: White America's War Against Everyone Else."

The arrest of a black teenager on charges of burning down a black church in Greenville, Texas, does not, by itself, prove such a need. Oh, but it helps.

The theme of the morality play, which opened 25 to 30 years ago, is that the bitterness and tenacity of America's racial problem is due mostly to whites and an abiding grudge against blacks. To work out that grudge, they battle affirmative action, resist the construction of low income housing units in upscale neighborhoods, and, of course, vote Republican. When undistracted by such mundane activities, it would seem, whites burn down black churches.

Last month, seven philanthropic foundations donated \$1.7 million to a newly opened Burned Churches Fund, the givers pledging to assist those standing against "racial and religious intolerance." A greater challenge than rebuilding, supposedly, "is to combat the hatred and bigotry that produce this kind of lawlessness."

Year after year, the great morality play packs in the white liberal establishment. They whoop and applaud. Hit us, hit us again! Or rather, hit them — those bad people burning churches and crosses; because, of course, it's never the good hearted, good souled liberals who precipitate racial commotion, not even when the welfare programs they devise as racial reparations backfire and injure the recipients.



William Murchison

How did a black kid from Greenville — Mark Anthony Young — turn up in this cast of certified characters? Meaning, how did he get himself charged by federal authorities with burning down the Church of the Living God?

In truth, Young isn't the first black to be charged this year with arson against a black church. Nor, it turns out, is 1996's supposed "wave" of church burnings — including white as well as black churches — unique. Why the burnings became a hot subject in 1996 isn't entirely clear. But the condemnation of white conspiracy is clear. The assumption of conspiracy has passed by now into folklore.

Are such assumptions wholly unwarranted? I'd topple into the nearest zinnia bed if they were. Last time I looked, whites and blacks were members of the same larger race — the human. A basic attribute of the human, race, it says in a book widely used at churches, is our fallen condition. The fall — a rock bottom Christian doctrine that

explains everything worth explaining — accords no race bragging rights. No country. No sex. No class or condition. Not to believe in the Fall is to stare with woozy, uncomprehending eyes at history and current events alike. We all are a mess. OK?

When you've assented to that proposition, if you do, then you get to thinking of churches as something other than targets for maniacal racists. You think of them as racial solvents, breakers down of human divisions.

When, seated comfortably at the great morality play, you leap to your feet and announce without the slightest evidence that white racists burned down all those churches, you make the church itself an agency of division. Where does that get anyone?

Maybe getting us someplace isn't the point for many who relish their season tickets for the morality play. Get up and go home? Why should they? It's so comforting to have everything figured out. It saves the labor of actually analyzing why people do bad things to other people.

Only a nut would argue that race doesn't matter in human calculations. Look at Bosnia. Look at just about anywhere. The tribe prefers the tribe. But explaining everything in terms of race — how ineffably silly. Unless, of course, you are talking of the human race, and thus wrestling with questions of origin and destiny. The great morality play audience doesn't like talking that way. Doing so makes it harder to point fingers, smile with self-contentment, and go home after the performance to sweet, satisfied slumber.

Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Friday, Aug. 2, the 215th day of 1996. There are 151 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Aug. 2, 1776, members of the Continental Congress began attaching their signatures to the Declaration of Independence.

On this date:

In 1876, frontiersman "Wild Bill" Hickok was shot and killed while playing poker at a saloon in Deadwood, S.D.

In 1923, the 29th president of the United States, Warren G. Harding, died in San Francisco.

In 1943, a U.S. Navy patrol torpedo boat, PT-109, commanded by Lt. John F. Kennedy, sank after being sheared in two by a Japanese destroyer off the Solomon Islands. (Kennedy was credited with saving members of the crew.)

In 1945, President Truman, Soviet leader Josef Stalin and British Prime Minister Clement Attlee concluded the Potsdam conference.



The idea of corporate responsibility

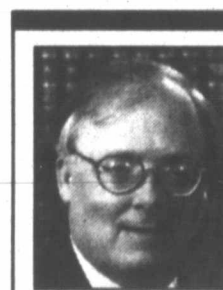
The tragic ValuJet crash this spring, according to critics of corporate America, shows once again how profit motive devalues and debases our society. If only ValuJet management hadn't cut corners to squeeze every possible nickel out of the system, the critics argue, the tragedy never would have happened.

Against this backdrop, let me recommend a new book to you: John Hood's *The Heroic Enterprise: Business and the Common Good*, published a few weeks ago by the Free Press. Hood's book continues an important discussion launched some 35 years ago by the late John Chamberlain in *The Enterprising Americans*. Chamberlain's book was a portrait of the towering figures of American enterprise — the "robber barons," some called them — who made America the great innovative industrial power it remains today: Eli Whitney, Samuel Morse, Cyrus McCormack, Cornelius Vanderbilt, Henry Ford, Andrew Carnegie, John D. Rockefeller, J.P. Morgan.

Chamberlain's point was simple: That the achievements of American business should inspire all of us, as he put it, "not because the pursuit of business is a sanctified end in itself but because it palpably makes the achievements of higher ends possible."

But do GM, Hewlett-Packard, K-Mart, TWA, Wendys and other U.S. corporations have a responsibility to society beyond providing goods and services and generating profits?

Advocates of corporate "social responsibility" —



Edwin Feulner

popular on college campuses, in Ben and Jerry's ice cream parlors, at Grateful Dead smoke-ins and in government regulatory agencies — argue that companies have an obligation to fight injustice, promote public health, diversify the workplace, eradicate poverty and save the planet, either directly, through corporate philanthropy, or (most typically) by order of Big Brother.

While most of these are worthy goals, Hood demonstrates, as Chamberlain did before him, that business does more good for more people in more ways simply by sticking to business. In a *Policy Review* article previewing his book, Hood put it like this: "The corporate social responsibility movement harbors an unrealistic, ahistorical view of commercial activity," focusing on disasters and villains, while ignoring "the revolutionary ways in which corporations have improved the everyday lives of Americans over the past half-century."

Consider just one small example: The U.S. gold-

mining industry. As economist Michael Evans of Northwestern University's Kellogg School of Management noted in a recent *Las Vegas Review-Journal* article, "private investment, new technologies and enlightened management" have turned the state of Nevada into the world's fourth largest gold producer over the past fifteen years.

The industry now provides nearly 60,000 high paying jobs in the state, is known for its "unmatched educational, health and other benefits," and pays some \$120 million per year in state and county taxes. The industry also has spent billions of dollars on equipment built by other U.S. companies, generating additional jobs in other states. With the world demand for gold soaring, even better days could lie ahead.

Except for one fact: Washington doesn't appreciate the contributions of this "heroic enterprise." The government has restricted exploration, discouraged investment and placed a variety of other regulatory burdens on the industry. The net result: If current policies are not reversed, 40,000 mining related jobs will disappear over the next decade. In two decades, the industry itself will disappear, according to Evans' research.

In many ways, the corporate social responsibility movement is a red herring. As Hood notes, the best corporate citizens are those who create the jobs and amenities we enjoy and "the innovations that make our lives safer, healthier and happier."

I hope you will read Hood's *Heroic Enterprise*. It will restore your faith in our system.

Clinton blunts another sharp issue

Walter Mears
AP Special Correspondent

Swallowing Republican medicine on welfare, President Clinton made it sound as though he'd written most of the prescription.

Clinton's decision to sign a GOP-framed welfare overhaul, over liberal protests, and despite provisions he said go too far, blunted an issue the Republicans would have hammered in the convention and campaign weeks ahead.

The president was, as he noted on Wednesday, the candidate who "pledged to end welfare as we know it" when he ran four years ago. But Clinton put welfare legislation on hold early in his administration. Republicans took that opening to put the same promise into their own, conservative terms, in the 1994 campaign, and in Congress after they won control.

Clinton said this bill dropped the worst elements of two earlier GOP measures he vetoed as too harsh, especially on needy children.

GOP leaders had said they expected Clinton to sign, Sen. Trent Lott predicting what he'd say:

"But I don't like this. I don't like that. And you know, if I'm re-elected, I'll try to change some of it."

That was not Clinton's wording, but it was his message. He said the bill met his principles, including time limits on welfare, five years per family, and a requirement to work in no more than two years, and that it includes more protection for children than prior versions. But liberal Democrats in Congress said his signature would help the Republicans consign needy children to poverty.

Welfare and health have been telling issues in the last two elections, first helping, then hurting Clinton and the Democrats. They're back for a

third test, and the president has adapted to GOP pressures on both.

In opting to sign the welfare bill, Clinton overrode the protests of liberals, labor, civil rights and child advocacy groups. That breach carries a risk because they represent part of the Democratic base, votes he needs on Nov. 5.

But the alternative would have undermined his move to the political center, a course that has led Bob Dole and other Republicans to claim he is trying to steal their themes. Complaints like that aren't bothering Clinton, given his hefty leads in the public opinion polls.

Dole said the welfare move was an election-year conversion. He said Clinton was "finally climbing on board the Dole welfare proposal." But a debate about custody and credit is far more manageable for Clinton than one about another welfare veto.

On health care, Clinton now applauds a step he once said he would veto as inadequate, a bill that will entitle people to keep coverage when they change employers.

Ironically, by overreaching with his massive health care plan in 1993, and by delaying his own welfare proposal until it was too late for action in 1994, Clinton left himself vulnerable to the Republican campaign offensive that helped them win Congress in the last elections.

Welfare reform was a prime promise in his 1992 campaign. Health care was part of the Clinton platform, too. In office, he reversed the order, saying that broader health care coverage for all Americans had to be dealt with first, in part because of the impact that would have on welfare programs.

Clinton has since acknowledged that he tried to do too much too soon on health care. He had flatly rejected partway steps, declaring that he would veto any bill that did not provide coverage to all Americans.

But his sweeping, complex proposal, taunted by Republicans even now as a "wrong-headed plan for a government-run health care system," never came to a vote — even though Democrats controlled Congress then. And Republican campaigners seized on it as evidence that Clinton was no centrist, but a liberal advocate of big government. In his election-year State of the Union message, Clinton declared the era of big government to be over.

Clinton has now embraced a bill that looks much like the GOP alternative to his original health care plan. It would guarantee that workers can keep their health insurance when they change or lose jobs, and protect them against the denial of coverage for pre-existing medical conditions.

The president said he wasn't worried about the political impact of his welfare decision. "Those things are very hard to calculate anyhow," he said.

The Republican response to another veto wouldn't have been. Lott already had said it would show Clinton did not intend to keep his campaign word, and that he was more worried about people who don't work than about the taxpayers who pay the bill for welfare.

State briefs

Chemical tints water pink and purple, but it's safe

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) — It was almost enough to make a person swear off drinking water ... or anything potable, for that matter.

Taps all over Corpus Christi spewed water in shades of pink to magenta beginning early Thursday.

The accidental release of too much potassium permanganate at a filtration plant Wednesday night was blamed.

Officials said they have been using the chemical and increased doses of chlorine dioxide to control the taste and smell of the water supply when the chemical was accidentally released at the O.N. Stevens Filtration Plant.

Low water levels in area Lake Corpus Christi and the Nueces River had caused the water to take on a dirt-like taste and a musty smell.

Judge orders experts to devise Aquifer restrictions

AUSTIN (AP) — Although he held off on clamping immediate pumping limits on users of Edwards Aquifer water, a federal judge has given court-appointed experts 10 days to propose consumption regulations.

"I am convinced there is an emergency," Senior U.S. District Judge Lucius D. Bunton III said Thursday after hearing from witnesses and more than two dozen lawyers during a six-hour hearing.

The plan is expected to include limits on pumping, which Bunton hopes to be voluntarily adopted throughout the Central Texas region that depends on the underground reservoir for fresh water.

However, Bunton said he was prepared to impose restrictions if they are not adopted.

"I don't think we can just sit here and twiddle our thumbs and not do anything," Bunton said. "We've reached the point now where we have to bite the bullet."

Appeals court favors death row inmate

HOUSTON (AP) — A federal appeals court in New Orleans has affirmed a Houston judge's order that a Texas death row inmate be released or granted a new trial.

The 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals earlier this week affirmed a federal judge's 1994 order that illegal immigrant Ricardo Aldape Guerra be given one of those options because of possible misconduct on the part of police and prosecutors.

"It's a major step," Aldape Guerra's attorney, Scott Atlas, said Thursday night. "This brings us much closer to the day when Ricardo will walk out a free man. And it dramatically improves the chances that that will happen."

The attorney general's office has 14 days to ask the appellate court for a rehearing or 90 days to appeal to the Supreme Court. If the Supreme Court rules, the Harris County district attorney's office would have 30 days in which to decide whether to retry Aldape Guerra.

Self-proclaimed Somalia president dies, shot twice

MOGADISHU, Somalia (AP) — Gen. Mohamed Farrah Aidid, the militia leader who helped draw Somalia into years of civil war, famine and virtual anarchy and whose forces killed 18 U.S. soldiers trying to hunt him down, has died.

Aidid, who effectively forced U.N. peacekeepers to withdraw from Somalia in humiliation, died of a heart attack Thursday, his militia said today. He reportedly had been injured by a stray bullet last week.

Thousands of weeping Somalis poured into the streets of south Mogadishu today. The mourners lined the street leading to the Al Rahma mosque, where services for the 61-year-old general were to be held. His body was to be taken to a cemetery for Muslim burial.

The radio station of Aidid's militia, the Voice of the Somali People, said the self-proclaimed Somali president died of a heart attack "while performing his national duties."

A United Nations official in neighboring Kenya, speaking on the condition that she not be further identified, said Aidid was wounded July 24 in the Medina section of southern Mogadishu and probably received two gunshot wounds, one in the shoulder

Lefors High School junior makes All-American Team, recognized at cheerleading camp

LEFORS — The Lefors cheerleaders recently returned from a National Cheerleaders Association summer camp where one of their team members, Nikki Bockmon, received top recognition for being selected on the NCA All-American Team.

The camp was held at Panhandle State University at Guymon, Okla., and attracted more than 100 cheerleaders from surrounding states.

Bockmon is the 17-year-old daughter of Russell and Charlotte Bockmon. A junior at Lefors High School, she will be cheering for her fifth year.

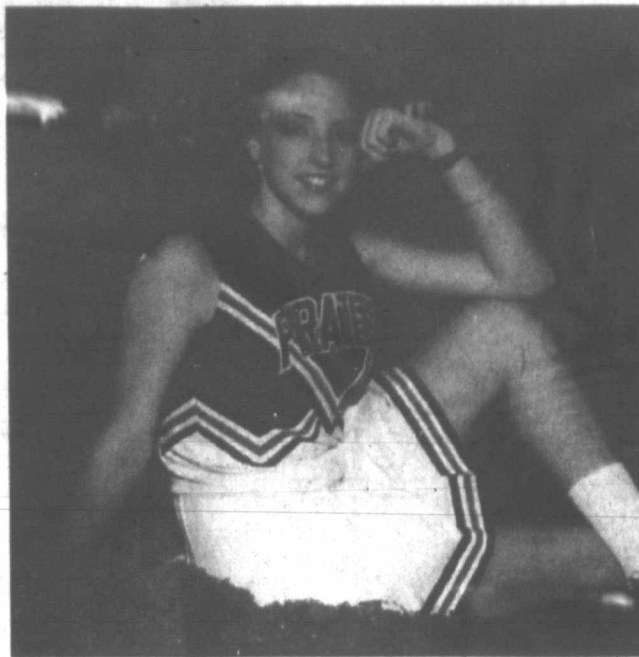
She is active in many high school clubs, including Spanish, Future Homemakers of America, Drama UIL, Pep Club, 4-H and Student Council. While performing all these duties, she maintains an A average.

Bockmon also plays volleyball and basketball and runs track.

The National Cheerleaders Association is selecting the All-American Team award at each of the 1,000 camps it administers across the United States. The winners were selected at the camps based on their cheerleading technique, leadership and all-around cheerleading ability.

The presentation of the NCA All-American Team award came at the completion of training on cheerleading technique, cheers, chants, jumps, partner stunts and pyramids, as well as a leadership program for sportsmanship, responsibilities, organization and dedication.

The NCA has been conducting summer workshops for over 48 years and is the largest privately held cheerleading company in the world, holding



Nikki Bockmon

events for over 150,000 students each year on the art of dancing and cheerleading.

As an All-American Team member, cheerleaders are eligible to travel with the NCA and will be featured in the Jeep Eagle Aloha Bowl in Honolulu, Hawaii, and the Comp USA Florida Citrus Bowl in Orlando, Fla.

Research ship with shady past employed to hunt for oil

HOUSTON (AP) — A research vessel with a cloak-and-dagger past that included a CIA assignment in the 1970s to retrieve a sunken Soviet submarine will search for oil in the Gulf of Mexico.

Global Marine Inc. said Thursday it will spend about \$160 million to convert the Glomar Explorer into a deep-water drilling ship that will go to work for Chevron Corp. and Texaco Inc.

Houston-based Global Marine, one of the world's largest offshore drilling contractors, said it has a 30-year agreement with the Navy to take over the ship and a five-year \$260 million deal with the two oil giants to use the vessel.

The ship has been in mothballs for about 20 years total as part of the Naval Reserve Fleet in Suisun Bay, Calif.

"In terms of wear and tear, it's in great shape," Global Marine spokesman David Herasimchuk

said. "It looks as good as any operating rig in the Gulf of Mexico."

The 619-foot-long Glomar Explorer, with a width of 116 feet, is larger than any drilling ship now in operation.

Global Marine supervised its construction and operated it from 1973 to 1975 under a government contract. In the late 1970s, the ship worked in deep-ocean mining tests in depths to 17,000 feet.

The Gulf of Mexico has become a hot area for energy companies

looking for oil in deep waters where the Global Explorer's capabilities can be put to good use.

"We'll have the ability initially to drill in 7,500 feet of water with ability to extend the rig to depths as great as 14,000 feet," or 6,000 feet deeper than any existing vessel, Herasimchuk said.

In terms of capacity, the largest ships now operating can carry 7,600 tons of drilling supplies. The Glomar Explorer can handle 25,000 tons.

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1996 PROPERTY TAX RATES IN THE CITY OF LEFORS

This notice concerns 1996 property tax rates for the City of Lefors, Texas. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's effective tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

Last year's tax rate:	
Last year's operating taxes	\$ 23,550.87
Last year's debt taxes	0
Last year's total taxes	\$ 23,550.87
Last year's tax base	6,038,684.00
Last year's total tax rate	397/\$100

This year's effective tax rate:	
Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$ 23,387.65
This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$ 5,897,134.00
This year's effective tax rate	396.59/\$100
1.03 - maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and holds hearing	\$ 408.48/\$100

This year's rollback tax rate:	
Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for transferred function)	\$ 23,387.65
This year's adjusted tax base	\$ 5,897,134.00
This year's effective operating rate	396.59/\$100
1.08 - this year's maximum operating rate	428.5/\$100
This year's debt rate	0/\$100
This year's rollback rate	\$ 428.5/\$100

Schedule A Unencumbered Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

Type of Property Tax Fund	Balance
Maintenance & Operation	0

Schedule B 1996 Debt Service

Balance	0
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This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates' calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at The Gray County Appraisal District Offices

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Church briefs



Eugene Reiszner

Evangelist scheduled for Youthquake '96

Renowned youth evangelist Eugene Reiszner will be the special guest speaker and singer at Pampa's Youthquake '96 beginning Sunday.

Reiszner is currently establishing a church in the inner-city area of Houston. In addition, the Carman Ministries have chosen him to be one of the national inner-city RIOT Centers.

Youthquake is a city-wide youth revival sponsored by Reeborn Ministries of Briarwood Church. Services are scheduled Sunday evening at 6 p.m. and Monday through Wednesday at 7 p.m.

There will also be activities during the day.

All young people and adults are invited to attend. All services will be held at Briarwood Church, 1800 W. Harvester.

"I believe the youth of Pampa are ready for a life-changing experience, and I believe Youthquake '96 can be the vehicle that God uses," said Steve "Watty" Watson, Briarwood youth pastor.

For more information, call Briarwood Church at 665-7201.

PAMPA - Hobart Baptist Church, 1100 W. Crawford, will hold vacation bible school Aug. 5-9.

Classes run from 9 a.m. to noon each day.

This year's theme is "Go for the Goal." Children from four years old through sixth grade are invited to attend.

PAMPA - Hi-Land Christian Church, 1615 N. Banks, will hold an all-day vacation bible school Aug. 10 for kids kindergarten through fifth grades.

VBS runs 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. with lunch served.

This year's theme is "A Sweet Walk with Jesus." The day will include ways to walk with Jesus, a Bible Bubble, petting zoo, a giant and lots of fun, organizers say.

For more information or to pre-enroll, call 669-6700.

PAMPA - "Go for the Goal" is this year's theme for Highland Baptist's vacation bible school Aug. 5-9. The school will run from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The school is for any child from three years old to the sixth grade.

The week will be spent learning what it means to see the goal and then live reaching that goal, organizers say. Each evening will feature crafts, recreation and refreshments, and each child will have the opportunity to sing, study and play.

For more information, call 669-6509 or 669-2337.

A van will be available to transport any child needing a ride to and from school.

PAMPA - The Hi-Land Pentecostal Church Youth Group will be in Arlington, Texas, next weekend competing in the Youth Quest '96 National Talent Competition.

"The young people of the church had no idea what we were actually getting into when our youth minister suggested we compete in the Great Plains Conference Talent Competition in March of this year," Nathan Hopson, church pastor, said.

The group won first place in four different categories, making them eligible to compete with winners from 39 other conferences around the United States. That led to the task of raising the funds to provide travel, lodging and food for 22 people.

To help raise the funds, the youth, with the assistance of other church members, held an enchilada/Mexican food supper, a garage sale, a carnival, car washes and a bake sale, the latter held Thursday.

"Even though we put a lot

of our time and effort into all of these projects, only through the generous donations of local merchants and the support of the community were they possible," Hopson said.

"To every merchant who helped with a donation, and to anyone who bought a ticket, allowed us to wash your car, paid to dunk your pastor or youth leader, donated time and money, the words 'thank you' do not seem enough," he added.

Hopson said the youths wanted people to know how much they appreciate all that was done to help make the opportunity for the group to be a contender from Pampa.

The Hi-Land Pentecostal Youth Group will be in Arlington Aug. 8-11 for the national competition.

Delay to speak at Lefors First Baptist

LEFORS - Dr. Larry G. Delay of Tulsa, Okla., will lead revival services at First Baptist Church in Lefors beginning Saturday.

Delay will also serve as music director during the special services, set to continue through Thursday.

Services will be at 7 p.m. Saturday. On Sunday, services will be at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. The revival will continue through Aug. 8 with weekday morning services at 10:30 a.m. and evening services at 7 p.m., said Lewis Ellis, pastor of the church.

Delay has been pastor of Sequoyah Hills Baptist Church in Tulsa, Okla., since May 1995. Prior to that, he served as pastor of First Baptist Church of Nowata, Okla., for more than six years. He previously served at churches in Bethel, Okla., Olive, Okla., Oklahoma

City, Tulsa and Salina, Kan.

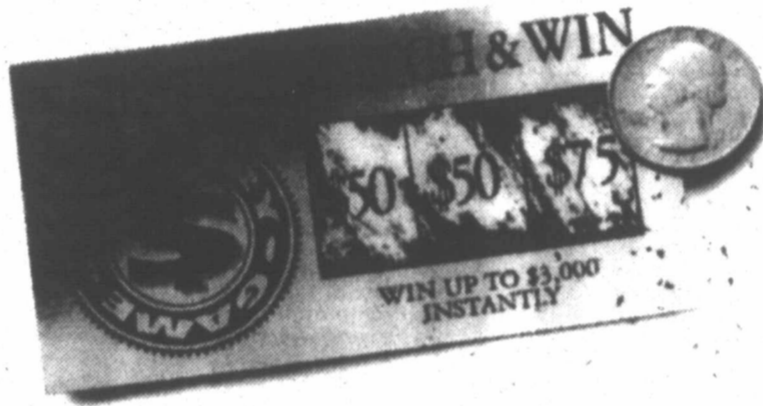
He was minister of music and youth for 15 years at various churches prior to becoming pastor in Nowata.

Delay has a bachelor's degree in religion from Oklahoma Baptist University in Shawnee, Okla., a bachelor's degree in music from Northeastern State University in Tahlequah, Okla. He also has a master's degree of divinity and a doctorate in ministry from Trinity Theological Seminary in Newburgh, Ind.

Delay is also a singer and songwriter. He also plays guitar, bass guitar, mandolin, all of the clarinets and the piano.

The public is invited to attend the morning and evening services, Ellis said. A nursery will be provided, and there will be special music at each service.

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1996 PROPERTY TAX RATES IN THE CITY OF PAMPA

This notice concerns 1996 property tax rates for the City of Pampa, Texas. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's effective tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

Last year's tax rate:	
Last year's operating taxes	\$ 1,640,321.65
Last year's debt taxes	\$ 701,891.39
Last year's total taxes	\$ 2,342,213.04
Last year's tax base	\$ 367,867,506.00
Last year's total tax rate	\$ 6.367/\$100

This year's effective tax rate:	
Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$ 2,332,362.72
This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$ 368,678,542.00
This year's effective tax rate	\$.6326/\$100
1.03 - maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and holds hearing	\$.65157/\$100

This year's rollback tax rate:	
Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for transferred function)	\$ 2,269,612.19
This year's adjusted tax base	\$ 368,678,542.00
This year's effective operating rate	\$.6135/\$100
1.08 - this year's maximum operating rate	\$.6648/\$100
This year's effective operating rate	\$.6187/\$100
This year's rollback tax rate	\$.8835/\$100

A hospital district that collects the additional sales tax to reduce property taxes, including that collects the tax for the first time this year, must insert the following lines:	
Sales tax adjustment rate	\$.1804/\$100
Rollback tax rate	\$.7031/\$100

Schedule A Unencumbered Fund Balances
The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

Type of Property Tax Fund	Balance
Maintenance & Operation	-0-
G.O Debt	-0-

Schedule B 1996 Debt Service
The unit plans to pay the following amounts for long-term debts that are secured by property taxes. These amounts will be paid from property tax revenues (or additional sales tax revenues, if applicable).

Description of Debt	Principal or Contract Payment to be paid from Property Taxes	Interest to be Paid from Property Taxes	Other Amounts to be paid	Total Payment
Series 1987 G.O.	\$ 95,000	\$ 7,220	-0-	\$102,220
Series 1992 G.O.	135,000	230,411	-0-	365,411
Series 1992 G.O.	175,000	84,023	-0-	259,023
Series 1995 G.O.	30,000	16,250	-0-	46,250
	\$435,000	\$337,904	-0-	\$772,904
Total required for 1996 debt service		\$ 772,905.02		
Amount (if any) paid from funds listed in Schedule A		-0-		
Excess collections last year		-0-		
Total to be paid from taxes in 1996		\$ 772,905.02		
Amount added in anticipation that the unit will collect only 95.7% of its taxes in 1996		\$ 34,728.22		
Total Debt Levy		\$ 807,633.24		

Schedule C Expected Revenue from Additional Sales Tax
(For hospital district, cities and counties with additional sales tax to reduce property taxes) In calculating its effective and rollback tax rates, the unit estimated that it will receive \$665,953.06 in additional sales and use tax revenues.

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates' calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at Gray County Appraisal District.
Name of person preparing this notice: U. Pat Bagley
Tax Assessor/Collector

Date prepared: July 31, 1996

1996 Property Tax Rates in Pampa I.S.D.

This notice concerns 1996 property tax rates for Pampa school district. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's effective tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes and state funds by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

Last year's tax rate:	
Last year's operating taxes	\$ 10,331,532.80
Last year's debt taxes	-0-
Last year's total taxes	\$ 10,331,532.80
Last year's tax base	\$ 241,361,791.00
Last year's total tax rate	\$ 4.28/\$100

This year's effective tax rate:	
Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$ 9,971,401.29
This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$ 207,617,064.00
This year's effective tax rate	\$ 4.8091/\$100
1.03 - maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and holds hearing	\$ 4.4513/\$100

This year's rollback tax rate:	
Last year's adjusted operating taxes	\$ 9,971,401.29
This year's tax base	\$ 207,617,064.00
This year's local maintenance and operating rate	\$ 4.8091/\$100
Student enrollment adjustment	-0-
This year's adjusted maintenance and operating rate	\$ 4.8091/\$100
.08 cents = this year's maximum operating rate	\$ 4.8891/\$100
This year's debt rate	-0-
Rate to recoup loss certified by commissioner of education	\$ -0-
This year's rollback rate	\$ 4.8891/\$100

Schedule A Unencumbered Fund Balances
The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

Type of Property Tax Fund	Balance
Maintenance & Operation	\$2,000,000

Schedule B 1996 Debt Service -0-

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Baby Sitter Steals Spotlight From Older Brother in Shadow

DEAR ABBY: I am the mother of a 3-year-old boy and a 2-month-old daughter. Like any proud parent, I love the chance to show off my children and the attention we receive in supermarkets, church, the mall, etc.

People constantly stop to comment on "that adorable baby." They ask her age, who she looks like, how much she weighed at birth... whatever is on their minds. I'm always happy to talk, but I dread it now because they ignore my son. Through the interviews, his little face is bright and interested, but his sweet face crumples when he realizes that, yet again, no one notices him. It breaks my heart to see him hurt like that.

Please remind your readers that children of all ages have feelings. He's so proud of being the big brother, and he would love to tell anyone about her — if only they would ask him. Even one question directed to him would make his day. It's hard for a child suddenly to go from being the only child to invisible when a baby is around.

Friends who stopped by with gifts for the baby were no different. They give him a pat on the head and say, "No, this is for your sister." I anticipated that and kept little gifts wrapped for him in case visitors forgot him, but it's not the same. Anything, even a balloon meant especially for him, would have made his day.

Older children don't need anything expensive; they just want to know they are remembered. A little



Abigail Van Buren

SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

gesture would mean the world and might prevent some deep-rooted sibling resentment.

OLDEST SIBLING, TOO

DEAR OLDEST SIBLING: Thank you for a wonderful letter. Most people don't mean to be unkind to the older children — they just forget that big brother or big sister still needs a little attention, too. Your letter should jog their memories, but please don't leave it up to strangers or acquaintances to include the older children. Take it upon yourself to include them in your conversations and encourage them to speak up. It will help them to develop social skills.

DEAR ABBY: Many a food server has lost a tip because of the following comments:

1. Do you guys want anything else?
2. Your hair sure is pretty.

Where do you have it done?

3. That's a beautiful blouse. Where did you buy it? How much was it?

This has happened to my husband and me in all types of restaurants. When we go out to dine, we do not care to carry on a personal conversation with the person who has been hired to serve us.

EX-WAITRESS

DEAR EX: This may have happened to you in "all types" of restaurants, but in first-class restaurants, food servers know better than to ask, "Do you guys want anything else?" Comments about the customer's grooming and wearing apparel are also inappropriate.

You could have given your server(s) a tip far more valuable than money if you had spoken up.

DEAR ABBY: I read with great amusement the letter from the "Sasebo Sailor" whose Filipino wife feared he had a "sweetheart in every port."

During my 29 years in the U.S. Coast Guard, my wife asked me that question only once — to which I responded, "No dear, I don't have a sweetheart in every port; I haven't been to every port."

We are still happily married and looking forward to our 40th wedding anniversary in three years. E.E. MORAN, CAPT., USCG (RET.), CHESAPEAKE, VA.



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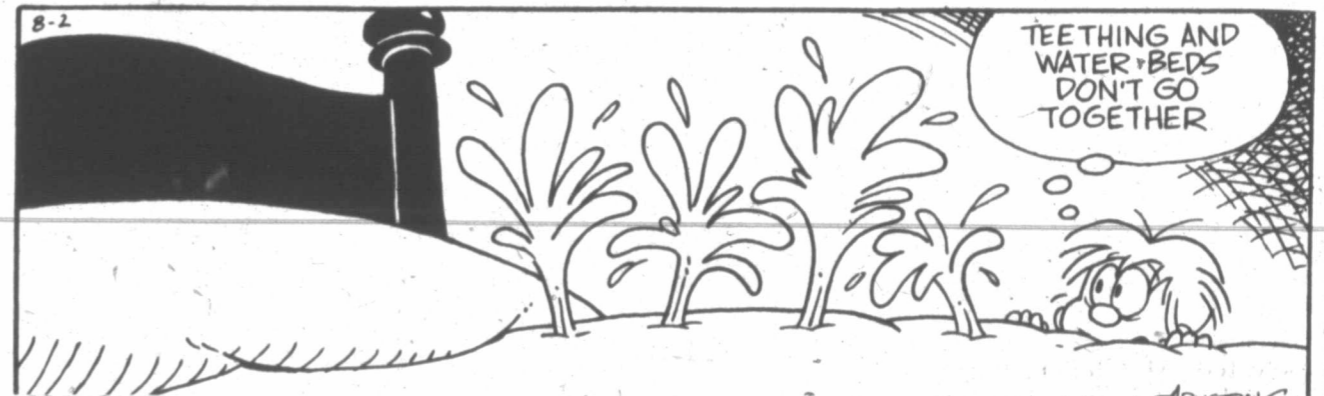
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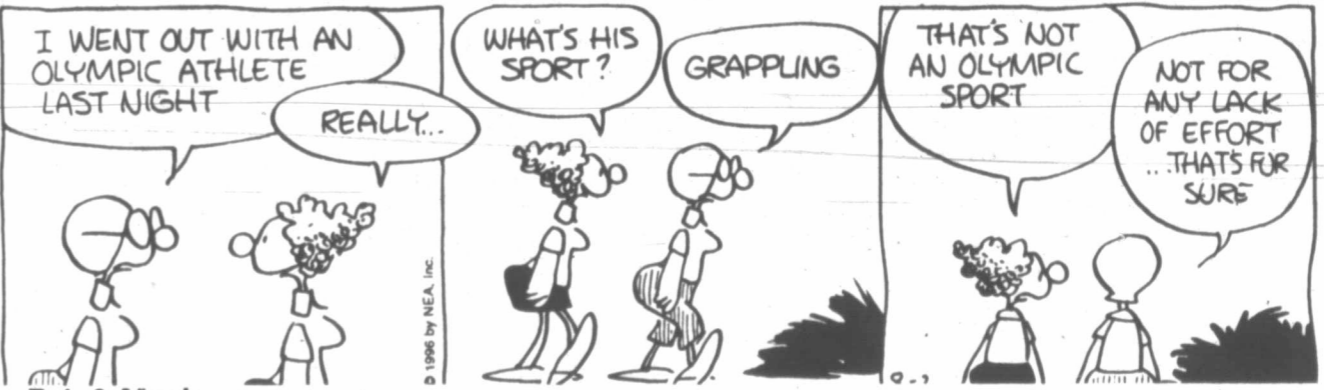
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Horoscope



Your Birthday

Sunday, August 4, 1996

The possibility of personal gain will be much higher this year than it was last year. If you manage your affairs prudently, your growth potential looks good.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) This can be a productive day for you, if you channel your time and energy on a specific target. Without a goal, you may end up just spinning your wheels. Leo, treat yourself to a birthday gift! Send for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing \$2 and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Make sure to state your zodiac sign.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) When associating with friends today, don't let a pal who has an ax to grind involve you in his or her petty concerns. Remain on amicable terms with everyone.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Even though you might be involved with someone who will be as industrious as you are today, you will still not complete what you start because of poor planning.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Companions will have greater respect for you today if you don't talk unfavorably about someone who is not present to defend himself.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Financial situations might prove ephemeral today. What you achieve today might fly out the window tomorrow.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Today, try to avoid friends who prefer to vegetate instead of getting involved. You will be happier with pals who make an effort to make things happen.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) You may be responsible for the doubts you experience regarding a career move. Things

should work out for you if you view the situation optimistically.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Trying to involve your friend in a business deal might not work out well today. Do not try to mix business with pleasure.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You may be reluctant to take the initiative in regard to a sensitive matter today, but you will not want to delegate this assignment to someone else.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Your sense of independence will be enhanced and strengthened today. If you have something important to do, schedule it for the afternoon.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Even when dealing with people you trust at work today, it will be wise to clarify the tasks each individual will be expected to complete.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Today you might be tempted to take the easy way out and renege on an agreement you made with a friend. You will like yourself more if you honor the commitment.

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FOOTBALL BOOSTERS

PAMPA — The Pampa High School Football Booster Club will meet Monday at 7 p.m. in the athletic office.

Plans will be made for the coming football season, organizers say.

BASEBALL

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Boston designated hitter Jose Canseco was put on the 15-day disabled list after undergoing surgery on a herniated disc in his back at the University of Massachusetts Medical Center in Worcester.

After hurting his back during batting practice Friday in Minnesota, Canseco returned to Boston. An MRI the next day showed a more serious disc problem than one found in May. Both he and the Red Sox said he is probably out for the season.

Canseco, batting .308 with 28 home runs and 77 RBIs in 85 games, said he felt pain during spring training but was trying to play through it. He has not played more than 120 games in a season since 1991.

CINCINNATI (AP) — Chris Sabo of the Cincinnati Reds began serving a seven-game suspension for using a corked bat in a game earlier this week.

Sabo, a part-time third baseman, was suspended by NL president Leonard Coleman, and the team was fined \$25,000. Sabo decided not to appeal and began serving the suspension with the Reds' game in Montreal.

NEW YORK (AP) — Outfielder Juan Gonzalez of the Texas Rangers was selected AL player of the month, and the Toronto Blue Jays' Pat Hentgen as pitcher of the month.

In 27 games during July, Gonzalez batted .407 with 15 home runs and 38 RBIs. Hentgen was 5-1 with two shutouts and a 2.72 ERA in 46 1-3 innings.

FOOTBALL

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — All-Pro cornerback Dale Carter, who wanted to play for Minnesota, agreed to a three-year contract with the Kansas City Chiefs just minutes before a dispute over terms was to go before a federal arbitrator.

Carter was a "transition player," giving the Chiefs the rights to match any offer. He signed a three-year deal with Minnesota, saying he wanted to play with his brother, wide receiver Jake Reed, and escape "the baggage" he'd acquired in Kansas City in several run-ins with the law. The Chiefs matched that offer.

Carter then filed a grievance with the Players Association after the Chiefs challenged some of its principal terms: the signing bonus, base salaries of \$400,000 in 1996, \$2 million in 1997 and \$3.5 million in 1998.

GOLF

GOTEBORG, Sweden (AP) — Thomas Bjorn, a Dane in his first year on the European Tour, and Spain's Santiago Luna shot 5-under-par 67s to share the first-round lead in the Scandinavian Masters.

One stroke behind were Paul Way, John Bickerton, Russell Claydon and Miguel Angel Martin.

John Daly appeared to finish at 69, but a spectator told officials he saw Daly brush sand in front of his ball on the ninth green. Daly admitted so and was penalized two strokes, leaving him four strokes back.

Finishing at 69 were Colin Montgomerie, Padraig Harrington, Martin Gates, Ian Woosnam and Lee Westwood.

By RICK WARNER
AP Sports Writer

ATLANTA (AP) — In 100 years, only one person had ever won the 200 and 400 meters at the same Olympics. Then Michael Johnson and Marie-Jose Percec did it within 15 minutes of each other.

It also was a golden night for Dan O'Brien, who became the first U.S. Olympic decathlon champion since Bruce Jenner in 1976, and for the U.S. women's soccer team, which beat China 2-1 for the sport's first Olympic title.

But it was a disappointing day for three American boxers who lost in the semifinals, for vanquished U.S. super heavyweight wrestler Bruce Baumgartner and for the U.S. baseball team, drubbed by Japan 11-2 in the semifinals.

Johnson shattered his own world record in the 200 Thursday night to become the first man to accomplish the golden Olympic double.

"The pressure has been unbelievable," said Johnson, whose bid for Olympic history had been a prime topic for months. "I can't even describe it, but I performed well under it."

Johnson blazed across the finish line in 19.32, cutting more than three-tenths of a second off the world record he set at the U.S. trials in June. In six weeks, he has cut almost a half-second off a world record that stood for 17 years.

Fifteen minutes earlier, France's Percec completed the same 200-400 double. She used a strong kick to beat Jamaica's Merlene Ottey in 22.12.

"To me it was quite clear to do it now or never," Percec said. "I was ready to die on the track today."

The only other woman to accomplish this Olympic double was American Valerie Brisco-Hooks, who had weaker oppo-

sition because of the Soviet-led boycott of the 1984 Los Angeles Games.

O'Brien wiped out memories of his failure to make the 1992 U.S. Olympic team with an emotional win in the decathlon. After crossing the finish line in the 1,500 meters — his last and least favorite event — he dropped to his knees and began to sob.

He finished with an Olympic-record 8,824 points.

"I felt strong enough to do whatever it took to win the gold," O'Brien said after earning the traditional title of world's greatest athlete.

The U.S. soccer team got goals from Shannon MacMillan and Tiffeny Milbrett to beat China for the soccer gold before a record 78,481 fans at Sanford Stadium in Athens.

"It's electrifying to play in front of everyone out here," said star striker Mia Hamm.

But the U.S. baseball team, entering its game with Japan on a slugging binge, fell victim to Japan's power hitting. The Japanese hit five homers, three off starter and top major league draft pick Kris Benson.

"We just ran into a brick wall," said U.S. second baseman Warren Morris.

United States faced Nicaragua for the bronze today. Japan will play Cuba, the defending Olympic champions, for the gold tonight.

U.S. boxers Rhoshii Wells, Terrance Cauthen and Nate Jones all lost in their semifinals.

Wells lost 17-8 to Ariel Hernandez of Cuba at 165 pounds, Cauthen was beaten 15-12 by Tontcho Tontchev of

Bulgaria at 132 pounds, and Jones was outscored 16-10 by Canadian David Defiagbon at 201 pounds.

Americans Floyd Mayweather Jr., David Reid and Antonio Tarver fight in semifinals tonight.

In the semis of women's basketball, it was the United States vs. Australia and Ukraine vs. Brazil.

Gold medals are to be handed out in the men's pole vault, women's long jump, men's platform diving and women's tennis, where American Lindsay Davenport was playing Arantxa Sanchez Vicario of Spain for the singles title.

The Dream Team moved to within one victory of its expected gold medal with a 101-73 win over Australia. Charles Barkley scored 24 points,

including 7-for-7 from the field, to set up a championship game against Yugoslavia on Saturday night.

Andre Agassi advanced to Saturday's gold medal match in men's tennis by beating Leander Paes 7-6 (7-5), 6-3 in a surprisingly tough test. Agassi will meet Spain's Sergi Bruguera for the title.

On the track, Carl Lewis may get a chance to win a record 10th Olympic medal. Leroy Burrell pulled out of the U.S. 400-meter relay team Thursday, giving Lewis a shot at joining the heavily favored squad.

U.S. Olympic officials said Burrell — Lewis' close friend and training partner — has an ailing heel. Although Lewis isn't one of the relay alternates, he could be selected as Burrell's replacement by U.S. men's track coach Erv Hunt.

The semifinals are tonight, with the final Saturday.

"We will do what's best for the team and the country," Hunt said.

Jackie Joyner-Kersey, the 1988 gold medalist who carried the U.S. flag in the opening ceremony, lost his second-round wrestling match to Russia's Andrei Shumilin. He could still win a bronze, but even that would be his worst result in four Olympics.

A fourth Russian athlete was disqualified for using bromantan, a stimulant that was recently added to the banned substance list. Sprinter Marina Trandekova, fifth-place finisher in the women's 100 meters, was the latest.



(Freedom News Service photo by Mark Reis)
Sprinter Michael Johnson of Dallas, Texas, celebrates as he crosses the finish line of the 200 meter race Thursday night in a world record time of 19.32 seconds.

Big names witness U.S. women's soccer's biggest, golden triumph

By ROBERT MILLWARD
AP Sports Writer

ATHENS, Ga. (AP) — The only goal for the United States women's soccer was to win the first Olympic gold medal, no matter who was watching.

The presidents of the International Olympic Committee, soccer's governing body FIFA and the United States federation were part of a record crowd on hand to watch America's 2-1 victory over China on Thursday night.

But Shannon MacMillan, who scored the team's first goal, said it wouldn't have mattered if they played the game in an empty park.

"We trained all year for this and we knew our dividend was going to come today," said MacMillan. "Not one person was going to let this team down. Everyone out there fought with their heart and soul."

The U.S. women were single-minded since losing the world title to Norway in 1995 and topped the Norwegians on the way to the historic medal. That the finals were held before a woman's record 76,481 fans only made it sweeter and proved the soccer team could draw headlines like track stars Michael Johnson and Dan O'Brien, also gold medal winners Thursday night.

"Just listen to the fans," striker Mia Hamm said after collecting her medal. "That's what it means. They're excited about the game. It's electrifying to play in front of everyone out here and everyone enjoying themselves — that's what it's all about."

"We all believed in each other, we all believed in this day. We are a very confident group but that also must be because of the talent."

The group received its medals from IOC president Juan Antonio Samaranch, who had FIFA's Joao Havelange and USSF's Alan Rothenberg by his side.

The team also went live on NBC to further lift their sport, which had little TV coverage during the games.

Now the United States looks forward to playing host to the 1999 women's World Cup and heading into that competition as the world's best.

MacMillan, from Escondido, Calif., whose overtime goal against Norway put the Americans in the final, continued the chase for glory by shooting the Americans ahead after 19 minutes.

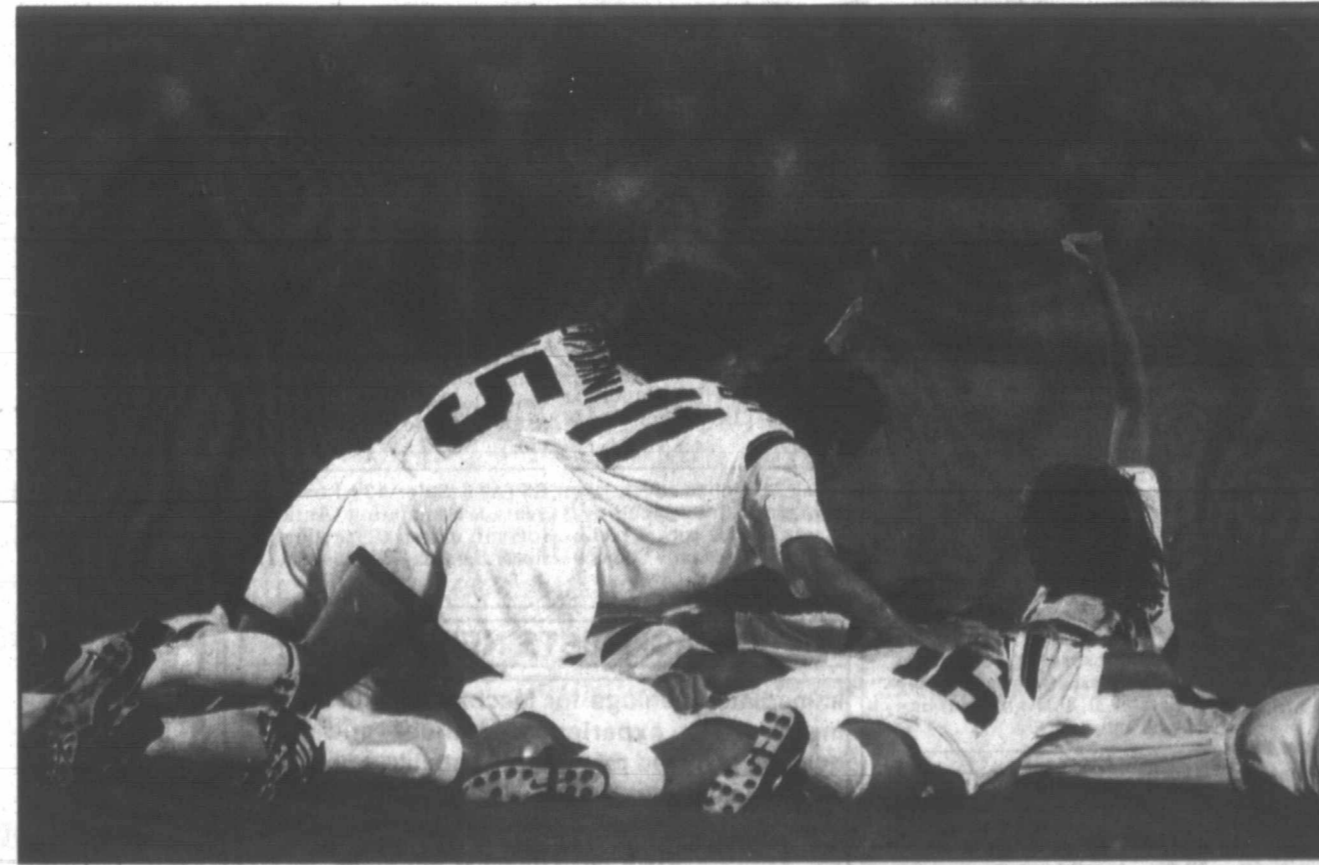
She fired home a rebound after Hamm's shot had been palmed onto the post by Chinese goalkeeper Gao Hong.

For a third of the game, the Chinese threatened to spoil the party. A lob over the top of the American defense found Sun Wen with only goalkeeper Briana Scurry to beat and the lobbed the equalizer on 32 minutes.

The Americans suddenly lost their way in midfield and the Chinese looked capable of silencing the fans with another goal.

But the U.S. team regained their poise for a memorable goal in the 62nd minute that turned out to be the winner.

Joy Fawcett left her defensive duties to make a move down the right, Hamm spotted her and put her clear of the Chinese defense.



(Freedom News Service photo by Michael Goulding)
Team USA players pile on midfielder Shannon MacMillan during the first half of Thursday's gold medal game against China after MacMillan scored the first goal of the game. The US went on to win, 2-1.

Dallas cop pleads guilty to plotting to kill Irvin

By STEFANI G. KOPENEC
Associated Press Writer

DALLAS (AP) — A former Dallas policeman accused of plotting to kill Cowboys receiver Michael Irvin entered a guilty plea today that will send him to prison.

Johnnie Hernandez was scheduled to stand trial starting Monday on a solicitation of capital murder charge and an unrelated bribery charge.

Rather than let jurors decide his fate, Hernandez struck a deal with prosecutors and entered the plea to both charges before state District Judge Jack Hampton.

Hampton approved the deal and sentenced Hernandez to two six-year prison terms, one for each charge, and two \$1,000 fines. The prison terms will run concurrently.

Hernandez, 28, is to begin serving the prison time on Monday. The former cop, dressed in a blue suit, appeared nervous and sullen during the proceedings and refused reporters questions afterward.

Defense attorney Frank Perez read a statement in which Hernandez apologized to his friends and family for contracting an undercover agent to kill Irvin, who pleaded no contest July 16 to a cocaine possession charge.

"My actions, which seem so wrong now, somehow seemed appropriate then," Hernandez said. "I have accepted responsibility for my actions. I can't help but wonder why Mr. Irvin hasn't done the same."

He could have received up to 99 years on the murder solicitation charge. With good behavior, he could be paroled after serving two years of the six-year term, officials say.

"Six years in prison, I think, is strong punishment for this type of crime," said prosecutor Toby Shook. "Looking at all the circumstances surrounding this case, we thought it was the right thing to do."

Irvin's attorney, Royce West, said prosecutors presented the plea bargain for the player's approval, and he agreed.

Michael wants to put all

this behind him," West said.

After his own plea bargain, Irvin was sentenced to four years' deferred probation and also received a five-game suspension from the National Football League.

Prosecutors said Hernandez paid an undercover Drug Enforcement Administration agent posing as a hitman \$2,960 on a contract to kill the Cowboys' star receiver.

The contract was reportedly in retaliation for threats against Hernandez's girlfriend, Rachele Smith, a friend of two topless dancers found with Irvin in a motel room during a March 4 drug bust.

Defense lawyers have said that Hernandez tried to back out of the alleged scheme, but that the undercover agent coerced him into agreeing to proceed.

Hernandez resigned from the Dallas police force immediately after his June 27 arrest, which came during jury selection for Irvin's drug trial. Irvin pleaded no contest two weeks ago to a cocaine possession charge.

Smith testified against Irvin shortly before his trial ended. She told the judge that Irvin had provided drugs for several sex parties and also testified that he threatened to harm her and Hernandez if she didn't change her grand jury testimony or if she cooperated with prosecutors.

"The threats toward Rachele scared her and me so badly that I lost my ability to see between right and wrong," Hernandez said in explaining his actions.

West said the football player threatened no one.

"The fact is that Hernandez, by putting out a hit on Michael Irvin, was doing it in order to cover up his misdeeds and the dark side of the activities he was involved in," West said.

The bribery charge against Hernandez came to light during the investigation into the alleged murder-for-hire plot. A police affidavit said Hernandez sold classified criminal records of an unidentified person to an undercover officer for \$300.

Congress rushes to finish major welfare, health bills

WASHINGTON (AP) — Congress is trying to pass legislation that would expand health insurance coverage for working Americans and replace the nation's welfare system before lawmakers leave town for the presidential nominating conventions.

After months of fighting over the details of a bill both parties claimed as their own, the House on Thursday voted 421-2 in favor of a compromise plan to guarantee workers access to health insurance when they change jobs, even if they have pre-existing medical conditions.

With time running out before the August recess begins at week's end, action on the bill quickly shifted to the Senate.

"We are not leaving here without passing health insurance reform," Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., said Thursday. Lott warned of possible sessions through the weekend before the August recess begins.

Still on the congressional plate besides health care and the welfare overhaul were 1997 spending bills; bills to raise the minimum wage and provide tax breaks for small businesses; legislation to strengthen anti-terrorism provisions; and a measure that would help ensure safe drinking water.

The health care bill passed easily in the House in March, and in the Senate in April. But efforts to find common ground between the two versions had been mired over the House's insistence on including medical savings accounts — programs in which individuals can set aside money for

medical expenses in tax-deferred accounts.

Republicans said the final product was a victory for their free-market approach to health care over President Clinton's failed attempt at universal coverage in 1994.

"This is the health bill that American people have wanted for years, and we did it without a government takeover of the health care delivery system of this country," said House Ways and Means Committee Bill Archer, R-Texas.

Democrats backed the bill as a small but helpful step, while complaining it left millions of Americans without insurance and was stripped of language that would have extended protections to mental health.

"The elephants mated and begat a mouse," said Rep. Pete Stark, D-Calif., who, along with Rep. Pat Williams, D-Mont., voted against the bill. "It could have been a great bill, but, in effect, it snatched mediocrity from the jaws of greatness," Stark said.

The legislation, which the administration supports, also would increase tax deductibility for the self-employed who purchase health insurance, and offer tax breaks for long-term care insurance premiums. The terminally ill would be allowed to tap into their life insurance policies.

Minutes after the House voted on health insurance, the Senate voted 78-21 to send to the president a bill that effectively ends six decades of federal welfare guarantees to the poor, requiring recipients to work, turning over the management of welfare programs

to the states and setting a five-year lifetime limit for receiving benefits.

"A world spinning out of control ... will return to order, not through the power of Washington but through the power of personal responsibility and work opportunity," said Senate Finance Committee Chairman William Roth, R-Del.

Clinton, after agonizing over portions of the bill — including cuts in food stamp programs and a ban on benefits to most legal immigrants — announced Wednesday he would sign it.

That decision was harshly criticized by some Senate Democrats who warned that the bill would force up to 1 million children into poverty.

The measure endangers children "with absolutely no evidence that this radical idea has even the slightest chance of success," said Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan, D-N.Y.

The health insurance bill was co-authored by Sens. Nancy Kassebaum, R-Kan., and Edward Kennedy, D-Mass. It was Kennedy who held it up for months over the issue of medical savings accounts, which individuals could use for health care costs, including the premiums for insurance coverage against catastrophic illness or injury.

Opponents argued that healthy young people would leave traditional programs for the savings accounts, driving up costs for other participants. The final compromise permits as many as 750,000 policies to be written in a four-year experimental program.

Student named U.S. academy award-winner in mathematics

LEFORS — Linda Schwab, Lefors High School student, has been named a member of the United States Achievement Academy in mathematics.

Schwab will appear in the U.S. Achievement Academy Official Collegiate Yearbook, which is published nationally.

"Recognizing and supporting our youth is more important than ever before in America's history," said Dr. George Stevens, academy executive director. "Certainly, United States Achievement Academy winners should be congratulated and appreciated for their dedication to excellence and achievement."

Schwab is the daughter of Robert and Mary Schwab. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Warren Hasse of Pampa and Mrs. Robert Schwab of Amarillo.

The academy selects USAA winners upon the exclusive recommendation of teachers, coaches, counselors and other qualified sponsors and upon the standards of selection set forth by the academy. Less than 10 percent of all American high school students are recognized with the academy honor.



Linda Schwab

Criteria for selection are a student's academic performance, interest and aptitude, leadership qualities, responsibility, enthusiasm, motivation to learn and improve, citizenship, attitude and cooperative spirit, dependability and recommendation from a teacher or director.

Ford Motor Company ordered to pay ten million to plaintiffs for what judge terms 'wrongful and abusive conduct'

DALLAS (AP) — Ford Motor Co. has been ordered to pay \$10 million to the plaintiffs involved in a lawsuit against the automaker for what the judge called "wrongful and abusive conduct" during pretrial proceedings.

The family and survivors of Heather Cohen of Dallas, who died in a 1991 accident involving a Ford Probe, sued the Dearborn, Mich., company, alleging "catastrophic failure" of her car's brakes.

Ford then sued the parents, who were not involved in the accident, and Cohen's daughter "seeking to get money back from them for damages they

would receive from the accident," explained Joel Fineberg, an attorney representing the plaintiffs.

During a two-day hearing that ended Monday, plaintiffs' attorneys complained that Ford had allowed its attorneys to obtain documents improperly during discovery. Ford obtained a State Farm insurance file on Ms. Cohen and a report prepared for the insurer by an engineering company that inspected the 1989 black Ford Probe after the accident.

The attorneys also argued the company improperly obtained a restraining order and violated

other rules of discovery, among other complaints.

State District Judge Candace Tyson in Dallas agreed in a preliminary ruling, to be signed Monday, to the plaintiffs' claims. She called for \$10 million in sanctions "to correct the harm and outrageous conduct committed by Ford Motor Company."

She also objected to the company's countersuit. "In the Court's tenure on the Bench, the Court has never been so offended by the wrongful and abusive conduct of a party," the judge wrote.

Plaintiffs' attorney Frank Branson said they sought \$2 mil-

lion, but were pleased with the \$10 million decision.

"There had been a pattern of abuse with Ford," Branson said. "We felt \$2 million was not going to dent their pocketbook but was enough to punish the wrongful conduct and stop others from engaging in the same practice. The judge felt \$10 million was more appropriate."

A spokesman for the automaker expressed surprise that the judge found the company obtained the documents through improper means.

"Those documents proved conclusively that there was no brake failure," said Ford spokesman

Jon Harmon. "State Farm's report showing that the brakes were not defective was not a part of discovery. It was an important part of our investigation."

"This is another example of the judicial system gone awry," Harmon said. "Ford is sure that the appellate court will realize the absurdity of (the sanctions) and reverse it."

The order gives Ford 10 days to pay or be held in contempt.

Cohen was killed Nov. 30, 1991, when her car hit a stopped 18-wheel truck. Her sister, Andrea Archer, and Cohen's then 3-year-old daughter, Alyssa Tiner, suffered minor injuries.

The top of the Probe was "sheared off," according to the accident report. The group was on its way to Dallas after spending Thanksgiving weekend in Lubbock, attorneys said.

Nation briefs

Police say mother tried to drown self, sons

DETROIT (AP) — A 5-year-old boy managed to get away from his mother who police said tried to drown him, his 6-year-old brother and herself in the Detroit River.

The boy walked into a police station Thursday and told officers "his mother was trying to pull him into the water," police Officer Otis Milhouse said.

Police saved the mother. The 6-year-old boy died. "She decided to kill herself and take the kids with her," a Detroit police officer, who asked not to be named, told the Detroit Free Press.

The 6-year-old boy was found dead on the shore of Belle Isle, an island park in the river. The 35-year-old woman was pulled to shore and was in critical condition today.

Andrew Miller, the event's executive director, said people like to meet other twins and compare notes on their experiences. Twins from as far away as Greece and Romania have already arrived for the three-day festival, he said.

Mother turns in preteen suspected of rape, murder

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A 12-year-old boy suspected of raping a 13-year-old girl and killing a grandmother as she returned from church was turned into police by his mother.

Davon Murdock was in custody today at a juvenile facility. His mother surrendered her son Thursday after Police Chief Willie Williams took the unusual step of identifying the

boy at a news conference, saying he was armed and dangerous.

Police had received permission from a Juvenile Court judge to release the name of the child, who weighs about 70 pounds and is not even 5 feet tall.

The boy is suspected of participating in the gang rape of a 13-year-old girl, and the fatal shooting of 82-year-old Viola McClain last week. He has not been charged.

Lost Mitchell work shows up at school library

ATLANTA (AP) — Scarlett O'Hara, look out. Here comes Lady Godiva.

The only known copy of Margaret Mitchell's 1926 comedy *Oh! Lady Godiva!* has turned up at

a University of Southern California library, long after Atlanta historians had presumed it lost or destroyed.

HOW DO YOU RATE?

TOMA

City prepares for annual Twins Days Festival

TWINSBURG, Ohio (AP) — Bison don't roam the streets of Buffalo, N.Y., and tiny stones don't cover Little Rock, Ark. But beginning today, you'll find many sets of — you guessed it — twins in Twinsburg.

About 3,000 sets of twins from around the world are expected to descend on this city 30 miles southeast of Cleveland to celebrate the annual Twins Day Festival, which began in 1975. About 2,800 pairs attended last year.

Grand jury declines to indict police officer

DALLAS (AP) — A former Dallas police officer fired after he was videotaped apparently beating a wounded and handcuffed kidnapping suspect wants his job back now that a grand jury has decided he won't face criminal charges.

"We have begun that process," defense attorney Phil Burleson Jr. said Thursday after the Dallas County panel declined to indict his client, Steven O'Brien.

Grand jurors apparently believed O'Brien, 34, was justified in the force he used June 20 to subdue kidnapping suspect Roy R. Trujillo, 21.

In video captured by a television news crew in a helicopter, O'Brien appears to be kicking and striking Trujillo, who had already been shot in the leg and was handcuffed.

Dallas Police Chief Ben Click last month fired O'Brien, a youth crimes detective, citing excessive use of force.

A Dallas police spokesman refused comment on the O'Brien case Thursday.

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1996 Property Tax Rates in Grandview-Hopkins I.S.D.

This notice concerns 1996 property tax rates for Grandview-Hopkins school district. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's effective tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes and state funds by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

Last year's tax rate:	
Last year's operating taxes	\$ 876,843.58
Last year's debt taxes	0
Last year's total taxes	\$ 876,843.58
Last year's tax base	\$ 67,644,151.00
Last year's total tax rate	\$ 1.30/\$100
This year's effective tax rate:	
Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$ 870,263.43
This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$ 64,363,736.00
This year's effective tax rate	\$ 1.3521/\$100
x 1.03 - maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and holds hearing	\$ 1.3926/\$100
This year's rollback tax rate:	
Last year's adjusted operating taxes	\$ 870,263.43
This year's tax base	\$ 64,363,736.00
This year's local maintenance and operating rate	\$ 1.3521/\$100
x Student enrollment adjustment	1.16
This year's adjusted maintenance and operating rate	\$ 1.5684/\$100
+ .08 cents = this year's maximum operating rate	\$ 1.6484/\$100
+ This year's debt rate	\$ 0 / \$100
+ Rate to recoup loss certified by commissioner of education	\$ 0 / \$100
This year's rollback rate	\$ 1.6484/\$100
Schedule A Unencumbered Fund Balances	
The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.	
Type of Property Tax Fund	Balance
Maintenance & Operation	\$578,500.00
Schedule B 1996 Debt Service — 0 —	
This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates' calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at Gray County Appraisal District Offices.	
Name of person preparing this notice:	U. Pat Bagley Chief Appraiser
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