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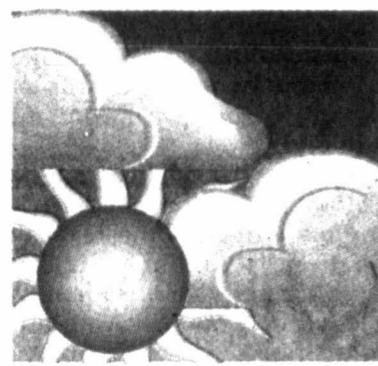
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PAMPA — A local man injured in a Monday morning accident is in satisfactory condition today at Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

Cody Moore has been moved from the intensive care unit to the hospital floor, according to a hospital spokesperson.

Moore was taken to NWTX by emergency hospital Monday following a collision with a Halliburton pumper truck driven by Jimmy Charles Johnson.

Department of Public Safety Trooper Lynn Holland said Monday Johnson was attempting a U-turn from an east-bound lane of Highway 60 sometime after 8 a.m. Monday.

Moore, who was also traveling east, struck the truck.

Citations are pending, according to a DPS spokesperson.

PAMPA — The Pampa Independent School District Board of Education will meet in regular session Thursday at 6 p.m. at Carver Center.

Items on the agenda include consideration of the following: the 1996-97 budget, 1996 tax rate, life insurance coverage, health insurance plan premium, tuition rate, campus fund raisers, Title I waiver, extra-curricular activity list, board policies and food bids.

Statewide and regional accountability results and school board training requirements will be discussed in administrative reports.

Meetings are open to the public.

PAMPA — Gray County Democratic Club will kick off their fall season tonight with an ice cream supper and a number of stumping speeches.

The meeting begins at 7 p.m. in the Lovett Memorial Library Auditorium.

Speakers include Pampa Independent School District board members who will speak on the upcoming bond election. Also scheduled are Democratic grassroots coordinator Andy Brown, District Chairman Judge George Dowlen and Alex Stanton, U.S. Senate candidate Victor Morales' field director.

PAMPA — The Local Emergency Planning Committee will meet in regular session Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. in the M.K. Brown Auditorium Heritage Room.

Items on the agenda include a siren project update, an LEPC grant, the LEPC annual conference and training committee report.

Community Services Director Bill Hildebrand will brief the committee on a planned tire storage facility.

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GOP to target Clinton in convention speeches

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Republicans will target President Clinton's record on taxes, the economy, crime and drugs at tonight's convention session. Keynote speaker Susan Molinari will extend a hand to women voters alienated by the GOP's positions on issues dear to them.

Going into Day Two, Republican Chairman Haley Barbour said the attacks on Clinton "may get loud, it may even get a little hot."

Molinari, 38, who supports abortion rights, said today she won't speak on that divisive issue. Instead, she will direct her remarks both to women and "our generation, a generation that's been able to derive all the benefits of our parents' and our grandparents' hard work and belief in the American system...."

"As a Republican female, I have a gender gap as an elected official. My polls always reveal that. And part of the problem is not so much our message as the way we communicate our message," she said on NBC's *Today* show.

"I don't think my speech has any lines that you're going to remember," said Molinari, a New York congresswoman. "The one thing I want people to remember and take away from this speech is that Bob Dole is everything that we need for this country to take us into the next century."

During Monday's opening

night session, retired four-star Gen. Colin Powell declared Dole was the candidate "most qualified by virtue of his beliefs, competence and character to become the next president of the United States of America." Yet Powell refrained from attacking Clinton, under whom he served as chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Former President Bush also raised the character issue in deriding Clinton, who drove him from the Oval Office. "It breaks my heart when the White House is demeaned, the presidency itself diminished," Bush said to the delegates' delight.

Dole watched the proceedings from his hotel room. "It was a great night," he said afterward. "We're off to a great start." He planned just one public event today, a breakfast with disabled athletes.

Tonight, to draw a contrast between Clinton and Dole, the convention presents prime-time videos of Main Street Americans discussing their problems with health care, welfare, education, drugs, crime and the economy.

With Clinton ahead in the polls and the economy growing, a parade of governors, senators and congressmen will try to make the case that the president has done a poor job and that Dole and Jack Kemp offer better solutions.

Opening night speakers lambasted Clinton as a flip-flopping leader who slowed the economy with tax hikes and turned to conservative themes only as the election neared.

Despite the convention's air of excitement, there were no spontaneous demonstrations, no dancing in the aisles. Many delegates found the speakers hard to hear and the podium impossible to see in the elongated San Diego Convention Center. The tightly scripted schedule left little room for distractions.

Molinari on Monday played down disputes over abortion — despite the catcalls when Powell asserted his belief in affirmative action and the right to abortion. In this morning's interview, Molinari commented that "obviously I don't agree with a lot of what's in this platform. But this platform is a working document. ... It's not even representative of all the delegates that are here in San Diego, and it's certainly not 100 percent representative of what Bob Dole and Jack Kemp stand for."

Convention speakers tried to strike a more moderate tone than the hard edge of their meeting in Houston in 1992. Molinari said Houston "left a lot of bad feelings amongst women in this country. I hope the women out there are listening and I hope they watch Bob Dole."

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Lack of quorum delays Lefors meeting

By CHIP CHANDLER
Staff Writer

Final approval of a contract for winners of the planned land giveaway in Lefors was delayed Monday night as the city council failed to reach a quorum.

Council members plan to meet again Tuesday, Aug. 20, to consider a fairly lengthy agenda.

Mayor Bob Jones expressed a desire to "conduct as much business as possible without it being illegal," but other council members told him no business could be done without a quorum.

However, the council did listen to former councilman and mayor Ben White's advice on getting needed work in the town done.

White said he and the council he was a member of were "elected for our brawn."

"If we got in a little trouble, we'd call out all the council to clear out a sewer line at two in the morning. ... The council can help a lot by doing some work. When we did that, we had a lot of people come and help out. All you have to do is ask. I know the people of this town would help," White said.

Also Monday night, Jones asked the council to consider issuing \$150,000 in letters of indebtedness to fix the town's streets and buy a trash truck. Jones said the council might have to raise taxes to accomplish that as well.

In addition to the items listed on the agenda for Monday's

planned meeting, the council will have to consider the resignation of council member J.C. "Curley" Callaway.

Callaway said today he was resigning for health reasons.

Kenneth Purvis, who received the third highest number of votes in the May city election, was at Monday's meeting. Jones said he would be appointed at the next meeting, and in fact asked if the council could do that Monday night.

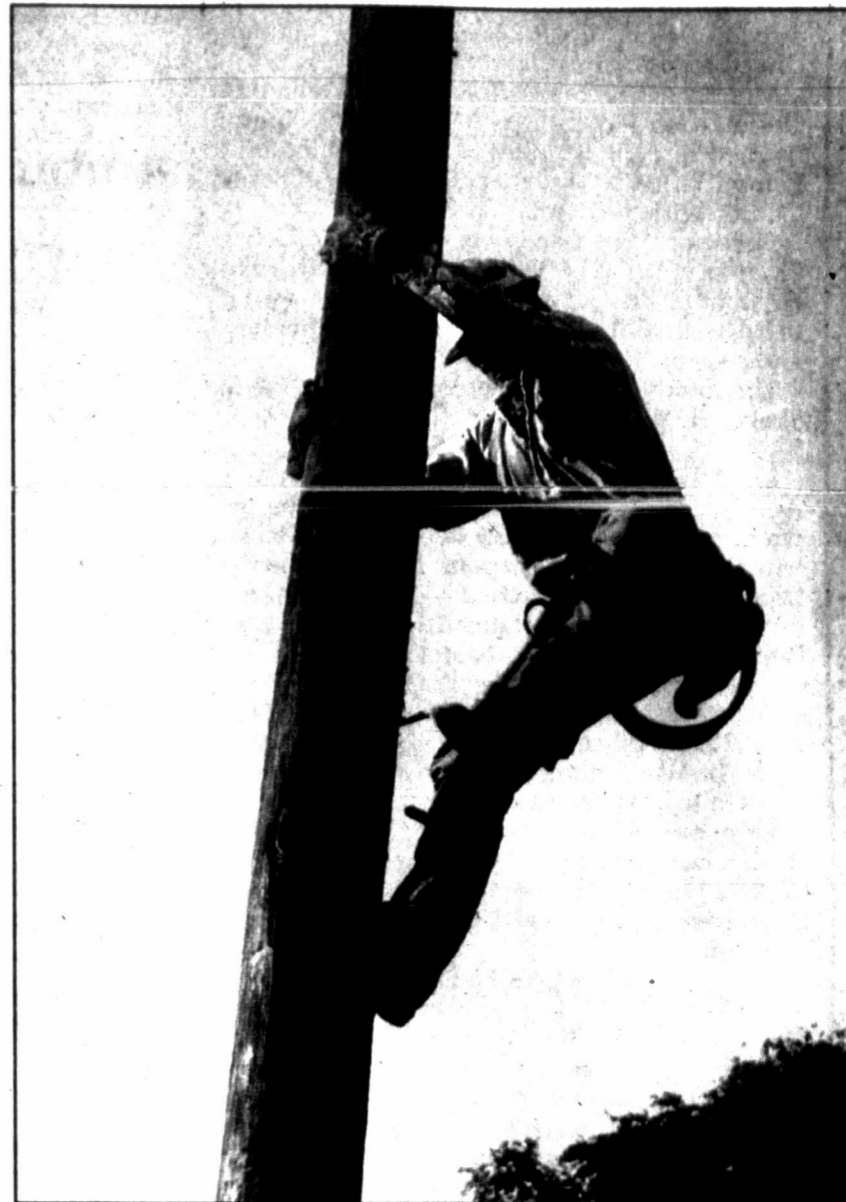
He was told, though, a quorum would be necessary for that as well.

Council members not at the meeting included Callaway, Danny Gilbert and Benny Watson. Councilmen said at the meeting Gilbert had to work and Watson was attending a class.

Heading to the creek



Taking advantage of one of the last few days before school starts next Monday, these boys are on their way to play in Red Deer Creek this morning in the park behind M.K. Brown Swimming Pool. From left are Brandon Dencklau and Willie Hathaway, sixth graders, and Joseph Johnson carrying Victor Hathaway, 3, on his back. All the boys said they were anxious for school to start, and Brandon and Willie were planning to sign up for football today.



(Pampa News photo by Darlene Holmes)
Rick Urquhart practices climbing a utility pole this morning at the Southwestern Public Service service center in east Pampa in preparation for Saturday's SPS Lineman's Rodeo in Lubbock.

Pampa SPS employees to compete in Lineman's Rodeo event in Lubbock

LUBBOCK — Climbing a pole to "rescue" a mannequin is more than a show of skill for electric utility linemen — it's a demonstration of preparedness for times when a fellow worker's life may be at stake.

That's what the competitive events at Southwestern Public Service Company's annual Lineman's Rodeo are all about — being prepared to safely complete any task atop a utility pole. Twenty-three three-man teams plus 48 individual apprentices from Texas, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Colorado will compete in SPS' sixth annual event, beginning at 8 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 17, at Lubbock.

The action will take place at the "rodeo grounds" at the intersection of the Clovis Highway and Indiana Street. The public is invited to watch any or all of the competition. Admission is free.

Pampa SPS employees competing in the individual apprentice competition are Todd Harrison, Eugene Daniels and Rick Urquhart.

The rodeo pits teams of linemen and individual apprentices against each other in events mimicking both routine and extraordinary tasks and duties. The top regional teams and individuals will advance to the newly international competition in Kansas City, Mo., Sept. 28.

"The Lineman's Rodeo is basically about safety," said Don Taylor, SPS training coordinator, technical programs and event coordinator. "The competition allows the linemen to demonstrate their safety skills and have fun doing it."

Sixteen of the teams and 42

apprentices are from SPS; others are from regional electric utilities and rural cooperatives. Guests at the rodeo are from Public Service Company of New Mexico, Public Service Co. of Colorado, Tri-State Electric Cooperative of Hooker, Okla., and Roosevelt County Electric Cooperative and Farmers Electric Cooperative of New Mexico.

The teams will compete in six events including "pole climb with raw egg," "hurt man rescue" and "rope splice." Apprentices will compete as individuals in five events: "Pole climb with raw egg," "hurt man rescue," "stringing a set of slack blocks," a written test and a mystery event.

In pole climbing, linemen ascend a pole with an uncoiled egg carried in a "nutbag," a small canvas container. At the top, the lineman removes a nutbag already in place, places the egg in his mouth and hangs the nutbag he carried to the top. Then, with the egg still in his mouth, the lineman climbs down the pole.

Hurt man rescue requires retrieving a limp mannequin from atop a pole and bringing it safely to the ground.

Rope splicing involves three team members crafting a two-eyed splice, an event judged on qualities such as appearance and tightness of the splice. The slack competition, an individual event for apprentices, involves rigging together two pulleys without crossing the ropes between the two blocks.

Each event will be worth 100 points, and competitors will have points deducted for safety violations, misuse of tools or incorrect work procedures.

Rains don't help aquifer much

AUSTIN (AP) — Heavy rains that fell on Austin over the weekend made no difference in the steady dropping of water levels in the Barton Springs portion of the Edwards Aquifer, officials report.

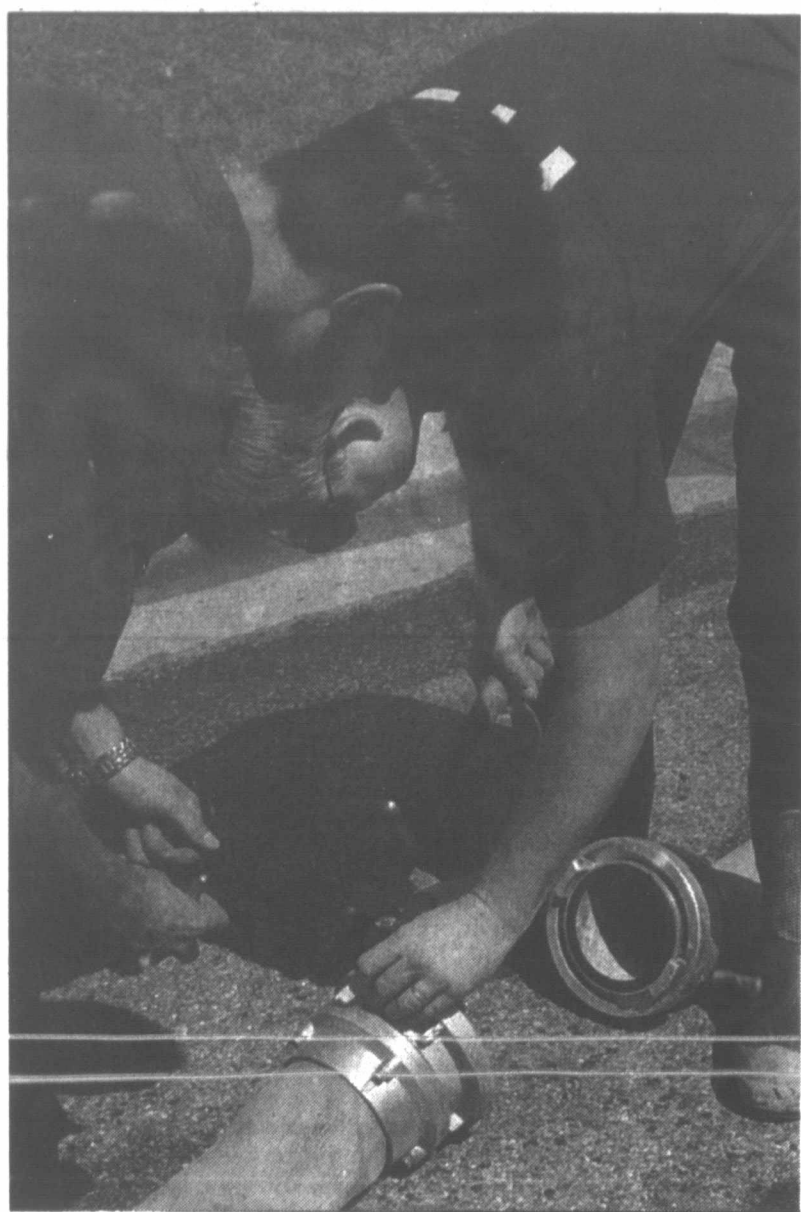
"Our sampling shows we are still very much in the grips of a severe drought," said Sue Johnson, president of the Barton

Springs-Edwards Aquifer Conservation District.

The aquifer, a huge underground river in Central Texas, is the sole source of drinking water for San Antonio.

Bill Couch, general manager for the conservation district, said Tuesday that monitor wells checked after the storms "didn't show a blip from the rain. It all soaked in."

Firefighters at work



(Pampa news photo by Chip Chandler)

Firefighters Doug Pritchett and Jonathan Polk mark hose couplings with numbers following testing of the five-inch hoses Monday afternoon at M.K. Brown Auditorium.

Judge requests water users reduce landscape irrigation

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A federal judge has asked water users across the Edwards Aquifer region to voluntarily limit landscape watering to hand-held hoses and buckets in an effort to cut water usage.

Senior U.S. District Judge Lucius D. Bunton III faxed the plan Monday night to attorneys for major water pumpers named in an Endangered Species Act lawsuit filed by the Sierra Club.

Most of the water reduction would come from the San Antonio, the largest user of aquifer water.

Reid Meyers, president of the San Antonio Golf Association, said the plan could put the city's 30 courses out of business, costing thousands of jobs.

Water resources experts Joe Moore and Todd Votteler submitted the plan last weekend to Bunton, who has set a Monday deadline for comments that could result in revisions.

When Bunton appointed Moore and Votteler to draw up the plan two weeks ago, he said emergency action is needed to restrict pumping from the

aquifer in an effort to maintain flow from springs that sustain five federally protected species and downstream users on the Guadalupe River.

Bunton said at a hearing Aug. 1 that he hopes cities will adopt the plan voluntarily; but that if they don't or if goals aren't met, he could take further steps.

The plan calls for maximum pumping of 1.2 times average winter usage for cities and water sellers but exempts industrial, commercial and military pumpers except for their discretionary use such as for landscape watering.

Golf courses are specifically named as discretionary rather than commercial users.

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Buyoya condemned for coup, praised for politics, yet many suspicious of self-styled military leader

BUJUMBURA, Burundi (AP) — Even many of those who condemn Pierre Buyoya for seizing control of Burundi in his second military coup find reason to praise him. At the same time, many of those full of praise for the Tutsi army major find reason to be suspicious.

"Certainly at first sight, he's done a good job," said Filip Reyntjens, a Belgian professor and authority on Burundi.

"The problem is: Is he really what we think he is? He could be an excellent actor as well."

Buyoya, 46, has said the bloodless coup that ousted Burundi's Hutu president on July 25 was a necessary step in ending the spasms of ethnic violence that have claimed at least 150,000 lives since 1993.

While acknowledging Buyoya may have come to power in the wrong way, some say he may be the right person to lead Burundi to a peaceful future.

They say throughout Buyoya's military and political career, he has sought reconciliation between the Hutus, who are 85 percent of Burundi's population, and the Tutsis, who make up 14 percent but historically have controlled the military, and therefore the country.

Buyoya (pronounced boo-YO-yah) first came

to international attention when he and a small group of officers ousted Jean-Baptiste Bagaza in a Sept. 3, 1987, bloodless coup. Buyoya immediately launched a program to create greater political equality between Hutus and Tutsis.

In 1993, he organized Burundi's first free and fair election since its independence from Belgium in 1962 — and lost.

The victor, Melchior Ndadaye, the nation's first Hutu president, was assassinated four months later by Tutsi paratroopers in a failed coup. And some human rights groups believe Buyoya was involved.

"The Buyoya regime is a great show," Emmanuel Mpayokurera, a Hutu member of the disbanded National Assembly, said last week. "It's another Tutsi military regime serving Tutsi interests."

Buyoya has said that as a Tutsi, he can control the country's 20,000 soldiers. But many remain unconvinced.

Reports of violence have continued. Villagers in central Burundi's Gitega province said Tutsi soldiers slaughtered about 1,000 Hutus just two days after the coup. The army denies the claim.

Critics also recall that in 1988, under Buyoya's previous leadership, the army

killed 15,000 Hutus, mostly civilians.

Some of Buyoya's admirers worry they may have been duped by his intelligence, slick diplomacy, powers of persuasion and cosmopolitan demeanor.

Washington, however, insists that Buyoya is one of the few leaders in Burundi who has consistently advocated ending the bloodshed between Tutsis and Hutus.

Hank Cohen, U.S. assistant secretary for African affairs until 1993, praised Buyoya for his lack of "ethnic arrogance."

"I think he understands that the only way he can have peace in Burundi is to bring the Hutus in and give them some share of power,"

The outside world and most Hutus inside Burundi continue to support the deposed Hutu president, Sylvestre Ntibantunganya, who has sought refuge in the U.S. Embassy residence since July 23.

Buyoya has met privately with Ntibantunganya to discuss a compromise. He also has moved to re-establish the National Assembly after disbanding it, and invited Hutus to join. He has met with diplomats based in Burundi, and local business, religious and student leaders.

State briefs

Family settles lawsuit over flying snake

HOUSTON (AP) — It didn't impress a Houston family when they learned that the six-foot-long python in the gym bag of an airline passenger in the seat in front of them was one of a kind.

The family has now settled the lawsuit they filed against Continental Airlines because their five-year-old daughter was "terrorized" by the snake a female passenger was carrying to a New York conference.

Timothy Taylor said the female passenger said her therapist suggested she carry the snake around for therapy after she was the victim of sexual harassment.

Taylor said the woman told her she was taking the snake to a conference to show it off "as the one and only snake that is an assisted animal in the United States."

The term "assisted animals" is applied to seeing-eye dogs and other animals that help handicapped humans. They are permitted under certain circumstances on most public carriers.

It was unclear whether the woman was authorized to carry the snake aboard or if she smuggled it on the plane in her carry-on gym bag.

Dismissal of the lawsuit is pending before District Judge Lamar McCorkle. Terms of the settlement were not disclosed.

Convicted kidnapper believes he will be killed in prison

MADISON, Wis. (AP) — A 38-year-old man convicted of holding a 13-year-old Wisconsin girl in a Texas motel to fulfill his sexual fantasies says he will be killed in prison.

"Hopefully, they'll murder me right away," Steven Oliver told the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel in a jailhouse interview published Monday. "Can you imagine going to prison for the rest of your life?"

Oliver is scheduled for sentencing Sept. 4 in U.S. District Court in Madison. He faces life in prison.

Oliver told the paper he loved the girl as he would his own child and is being taunted by prisoners as a "baby raper."

"Would you touch your own daughter sexually?" said Oliver. "Of course not."

At trial the girl testified Oliver assaulted her or had sexual contact with her nearly every day of the 103 days she was held captive at a motel in Houston.

Oliver, who did not testify, claims the girl was a runaway, not a kidnapping victim, and that he helped her escape an abusive family when she went missing Sept. 16.

Oregon sex offenders to be moved out of private prison

HOUSTON (AP) — About one-third of its 244 Oregon sex offenders will be removed from a private prison in north Houston before the end of the week, the facility's warden says.

Warden Pam Fugazzi said Monday that all of the inmates will be moved in about two weeks.

The removal follows strong complaints by Houston city officials and Harris County officials when they learned following an escape that the out-of-state sex offenders were being held at the private prison.

It is against state policy to house out-of-state prisoners considered dangerous.

A car used by two Oregon inmates who escaped from the prison last week was found near Eagle Lake, where another car was reported stolen, officials said.

Until the escape was reported last Wednesday local officials said they didn't realize that the Corrections Corporation of America Inc. facility was being used to house violent offenders.

The facility opened in 1990 under a federal government contract to house immigration detainees.

CCA officials said when beds at the facility became available earlier this year, inmates from Oregon's overflowing prison system were brought in. All were sex offenders.

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Opinion

Clinton milks opportunity

It was, to be sure, a blatant piece of election year exploitation of some of the most pervasive fears Americans feel. There was President Clinton at a White House ceremony recently, celebrating the donation from the Cellular Telecommunications Industry Association of 50,000 cell phones and air time to about 20,000 crime-watch or neighborhood-watch programs across the country. The phones will be programmed to call police or other authorities when community crime-stoppers see a crime in progress or need help.

Almost despite himself, however, the president furnished what could be viewed as a responsible role for a president in fighting crime — using the White House to showcase a private-sector effort aimed at local crime fighting, instead of signing a bill to spend federal tax dollars on misguided anti-crime programs designed in Washington, D.C.

The cell phones will be furnished and paid for by a private industry group, not by taxpayers. They will go to the kind of local, civic-minded organizations that have arisen recently as people have discovered that conventional policing can't always furnish officers everywhere at once, organizations that have brought a renewed sense of community, involvement and self-responsibility to thousands of neighborhoods.

The role of the federal government was to facilitate the donation and furnish the prestige and inherent newsworthiness of the White House for the ceremony. Clinton took more credit than was due, of course, but what do you expect of a politician running for re-election — or, for that matter, living and breathing?

The response from Sen. Bob Dole's campaign — sputtering that their guy would furnish "tougher laws, tougher sentencing, and tough but fair judges" — was especially lame in this case. Most of the crime that worries most people occurs at the local level. The federal government can't address it effectively or constitutionally, and federal agencies should in fact be less involved in local crime fighting than they are now.

President Clinton, of course, has demonstrated that he's more than willing to waste taxpayers' money on dozens of schemes that are likely to accomplish little more than bolstering his own political fortunes. But in this instance he stumbled into a way the bully pulpit in the White House can be used in a modestly constructive fashion.

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Congress fumbles 'fan protection'

With autumn just around the corner, NFL players sweating through training camp and Emmitt Smith doing round-the-clock shilling for shoes, right-minded Americans are all looking forward with keen anticipation to the next important event on the sports calendar: The beginning of Little League World Series.

August is no civilized time to ponder professional football, but no one ever described Congress as civilized. A bill recently approved by the House Judiciary Committee sets out to correct one of the great outrages of the century, namely the freedom of professional football teams to move from one city to another.

The Fan Freedom and Community Protection Act is sponsored by Republican Martin Hoke, who — this may not surprise you — hails from Cleveland, an Ohio village that once enjoyed renown as the home of the Browns. He is responding to the laments of local diehards like John "Big Dawg" Thompson, who told Congress that "fans need rights to protect them from men who park on runways in Lear jets, waiting for secret knocks to sign secret deals to take away our children's opportunity to have an investment in the Cleveland Browns or any other NFL teams." As Oscar Wilde said about the death of Charles Dickens' Little Nell, only someone with a heart of stone could hear this without laughing out loud.

According to Hoke, his bill has the firm support of Georgian Newt Gingrich. Well, sure: No one is going to make Atlanta give back the Braves, whom it stole from Milwaukee many years ago. But Gingrich has also promised football fans in Nashville that he'll modify the measure so it doesn't keep the Oilers in Houston.

Chicagoans may be inclined to support the bill, knowing that the city could never survive without



Stephen Chapman

the Cardinals. But they also have an example of a better approach. Mayor Richard M. Daley, presented with the threat of departure by the Bears unless they got a new stadium, told them not to let the door hit them in the backside on their way out. Suddenly, the green meadows of Gary didn't look so inviting.

The Hoke bill presumes that Congress is a better judge of what cities deserve NFL teams than the NFL. It would require any owner planning to move to give 180 days' notice, force the league to grant an expansion team to the abandoned city (except in the unlikely event that no "qualified investor" can be found) and make the new team stick around for at least ten years. If a departing team were to break a stadium lease to move, it would have to repay all the state and local subsidies it ever got.

The bill's first defect is that it violates the W.C. Fields rule: Never give a sucker an even break. The only reason professional football teams can extort huge sums of money to stay or move is that so many fans and politicians think a local NFL franchise is all that makes life worth living, even though most of them will never actually attend a game. There's no reasoning with mindless addiction.

It would probably surprise the people of Baltimore that there are entire states that survive

and prosper without professional football. People in Iowa and Alabama have learned that, even if the nearest team is hundreds of miles away, you can't watch NFL games on TV till your eyes fall out — which is all the vast-majority of fans ever do anyway. Without the Bears, Chicagoans would need a full two weeks to learn to root for the Packers.

The bill also sounds strange coming from a Republican Congress that feigns reverence for capitalism. What would Gingrich say if someone offered a bill that would punish General Motors anytime it moved a plant from Michigan to Georgia — or even Mexico?

The only respectable rationale for Hoke's foolishness is the argument that the NFL has created a monopoly and must be tamed. But if that's the case, the answer is for the Justice Department to use its existing authority to stop anti-competitive conduct — not for Congress to micromanage pro football.

In fact, the league is no more a monopolist than Coca-Cola. The NFL doesn't have a monopoly on football, on televised football or even on professional football (the Canadian Football League has several franchises in the United States.) It faces competition for sports fans' attention from Major League Baseball, the National Basketball Association and the National Hockey League — not to mention golf, tennis, auto racing, soccer, wrestling and Holly McPeak. And it's just one of thousands of options for people looking for a diversion.

Maybe Congress could do a better job of running the NFL than the people who have made the league a great success over the last 30 years. And maybe Martin Hoke should be starting at quarterback for the Cowboys.



Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, August 13, the 226th day of 1996. There are 140 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On August 13, 1961, Berlin was divided as East Germany sealed off the border between the city's eastern and western sectors in order to halt the flight of refugees. Two days later, work began on the Berlin Wall. On this date:

In 1521, Spanish conqueror Hernando Cortez captured present-day Mexico City from the Aztec Indians.

In 1704, French King Louis XIII named Cardinal Richelieu his first minister.

In 1704, the Battle of Blenheim was fought during the War of the Spanish Succession, resulting in a victory for English and Austrian forces.

In 1818, suffragist Lucy Stone was born in West Brookfield, Mass.

In 1846, the American flag was raised for the first time in Los Angeles.

Terrorism is not a great threat to U.S.

Charley Reese

Watching television coverage and reading the news in the aftermath of the bombing in Atlanta, I've reached the conclusion that many in the press and a lot of politicians are hysterical fruit loops.

Terrorism, as a risk to human life, doesn't amount to a hill of beans. More people die in one year in the United States from flu and pneumonia than have died in all the terrorist incidents all over the world in the last 50 years.

Your automobile is a greater danger to you than a terrorist bomb. If you fly, you should worry more about the weather, the age of the aircraft and the maintenance program than you should about terrorists.

The problem with television is that when something like the bomb in Atlanta happens, they have about five minutes worth of facts to report, leaving 23 hours and 55 minutes of air time to fill. So they fill it with commentary, speculation, incorrect information, interviews with people who don't know what they are talking about, chit-chat with their Rolodex experts and repetition of all of the above.

The probability is high that the guy in Atlanta is not a terrorist in the generally accepted sense of that word but some disgruntled mope with a grudge against the Atlanta Olympic Committee. Not everybody who sets off bombs is a terrorist, though it is now fashionable to say so. Most bombers in the United States are just common criminals or wackos. It's very important that Americans put terrorism in its proper perspective. It's clear that there is a cam-

aign under way to persuade Americans that terrorism is such a great threat they must give government additional powers and sacrifice more liberty.

Horse apples. You have more to fear from your bathtub and stepladder than from Abu Nidal or the Irish Republican Army or the Japanese Red army. Accidents in the home kill many times more Americans (24,000 in 1992) than terrorists kill people of all nationalities.

Terrorism is a form of unconventional warfare practiced by a militarily weak group against a militarily strong power. For that reason, most of it is directed toward a specific political objective and specific targets.

IRA terrorism for example is directed against British control of the counties in Northern Ireland. Irish and British terrorism (a British soldier has confessed to carrying out assassinations in Northern Ireland) is directed against Irish nationalists. Neither is a threat to Americans.

Moreover, all terrorism is so sporadic that any rational person has to classify it as a negligible threat. We remember Pan Am 103 was blown up by a bomb because of the media attention. We

don't remember many more airplane crashes since then that were the result of mechanical failure or bad weather. We remember the Oklahoma City bombing that killed 168 people, but that same year about 80,000 Americans died in ordinary crimes and accidents.

When people tell you, "You must give up your liberty and your privacy in order to be secure from terrorism," they are either liars or idiots. In the first place, because terrorism is political, the solution is to solve the political conflicts that produce it. In the second place, it is not that serious a threat. In the third place, even if you gave up all your liberty, no one could guarantee that some act of terrorism would not occur.

The propaganda power of television is potent. There are plenty of American elitists who think we common folk have entirely too much freedom for our own good. And because television is largely peopled by easily manipulated, shallow minds, and owned by the elite, we should beware of it being used as an instrument to stampee us into sacrificing our real interests for illusory gains.

I would say that when terrorists managed to move from a couple of hundred deaths per year worldwide (most years terrorists account for far less than that) to the range of pneumonia and flu, which killed 76,000 Americans in 1992, then you should start to worry. Until then, you need Vitamin C more than you need the FBI.

'Go USA' does not constitute blasphemy

Somewhere in a manual called The Tenets of Journalism, there must be a rule that says you can't root for the home team.

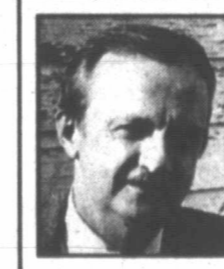
I haven't found it, but I know it's there because every four years, some sourball in my trade says something like this:

"What was Tim Russert, an allegedly level-headed journalist, thinking at the end of Meet the Press when he looked gleefully into the camera and exclaimed 'Go USA,' after urging the audience to 'enjoy the Olympics?' That kind of jingoistic, self-promotional nonsense is bad enough coming from sportscasters, much less from a so-called newsmen."

That rebuke came from the keyboard of Baltimore Sun sports media critic Milton Kent, and it provoked in me a mild shrug and a mellow thought: Kent's kind of guilt ridden, surly, despectic, politically correct nonsense is bad enough in a letter-to-the-editor, much less from a so-called columnist.

I fully concur that journalists should maintain an air of professional detachment when reporting the news about politics, government, business, religion and other matters of great moment. But the Olympics are sports, for pete's sake. It is perfectly acceptable to pull for your own country; to cheer when an American athlete earns recognition as one of the world's best; to feel a tingle when the national anthem is played.

It is also perfectly justifiable, it seems to me, to get a bit defensive when people from other countries come to these shores and complain about the amenities and conveniences.



Joseph Spear

Perhaps you did not read or hear of the impertinent cavilings of the athletes, media and nabobs who came to Atlanta. They bitched about their accommodations. They groused about the subway and buses. They griped about the food. They even had the effrontery to whine about the toilets.

It would be one thing if the critics were speaking from the vantage point of having had superior facilities. But anyone who has traveled overseas knows the improbability of that.

The French and the Mexicans said the transportation was slow. If you have ever tried to negotiate the streets of Paris or Mexico City, you may be catching a whiff of hypocrisy here.

A Russian publication reported that "the host of the games does not pay much attention to the guests." I have not partaken of the pleasures of Russian hospitality, but from what I have heard from those who have, I am not missing a major life experience.

The Italians did not like the way the pasta was cooked. The Koreans did not like the way the cabbage

was cut in their kimchee. And the Chinese blamed their poor performance in the games on — among other things — the lack of proper Chinese food.

What exactly does this mean? I did some research:

— At restaurants in the various provinces of China, you can chow down on such tasty entrees as braised bear paw, snake soup, deep-fried scorpion, peppered rat and stir-fried dog meat.

— A few years ago, a team of researchers at the Central China Agricultural University developed a strain of maggot that they said was highly nutritious. "One fly can produce billions of maggots every week, making the vermin suitable for mass production," reported the official Chinese news agency. "The finding may tap a huge new source of nourishment for the 1990s."

— In September 1993, two women Chinese runners set world records. Their secret? Their coach displayed a box of herbal medicine he said was "a special tonic" made from dried worms. He also said his athletes were on a special diet of millet, dates, soft-shelled turtle and dog meat stewed in chicken soup.

OK, so the Chinese couldn't get maggots. Somebody remind them, please, that they were in Atlanta. If they wanted worms and fly larvae and dog meat, they should've brought their own supplies. Meanwhile, they could've asked for Kung Pao Cowpeas.

Peanuts and black-eyed peas. I'm fairly certain the chefs at Olympic Village could have handled that.

Berry's World



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Anti-smoking groups compare tobacco health issue to asbestos settlements

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — A record award to a Florida man who got lung cancer after smoking may be the first step in taking the tobacco industry down the same road that forced asbestos makers to pay billions of dollars in damages, anti-smoking groups say.

The reason: When jurors see secret tobacco company documents indicating that executives knew nicotine was addictive — as in the Florida case — smokers could win.

Industry watchers and lawyers compared the verdict with years of legal wrangling over asbestos, which was used as insulation for decades before being banned in the early 1970s, when it was linked to cancer and respiratory disease.

In recent years, plaintiffs in class-action cases have settled for more than \$4 billion from three major asbestos makers.

John Banzhaf, executive director of Action for Smoking and Health, an anti-smoking coalition, said asbestos makers initially tried to dodge legal liability.

"Once the plaintiffs were able to show the industry was deceitful about knowing about the harmful effects of their product... that's what persuaded juries," he said.

A jury in Jacksonville, Fla., on

Friday ordered the Brown & Williamson Tobacco Co., the maker of Lucky Strikes, to pay Grady Carter \$750,000, only the second time the tobacco industry has been ordered to pay damages in a liability case. Carter, 66, got lung cancer after smoking for 44 years and had to undergo surgery.

Tobacco companies have said the verdict is an aberration and will not set a precedent for future cases. Cigarette makers have never paid a penny in damages in a smoking-related suit.

But Banzhaf said the increasing flood of internal tobacco company documents reaching the public would make it easier for people to sue.

"A small country lawyer can take on the tobacco industry with the tremendous clout of these secret documents," he said.

Since Friday's verdict, Banzhaf's office has been swamped with calls from smokers and relatives of people who died, trying to find out how to sue, he said.

As in other cases, B&W said in the Florida case that it was Carter's own decision to smoke and when to quit. But the jury was given internal B&W documents in which executives acknowledged that nicotine was addictive.

Walter Leget, a New Orleans lawyer and a member of the legal team coordinating some class-action lawsuits, said that if the Florida case stands on appeal, the industry could face hundreds of thousands of suits from smokers and their survivors.

"What is very clear is that the tide has turned," Leget said. "Thinking people all over America are coming to realize that what they had suspected is true. People don't smoke because it's a good thing."

Over the past two years, class-action suits have been the preferred method of attacking the industry.

After a federal appeals court in New Orleans took class-action status away from a smoking liability suit earlier this year, a nationwide team of lawyers turned their attention to filing such actions in state courts.

So far, eight state class-action suits have been filed, contending that the tobacco industry knew nicotine was addictive and tried to cover it up. In addition, ten states are suing the industry in an attempt to recover the costs of treating smoking-related illnesses.

The tobacco industry, however, has given no indication it will soften its stand.

Monument pays tribute to outlaw duo's victims

SOUTHLAKE, Texas (AP) — In these parts, Bonnie Parker and Clyde Barrow have become folk legends as infamous young lovers who crisscrossed the South robbing and killing before their own violent deaths in 1934.

Less celebrated are their victims.

One woman, the widow of a Texas state trooper killed by the outlaw duo, hopes a new monument dedicated Monday will begin to change that.

Doris Edwards was a 23-year-old bride of less than two years when her husband, state trooper E.B. Wheeler, went to work on Easter Sunday 1934.

As Wheeler, 26, and rookie partner H.D. Murphy, 24, rode their motorcycles toward a black Ford parked on a hill to offer assistance, the fugitive outlaws shot them down with rifle and shotgun. Murphy left behind a 20-year-old fiancée, who wore her wedding dress to the funeral.

Edwards, now 85, and two of Murphy's four brothers stood on a highway shoulder Monday and unveiled a six-foot gray granite memorial where Wheeler and Murphy became the first two Texas troopers to die in the line of duty.

The marker and a brief ceremony assuaged family members long disgusted by Bonnie and Clyde's appointment as alluring desperadoes.

"It's just stayed inside me and festered all this

time — all the publicity on Bonnie and Clyde, glamorizing them," Edwards said. "I want the world to know what vicious killers and murderers they are."

Edwards said she doesn't dwell on what might have happened if her husband hadn't been killed. After his death, she was hired as a secretary by the Texas highway department, which then oversaw the troopers.

She remarried in 1940 and was widowed again a decade later. Since 1971 she has been married to Art Edwards, with whom she lives in nearby Argyle, some 20 miles northwest of Dallas.

It was an exhibition this spring at the Dallas public library that spurred Edwards to call a newspaper columnist in protest.

Historical accounts attribute at least twelve deaths to the notorious bank robbers Bonnie and Clyde, who were finally ambushed and slain by police on May 23, 1934, near Arcadia, La.

Fort Worth Star-Telegram columnist Bud Kennedy, who received Edwards' complaint, contacted the Texas Department of Public Safety, which employs state troopers.

Having no plans of its own for a monument, the agency directed Kennedy to two men who had decided to erect markers at sites where 72 state troopers and Texas Rangers have been killed in the state's history.

Lawyers come to terms over Citadel rules

CHARLESTON, S.C. (AP) — After some prodding by a federal judge, lawyers resolved their differences over The Citadel's plans to admit women, agreeing to let pregnant cadets return after giving birth and allowing latches on women's doors.

The lawyers sat down for a four-hour closed-door meeting Monday after U.S. District Judge C. West Houck, exasperated over what he called petty squabbling, sent them to a room to work out their differences.

Three women are scheduled to arrive on campus Aug. 24. They will be the first to enroll since the college changed its all-male policy in June, two days after the U.S. Supreme Court ruled a similar admissions policy at Virginia Military Institute was unconstitutional.

The Citadel filed a 21-page plan last week for accommodating women. It deals with everything from sexual harassment to dating policies.

After Monday's meeting, lawyers for The Citadel agreed to change a proposal to kick out pregnant cadets. Instead, the cadets must leave when their pregnancies interfere with training but can return after having their babies.

And the Justice Department, which had challenged the school's all-male policy, agreed it could accept — for security purposes — latches on the women's doors.

Justice Department lawyer Michael Maurer had said that latches should be installed on all dorm rooms, because "anything that sets female cadets apart is a source of concern."

Under The Citadel's military-style training, barracks doors have no latches and cadets can expect unannounced visits by superior officers at any time.

The two sides also agreed to ban students from wearing T-shirts reading "1,952 Bulldogs and One Bitch." The shirts became popular last year when Shannon Faulkner became the first woman cadet.

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Court martial gets underway for Air Force major accused of sodomy, lesbian affair

SAN ANTONIO (AP) - An Air Force base commander ordered an investigation into an officer's alleged lesbian affair despite the military's "don't ask, don't tell" policy on homosexuality, the woman's attorneys say.

Defense lawyers for Maj. Debra L. Meeks accused the Air Force of engaging in "selective and vindictive prosecution" and asked Monday that a sodomy charge against her be dismissed.

A military judge did not immediately rule on the motion, entered as Meeks' court-martial convened at Lackland Air Force Base.

"Here is Major Meeks, who has served her country for more than two decades honorably and with distinction, and what's the purpose of having a military if not to see to it that the rights of all Americans, including their rights to privacy in these most intimate matters, are protected," defense lawyer Michael Igar said outside the courtroom.

Defense attorney Peter Held said the sodomy charge violates the military's "don't ask, don't tell, don't pursue" policy.

The 2-year-old policy permits homosexuals to serve in the military as long as they do not have sex with service members and keep their sexual orientation and conduct private.

Meeks, 41, has not publicly disclosed her sexual orientation.

She is accused of being sexually involved with civilian Pamela Dillard. She also is accused of conduct unbecoming an officer stemming from a 1994 incident in which Dillard claims Meeks threatened her with a gun.

In February 1995, weeks after an assault investigation of Meeks was closed with no charges filed, then-Lackland commander Maj. Gen. Henry M. Hobgood ordered the investigation reopened and expanded to include a probe of alleged homosexual conduct and other accusations.

A memo issued by Hobgood directed investigators to look into allegations that Meeks "has engaged in homosexual conduct with Pamela J. Dillard and military members."

Hobgood left Lackland in June 1995 for a promotion that took him to Keesler Air Force Base in Biloxi, Miss. He is scheduled to retire Oct. 1.

Prosecutors claim Meeks violated Article 125 of the Uniform Code of Military Conduct, stating that anyone who has "unnatural carnal copulation with another person of the same or opposite sex" is guilty of sodomy.

Defense lawyers questioned whether Meeks would be charged with sodomy if the alleged misconduct involved heterosexual activity and asked that prosecutors produce statistics on the number of heterosexual sodomy prosecutions.

Dole refuses to repeat Bush's no tax hike pledge

SAN DIEGO (AP) - Putting tax cuts at the center of his campaign, Bob Dole nonetheless refused Monday to repeat George Bush's ill-fated pledge of "Read my lips. No new taxes."

"Read my lips? No, not entirely, because when you're closing loopholes, somebody's taxes are going to be raised," the Republican presidential candidate said when asked in a broadcast interview about the pledge in relation to his own \$548-billion tax-cut proposal.

In dodging the election-year rhetoric that landed Bush in political hot water when he later raised taxes, Dole recalled his years as chairman of the Senate Finance Committee.

"We raised taxes by closing loopholes. We didn't raise rates," Dole told CBS *This Morning*.

"We're not going to raise rates. We can say that. Read my lips, no tax rate increases."

As former presidents go, Ronald Reagan is the name that keeps surfacing as Dole tries to whip up enthusiasm for his own Reaganesque tax-cut plan, encouraged by a poll that suggests the package is winning him votes.

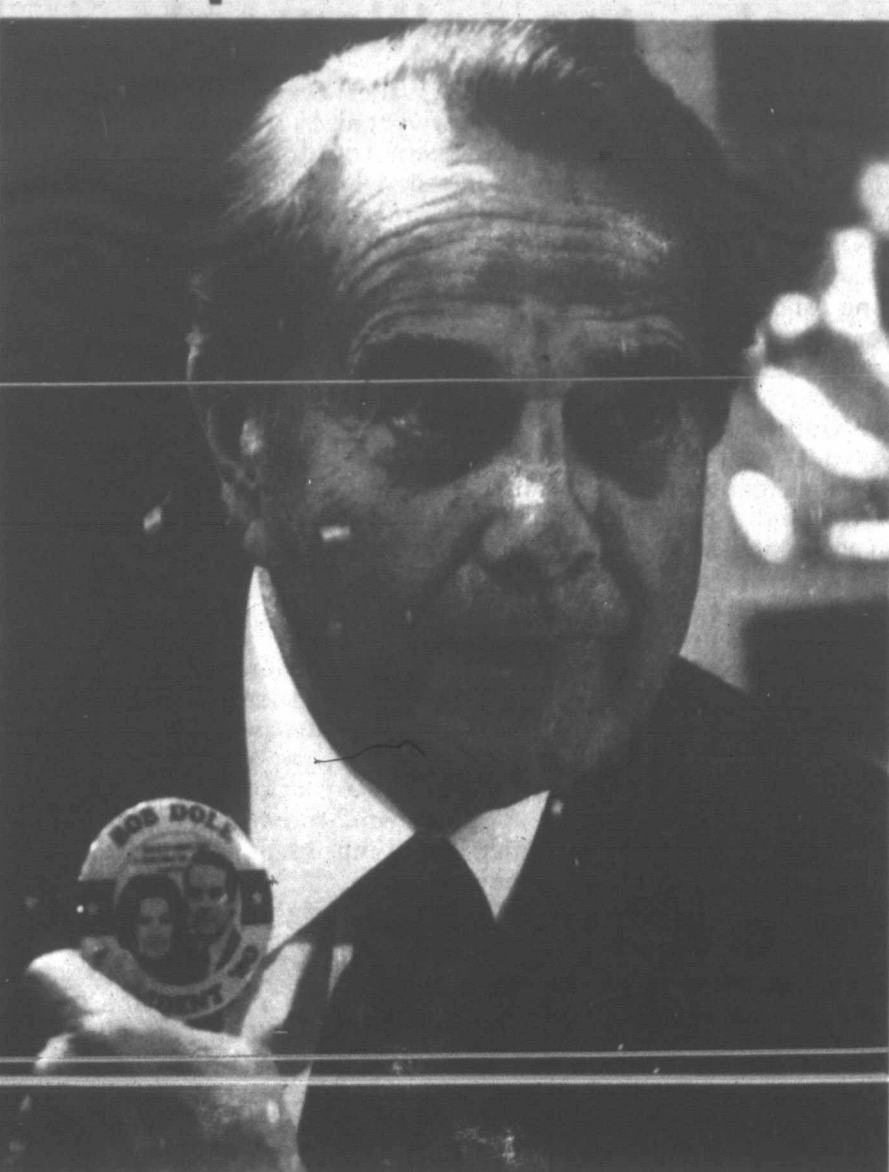
"One man, Ronald Reagan, really did start it all," Dole said on the eve of Monday's convention curtain-raiser: a video tribute to the former president and a speech by former first lady Nancy Reagan.

"It's up to us to finish the job and win the Reagan Revolution once and for all," Dole, with running mate Jack Kemp at his side, told a waterfront crowd welcoming the Republican presidential ticket to San Diego on Sunday.

Monday morning, Dole ventured away from the convention hoopla to make the case for his economic plan to area workers.

"We've believed over the years that we should give you more money to take home," Dole told the assembly at a solar turbine plant, adding that he would pay for the package by downsizing government in such a way that "you'll never miss it."

Tax cuts have emerged as the centerpiece of Dole's campaign, now that Kemp, a longtime tax-



(NEA photo)

cut purist, is on board and polls are showing him gaining on President Clinton.

After months of trailing Clinton by 20 or more points in some public opinion surveys, the Dole camp was looking at the convention - and a \$74-million influx of general election cash - as a fresh start.

"Everything before has been a warm-up lap," Dole said as he arrived here Sunday. He promised a crowd of at least 2,000 that his agenda would give them more jobs and more money in the bank.

His campaign was buoyed by a Washington Post poll over the weekend showing that Dole, in the wake of announcing his economic package, had cut Clinton's lead to 10 percentage points. Just over half, 51 percent, of those surveyed said they supported Dole's tax cuts, and six in 10 believed they would benefit from the plan.

At the same time, 61 percent of the 926 voters surveyed by the Post didn't think Dole could implement the plan if elected.

Two other polls released Sunday showed Dole's horserace deficit still hanging around 20 percentage points. A third gave

Clinton only a nine-point lead. Dole's choice of Kemp appeared to be a factor.

"I think it means people are starting to focus, that they like what they see," said Dole. "If we do a good job this week it's a fresh start for us."

In all events, Dole is feeling excited by the convention activities under way this week, arriving Sunday in San Diego after a long flight from Kansas, a windy boat ride, a victory rally under the hot California sun - it was a travelogue that might have slowed some people. For Dole, it marked just the start of a marathon day.

Dole seemed determined to have a good time amid this week's serious business of accepting his party's nomination for president. He unexpectedly showed up at several events Sunday night, seemingly at ease and unconcerned about the difficult fall campaign.

"We're excited about this week. We're excited about this convention. And I don't get excited too easily," Dole told the Ohio delegation at an impromptu appearance at Balboa Park.

Earlier, Dole gave fair warning that he wanted to step out.

"I may go out on the town," he said. "There are 500 meetings and receptions going on now."

Explained Dole press secretary Nelson Warfield: "He's being spontaneous and he's having a heck of a time."

Dole added that he hopes the convention shows voters "we want to be the majority party for the right reasons - because we have the ideas, because we have the agenda, because we're reaching out to people."

Dole paid an unscripted visit to the Ohio delegation, representing a state he clearly needs to win in order to unseat President Clinton.

"Don't let me forget. Ohio is a critical state," Dole told the state's delegation.

He mentioned that Ohio is "one of my home states" because his grandfather was born in the town of Montpelier.

"I'll work very hard in Ohio," he said.

Texas Sens. Kay Bailey Hutchison, Phil Gramm share common goal

SAN DIEGO (AP) - She's a bagels for breakfast type. He starts his morning with bacon and eggs.

Sens. Phil Gramm and Kay Bailey Hutchison waged a friendly feud at the Texas delegation's breakfast meeting Monday, opening day of the Republican National Convention.

And in this race, Gramm's cholesterol-heavy breakfast ticket appeared to win the popular vote.

Hutchison began by describing the disagreements over meals the two have when traveling together.

"We have made a deal. If I plan a trip, then I do all the meals. If he plans the trip, he does all the meals," she said. "Well, when I plan the meals, it's bagels for breakfast, tuna fish salad for lunch and turkey sandwiches for dinner."

"When Phil plans the meals, it's eggs, bacon, biscuits and gravy for breakfast, barbecue for lunch and Mexican food for dinner," she said, to boos and applause from the Texas delegates.

Gramm stood up and leaned toward the microphone to ask, "Who would you rather travel with?" to more enthusiastic applause.

"I truly am glad he's our senior senator, but I'm not sure how long he'll be around," Hutchison said.

The culinary difference of opinion was the only point of disagreement between the two, who touted their teamwork in the Senate.

"In a Senate where most people representing the same state don't even like each other, we love each other," Gramm said. "I am the envy of every other senator, because everybody would like to have a colleague like Kay Bailey Hutchison."

"We have a perfect division of labor. Kay does all the work, and I take all the credit. She does the heavy lifting, and I'm there to look pretty," quipped Gramm, whose political opponents have coined a term - "Gramm-standing" - to mean taking credit for others' work.

Customs reports surge in seizures of illegal Freon supplies

HOUSTON (AP) - Freon, the now-banned refrigerant used in car air conditioners, has emerged as the No. 2 smuggling problem behind drugs for U.S. customs agents along the Mexican border.

"If you look at contraband crossing the U.S.-Mexican border, we're looking at cocaine, marijuana, heroin, prescription drugs and then

Freon," Agent Steve Hooper said.

Scientists believe Freon, used in the air conditioners of most automobiles built before 1993, is eating away Earth's ozone layer. The black market for the gas has flourished since Jan. 1, when it became illegal to manufacture or import it in the United States.

U.S. motorists can still buy Freon made before 1996 or recycled Freon, but a dwindling supply and excise taxes have sent the price soaring. The gas is still inexpensive in Mexico and other developing countries, which may produce Freon until 2005.

Since the ban went into effect, customs agents in Texas have made more than 60 Freon seizures, confiscating 4,380 pounds, worth about \$110,000.

That's minor compared with a scheme cracked in Florida that involved \$52 million worth of Freon. Still, the problem in Texas is big enough that it's a top priority in the Houston Customs office.

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Nation briefs

Barren now, Mars used to be better place

By PAUL RECER
AP Science Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Mars seems an unlikely place for life. In fact, the red planet today is downright lethal for creatures that need oxygen to breathe and warm, moist places to thrive.

Mars is a barren ball of red dirt and rock, unshielded from deadly cosmic and ultraviolet rays that zap its surface constantly. It is soaked in temperatures cold enough to freeze carbon dioxide and scoured by sand storms that can rage for weeks across the whole planet.

Ice caps cover the poles, towering volcanoes punctuate its vast empty plains and sinuous river-like channels snake across thousands of miles. And everywhere, like scars from a cosmic pox, are impact craters left from space boulders that pounded, pounded, pounded for eons.

And yet, Mars was not always this way. Once, experts believe, life was possible — and some believe quite likely — on this planet that is most similar in many ways to the Earth.

David McKay of the Johnson Space Center in Houston is leader of a team of NASA researchers that claims to have found evidence of ancient Martian microbes in a potato-sized rock that fell to Earth.

More than three billion years ago, he said at a news conference last week, Mars was warm, wet and nurturing. But after a short period of promise, said McKay, Mars "fell on bad times."

The possibility of life on Mars has intrigued humans for more than 300 years. Early astronomers spotted characteristics that reminded them of home.

In the 1600s, observers determined that Mars had a day of

Evidence of life?

NASA has provided the first serious evidence of past microbes on Mars. Clues from a 4.5-billion-year-old rock.

16 million years ago
A large object hits Mars, sending Martian rocks into outer space.

13,000 years ago
Rocks reach Earth's surface, landing on an Antarctic ice sheet.

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Other Mars meteorite sites

Source: AP research

about 24 hours and that it had polar ice caps — just like Earth. In the 1700s, astronomers found that Mars was tilted on its axis and, thus, had seasons — just like Earth. And there seemed to be clouds and the dark areas on the planet were taken to be oceans and seas — just like on Earth.

And in 1878, Italian astronomer Giovanni Schiaparelli spotted a system of what he called "canali" on Mars. Canals meant there had to be intelligent life there, per-

haps actual human beings — just like Earth.

"Their idea was not nuts," said Allan Treiman, a Mars expert at the Lunar and Planetary Institute in Houston. "Mars is the most Earthlike of the terrestrial planets. It is just a little smaller than Earth. The temperatures are cold, but not that much colder than some places on Earth. And it had features that looked familiar."

Schiaparelli's findings intrigued Percival Lowell, a 19th

century mathematician with the money and the drive to follow his curiosity. He built an observatory on a mountain near Flagstaff, Ariz. and was able to map hundreds of canals on Mars. He became convinced that the features were waterways built by Martian engineers to bring water from the poles down to the great plains.

"It was a natural idea," said Treiman. "This was a time when canals were what civilizations did to their planet."

"It was really Lowell's work that pushed Mars into the forefront," he said. "We all live now in the shadow of his legacy. He was dead wrong. But that's where the real fascination with Mars began."

A lively Mars filled with bizarre or even people-like creatures quickly became the subject of pulp fiction, Saturday movie serials and eventually even television shows.

When robot probes finally went to Mars and sent back close up pictures, there was, some have admitted, a sense of disappointment.

The Viking landers in 1976 showed Mars to be barren and hostile.

Wintertime temperatures, it became known, dropped to a minus 193 degrees F. In summer, parts of Mars could reach a balmy 72, but always the atmosphere was poisonous — 93 percent carbon dioxide.

Orbiting survey craft showed clearly that once Mars had water, perhaps whole oceans of it. It cascaded down from the mountains filled now-dry lake beds, cutting gullies and canyons through the iron-rich red soil.

It was this presence of water that gives hope to the people who seek past or present life on Mars.

Report: Trump plans to build record tall building

NEW YORK (AP) — Donald Trump is planning to build the world's tallest building at the end of Wall Street to house the New York Stock Exchange, the *New York Post* reported today.

At 1,792 feet tall, the 140-story building would overshadow the World Trade Center, the world's fifth tallest building, the newspaper said.

The New York Stock Exchange Tower, as the building would be named, would have 3 1/2 million square feet of office space, house up to 100,000 office workers and take 3 1/2 years to build.

The world's tallest building, the Oriental Pearl TV Tower in Shanghai, China, is 1,534 feet.

On Monday, the NYSE said it was mulling a move from its historic Wall Street headquarters, a 93-year-old building that has long been at the symbolic heart of global capitalism.

Smell of smoke forces TWA flight to turn back

BOSTON (AP) — A TWA flight to St. Louis turned back shortly after takeoff when the smell of smoke filled the plane.

After being checked at Logan International Airport, the plane took off again with most of the passengers remaining on board, the airline said.

TWA Flight 167, with 161 passengers and 20 crew members, took off from Logan at 5 p.m. Monday, and was met by firefighters when it returned about a half hour later.

TWA did not immediately say what caused the problem.

Edward Ceelandt, a passenger who did not get back on board, said that minutes after smelling smoke, a flight attendant said

the crew was trying to determine what "foul-smelling substance" was spreading through the cabin.

"I was up there thinking, if we get down, I am not getting back on a plane tonight," he said.

Japanese executive kidnapped in Tijuana

SAN DIEGO (AP) — A Japanese company waited to hear from kidnappers who abducted the company's president in Mexico and demanded \$2 million for his safe return.

"We're willing to cooperate and do whatever we can to get our president back," Alan Foster, vice president of Sanyo North America, said Monday.

Mamoru Konno, president of Sanyo's Video Component Corp. USA, was kidnapped Saturday evening by armed bandits on the dusty outskirts of Tijuana, Mexico, after attending an employee baseball game.

A secretary received a phone call from Konno that night, saying his captors would free him for \$2 million, Foster said. He said officials were awaiting further instructions from the kidnappers. He refused to elaborate.

Two sisters who were cheerleaders for the company baseball team were abducted with Konno but later released unharmed.

Konno, who supervises 1,200 employees who make television parts for Sanyo, was accused by six gunmen as he walked to his car after the game with the cheerleaders, relatives said.

The women, a 20-year-old employee and her 16-year-old sister, said they were forced into a car with Konno. The women also said the gunmen struck Konno before they were dropped off near the plant Sunday morning.

Melatonin does brisk trade at health food stores; experts advise consumers use caution

BETHESDA, Md. (AP) — Widely publicized as a sleep aid, melatonin is selling briskly at health food stores even though the hormone has not been proven scientifically safe or effective.

It is a medical situation that experts at a National Institutes of Health conference described as "scary." "We have people taking it in this sort of uncontrolled experiment," Dr. Robert Sack of the Oregon Health Sciences University said Monday. "We are kind of nervous about that."

Sack and a panel of experts said most of the research on melatonin have been basic laboratory studies and there have been no organized, definitive clinical studies to prove that melatonin supplements help people sleep or that the hormone pills are safe when taken over a long period of time.

"We are going at it backwards," said Sack. "People are taking it and we are trying to figure out what it does."

Because of the uncertainty, people should not experiment with melatonin purchased from health food stores, said Tom Roth of the Sleep Disorders and Research Center of the Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit.

"Going to the health food store and self treating is probably not a good idea," he said.

Dr. Richard I. Wurtman, a Massachusetts Institute of Technology researcher who has conducted extensive melatonin research, said there is good indication that the hormone helps people sleep, but he said the proper and safe dose is still not known.

In MIT clinical trials, he said, patients are given doses of 0.3 milligrams daily. This raises the melatonin levels in the blood to about where they are just before and during sleep. Wurtman said the studies have shown that in some people sleep is aided.

But Wurtman said melatonin is not regulated and health food stores often sell pills that can raise blood levels 10 times or more above normal, which could have serious side effects.

High doses of melatonin, he said, cause the body to secrete another hormone, prolactin, well-known for depressing the sex drive in males.

"It has not been studied yet, but I think it would not be unexpected for high doses of melatonin to affect sex drive," he said.

Wurtman said high doses also keep the blood levels of melatonin above normal for many hours. This could cause people to have melatonin hangovers and, thus, be drowsy all day.

"The idea of somebody taking a high dose and then later driving into a tree is not impossible," he said.

Melatonin is unregulated under federal law because it is a natural ingredient in some foods.

But the compound is also a natural hormone produced by the pineal gland in the brain.

Studies 20 years ago showed that the natural levels of melatonin increase ten times just before and during sleep. More recent studies have linked the hormone to causing drowsiness in some people. Also, some studies have suggested that the hormone can reset the sleep-wake cycle, helping people overcome the effects of jet lag or night-shift work.

But none of these studies has been scientifically conclusive, said Wurtman.

The enthusiasm with which people buy and consume melatonin "far outstrips what we know about it. That is scary," he said.

Dr. Alfred J. Lewy of Oregon Health Sciences University said his research has suggested that melatonin can be used to reset the natural sleep-wake cycle to relieve the symptoms of jet lag for international travelers.

Appeals panel denies news groups access to Clinton's videotaped testimony

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) — President Clinton won another round in a battle with news organizations and others who want copies of his videotaped testimony in the criminal case against his former Whitewater partners.

Clinton's attorneys argued successfully before a three-judge panel of the 8th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in St. Louis that the videotape should not be released because it is not a public record, but instead a substitute for live testimony.

Judges Floyd Gibson, Theodore McMillian and Frank Magill on Monday upheld U.S. District Judge George Howard Jr.'s decision in June to bar release of Clinton's videotaped testimony in the trial of James and Susan McDougal.

The judges said they would issue a written opinion later.

Clinton testified by videotape April 28 at the White House in defense of the McDougals and

then-Gov. Jim Guy Tucker. The McDougals claimed that only Clinton could successfully dispute accusations that they plotted to defraud government-backed lenders.

An edited version of the president's testimony was shown to jurors in federal court in Little Rock on May 9. All three defendants were convicted May 28 and are to be sentenced this month. After the trial, some jurors said the president's testimony was credible

but not pertinent to the case.

Howard allowed the release of both edited and unedited transcripts of the president's testimony. But ABC, CBS, Cable News Network, NBC and the Radio-Television News Directors Association asked for release of the tape.

Floyd Brown, maker of the Willie Horton ad that helped diminish Michael Dukakis' 1988 presidential bid, also asked Howard to release the tape.

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By Ken Bronte
Special Features Writer

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Rules For Elderly Parents Help Them To Live With Their Kids

DEAR ABBY: I found the enclosed clipping from your column in a collection of favorite articles compiled by my late sister. I think its message to the elderly bears repeating.

80 AND HOLDING IN RIVER FOREST, ILL.

DEAR 80 AND HOLDING: Thank you for sending it to me. I agree, the rules are worth repeating. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: When my husband's mother came to live with my husband and me 23 years ago, she made our lives so miserable I vowed I would never bring such misery to my children if I ever had to live with them. One day, I wrote myself a letter containing some rules. I put it in an envelope marked, "To be opened on the day I go to live with one of my children" — then I put it away.

I've been widowed and self-sufficient for eight years, but I was recently forced to give up my job and move in with my daughter. I'm submitting that letter. Perhaps your older readers might benefit from it, as I intend to. Here are the rules:

— Give what you can toward your keep. Any budget will stretch just so far.

— Keep yourself clean and neat. Fresh undies and daily baths are a must.

— Remember, it is their home.



Abigail Van Buren

SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

Give them privacy at every opportunity. — Try to make your own friends and develop interests outside the home.

— If you suspect they would like to go away on a vacation but are hesitant because of you, offer to visit another relative or friend so they will be free to go.

— Don't offer any advice or express any opinion on family matters unless asked.

— Volunteer information that they might be too embarrassed to ask for, such as arrangements for your burial, hospitalization, etc.

These rules were written more than 22 years ago. I read them often and am determined to keep them.

76 AND HOLDING

become involved with another woman and refused to break it off, so I really had no choice.

I have picked up the pieces of my life and put them back together little by little. I have not dated since my divorce. I needed this time to heal and to work on rebuilding my life. A shattered 27-year marriage is difficult to get over quickly.

There is a very nice man from a neighboring community who lost his wife to cancer about a year ago. We went to the same school and church. I know him and his family; however, I don't know if he is dating anyone. I'm almost sure he doesn't know that I am alone now.

Would it be OK for me to write him a note or give him a call? I know times have changed, but I don't want to appear too pushy. It's been 30 years since I have dated, but now that I'm alone, my thoughts keep drifting back to this man.

What do you think, Abby?

YOUNG AT HEART

DEAR YOUNG: It would certainly be OK for you either to give him a call or send him a note. Nothing ventured, nothing gained. I wish you well. Please keep me posted.

DEAR READERS: If you would like your letter published, please include your name, area code and telephone number.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Use caution in commercial affairs today. Do not kid yourself into believing that others will be looking out for anything other than their own survival.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Even if you're not in complete accord with your mate today, make it a point to support him or her in front of others.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Instead of imposing your ideas on co-workers, seek their views and opinions. Their thoughts could lead to constructive solutions.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) If you lack financial discipline, you will erode your budget today. What you fritter away now you might really need later.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) If you hope to get rid of a problem today, you might opt for a strategy that will resolve your dilemma only temporarily. Strive to find a permanent solution.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Associates will not be impressed by your tall tales today, but they will sit up and take notice if what you say has credibility.

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Horoscope



Your Birthday

Wednesday, Aug. 14, 1996

A plethora of social involvements will be in store for you in the year ahead. You will have opportunities to participate in activities you've always wanted to experience.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Steer clear of high-rolling acquaintances today because you might feel compelled to spend more than you can afford just to keep up with them. 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) Today, do not brag about things you have yet to accomplish. If you achieve your goals, the results will speak for themselves.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) An acquaintance who expounds his or her ideas in bold, dramatic terms might make you feel inferior today. Make sure to analyze this person's comments thoroughly.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) It might prove unwise to enter into a joint endeavor today if you are in a minority position. If your role is not equal to someone else's, don't get involved.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Underestimating your adversaries today could have undesirable consequences. Try to be realistic when sizing up your opponents.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Do not look for others to do things for you today that you should handle yourself. You will not find anyone who will drop what they're doing to help you.



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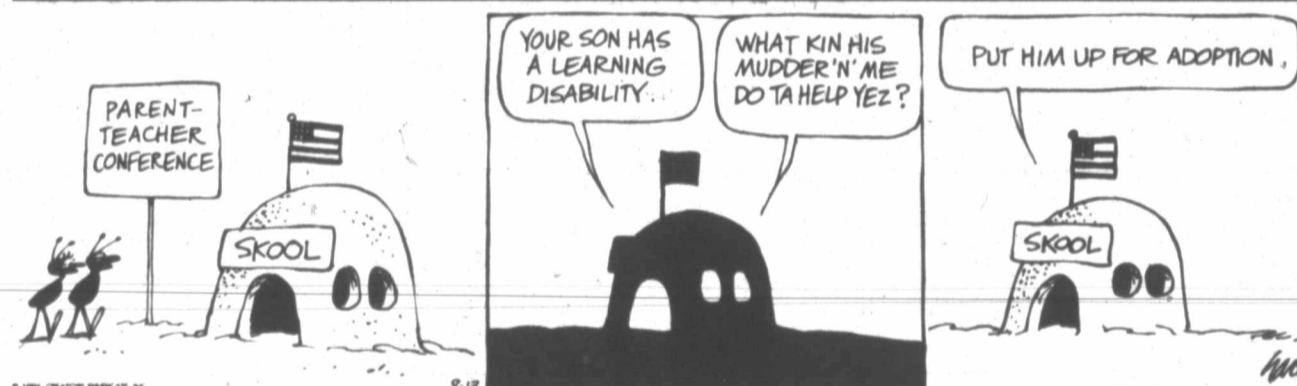
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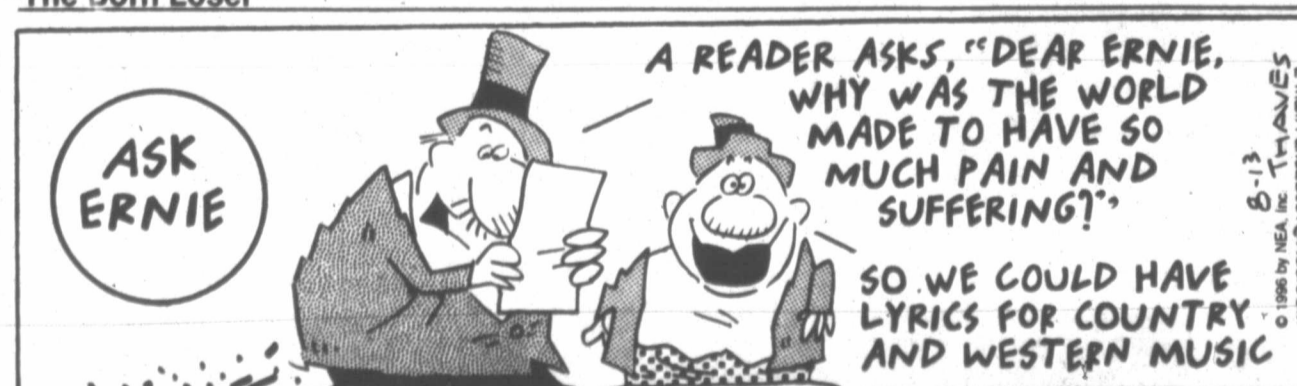
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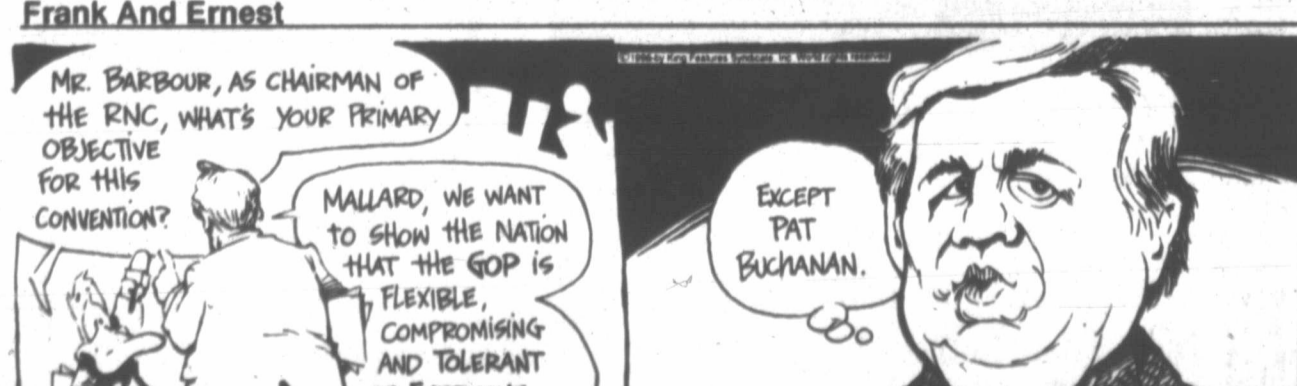
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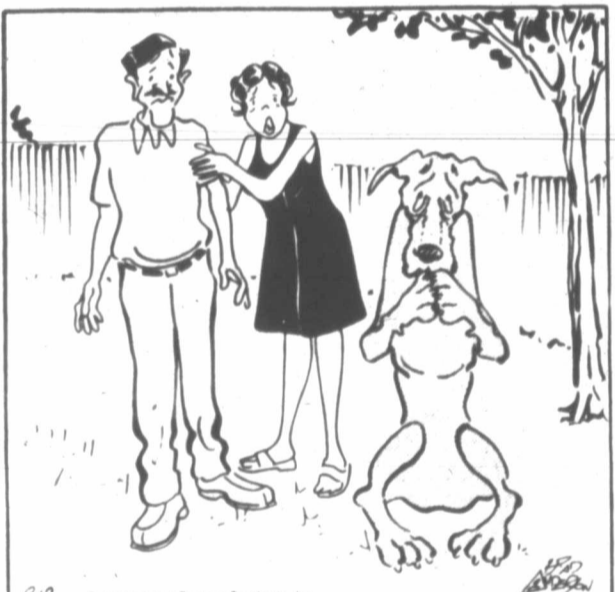
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Mallard Filmore



"A new family is movin' in down the street, Mommy! Can I eat with them?"



"I don't know what he's done, but what are we going to do about his guilt complex?"

The Family Circus

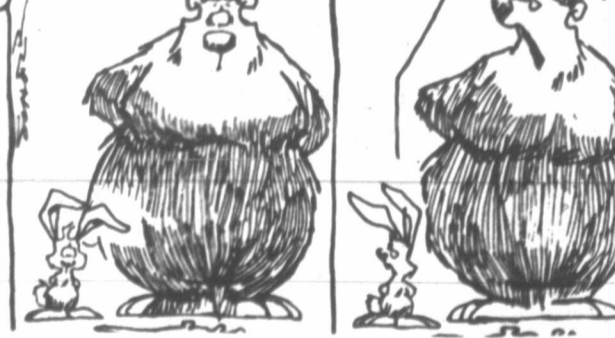
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Marmaduke

LUNCH!



Grizzwells

LOOK! THERE'S UGLY RED SPOTS ALL OVER 'EM!

W. WHATCHA SPOSE THEY GOT?

WELL, WHATEVER IT IS, I DON'T WANT IT!

ME, NEITHER! HERE! TAKE 'YER SPEAR POINTS BACK!

YCAN HAVE MINE TOO?

...WE'RE OUTA THIS DEAL!

HEY...!?



Alley Oop

LOOK OUT, FISH! HERE SHE COMES!

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Sports

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BASEBALL

MIAMI (AP) — A 16-year-old pitcher for the Cuban junior Olympic team defected to the United States, the second to do so in a week.

Osmani Fernandez defected Sunday in Fairview Heights, Ill., where he was taking part in the Junior Pan American Championships.

Miami agent Joe Cubas will try to get Fernandez residency and encourage him to finish high school and seek college scholarships in this country.

Cubas may also declare Fernandez a free agent eligible to play for major league teams. Fernandez, 5-foot-10 and 155 pounds, has an 89 mph fastball.

NEW YORK (AP) — Boston's Tim Wakefield, who had 18 strikeouts in two complete-game victories, was selected American League player of the week. Florida's Gary Sheffield, who hit .375 with four homers and 10 RBIs, was honored in the National League.

FOOTBALL

DENVER (AP) — Former Broncos tight end Clarence Kay walked out of a Denver jail after a stabbing victim who had picked him out of a photo lineup couldn't identify him in a physical lineup.

Kay, who wound up a nine-year career with the Broncos after the 1992 season, surrendered to police Thursday after an arrest warrant was issued. He spent the interim in the county jail under \$500,000 bond.

The warrant alleged attempted first-degree murder and second-degree assault for a July 16 attack on 29-year-old Nick Voth, a Denver paramedic.

Kay and his lawyer maintained that police had the wrong man and that he had an alibi for the time of the attack.

RIVER FALLS, Wis. (AP) — The Kansas City Chiefs signed first-round draft pick Jerome Woods to a five-year contract.

Woods, 6-foot-2 and 198 pounds, played both safety positions in two seasons at Memphis after transferring from Northeast Mississippi Community College.

BASKETBALL

LANDOVER, Md. (AP) — Derek Smith, the Washington Bullets assistant coach who died on a cruise ship Friday, was stricken by respiratory arrest brought on by motion sickness medications, a preliminary report shows.

The Bullets said a final report on the cause of death is expected after test results are released.

Smith, 34, was a starting forward on Louisville's 1980 NCAA championship team. He played nine NBA seasons with the San Diego and Los Angeles Clippers, Sacramento, Philadelphia and Boston.

INGLEWOOD, Calif. (AP) — Free agent forward Jerome Kersey signed with the Los Angeles Lakers.

Kersey, 34, played 76 games with Golden State last season, averaging 6.7 points, 4.8 rebounds and 1.2 steals in 21.3 minutes.

A second-round pick of Portland in the 1984 NBA draft, the 6-foot-7 Kersey played 11 seasons with the Trail Blazers and became the second player in franchise history to register 10,000 points and 5,000 rebounds.

HOCKEY

WINNIPEG, Manitoba (AP) — Right wing Todd Harvey and defenseman Grant Marshall of the Dallas Stars were arraigned on sexual assault charges.

Harvey, 21, of Coppel, Texas, and Marshall, 23, of Ontario, were charged with two other men of sexually assaulting a 20-year-old woman at a Winnipeg house party early Friday.

All four were released and must appear Sept. 9 to enter a plea.

Hill hurls third shutout as Rangers drill Tigers

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — There wasn't much of a stir in the offseason when the Texas Rangers signed right-hander Ken Hill and center fielder Darryl Hamilton to free agent contracts.

These days, the rest of the league realizes the significance of the additions of the two, both of whom have contributed heavily to the Rangers' first-place run in the AL West.

Hill threw a five-hitter for his third shutout this season and Hamilton went 4-for-4 with three RBIs in the Rangers 7-0 victory over the Detroit Tigers on Monday night.

"The free agent pickups have really made this ballclub," Rangers third baseman Dean Palmer said. "Hamilton has been on base all year long, especially

in the first inning. His first at bat, he finds a way to get on base. When you score in the first, it picks up the whole team.

"And Ken Hill's been outstanding for us all year. No doubt about it, Ken Hill deserves serious consideration for the Cy Young Award. He's been everything you'd want him to be."

The Rangers have a four-game winning streak in large part due to their pitching. With John Burkett shutting out Toronto Sunday, the Rangers have consecutive complete-game shutouts for the first time since Bobby Witt and Nolan Ryan blanked California on Sept. 29-30, 1989.

"If we (the starting pitchers) keep doing what we've been doing, with our lineup we can go a long way," said Hill, who is

Hamilton has provided a consistent spark, improving his average to .311 while scoring 17 runs in his last 16 games.

"That's my job as the leadoff man, to find a way to set the table and get the momentum going," said Hamilton, who had his second four-hit game and 44th multi-hit game of the season.

"And we've got our starting pitching back where it needs to be. It takes a lot of pressure off us knowing we've got a guy on the mound who is going to give us a lot of innings."

After Hamilton walked leading off the first against Brian Williams (3-9), Greer connected for his 14th homer of the season. Williams allowed seven runs and eight hits over six innings. "I only made one bad pitch and that was to Greer in the

Notes: Rangers right fielder Juan Gonzalez has gone a season-long nine games without a home run. The Tigers have been shut out in consecutive games for the first time since Sept. 30-Oct. 1, 1995, both games against Baltimore. Rangers starters lead the league in innings with 749.

Texas starters have pitched at least seven innings in three straight games and four of the last five. Detroit's Bobby Higginson extended his hitting streak to a career-high 14 games with a fourth-inning single. Ivan Rodriguez of the Rangers had a 12-game hitting streak stopped.

Wheeler ready for run at district championship

WHEELER — After winning the district championship in 1994, Wheeler had an uncharacteristic season last year in going 4-6 and missing out on the Class 1A playoffs. The Mustangs may just be about ready for another run at the district crown in 1996.

"Things are looking good," said Wheeler head coach Jim Verden. "We're two or three weeks ahead of where we were last year."

The Mustangs won't have a whole lot of size, but their speed and quickness should make up for it.

"We're not real big," Verden said. "We've got a couple of kids who weigh over 200 pounds, but we'll probably average between 160 and 180. We've got some good speed, which should offset our lack of size."

Wheeler's biggest player is senior tackle Dean Hutchison, who is listed at 240 pounds.

Seven starters and ten lettermen return from last year's squad, which won three of five district games, but failed to make the playoffs. Nine lettermen were lost to graduation. Returning starters include senior

quarterback Travis Stevens, senior flanker Jason Porton, senior split end Ramon Meraz, junior running back Brian Judd, junior running back Jeremy Davis, junior center Josh Lee and tight end Aaron Dunnam, who started the last five games as a freshman a year ago.

Workouts have swung into high gear the second week as the players put on full equipment for the first time.

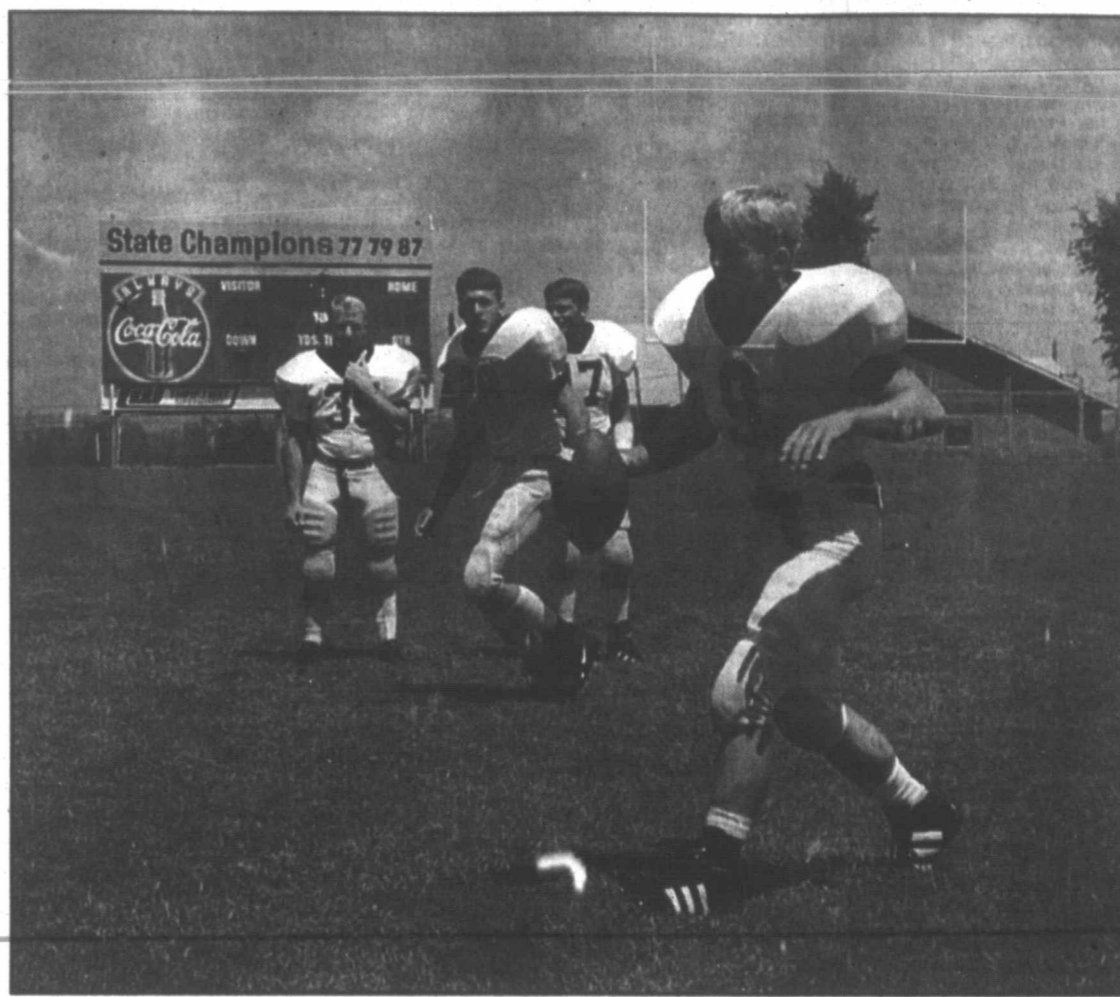
"We're trying to get in a little blocking and tackling now," Verden said. "We want to try and get our timing down this week and get the players used to hitting each other."

Wheeler's 1996 opener is Sept. 6 at Stratford.

The Mustangs have a scrimmage scheduled against Class 2A Canadian on Aug. 23 at Wheeler.

"Canadian will be a real good test for us right off the bat. We'll find out what we're made of in a hurry," Verden said.

Wheeler won state championships in 1977, 1979 and 1987.



(Pampa News photo by L.D. Strate)

Travis Stevens will be directing Wheeler at quarterback this season.

Mario Elie signs two-year deal with Rockets

HOUSTON (AP) — Mario Elie, who became a free agent last month, struck a two-year deal with the Houston Rockets that could bring him up to \$2.5 million per season.

Elie was an instrumental part of the Rockets' two championship seasons. He considered offers from several NBA teams before signing a contract Monday that is expected to be worth between \$2 million and \$2.5 million per season, if certain incentives are reached.

"Mario had the opportunity to test the water and see what was available to him," said Bob Weinbauer, Rockets vice president of basketball operations. "But it goes without saying that we've always had strong feelings about his great contribution to our team."

Elie, 32, averaged 11.1 points, 3.4 rebounds and 3.1 assists this past season. That was despite missing 10 weeks with a broken arm and dislocated wrist.

The 32-year-old guard was an instrumental part of the Rockets' two championship seasons. His "Kiss of Death" shot in Game

7 against Phoenix in the second round in 1995 is one of the best moments in Rockets history.

Pampa's Palmer wins field events at state masters

ARLINGTON — Wendell Palmer of Pampa set a new American record in the 5-kilo shot at the Texas State Masters Meet recently held at the University of Texas at Arlington.

Palmer, who competes in the 60-64 age division, threw the shot put 44-2 1/2. Len Olsen of Vermont finished second with a throw of 44-0 1/2. He overcame rainy weather to win the discus with a 159-0 toss. John Cantrell of Pampa placed second.

Palmer holds the world discus record in his age division in both the 1.0-kilo discus and the 1.5-kilo discus.

Palmer plans to compete in the West Texas Senior Sports Classic Aug. 14-17 in Lubbock. Events range from track and field to bridge.

Brawl breaks out in Astros' loss

By The Associated Press

Danny Darwin, a veteran of 21 major league seasons, is from the old school.

On Monday night, he tried to teach Henry Rodriguez a lesson.

"I have respect for hitters and I think hitters should have respect for pitchers," said Darwin, who touched off a wild brawl in the Houston-Montreal game at Olympic Stadium.

"I'm having a bad game, No. 1, and he shows me up," Darwin said. "Maybe I'm from the old school, but there's no room in baseball for that."

The game, won 8-1 by the Expos, featured seven ejections, including Astros manager Terry Collins — who received a nasty gash above the lip that required four stitches to close, the result of a thrown batting helmet during the melee.

"Danny took offense that the guy hit a home run and stood at the plate,"

Collins said. "But that's the way things are done today, and it's not right."

Rodriguez hit his 30th home run in the second inning, and Darwin thought he took too much time admiring it.

The next inning, Darwin allowed a two-run double to Moises Alou and a two-run homer to Darrin Fletcher, giving the Expos a 6-1 lead.

Then up came Rodriguez and the stage was set.

Darwin hit Rodriguez and the benches emptied, with the ensuing 10-minute brawl spilling all over the Olympic Stadium infield. It was 20 minutes before umpires sorted out matters and the game resumed.

Collins was struck while trying to pull Astros pitcher Shane Reynolds away from Moises Alou.

"All I saw was Moises Alou and Shane Reynolds standing in front of me," Collins said. "The next thing I know I got hit."

Florida out to make up for Fiesta Bowl setback

By FRED GOODALL AP Sports Writer

GAINESVILLE, Fla. (AP) — Steve Spurrier's defiant message can't be comforting for the rest of the Southeastern Conference.

The Florida Gators have won three straight league titles and don't appear to be losing their appetite for SEC fare that Spurrier simply refers to as "anti-Gators."

Opposing teams, fans and, yes, members of the media who dare question the resolve of his team, listen up:

The 38-point licking the Gators took from Nebraska in the Fiesta Bowl game that decided the national championship didn't ruin Spurrier or his players. It's only made them more determined to win a record fourth consecutive conference crown, and fifth in six years.

"It seems like every time we lose a game, and all it takes is one, but some people want to bury the Gators," said Spurrier, whose 44-6 record against league foes represents the best winning percentage (88 percent) in SEC history. "They can't play defense. They don't have a running game. Spurrier don't know

anything about defense or winning championships.

"All the little sayings come out when we lose a game. Last year, we didn't lose a game until the end, so they had to find other things to get on us about. The only message I have is the Gators will be back this year, and they'll be back — I think — stronger than ever."

Tennessee is expected to challenge the Gators in the SEC's Eastern Division and contend for the national championship, but Spurrier has a team capable backing up his words.

Florida, ranked No. 4 in the AP's preseason poll, returns 16 starters, including quarterback Danny Wuerffel, who threw for 3,266 yards and a nation-leading 35 touchdowns last year. He is joined by seven other regulars from an offense that set SEC marks for yards (534.4 per game), average yards per play (7.4), passing yards (360.8), points (44.5), touchdowns (74), passing TDs (48) and first downs (327).

The biggest change will be on defense, where the Gators switched to the attacking 4-3 scheme that first-year coordinator Bobby Stoops brought from Kansas State, the nation's total-defense leader last fall.

"We've got an excellent group of players. It's probably good for us to get clobbered by Nebraska because we certainly were not complacent during the offseason," Spurrier said. "We certainly didn't sit around patting ourselves on the back. We didn't celebrate the whole time. We tried to get better."

Wuerffel was third in the Heisman Trophy balloting as a junior, but he might not even be the best quarterback in the SEC. At Tennessee, rated No. 2 in the preseason poll, there's Peyton Manning, who threw for 2,954 yards and 22 TDs with just four interceptions.

The only loss on Tennessee's 11-1 record a year ago was a 62-37 setback to Florida in a game the Volunteers led 30-14 in the second quarter before yielding 48 straight points.

The teams meet again on Sept. 21, in Knoxville, with the winner gaining the inside track to the East title and a berth in the Dec. 7 conference title game.

Alabama is the only other school that's won three straight league championships, and Florida is bidding to equal the Crimson Tide's standard for excellence of five crowns in six years (1971-76). Spurrier, who won the

Heisman while playing for Florida in 1966, said Wuerffel is most interested in helping the Gators win the national title.

"This kid's been a winner his whole life, and he is a team player," Spurrier said. "Individual awards are fine, but what gives Danny the most satisfaction is when we've been able to win championships."

Of the remaining teams in the East, Georgia probably has the best chance of challenging Florida and Tennessee, which has 15 starters back, for the division title.

The Bulldogs, beset by injuries a year ago, were considered underachievers under Ray Goff, who recruited well but never approached the on-the-field success of predecessor Vince Dooley.

Goff was fired in December, leaving behind a good nucleus of players that should make easier the transition under Jim Donnan, who took the job after accepted and then rejected it.

South Carolina, Kentucky and Vanderbilt are hoping to be more competitive. Kentucky may have the best chance to improve after signing quarterback Tim Couch, probably the most celebrated non-

basketball recruit in school history.

The West looms as a battle among Alabama, Auburn, LSU and Arkansas, the surprising division winner a year ago.

Alabama lost defensive coordinator Bill Oliver to arch-rival Auburn. But with nine starters returning from the unit he led, the Crimson Tide still have a chance to be formidable.

Auburn also has all but two starters back on defense, while LSU bolstered a team that made its first bowl appearance in seven years with an outstanding recruiting class.

Inexperience at quarterback is a concern at Arkansas; Mississippi is still trying to recover from NCAA sanctions, and Mississippi State faces a tough schedule that may prevent the Bulldogs from meeting modest expectations.

There's nothing modest about Spurrier.

"Our goals are very high, as they usually are, but we do have a team that has a chance to meet them," Spurrier said. "We've been clobbered before and we'll probably get clobbered again somewhere down the road. But fortunately our teams have always bounced back strong."

Protestant marchers honor pledge to avoid violence

BELLAGHY, Northern Ireland (AP) — A tense Protestant parade ended peacefully Monday after marchers, honoring a pledge to avoid violence, turned back when they reached a line of Catholic demonstrators.

The anti-violence agreement between Bellaghy's Catholic leaders and the Royal Black Institution, a Protestant fraternal order, ended an overnight standoff in which hundreds of Catholics camped out in the town's main street.

Monday morning, riot police in armored cars withdrew, allowing about 400 Protestants in suits and black bowler hats to march into Bellaghy to the tunes of an accordion band.

Many in the lead column bowed their heads in disgust as they neared a line of Catholics who blocked the road with arms linked, 300 yards short of the Protestants' hoped-for destination, their fraternal hall.



The local Royal Black leader, Robert Overend, quickly shook hands with Catholic protest leader Paul Smith. The marchers made a U-turn and returned to the Episcopal church where they had stood since Sunday.

"This is a victory for common sense," Smith said.

Overend said he had agreed only to avoid violence and that police must prosecute the pro-

testers for gathering illegally.

Catholic hard-liners this year have organized opposition to Northern Ireland's annual Protestant marches, particularly those that go through or skirt Catholic areas. They complain the marches symbolize Protestant domination and make them feel like second-class citizens.

Last month, police blocked a Protestant march in Portadown before it reached a Catholic district. After five-days of growing Protestant unrest, police relented — a reversal that triggered riots in Catholic areas, particularly in Londonderry, the province's second-largest town.

A disputed Protestant march in Londonderry on Saturday passed peacefully, however, after the British army erected barricades, made of tall sheets of corrugated iron topped by barbed wire, on part of the town's 17th-century walls overlooking the Catholic Bogside district.

Marchers returning by bus from the Londonderry parade clashed with Catholics in Bellaghy on Saturday. Two Catholics were injured after riot police intervened.

The various Protestant fraternal groups, which march each summer to commemorate their religious heritage and 17th-century victories over Catholics, have slowly begun to talk with protest leaders. The Protestants complain that most protest leaders are prominent members of the outlawed Irish Republican Army.

Among those in the Bellaghy crowd were senior figures in the IRA-allied Sinn Fein political party. Bellaghy is near the River Bann, which divides Northern Ireland into a predominantly Catholic west and mostly Protestant east. Until now the village's only claim to fame has been as the birthplace of poet Seamus Heaney, winner of the 1995 Nobel Prize for literature.

Mother's vow to carry eight babies has Britons divided

LONDON (AP) — A pregnant woman's vow to carry all eight of her fetuses to term has Britons divided: some are cheering her for rejecting abortion, while others are jeering her for signing a tabloid deal that amounts to more money for more babies.

And some just wonder why the unmarried woman, who had an abortion three years ago and shares her boyfriend with another woman, was given fertility treatment at all.

The contract between 31-year-old Mandy Allwood and *News of the World*, Britain's biggest tabloid, reportedly is worth \$530,000, according to *The Mail on Sunday* and the *Sunday Telegraph*.

"We've agreed (on) a sum of money should she give birth to eight children. And we've agreed to discuss the situation with her should it change," *News of the World* editor Phil Hall told British Broadcasting Corp. radio.

Ms. Allwood, who became pregnant in May, was reported to have gone into hiding Monday.

She has hired Max Clifford, the publicist who coordinated O.J. Simpson's visit to Britain earlier this year, to broker the sale of her story.

"If all goes well over the next year, we are talking about one

million pounds (\$1.5 million) in sponsorship, syndication and deals," Clifford said.

Allwood's story has sparked debate over the ethics of so-called checkbook journalism.

Legislator Quentin Davies of the governing Conservative Party said the *News of the World* deal was squalid. "It's clear that checkbook journalism has plumbed new depths," he said. "That's market forces," Clifford told the BBC.

Phyllis Bowman of the Society for the Protection of the Unborn Child dismissed suggestions that Allwood's decision to carry all eight fetuses was influenced by money.

"As we understand it, she had decided to keep her babies before the matter of money arose," Ms. Bowman said.

The pregnancy has many questioning why Allwood received fertility treatment from Britain's free National Health Service.

Allwood has one child. She told the *News of the World* she had an abortion in 1993 because she feared the fetus was damaged by prescription drugs she took during the pregnancy.

Several tabloids reported that the father of the eight fetuses, Paul Hudson, 37, has two sons with another woman he still sees, Maria Edwards, 28.

World briefs

Pravda editor:

Don't write us off

MOSCOW (AP) — *Pravda*, the Communist daily that suspended publication last month, will rise again, its editor said Monday.

"Don't bury *Pravda*. It has a future," Alexander Ilyin told a news conference, saying talks continue with the publishers, who suspended publication July 24.

Ilyin called the hard-line paper, which for decades was the mouthpiece of the Soviet Communist Party, "indispensable for a democratic society, and for the president and the government, so they know the truth."

It is the fifth shutdown since 1991 for *Pravda*, which means "Truth" and was founded by Vladimir Lenin in 1912.

Publishers Christos and Theodoros Giannikos say *Pravda* is badly run and losing money, and

they have demanded new editors.

Pravda has struggled to get by under Russia's new market conditions, and its circulation has plummeted from 13 million in the 1970s to about 200,000 now.

Test can identify elderly drivers at risk of accidents

TORONTO (AP) — A computerized test of how quickly and accurately a person takes in a scene can identify elderly drivers who are likely to get into an accident, a researcher said Monday.

A study of 300 drivers, ages 66 to 90, found that 74 percent of those who scored poorly on the test got into an accident over the following three years, compared with only 3 percent of drivers who scored well.

That's a better accident predictor than age, eye health or any medical diagnosis, said

researcher Karlene Ball of the University of Alabama at Birmingham.

The Associated Press reported on the research in February when Ball presented it at a scientific meeting. She described the work Monday at a news conference at the annual meeting of the American Psychological Association, where she will present her results to other psychologists on Tuesday.

The test basically measures how well a person takes in a scene flashed on a computer screen. It tracks how quickly the person comprehends it and how much of the scene he or she absorbs.

Dozens of army officers reported executed in Iraq

CAIRO, Egypt (AP) — Dozens of army officers were executed in Iraq this month after a failed

coup attempt against Saddam Hussein, Iraqi dissident groups said Monday.

There have been persistent reports that Saddam foiled a coup attempt by disgruntled officers planned for the runup to the July 17 anniversary of Saddam's rise to power, though details differ.

About 120 officers were executed by firing squads, the Jordan-based Al-Wifaq Al-Watani, or National Accord Movement, said Monday.

A hero of the 1980-1988 Iran-Iraq war, army Maj. Gen. Abed Mullaq Al-Joubouri, was among those executed, said a movement leader, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Another Iran-based dissident group, the Supreme Council for Islamic Revolution in Iraq, said in a statement Monday that 10 senior officers of Saddam's elite Republican Guard were executed in recent days.

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Government lifts blockade against rebels

COLOMBO, Sri Lanka (AP) — The government lifted a three-week blockade of food to rebel-held northern Sri Lanka Monday, allowing a small convoy to cross into areas that are home to 200,000 Tamil refugees.

Ten trucks were loaded with 45 bags each of wheat flour, but half the shipment had to be discarded after being soaked by heavy rain, relief workers said. The military said more trucks would be allowed to cross Tuesday.

It was the first food shipment to the north since Tamil fighters overran a military base two weeks ago, killing or capturing 1,400 soldiers.

Before the fighting intensified, at least 50 trucks crossed daily to rebel-controlled areas with supplies for the northern districts, where 600,000 Tamils, including 200,000 displaced civilians, were facing food shortages.

The Tamil Tiger rebels, controlling the other side of the frontier, allowed 350 people to cross into government territory, the first traffic across the frontier for a week.

"The situation is very bad," Sri Lanka Red Cross worker Sivanathan Kishore said today after a visit to the area. "All shops and stores have run out of foodstuffs. Hundreds of people are converging on a few wells that still have water."

The Red Cross offered to escort the food convoy to rebel-held areas.

Since 1983, more than 45,000 people have died in Sri Lanka's civil war. The rebel Tamil Tigers are fighting for an independent homeland in the north and east, accusing the majority Sinhalese of discrimination.

Over the weekend, the rebels said the military shelled "refugee concentrations" in the northern jungles, killing an unknown number of civilians. The military denied the claim.

On Sunday, soldiers killed four rebels in a clash, said military spokesman Maj. Tilak Dunuwille. Two soldiers and a rebel also were killed in three separate incidents in northern and eastern Sri Lanka, Dunuwille said.

And rebels exploded a mine during a religious festival at a Hindu temple in eastern Batticaloa district, injuring 33 Tamil worshippers and four policemen, Dunuwille said.

The military brought in reinforcements and stocks of ammunition for a final push on the rebel stronghold of Kilinochchi, the target of a 17-day campaign.

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